

Valley Metro Update

Facts on the Light Rail Initiative

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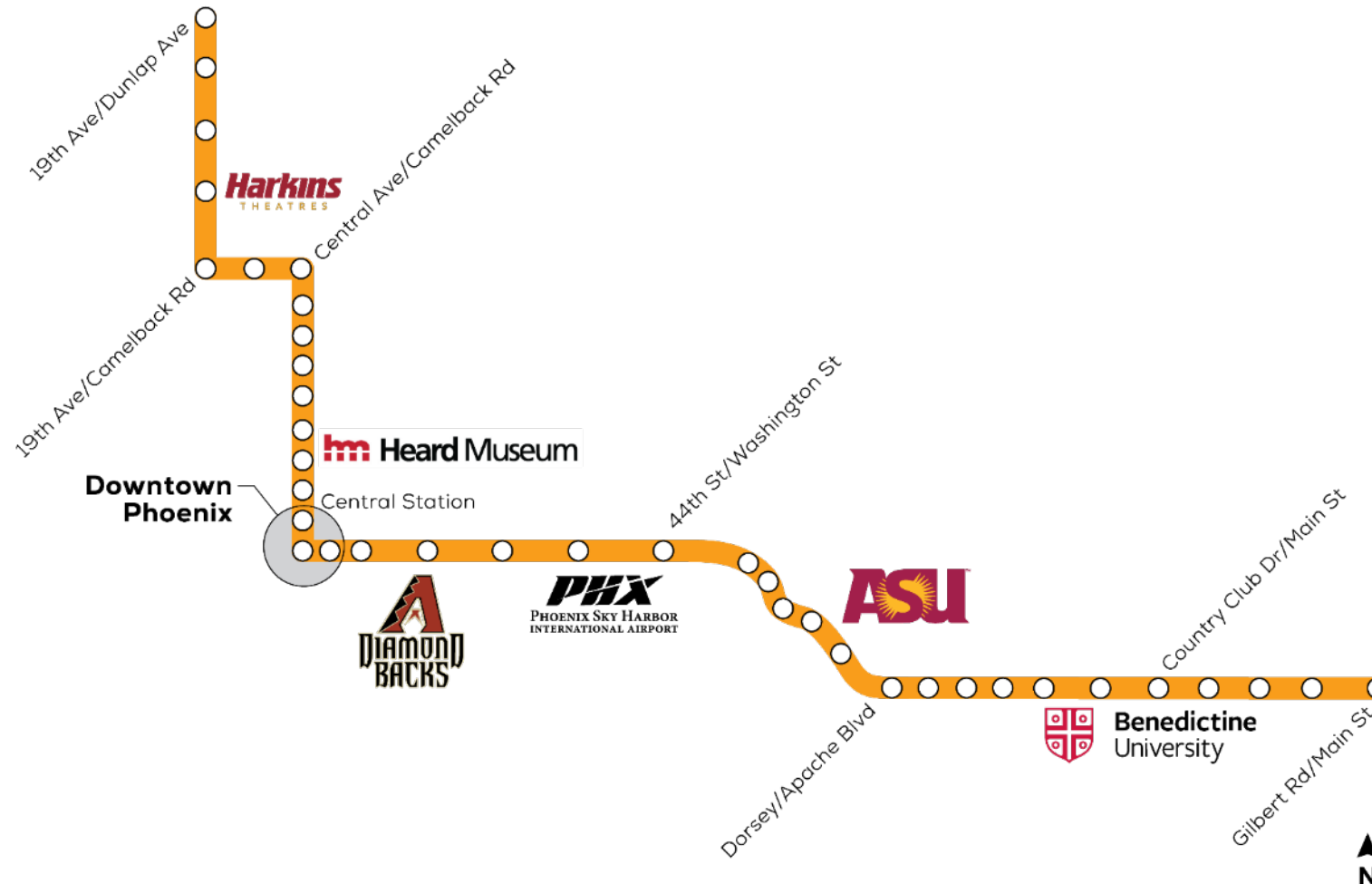


Light Rail Election History

- Local voters approve early transit plans – 1996 (Tempe) & 2000 (Phoenix)
- County voters approve Prop 400 regional ½ cent tax – November 2004
- Phoenix voters approve Prop 104 (T2050) – August 2015



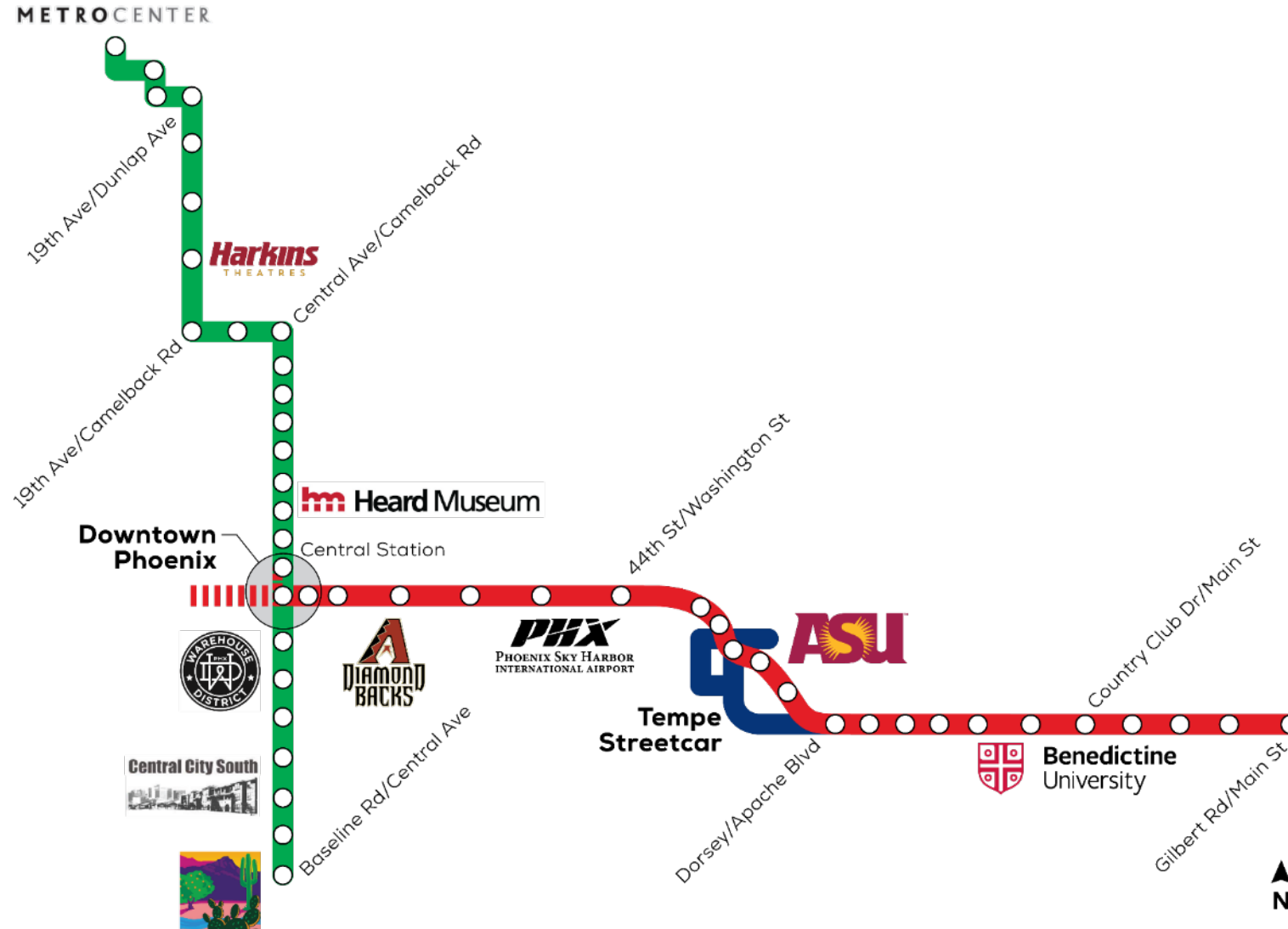
Light Rail System – 2019



Current Phoenix Light Rail Projects

- **South Central Extension/Downtown Hub**
 - Downtown 5 miles to Baseline Rd.
- **Northwest Extension Phase II**
 - 19th Ave/Dunlap 2 miles across I-17 to Metro Center
- **Capitol/I-10 West Extension**
 - Downtown to State Capitol
 - From Capitol along I-10 to 79th Ave.

Light Rail System – Future



Light Rail Initiative

Light Rail Initiative

- City of Phoenix – not regional – initiative
- Specifically targets light rail
 - Current projects
 - Any future expansion
- Filed by opponents – November 2018
- Phoenix City Clerk verified signatures – January 18, 2019
- Citywide election date – August 27, 2019

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Light Rail Funding Sources

- **Federal Grants – FTA/CMAQ**
 - 40-50% of project costs
 - > \$3.0 billion
 - For fixed guideway/rail projects
- **Regional Transp Fund – Prop 400**
 - 20-25% of project costs
 - > \$1.5 billion
 - Dedicated to regional rail program; cannot be used for non-rail projects
- **City of Phoenix – T2050 Funds**
 - 20-25% of project costs



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Thank you!

