

REFERENCE TITLE: light rail expansion; participation; prohibition

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SB 1332

Introduced by
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

RELATING TO THIS STATE'S PARTICIPATION IN LIGHT RAIL EXPANSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Light rail construction; state participation;
3 prohibition; report; delayed repeal; definitions

4 A. Notwithstanding any other law, this state may not provide state
5 participation for any light rail construction project.

6 B. On or before December 31, 2027, the department of
7 transportation, in coordination with an independent transportation
8 research entity, shall conduct a comprehensive feasibility review of light
9 rail expansion in Maricopa county and submit a report on their findings.
10 The report shall be submitted to the governor, the president of the senate
11 and the speaker of the house of representatives and shall provide a copy
12 to the secretary of state and to the mayor of Phoenix and each member of
13 the Phoenix city council. The comprehensive feasibility review may not
14 presume the superiority of any mode of transit and shall include:

15 1. Capital and operating cost comparisons between a light rail and
16 autonomous or semi-autonomous transit vehicles, including bus rapid
17 transit, passenger vans and shuttle systems.

18 2. Environmental impact per dollar invested for acquiring,
19 constructing and operating a light rail.

20 3. Ridership trends and post-pandemic usage patterns.

21 4. Flexibility, scalability and adaptability to population shifts.

22 5. Long-term maintenance and replacement costs.

23 6. Policy recommendations regarding future state involvement in
24 light rail construction.

25 7. Analysis of whether continuation, modification or
26 discontinuation of state participation in light rail expansion is
27 warranted.

28 C. This act is repealed from and after June 30, 2028.

29 D. For the purposes of this section:

30 1. "Light rail construction" means the planning, permitting or
31 physical construction of new fixed-guideway rail transit lines or
32 extensions.

33 2. "State participation" means any of the following:

34 (a) Appropriating state monies.

35 (b) Issuing state bonds or guarantees.

36 (c) Approving, certifying or matching monies by the department of
37 transportation.

38 (d) Approving state permits or other authorizations.