



# Southeast Gateway Line (formerly West Santa Ana Branch)

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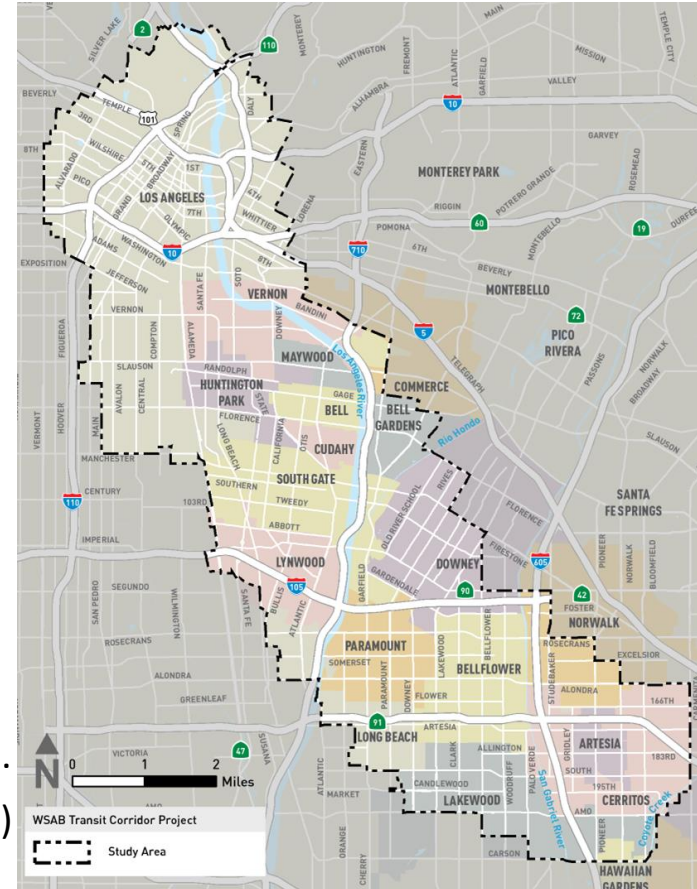
# Recommendations

- A. **APPROVING** the board-identified Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) as the Southeast Gateway Line (formerly West Santa Ana Branch) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project (Project), which is a 14.5-miles LRT line with nine (9) stations and includes a new C Line infill station at the I-105 Freeway. The Project extends from its northern LPA terminus at the Slauson/A Line Station located in the City of Los Angeles/Florence-Firestone unincorporated area of Los Angeles (LA) County to its southern terminus at the Pioneer Station located in the City of Artesia. Approval of the Project also provides for the inclusion of five (5) parking facilities, ancillary facilities and a Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) in the City of Bellflower;
- B. **CERTIFYING** in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which includes the design option that would close 186th Street but keep 187th Street open in the City of Artesia;
- C. **ADOPTING**, in accordance with CEQA, the:
  - a) Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and
  - b) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP); and
- D. **AUTHORIZING** the Chief Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State of California Clearinghouse.



# Purpose and Benefits

- > **Study Area:** 98 square miles
- > **High projected populations and employment densities** that are five times higher than LA County
  - Population densities: 15,000 to 25,000 residents per square mile
  - Employment densities: 6,800 jobs per square mile
- > **High-travel demand corridor** with 44% population below the poverty line and 18% of households that do not own a car; transit demand is significant
- > **Environmental Justice Communities** populated by a majority-minority community with 65% minority residents, with Hispanic/Latino groups alone accounting for 51%.
- > **Increasing Travel Demand** with a total daily travel projected to increase by 14%, an increase of 870,000 daily person trips by 2042.
- > **Direct connection** to the Metro C Line (Green), Metro A Line (Blue) and LA County's broader regional transit network



# LPA: Slauson/A Line to Pioneer Station (14.5 Miles, 9 Stations and infill new C Line Station)

- > **14.5 miles**
  - 12.1 miles at-grade
  - 2.4 miles aerial
- > **9 stations**
  - 6 at-grade
  - 3 aerial
- > **1 new C Line Station at I-105**
- > **5 park & ride facilities**
  - 4 surface lots
  - 1 parking structure
- > **3 river crossings**
  - Los Angeles River
  - Rio Hondo Channel
  - San Gabriel River
- > **4 freeway crossings**
  - SR-91, I-605, I-105, I-710
- > **Street Crossings**
  - 15 aerial grade separations
  - 30 at-grade crossings
- > **Freight realignment (8.7 miles)**
- > **Bellflower MSF facility**



# Environmental Impacts

> Significant and unavoidable impacts would result from implementation of the Project having:

- Adopted the environmentally superior alternative
- Adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)

With mitigation, the LPA will result in unavoidable impacts to:

- Transportation (bike facilities)
- Land Use (bike facilities)
- Noise and Vibration (select receivers)
- Parklands and Community Facilities (bike facilities)

> The benefits of the Project outweigh and override the significant and unavoidable impacts



# Final EIS/EIR Community Outreach

- > March 29, 2024: Final EIS/R released
- > Digital copies of the Final EIS/R have been mailed to agencies & organizations (227), affected property owners (243), and Draft EIS/R commenters (275)
- > Printed copies of the Final EIS/R are available at library locations throughout the project corridor
  - Artesia Library
  - Arts District BID
  - Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
  - Gateway Cities COG
  - Hollydale Library
  - Huntington Park Library
  - Little Tokyo Branch Library
  - LA Central Library
  - Metro Library
  - Paramount Park Community Center
  - South Park BID
- > Over 4,500 eblasts and 450 SMS (texts)
- > 55,000 printed notices distributed door-to-door to over 48,000 properties along the corridor
- > 5,000 mailed notices to stakeholders and elected officials
- > 1,000 fliers handed out at community events



# Next Steps

Milestone	Dates
Federal Register Publication and public release of Final EIS/EIR	March 29, 2024
Board approves project and certifies Final EIR	<b>April 25, 2024</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>File NOD; 30-day CEQA statute of limitations</li></ul>	April 26 to May 27, 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimum 30-day waiting period for NEPA action</li></ul>	March 29 to April 29, 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prepare a summary of comments (and corresponding responses) received during circulation of the Final EIS to be included as an attachment to the ROD</li></ul>	May 2024
FTA issues ROD	<b>June/July 2024</b>