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Phoenix, AZ
Nov 5–8, 2023
Join us for

TRANSIT + COMMUNITY
(formerly Rail~Volution)

2023 Conference

Transit Moves Us.
Community Connects Us.

The LARGEST gathering in North America of leaders, practitioners and advocates dedicated to building more equitable and sustainable communities with transit, connected mobility investments and transit-oriented development.

Get the latest tools and approaches to meeting the challenges facing cities and regions everywhere.

See first-hand how transit is connecting metro Phoenix in new ways – and providing a model for more equitable and sustainable transit-oriented communities.

It’s the first conference under our new name!

Formerly called Rail~Volution, Mpact Transit + Community embraces all modes of transit – rail, bus, BRT – and the whole community built around mobility investments. A core focus is mitigating displacement while pursuing economic development.
“Being in the same place as so many people who value transit as a necessary part of a more equitable world is what it’s all about.”
**Saturday November 4**
Mpact Innovators
Saturday Night Welcome

**Sunday November 5**
Mobile Workshops*
Pre-conference Events*
Mpact Innovators
Give-Back Event
Masterclass Academy*
Partnering with the USDOT
LGBTQ+ Happy Hour
Welcome Reception

**Monday November 6**
Opening Plenary
Public Square: Exhibits, Bookstore, Mpact:LAB, Games
Concurrent Sessions
Mobile Workshops*
Mpact Innovators
Lunchtime Walking Tours
Politics of Place
Walking Tour*
Monday Wind-Down Reception

**Tuesday November 7**
Plenary
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Lunchtime Walking Tours

**Wednesday November 8**
Concurrent Sessions
Mobile Workshops*
Closing Plenary Lunch
Regional Day*

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Welcome Reception
**Sunday, 6pm – 9pm at the Phoenix Art Museum**
Say hello to old friends and meet new ones at this indoor-outdoor party under the Phoenix sky. A welcome drink for everyone and eats featuring fresh, local flavors!

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**Mpact Innovators Presents: The Mpact PK Slam**
**Tuesday, 8pm – 10pm at the Orpheum Theater**
Often funny, always pointed! The PK Slam features stand-up presentations in the style of PechaKucha™. This year’s venue: a Spanish-revival style theater in downtown Phoenix originally used for vaudeville acts.
The conference is organized by Mpact, a national nonprofit organization that believes communities connected by transit work better for people and the planet.

Mpact’s National Steering Committee, a group of 40+ leaders from Mpact Partner organizations, determines each year’s core topics and coordinates workshop sessions.

Valley Metro, the transit provider in metro Phoenix, chairs the Local Host Committee, which includes representatives from cities and organizations across the region. They collaborate to produce the Welcome party, Mobile Workshops, Pre-Conference events and Regional Day as well as coordinating volunteers.

The Mpact Innovators, a national networking group, are the brainiacs and wizards behind the PK Slam, walking tours and other learning and networking opportunities.
Thank you to our early Sponsors and Exhibitors

Support from our Sponsors covers roughly half of the total cost of delivering the conference. They also extend the breadth and reach of the whole conference experience.

Join them – act by August 18 to receive full benefits, including being part of signage and the printed conference guide! To see all Sponsors and Exhibitors, visit mpactmobility.org/sponsorexhibitor

Early Sponsors

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National Transit Institute

Early Exhibitors

Brookville  Epic Metals  Siemens
Attend and deepen your knowledge of:

Transit-oriented communities: transit-oriented development, economic development, equitable transit-oriented development, affordable housing, joint development, development finance; anti-displacement strategies, small business support; parking

New models for transit: planning, funding, design, engineering, implementation & operations for streetcar, LRT, BRT, regional rail, bus, bus system redesign, microtransit

Multimodal systems and connectivity: multimodal options, arterial streets, corridors, stations, first-last mile, big data, wayfinding, microgrids, mobility hubs, highway capping, mega-events; public art

Innovative policy change: fares, funding, customer service, safety, homelessness; regional collaboration; governance; revitalizing downtowns, suburban service; state mandates

Equity, Health, Climate, Jobs, Opportunity: models for equity-centered decision-making; climate plan implementation; zero-emission deployment; access to recreation; design for climate mitigation; health equity initiatives, workforce development; small town mobility options; accessibility and universal design

Community engagement: making the case for transit, centering user experience, cross-sector partnerships; community capacity building

AICP CM

The American Planning Association approves close to 200 hours of M pact Transit + Community workshops and sessions for certification maintenance credits each year. Details about credit hours available for this year’s conference will be posted on our website, in the conference guide and on our mobile app.
Mobile Workshops take you across the Valley on multiple modes. See how transit is connecting communities in new ways and how local businesses, organizations and housing are clustering near transit. For full descriptions see mpactmobility.org/schedule.

**Mobile Workshops require a separate fee.**

**Note:** limit 2 Mobile Workshops per attendee.

### Sunday, November 5

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<td>MW09 Central Station Phoenix Redevelopment: A Hard Hat View</td>
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MW10 Extension to the Future: From 70s Mall to Walkable Urban Village
$45.00 AICP CM 2.5
Bus, Walking

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
MW11 The View from “A” Mountain: How Downtown Tempe Embraced Nature
$65.00 AICP CM 1.5
Bus, Light Rail, Walking

Tuesday, November 7

9:30 am - 12:30 pm
MW14 Grand Canal Multi-Use Trail
$65.00 AICP CM 2.5
Bicycling

10:00 am - 2:00 pm
MW16 Bringing LRT to South Phoenix: Design, Construction, Community
$65.00 AICP CM 4.0
Bus, Walking

9:45 am - 12:30 pm
MW15 The Asian District: Along the Light Rail in Mesa
$65.00 AICP CM 1.5
Bus, Walking, Light Rail

1:00 pm - 5:30 pm
MW17 Tour de Core! Infill along Light Rail in Downtown Phoenix
$65.00 AICP CM 3.0
Bus, Light Rail, Walking

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
MW12 Sky Train: Automation and the Airport Experience
$45.00 AICP CM 3.0
Bus, Walking

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
MW13 Discover Vibrant Tempe Via Modern Streetcar
$45.00 AICP CM 1.0
Light Rail, Streetcar, Walking
TRANSIT + COMMUNITY (formerly Rail-~Volution) Mobile Workshops

Tuesday, November 7

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
MW18 Tracks through Time: Uncovering Hohokam Culture
$45.00 AICP CM 1.75
LRT, Walking

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
MW19 Arts Pave the Way: Roosevelt Row
$45.00 AICP CM 2.75
LRT, Walking

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
MW20 Main Street Mesa: New Development, Historic Character
$65.00 AICP CM 1.5
Bus, Walking, LRT

Wednesday, November 8

8:30 am - 11:30 am
MW22 50th Street Station: Innovating for Accessibility
$45.00 AICP CM 3.0
LRT, Walking

9:00 am - 11:00 am
MW23 Evolving Downtown Phoenix: Business District to Neighborhood
$45.00 AICP CM 1.5
Walking

“This is one of the most engaging conferences I’ve attended.”

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Pre-Conference Events

**Sunday, November 5**

**Arcosanti: An Experimental Prototype Arcology**

Tour Paolo Soleri’s first prototype arcology. In 1970, The Cosanti Foundation started building Arcosanti, an ambitious project envisioned as an experiment in living frugally. Integrating architectural design with ecology, Arcosanti continues to influence architects, urban planners, and designers from around the world.

**Light Rail with a Twist: Take the Challenge**

Explore the culture and history of Phoenix and Tempe via a scavenger hunt along the Valley Metro light rail and streetcar corridors. Photo missions, video challenges and trivia questions take you to both well-known and overlooked gems. Each destination holds a poker card and your next clue. Along the way, you’ll meet a well-known architect, learn the history of ASU, explore the thriving community along these corridors, and much more.

**Masterclass Academy**

**Sunday, November 5**

**12:30 pm - 5:30 pm $189**

Do you ever wish you were a stronger communicator, project manager or cat-herder? In today’s ever-changing world, cross-sector, interdisciplinary, collaborative work requires its own set of skills. Join us for a day of workshops to amp up your leadership and maximize your Mpact! We’re pleased to present our first Masterclass Academy to help grow your comfort level and ability to ask hard questions, bring people together and be more effective.

Each participant will choose 3 from the following 6 workshops, 1 per timeslot. For full descriptions see mpactmobility.org/schedule.

**12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

- How to Make a Winning Presentation
- Deciding How to Decide: Learning from Adaptive Leaders
- The End of Hustle Culture: How to Quit Being Busy and Start Making a Difference

**2:15 pm – 3:30 pm**

- An Ecosystem Approach to Systems Change
- Your Impact is Everything: How to Sell the Difference You’re Making

- Harnessing the Power of Storytelling
Monday, November 6
3:45 pm - 6:00 pm $65
Politics of Place: Stories of Land and Housing in Phoenix

Be part of a site-specific storytelling, poetry, and performance walking tour along the Rio Salado (Salt River). Investigate displacement of Black and Indigenous communities due to light rail. Learn about the increased cost of living due to privatization along downtown and southside corridors in Phoenix. Learn about place and the environment and about ongoing cultural organizing and grassroots movements to protect small businesses and families from displacement.

Regional Day
Wednesday, November 8
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm $25
Continuing Our MOMENTUM

Regional day programming provides an opportunity for local stakeholders to delve into issues that specifically affect them. Local conversations and local solutions. Open to the public.

With a growing population nearing five million residents, the greater Phoenix region is larger than half the states in the U.S. It also located in some of the most unique environmentally and culturally sensitive geography in the country. The region, through the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), has invested more than three years developing MOMENTUM, a plan for the future of transportation to support continued economic development and growth. How do we tell our story, articulate our past, fashion our future and build on the momentum that brought us this far? Hear from local experts, learn from those in the trenches, and listen to visionaries. Take part in activities that will help the region build towards the type of communities we want for ourselves and for future generations.
Registration Information

Register at mpactmobility.org/registernow

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For registration questions, please contact:

Maureen Savage
734.239.8017
msavage@managedbyamr.com
Monday thru Friday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm CST

Send a Delegation Organizing a delegation of ten or more attendees from your city or region leverages the conference experience and can help your region make the most of transit investments. Reach out to Sarah Rudolf, Associate Director (sarahr@mpactmobility.org, 612.406.0181) to find out more, including special rates and benefits for approved delegations.

Cancellations Cancellation requests received prior to September 22 will receive a full refund. Between September 22 and October 20, cancellations will receive a refund minus a $100 fee. After October 20, no refunds on conference registration, mobile workshops or any add-on events. Persons who do not show up for the event will be responsible for the entire registration fee.
Conference Location  The 2023 Mpact Transit + Community Conference will be at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown. Located a few blocks from light rail (a very easy trip from the airport), the hotel is within walking distance of downtown residential neighborhoods and the bustling Roosevelt Row arts district. Arrive in Phoenix early to take part in the First Friday Art Walk.

Hotel Reservations  Mpact Transit + Community conference has secured a room block at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown at a rate of $249+tax (12.57%) per night. Room block rates will expire October 12 and may sell out.

Book a Room

For more information visit
mpactmobility.org/registernow

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown
340 N 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Online: mpactmobility.org/registernow
Phone: 1.866.837.4213
Thank you Mpact Partners!

Mpact Partners are the heart of our network. Leaders in their fields, they share our commitment to working with communities to shape transit, mobility and development investments to make great places to live – for everyone.

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