

Major Capital Projects Update Countywide Planning and Development

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Transit and Active Transportation Projects



> Major Pillar Projects

- (1) Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2
- (2) C Line Extension to Torrance
- (3) Sepulveda Transit Corridor

> Other Projects in Planning

- Link Union Station
- Vermont Transit Corridor
- Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor
- Los Angeles River Path
- E. San Fernando Valley Shared Right of Way (ROW) Study
- K Line Northern Extension

Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

Preliminary Studies

Final EIR
(May 2024)

EA (NEPA)

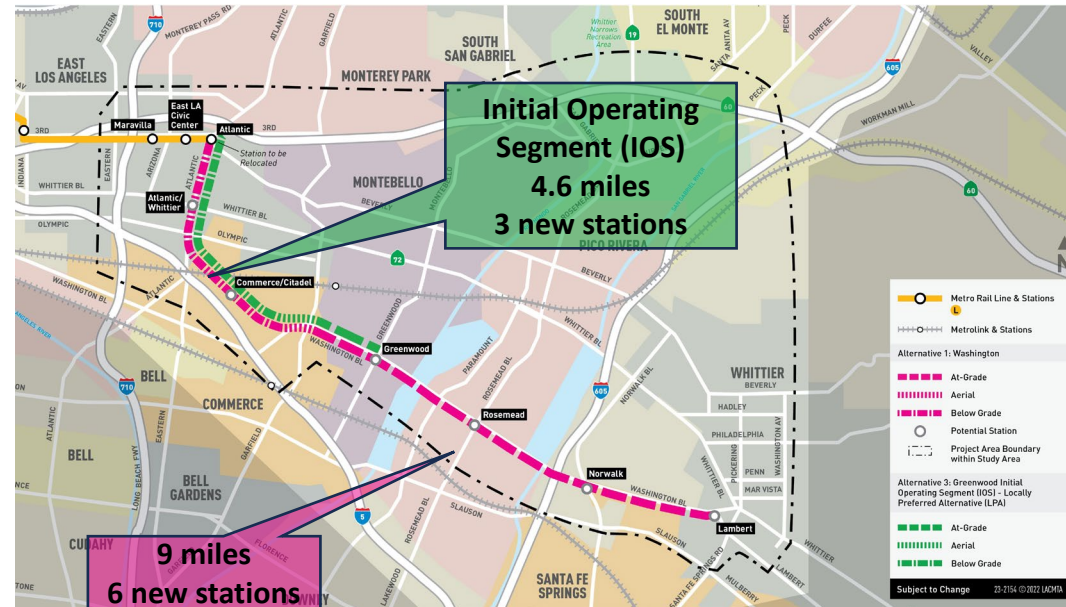
Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Oct 2025: Board approval of environmental planning contract modification to continue federal environmental study & outreach support for Initial Operating Segment (IOS)
- Completed geotechnical borings, began additional utility potholing work for IOS
- Continued advancing Preliminary Engineering (PE) for IOS, began Metro internal review of Draft 30% Plan Set
- Continuing to evaluate Maintenance Storage Facility (MSF) yard sites
- Two community events
 - Montebello Heritage Festival on October 11
 - Sponsorship of East LA Youth Foundation Awards Event on October 23.



Next Actions

- Continue coordinating with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on development of Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the IOS (anticipated by Spring 2026)
- Continue targeted stakeholder outreach and preparation for community outreach by Spring 2026

C (K) Line Extension to Torrance

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR



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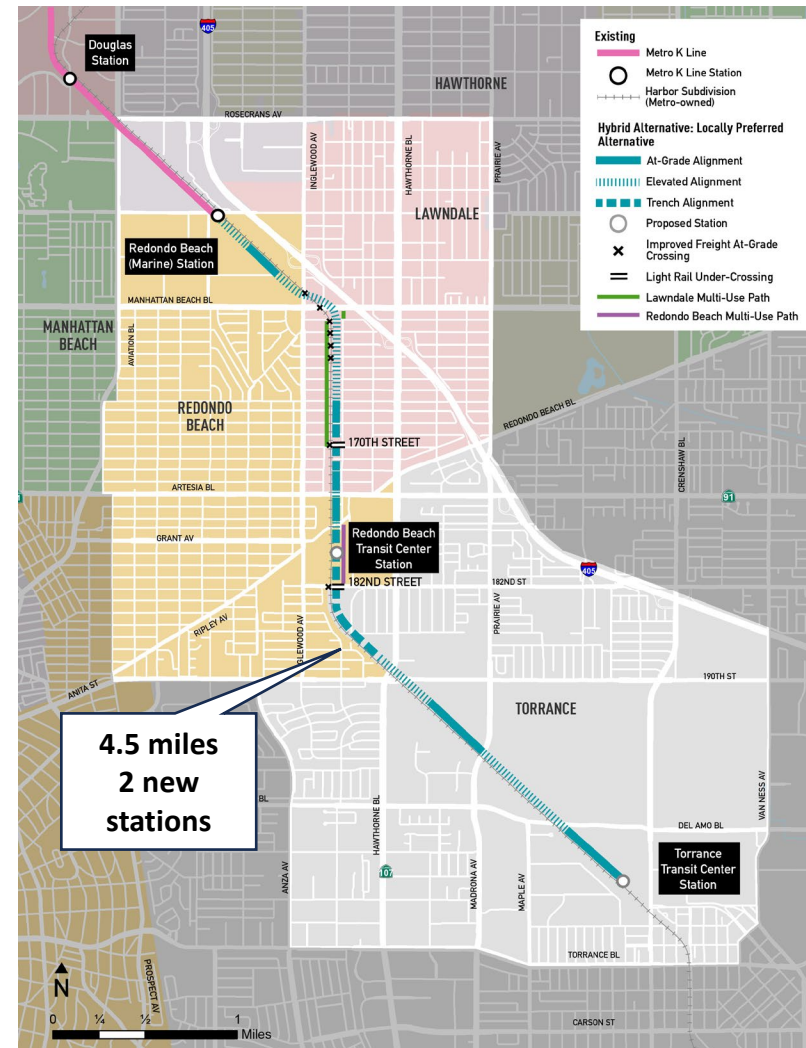
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Recent Activities

- Public notifications for release of Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Sep 11: Released Final EIR for circulation per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Finalized Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)

Next Actions

- January 2026: Recommendation to Metro Board for Project Approval and Certification of EIR



Sepulveda Transit Corridor

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Review of more than 8,000 comment submissions received on Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) during 90-day review
- Developed Cost Benefit Analysis

Next Actions

- January 2026: Recommendation to Metro Board for Approval of Locally Preferred Alternative



Link Union Station

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR



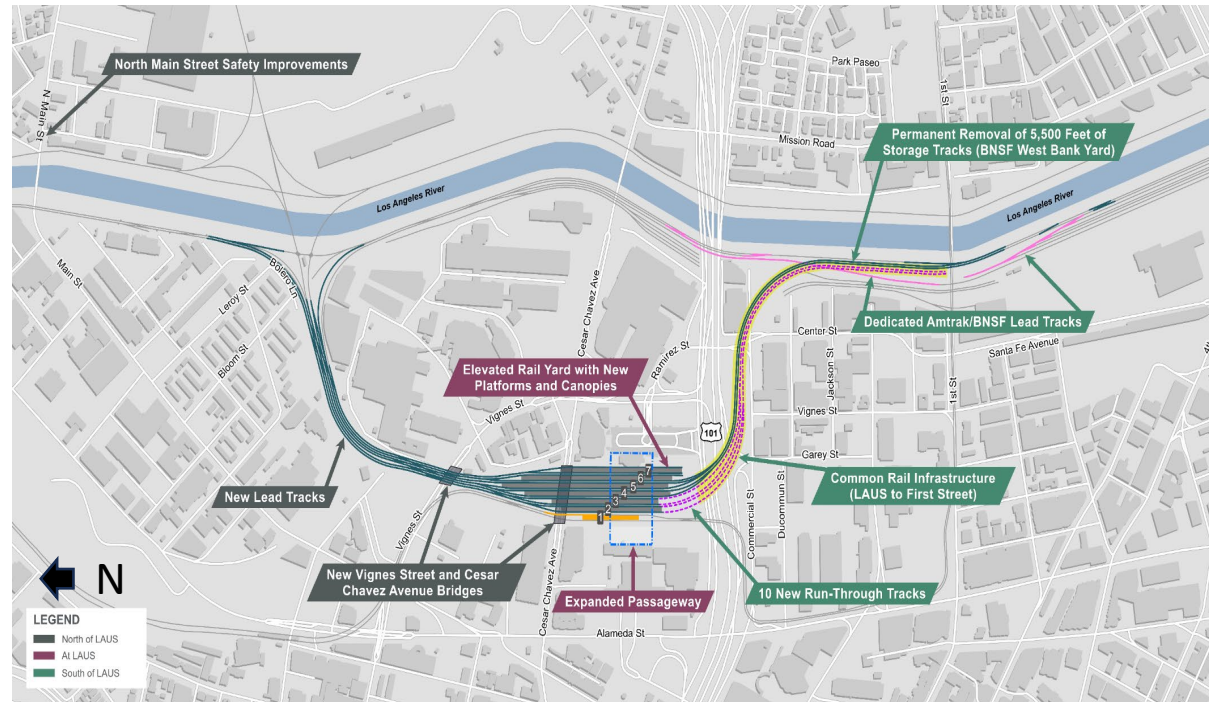
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Recent Activities

- Addressing state funding potentially at risk
- October: Board certification of the Supplemental EIR with motion to continue collaboration with City of Vernon and BNSF
- Submitted letter to BNSF per Board motion



Next Actions

- California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Board approval of Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Agendizing appropriate actions with California Transportation Commission (CTC) to maintain State funding

Vermont Transit Corridor

Preliminary Studies

CEQA
Exemption

NEPA

Preconstruction

Construction

Open



Recent Activities

- November 2025: Completion of National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) requirement with FTA determination of Categorical Exemption (CE)
- Awarded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program grant
- Continuing coordination with Program Management on 30% design and responses to comments from City and County of LA
- Began transition of project to Program Management for final design

Next Actions

- Continue coordination with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on Small Starts Grant
- Continue coordination with the City of LA and County as well as other third-party agencies
- Kick off final design



Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

Segment B

Preliminary Studies

CEQA Exemption

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Oct: Project status update on coordination with local jurisdictions and other related projects
- Assisted cities in preparing application for Rivers & Mountain Conservancy grant
- Began amending the Funding Agreement with City of Commerce (project lead) to include the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan funds



Next Actions

- Continue coordination with cities/County, as well as the future Southeast Gateway Line in response to the May 2025 Board Amendment

Los Angeles River Path

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR



Final EIR

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Preparation for release of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), including implementation of new, user-friendly online platform
- Draft EIR released for public review on December 18, 2025
- Public Comment Period underway (47 days)



Next Actions

- Conduct public hearings (January 21-29, 2026)
- Public Comment period to close on February 2

East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) Shared Right of Way (ROW) Study

Preliminary Studies



Draft EIR

Final EIR

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Continued stakeholder engagement
- November: Board action to adopt of Scenario 2 including:
 - Early works safety improvements at 6 at-grade rail crossings
 - Metrolink infill station
 - Design of mobility hub
 - Multimodal integrated planning



Next Actions

- Begin engineering on safety improvements in coordination with Antelope Valley Line improvements
- Return to Board with next steps for community engagement, design of infill station and mobility hub improvements, planning work, and funding plan

K Line Northern Extension

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

LPA Selection

Recent Activities

- Gathered input from Mid-City community on alignment analysis and technical studies
- Reviewed and summarized input received during 2025
- Completed Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)
- Continued briefings with board offices and stakeholder groups
- Prepared staff recommendation on Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

Next Actions

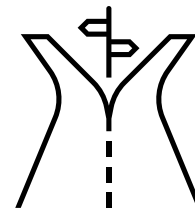
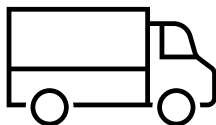
- Metro Board to consider LPA selection (anticipated early 2026)



Focus area for Mid-City Additional Alignment Analysis in response to concerns raised on Draft EIR alignment and tunnel safety concerns

Quarterly Major Projects Report

Complete Streets & Highway Projects



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Multimodal Integrated Planning

I-605 Corridor Multimodal Improvements Project (I-605 CMIP)

(I-10 to I-105)

Status/Schedule

- Current Phase: Environmental scope of work for Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) in development.
- Held meetings in Summer 2025 with I-605 corridor cities to present multimodal & complete street framework for the corridor and develop local multimodal project concepts.
- Seek Board approval for contract modification in February 2026 to revise technical studies and preliminary design.

Purpose and Need

- Safety and operational deficiencies, lack of multimodal transportation options.
 - 3,329 collisions occurred within I-605 project limits (July 2012 - June 2015).

Multimodal Scope

- Provide bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian trail improvements.
- Provide roadway connections to transit stations.
- Include Transportation System Management/ Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) strategies.

Project Benefits

- Enhance local and regional connectivity and access; increase person throughput while avoiding residential displacements.



Challenges

- Some partial right of way may be needed.
- Project alternatives are partially funded.

Metro & Caltrans Roles

- Metro: Project Sponsor for current phase.
- Caltrans: California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) Lead.

I-405 ExpressLanes Project – Sepulveda Pass

(ExpressLanes from I-10 to US 101)

Status/Schedule

- Current Phase: Preparation of the environmental document is ongoing.

Purpose and Need

- Provide additional mobility options within the geographically constrained Project Corridor and provide resources to implement related projects and facilitate future improvements, including multi-modal options, within the Project Corridor.

Multimodal Scope

- Environmental document is evaluating potential multimodal elements (transit, bike, pedestrian improvements).

Project Benefits

- Improve traffic flows, person throughput, and reliability.

Challenges

- Caltrans approval of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and potential mitigation required.



I-405 Improvements (I-110 to Wilmington Avenue)

I-405 South Bay Curve Improvements

Status/Schedule

- Current Phase: Environmental Phase- Caltrans is reviewing and approving technical studies to support Draft environmental document.
- Community Engagement: Scoping period completed in October 2024.
- Next Major Milestone: Circulation of Draft Environmental document anticipated Summer 2026.

Purpose and Need

- Traffic safety and operational needs.
- From April 2020 to March 2023, 612 collisions (278 northbound and 334 southbound) occurred within the project limits, and of these, over 75% were rear-end and sideswipe, indicating congestion.

Multimodal Scope

- Build four auxiliary lanes (about 1 mile in each direction).
- New high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian flashing beacons, and cyclist signage.
- Transportation System Management/ Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) strategies.

Project Benefits

- Improve overall mobility and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicular travel.



Challenges

- Construction not fully funded.

Metro & Caltrans Roles

- Metro: Sponsor for environmental phase.
- Caltrans: California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) Lead.

SR-14 North Los Angeles County Safety & Mobility Improvements (Newhall Avenue Undercrossing to Agua Dulce Canyon Rd)

Status/Schedule

- Current Phase: Project Approval/ Environmental Documentation (PA/ED)- Caltrans is reviewing and approving technical studies to support DEIR/EA.
- Community Engagement: Scoping completed last year. Additional engagement in Winter 2026.
- Next Major Milestone: Circulation of Draft Environmental Document expected in Spring 2027.

Purpose and Need

- Address safety:
 - 475 collisions from 2020 to 2022 on northbound #1 (172) & southbound #2 (303) segments.
 - Rear-end and sideswipes make up 70% of all collisions.
- SR-14 provides one of the only travel routes throughout the corridor.

Multimodal Scope

- Obtain PA/ED clearance for Preferred Alternative that focuses on improving safety and multimodality.
- Reconfigure existing lanes that have short weaving distances and address lane gaps.
- Transportation System Management/ Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) strategies (including complete street elements), safety design refinements, and a truck climbing/descending lane.



Project Benefits

- Multimodal options to provide increased access, connectivity, and improved safety.
- Improve overall mobility and safety.

Challenges

- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and potential mitigation to be determined.

Metro & Caltrans Roles

- Metro: Sponsor for environmental phase.
- Caltrans: California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) Lead.

I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvements

91/605/405 Hot Spots Program

Status/Schedule

- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) is leading construction of this project.
- Current Phase: Final design to be completed/approved by March 2026.
- 2nd Time Extension Allocation Request approved by California Transportation Commission (CTC) at the June meeting to complete all right of way & execute all 3rd Party Agreements.
- New begin construction target date is October 2026.
- Community Engagement: COG to convene pre-construction meetings.

Purpose and Need

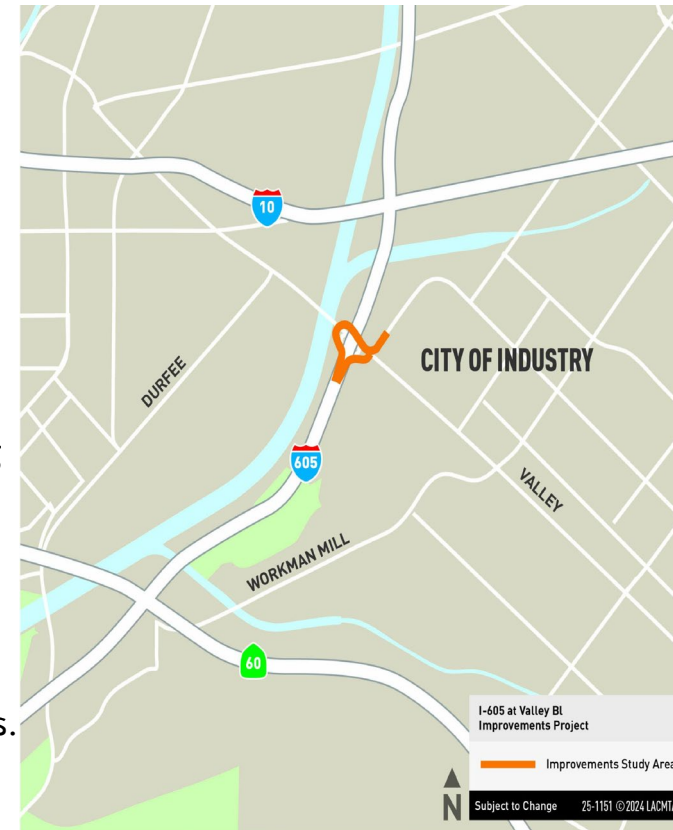
- Improve safety and mobility due to high collision rates caused by weaving conflicts, freeway and ramp queuing, and congestion (1,126 collisions occurred within the project limits from 2016 to 2018).

Multimodal Scope

- Reconfigure ramps, upgrade & coordinate traffic/railroad signals.
- Upgrade Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) infrastructure (curb ramps, sidewalks, and pedestrian pathways) & rehab adjacent local roads.
- Install pedestrian gates at railroad crossings, special signals, shorter crosswalk, and median island refuge.

Project Benefits

- Reduce collisions, congestion, weaving conflicts, and queuing.
- Enhance pedestrian access and safety.
- Provide better truck access/maneuverability along freeway ramps.
- Improved railroad safety to reduce the potential for pedestrian, vehicular, and train (freight and passenger) conflicts.



Challenge

- Complete all outstanding work (final design, project parcels, agreements) by 3-31-2026.

Metro, Caltrans & COG Roles

- Caltrans provides oversight of environmental and design tasks led by Metro contractor.
- San Gabriel Valley COG to build project.