

Next stop: new rail to southeast LA County.

WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR



Metro

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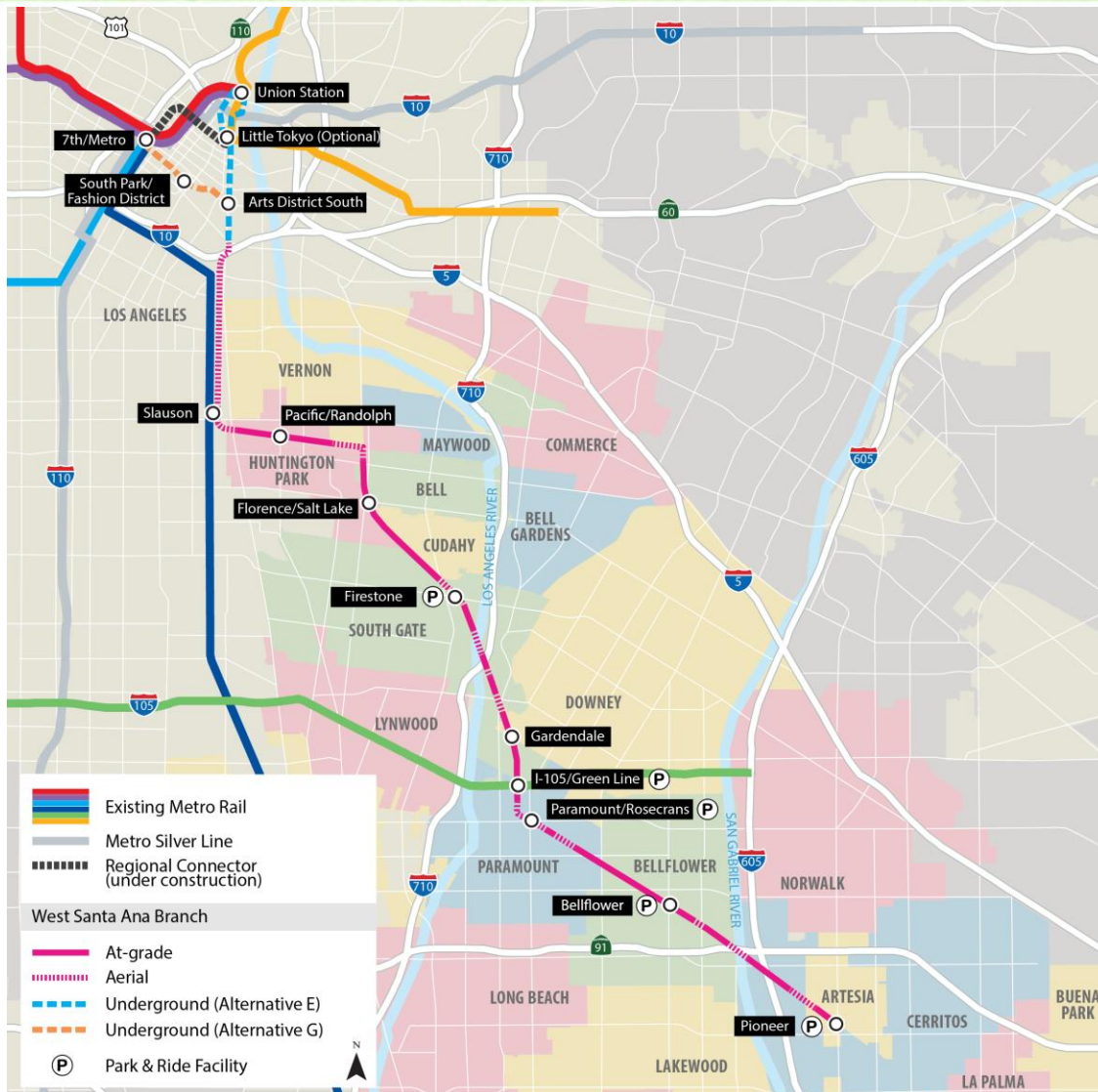


Recommendation

A. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. EXECUTE Modification No. 7 to Contract No. AE5999300 with WSP USA Inc. for additional environmental technical work to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) in the amount of \$6,476,982;
2. INCREASE Contract Modification Authority (CMA) specific to Contract No. AE5999300 in the amount of \$647,698 to support additional environmental assessment work

Project Overview



- 98 square miles
- 19 miles long
- 12 new stations
- 1.4 M people currently reside in the Study Area, with 1.6 M residents projected in 2042
- 619,000 jobs currently located in the Study Area, 747,000 jobs projected in 2042
- Populations and employment densities are five times higher than LA County

Contract Modification No. 7

- Additional technical and environmental work is needed to complete the draft environmental document and includes:
- Design modifications of the alignment to accommodate clearances proposed by UP near the freight railroad tracks;
 - Updating sections of the environmental document as necessary resulting from alignment redesigns;
 - ROW cost estimates;
 - Additional Environmental (Section 4(f)) technical work; and
 - Civil Rights Title VI analysis of the proposed maintenance and storage facilities.

Freight Coordination

➤ Key Considerations

- Approximately ten-miles of shared corridor on freight-owned ROW (Wilmington and La Habra Branches – UP-owned) and (San Pedro Subdivision – Ports of LA and LB-owned)
- Staff has held initial meetings with UP and Ports to understand current and future operational needs, and design considerations related to safety, operations and ROW
- Additional work has been identified to accommodate WSAB and freight, including updates to design, environmental work, and ROW cost estimates.
- Timely coordination/agreement with Union Pacific (UP) on design and ROW is critical to meeting project schedule and has cost implications.

Project Consistency with Agency Goals

- Project is consistent with Metro's Equity Platform Framework
 - Project area populations would have greatly improved access to opportunity
 - Reduces travel times and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Project is aligned with Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan goals
 - Goal #1 - Provide high quality mobility options that will enable people to spend less time traveling
- Measure M and Twenty-Eight by '28
 - The Project is included as a “pillar project” under Twenty-Eight by '28 and efforts are underway to facilitate early project delivery

Near Term Next Steps

- Community Update Meetings: Fall 2019

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Thank You!

