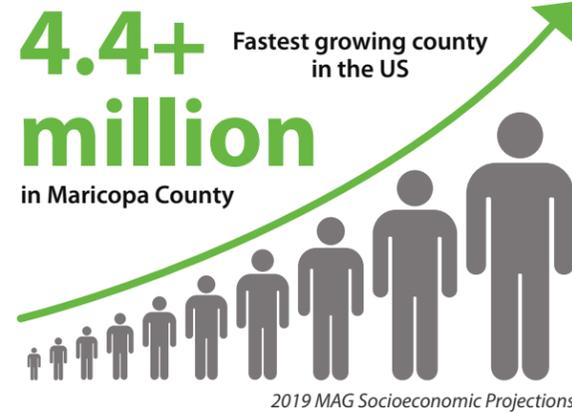


# Economic Impacts of Transportation in Maricopa County

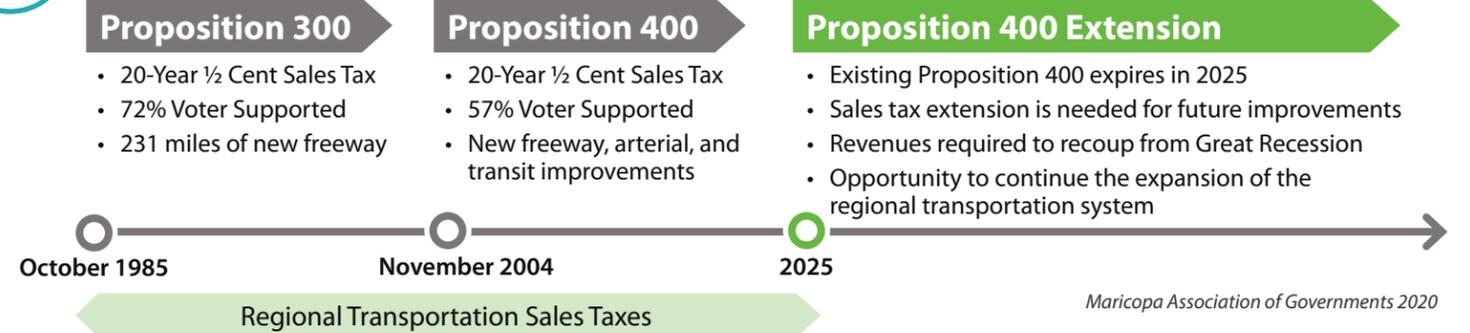


## Regional Overview

Fifty years ago, Maricopa County's transportation system was little more than Interstate 17, portions of US-60, and local roads. Today, Maricopa County has more than 450 miles of freeway and 28 miles of light rail. As Maricopa County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, adding more than 81,000 people between 2017 and 2018, the expansion of freeway, light rail, and a well-connected arterial grid system have been prioritized. Without these systems, mobility and access across the region would be far more challenging.



## Regional Transportation Program History



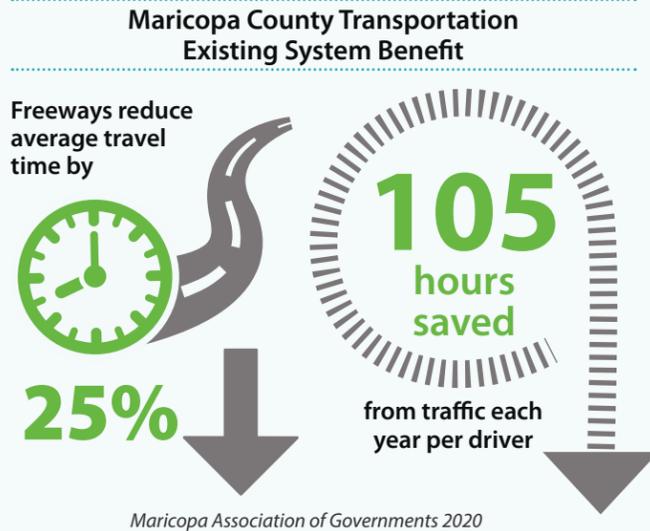
## Economic Impact Overview

Transportation plays an instrumental role in residents' lives, business operations, and the region's economy.



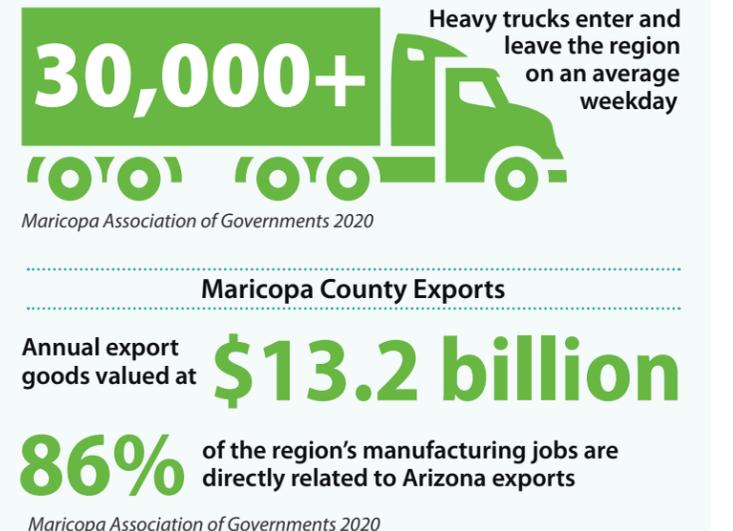
### Travel Time Savings

A major advantage of high-capacity transportation investments is the benefit associated with saved time. Without freeways and light rail, congestion-related lost time would increase dramatically, leaving less time to do the things we enjoy most. Over a 30-year period, that would amount to a staggering **\$100+ billion in freeway travel time savings alone.**



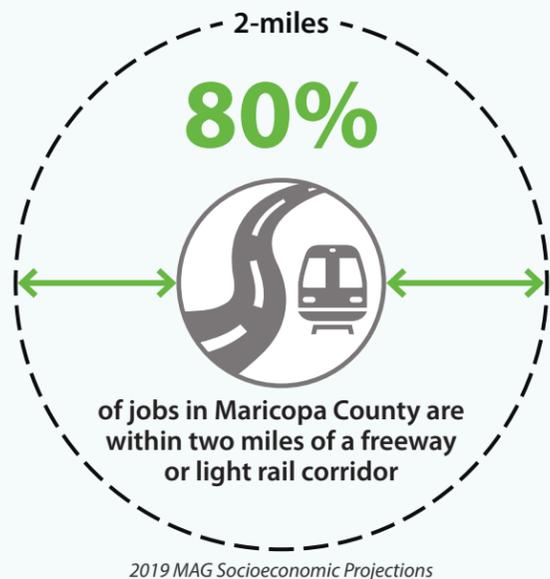
### Freight Movement

A robust economy is supported by a well-planned transportation system, efficiently moving freight into, out of, and across the region. Efficient freight movement depends on well-connected streets and freeways to minimize unexpected delays and promote ease of business operations.



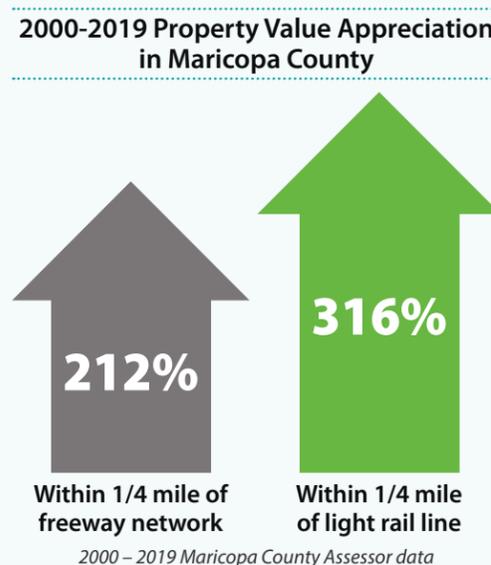
### Employee Access

Higher employment densities are strongly correlated to major transportation corridors. Both regional freeways and light rail lines provide greater access and visibility for employers. Additionally, these corridors provide critical access and connectivity to commuting employees.



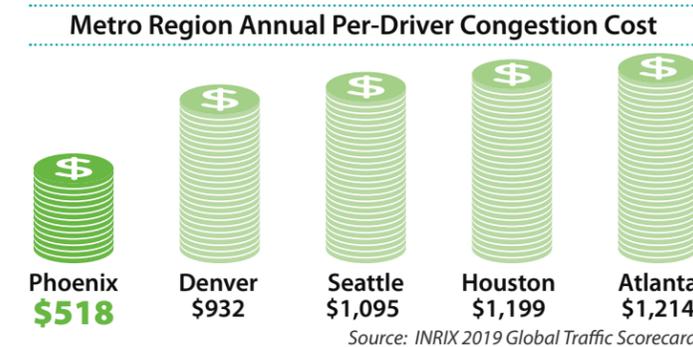
### Property Value

Improved transportation systems across Maricopa County have substantially enhanced property values and unlocked new market potential. On average, **Maricopa County's property values increased 150% between 2000 and 2019.** Both commercial and residential property values are notably increased the closer they are located to both freeway and light rail expansions.



### Next Steps

With a low per capita congestion cost, the region is outpacing its peers. The decades of transportation investments have contributed towards the quality of life the region enjoys.



*With a population expected to exceed 6.2 million by 2050, continued investment in comprehensive multi-modal transportation is critical. Proposition 400, the region's current sales tax initiative, is set to expire in 2025.*

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