

An illustration of a city street scene. In the foreground, a yellow and grey light rail train with the Metro logo is moving from right to left. The street has a yellow curb and a grey road. Several cars are parked or driving: a white SUV, a white sedan, a yellow sedan, and a dark sedan. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalk. In the background, there are modern buildings with large windows and palm trees. The sky is blue with some clouds. A yellow banner is at the top left, and a black banner with white text is in the center.

Next stop: light rail for the Valley.

EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT



Metro Board Meeting

December 3, 2020

Item# 10

Recommendations



CONSIDER:

- A. Approving the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project (Project), an at-grade Light Rail Transit (LRT) line with 14 stations;
- B. Certifying, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the Final Environmental Impact Report, which includes an option to construct the Project in phases;
- C. Adopting, in accordance with CEQA, the:
 1. Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and
 2. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan;
- D. Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State of California Clearinghouse; and
- E. Instructing staff, in coordination with the FTA, to work with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) and the City of San Fernando to address new issues raised along the 2.5-mile shared railroad ROW.
 - Report back to the Board on any supplemental environmental clearance, design evaluations and associated traffic analysis needed. This will be done prior to proceeding with any construction activities on this section of the alignment.
- F. Instructing staff, in coordination with the City of Los Angeles to identify a preferred First/Last Mile parallel bike route to replace the existing bike lanes on Van Nuys Boulevard which would be displaced by the LRT project in the Panorama City and Pacoima communities.
 - Report back to the Board with a plan to provide the interim replacement bike lanes during the construction period and permanent replacement bike lanes by the time of the opening of the East SFV Transit Project.



Previous Board Actions and Measure M

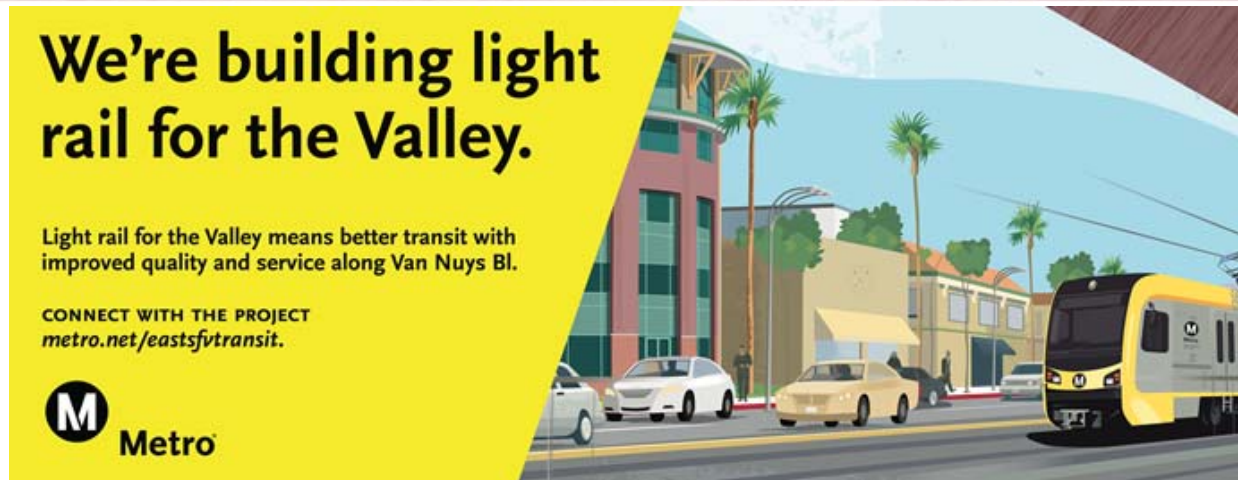


- > **January 2013** - Alternatives Analysis Study completed focused on a North South BRT extension of Metro Orange Line. Community expressed preference for rail. Studies for rail and bus proceed but funding is not available for rail

- > **November 2016** - Voters approve Measure M, with \$1.3 billion available for the Project. FTA agrees to proceed with environmental review including LRT

- > **June 2018** - Board selects LPA as At-grade LRT with the Rail Maintenance and Storage Facility Option B and directs additional following studies:
 - G Line (Orange) / ESFVTC Connection Study
 - Grade Crossing Safety Study

FEIS/R Outreach



Virtual Meetings – approximately 800 total participants:

- > Hosted two community meetings
- > Fifteen (15) presentations to community stakeholder groups

Meeting Notifications:

- > More than 400 bus car cards displayed on Metro buses
- > Two rounds of 20,000 flyers delivered door-to-door
- > Eblasts sent to over 3,400 contacts in the Project's stakeholder database
- > Posted on NextDoor, sent to 280,000 residential accounts
- > 3,000 flyers dropped off at elected offices and Community Based Organizations (CBOs)



Other Key Environment Issues Addressed



> **Traffic**

- Replacement of 2 Mixed-Flow Traffic Lanes with LRT Transit Lanes
- Loss of On-Street Parking

> **Construction**

- Noise and Vibration, Air Quality
- Temporary Traffic Detours and Haul Routes

> **Community Plans**

- Elimination of Bike Lane Locations in Corridor

> **Real Estate Acquisitions**

- Land Required for Rail Storage & Maintenance Facility

> **Business Impacts**

- Construction

Next Steps



- > Advance Engineering to 30% Design
- > Work with FTA, SCRRA and the City of San Fernando to identify needed supplemental analysis
- > Return to the Board for budget and authorization to complete supplemental analysis
- > Initiate work on right of way acquisition and utility relocation
- > Advance work on FLM Plan including parallel bike paths

