

Transit Around the Nation II: Phoenix, Arizona

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Phoenix Skyline



Baltimore



Differences between Baltimore and Phoenix

Baltimore

- Incorporated: 1796
- Population: 637,455
- Area: 92 square miles
- Density: 8.058.4/ sq. mile

Phoenix

- Incorporated: 1881
- Population: 1.5 million
- Area: 517 square miles
- Density: 2,937.8/sq. mile

Similarities

- Large city, world class cities with a real need for transit
- Initial hostility and dissent from some parts of the community which turned into excitement
 - Phoenix is getting ready to open it's Metro to the public in December 2008

Phoenix Lessons Learned

- Importance of Community Advisory Boards and Small Business Advocates



Senator Kelley chats with CAB member and church leader

Phoenix Lessons Learned

- Importance of Contractor Agreements



Phoenix Lessons Learned

- Largest Time Set Back was Finding Unexpected Utilities Under the Street



Opportunities for Baltimore

- Perfect time to start forming CAB and finding small business advocates
- Phoenix is willing to share contract agreement with Baltimore
- Opportunity to learn about and plan for unexpected findings underground