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**MEMORANDUM** Public Works Department – Memo No. TN10-06

DATE: JULY 30, 2009

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER  
R.J. ZEDER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR *RJZ*  
DANIEL W. COOK, DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR *DW*

FROM: ANN MARIE RILEY, MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT *AMR*

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/10  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR VALLEY METRO RAIL, INC. (METRO)  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends authorization of payment of the Fiscal Year 2009/10 annual membership fee for Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) in the amount of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: In 2002, the cities of Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa and Tempe executed a Joint Powers Agreement to establish Valley Metro Rail (Metro) as an Arizona non-profit corporation for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing, and operating a light rail transit system. Chandler joined the Valley Metro Rail Board on May 1, 2007. The 20-mile segment of the light rail system began operations in December 2008. Additional high capacity transit corridors and light rail extensions are identified and funded in the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Transportation Plan approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004 (Proposition 400). The funded light rail extensions are located in the cities of Mesa, Phoenix, and Tempe.

Regional, high-capacity transportation systems such as light rail require years of advance planning and coordination with participating communities, as well as regional, state and federal agencies. In 2003, the City of Chandler completed a High Capacity Transit Major Investment Study, which designated the Rural Road, Chandler Boulevard and Arizona Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad Chandler Branch Line corridors for future development of high capacity transit systems. By joining Valley Metro Rail, the City will have the opportunity to participate in the

planning and design of the regional light rail system and future light rail extensions that could serve Chandler.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost: \$50,000  
Savings: N/A  
Long Term Costs: \$50,000 annual membership fee

Fund Source:

<u>Acct. No.:</u>	<u>Fund Name:</u>	<u>Program Name:</u>	<u>Funds:</u>
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Attachment: Metro Invoice

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