

**METROLINK**

# SCORE

Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion

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## What is SCORE?

Metrolink's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) is a \$10+ billion capital improvement program that includes grade crossing, station and signal improvements as well as track additions across five counties. As Metrolink's service area continues to grow from its current 18 million people, we must do more to serve Californians and meet the state's ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gases and improve access to affordable housing and jobs. SCORE will accelerate Metrolink's goal towards a zero-emissions future and prepare for the millions of tourists, workers and residents expected to celebrate the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics. SCORE represents a 21st Century transportation system equitable to residents in each of the five counties, regardless of occupation or neighborhood.

With

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the region gets **MORE.**



**More safety improvements**



**More seamless connections to other transit providers**



**More peak and off-peak rail service**



**More jobs and economic development**



**More access to job centers and affordable housing**



**Healthier air for all**

**Metrolink is the only public transit option for long distance travel throughout the entire region.**

**Metrolink carries passengers across all city and county lines, taking riders from city-to-city, county-to-county for a region-wide commute, and runs parallel to five of Southern California's major freeways.**

- SCORE investments advance access to transportation for those who need it most, including essential workers

- SCORE will reduce 51.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide

- SCORE's construction plan alone will create over 113,100 good paying jobs – each on average nearly \$64,000

- The cross-county and inter-city connections will promote active transportation and improve public health and safety



## 2028 Goal:

With millions expected to visit California for the 2028 Olympics, the SCORE program is an ambitious plan to upgrade Metrolink's railway system. Metrolink is the third largest commuter rail system in the nation and has reduced 9.3 million car trips annually to eliminate 3.4 billion vehicle miles traveled from 2023-2078.

Metrolink is the answer to freeway gridlock and gives people a better quality of life, while protecting our environment. The benefits from SCORE will make the region increasingly attractive for the millions projected to arrive in SoCal in 2028 and, will contribute to the economic engine of the region for decades to come.



## **SCORE** **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. How is SCORE funded?**

The majority of SCORE is unfunded. After local partners contributed over \$595 million, Metrolink successfully leveraged those funds against state-level grant opportunities. In 2018, Metrolink was awarded an \$876 million grant from the California Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for Phase One of SCORE. To date, Metrolink has raised approximately 23%, or \$2.3 billion, of the \$10 billion funding goal. Metrolink is now in the process of identifying and pursuing additional grant opportunities to reach the overall funding goal.

### **2. How are SCORE projects identified and prioritized?**

In alignment with the State Rail Plan – a 20-year planning and implementation framework for California's rail network – Metrolink identified railroad improvements that would upgrade safety, enable more frequent service, and make existing service more reliable. Metrolink's planning team underwent a comprehensive analysis to identify and prioritize major bottlenecks and projects that greatly benefit the operations for multiple rail operators such as Metrolink, Amtrak, BNSF, UPRR and future High-Speed Rail.

### **3. What are the benefits to the community?**

The projects would generate jobs and business opportunities, provide environmental benefits, and increase the frequency and the reliability of Metrolink service. Los Angeles County would see reduced traffic congestion and emissions on adjacent freeways, as Metrolink removes the equivalent of 1 lane of parallel freeway traffic during the peak hour in peak direction in some locations, with similar improvements in other counties served. Fewer vehicles on the road results in fewer accidents, reduced air pollution and emissions, and decreased energy consumption.

### **4. How will the SCORE Improvements Projects benefit riders?**

Passengers will go to a train station and wait no more than 30 minutes for the next train in both directions. The Project improvements and updates would enable Metrolink to operate safe and reliable services, which means a better customer experience for passengers.

### **5. Are there any economic benefits to the area?**

The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) produced a study assessing the impact of the construction investment in the SCORE program. Through construction and service improvements, Los Angeles County residents can expect to see 45,700 new jobs and \$9.801 billion in gross regional product by 2028. By 2050, there will be 704,900 new jobs and a collective total of \$356 billion in economic activity. SCORE is Metrolink's legacy initiative.

### **For more information about SCORE projects.**

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