

Next stop: new rail to southeast LA County.

WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR



West Santa Ana Branch
Legistar: 2021-0724
Planning & Programming Committee
January 19, 2022

WSAB Recommendation

- A. **APPROVING** the **Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS)** as the terminus for the 19.3-mile West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Project; and
- B. **APPROVING** the **Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) as Slauson/A Line (Blue) to Pioneer Station** with the Maintenance and Storage Facility located in the City of Bellflower; and
- C. **ACCELERATING** the Slauson/A Line to LAUS segment before Measure M Expenditure Plan FY 41-43 by:
 - Identifying a **cost-effective alignment** route in lieu of the all-grade separated configuration currently assumed for the Slauson/A Line (Blue) to Union Station segment;
 - Reengaging the community to best define a project, including alignment profile, station locations and design, that meets the changing mobility needs of Little Tokyo, Arts District, LAUS and surrounding area residents, employees, and businesses;
 - Preparing a separate environmental document for this segment; and
- D. **IDENTIFYING** interim bus connections to connect Slauson/A Line to Union Station, as part of the Slauson/A Line to LAUS Segment study

Slauson/A Line to Pioneer Station Segment (14.8 mile, 9 Stations)

- **14.8 miles**
 - 12.2 mile at-grade
 - 2.6-mile aerial
- **9 WSAB stations**
 - 6 at-grade
 - 3 aerial
- **1 new C Line Station at I-105**
- **5 park & ride facilities**
 - 4 surface lots
 - 1 parking structure
- **River crossings**
 - Los Angeles River
 - Rio Hondo Channel
 - San Gabriel River
- **4 freeway crossings**
 - SR-91, I-605, I-105, I-710
- **LRT Crossings**
 - 15 aerial grade-separations
 - 31 at-grade crossings
- **8.1 miles of freight realignment**
- **MSF facility**



Anticipated Project Schedule for 14.8-mile Initial Segment

LPA Selection:	January 2022
First Last Mile Planning:	Following LPA Selection
Work with Communities; Evaluate Ways to Reduce Cost on Northern Segment:	Following LPA Selection
Board Selection of Project Delivery Method:	Summer 2022
Metro Board to Certify Final EIR:	Winter 2022
FTA to issue Record of Decision:	Spring 2023
Begin CPUC Application*	2023 to 2025 (18-month process)
Begin Right of Way Acquisition*	2023 to 2026 (2 to 3-year process)
Groundbreaking*	As early as 2023/25
Advanced Engineering Works (IOS):	2023 to 2026/29
LRT Construction (IOS):	2026 to 2033/35

* Final EIR Certification/FTA ROD prerequisite

Bellflower Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) Site

> Bellflower MSF site option

- 21 acres city-owned parcel
- Currently developed with a recreational commercial business (the Hollywood Sports Paintball and Airsoft Park and Bellflower BMX)



Downtown Study: Slauson/A Line to LAUS Segment (4.5 miles)

- **March 2022 to Early 2023:** Work with downtown communities to address impacts and evaluate ways to reduce cost of this segment & reassess station locations, including Little Tokyo
- Begin environmental for this segment after completion of study
- Open this segment **before Measure M Expenditure Plan FY 41 to FY 43**

Terminus Approval & LPA Approval	January 2022
Begin Slauson/A Line to Downtown Study	March 2022
Work with Communities Evaluate Ways to Reduce Cost on Northern Segment:	March 2022 to Early 2023
Board approval	Early/Spring 2023
Begin Environmental Process	Spring 2023 – Spring 2025/26 (2 to 3 years)

New Starts: Request for Entry into PD Phase

- **December 2021:** Metro requested entry into Project Development from FTA in initiating a 45-day FTA review and response process
 - Project Development is the **first formal phase** of the New Starts process
 - Key New Starts requirements to be completed during Project Development include Federal environmental review process, selecting the LPA, and adopting it into the fiscally constrained long range transportation plan.
- **January 2021:** Update request to FTA after LPA Selection

Back-up slides

Value Capture Timeline

Jan 2022:	Update COG and city managers
Feb to Mar 2022:	Technical advisors on-board
Mar to Jul 2022:	Meet with cities along corridor
Apr to Jul 2022:	Submit Board Box status report
Jul to Dec 2022:	Evaluate/implement value capture