



Phoenix MOVE Roundtable Executive Summary

Context/Focus

Valley Metro works with numerous local government partners to deliver light rail and bus service. With a new CEO at the helm, and with the 2023 Rail~Volution conference* on the way, it's an opportune moment for a collection of stakeholders to engage in a MOVE Roundtable to develop ideas, aspirations, and actions for the region around transit, land use, community development, and collaborative, integrated approaches.

The focus of the MOVE Roundtable is on regionalism and cross-jurisdictional coordination: how to use transit as a tool to help local jurisdictions achieve their goals.

Purpose/format

As Phoenix will be hosting the 2023 Rail~Volution conference*, Rail~Volution hosted a MOVE Roundtable in partnership with Valley Metro to begin building relationships and momentum to support the conference planning process. The MOVE Roundtable took place in August-September 2022 and focused on thinking regionally. Fifteen people in the Phoenix area participated, representing local government, public health, academia, transit and transportation, urban planning, economic development, and community organizations.

Initial Outcomes

At the conclusion of the Roundtable, participants walked away with:

- A shared commitment to a Phoenix conference that is connected to and reflective of many communities and community members throughout the region
- A shared sense of the importance of alignment at many levels, for example: between housing and transit and across multiple jurisdictions
- A shared understanding about the opportunity to use the conference planning/hosting process as an organizing tool to build stronger connections across the region at both the relationship level and on the ground.

Next steps:

The group determined that their next steps would be:

- Rail~Volution will schedule an in-person convening at the Miami conference on October 30-November 2, 2022 to capture ideas and energy for the 2023 Phoenix conference.
- The group pledged to incorporate key takeaways from the MOVE Roundtable to inform 2023 conference planning, especially information in Appendices C and D.
- Key priorities include
 - Finding new/more meaningful and ongoing ways to interface with community members both before, during, and after the conference
 - Working towards greater connectivity (working partnerships, collaborative efforts, and on-the-ground connections) not only within but also across the many jurisdictions that comprise the Phoenix region

**In November 2022, Rail~Volution rebranded as M pact: Mobility, Community, Possibility. The Rail~Volution conference also has a new name: M pact Transit + Community. The 2023 conference is coming to Phoenix, AZ, November 5-8, 2023.*