



## Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

One of the questions that I am often asked by our residents is about the future of light rail in Glendale. People ask me when it is going to be in our city and where it will go. The answer is not one that can be answered right now. There are several different scenarios and a lot of questions that need to be addressed before the future of light rail in Glendale is determined.



A Corridor Study is currently being conducted for three potential routes as part of a future western expansion of the light rail line. The scenarios that are being studied include a line along Glendale Avenue, a route from Interstate 17 to the ASU West Campus and service along Interstate 10 and the Loop 101 to the Sports and Entertainment District. The studies will determine the expected level of ridership along each of these proposed routes. The federal government contributes a portion of the funding for light rail and they will not participate unless these studies indicate that a route is going to be used on a regular basis.

Additional funding will also have to be secured before the future of light rail in Glendale is established. The construction of a light rail line depends on intergovernmental agreements between different municipalities. This means that multiple cities have to fully agree on the route and all of the details before funding can be secured.

A third factor that will affect the future of light rail in Glendale involves the future of Interstate 17. The Arizona Department of Transportation will not allow plans for light rail that will cross the I-17 to go forward until the plans to increase capacity of the interstate are finalized. The light rail crossings and the I-17 expansion plans must then be coordinated.

As you can see, there is a lot of work that needs to be done before light rail routes in Glendale can be finalized. Before taking on such a huge project like light rail, it is vital that we are able to gather and analyze as much information as possible. I welcome your input about light rail in Glendale. What are your thoughts?

[\(Click Here\)](#) to visit Valley Metro Light Rail's website and learn more about the future plans for light rail.

*Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or [mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com), if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.*

