

# 2016 Year in Review

Phoenix voters approved a 35-year transportation plan in August 2015, known as Phoenix Transportation 2050 (T2050). The citywide plan was shaped by Phoenix residents, following significant community input and the work of the council-appointed Citizens Committee on the Future of Phoenix Transportation.

## Major Highlights



**Bus and Dial-a-Ride service extended three hours daily**



**New station announcement at 50th St/Washington**



**Increased miles of street pavement preservation by 400%**

### JANUARY

- T2050 City of Phoenix sales tax/investment begins.
- The 15-member Citizens Transportation Commission starts monthly meetings to oversee implementation of T2050.
- Council takes action to accelerate South Central Rail Extension from 2034 to 2023.

### FEBRUARY

- Council approves \$11.3 million for pavement preservation. This quadruples the number of street miles in the 2016 pavement preservation program.
- Pavement preservation work begins and continues through November.

### MARCH

- Over 100 new buses and Dial-a-Ride vehicles hit Phoenix streets.

### APRIL

- T2050 plan outreach receives AzTA/ADOT Excellence Award for Outstanding Transit Innovation at Arizona Transit Conference.
- New local bus route on 32nd Street (Route 32) connects to light rail at 44th and Washington streets.
- Off-peak frequency increased to 15 minutes on Route 19 (19th Avenue).

### JUNE

- Phoenix City Council votes in favor of improved bus and Dial-a-Ride services in October.
- Service changes promotional videos launched in both English and Spanish.
- Council approves \$14.1 million for 2017 street pavement preservation program and \$9.7 million for improvements at major intersections.

### JULY

- New Dial-a-Ride service contract begins transfer-free trips across Phoenix borders.

### SEPTEMBER

- Work begins on a two-year effort to replace 3,000 damaged street name signs at major intersections with new illuminated street signs improving visibility and legibility.
- A 10-year initiative begins to repaint all signal poles at major intersections to extend their life-cycle.

### OCTOBER

- Service day for bus and Dial-a-Ride expands three hours daily with minimum 30-minute frequency on all routes.
- Public awareness campaign promoting present and future T2050 enhancements launches.
- Phoenix receives \$2 million Federal Transit Administration grant to help with planning for South Central Light Rail Extension in south Phoenix.

### NOVEMBER

- Contract awarded for new Computer Aided Dispatch/Automated Vehicle Location system – a must for vehicle location and new onboard technology. Replaces aging systems in the entire Valley Metro bus fleet.
- Phoenix concludes its busiest paving season ever with more than 250 miles of pavement preservation - of these more than 75 miles were funded by T2050.

### DECEMBER

- New articulated buses begin rolling out in Phoenix.

### COMING UP IN 2017

- Bus and Dial-a-Ride service hours to match light rail hours every day of the week (April)
- 80 new shaded bus stops to be added citywide
- Continued street improvements

- Groundbreaking of new 50th St/Washington Valley Metro Rail station
- Two new bus routes – Route 44 to extend south to Baseline Road and Route 51 also to extend to Baseline Road.