



Next stop: exploring alternatives to the 405.

SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

Planning & Programming Committee
File 2026-0250
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Metro

Recommendation

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to:

A. EXECUTE Modification No. 12 to Contract No. AE67085000 for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Environmental Review and Conceptual Engineering with HTA Partners (HTA), a joint venture between HNTB Corporation, Terry A. Hayes Associates Inc., and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., to provide additional technical services in the amount of \$7,658,836 for the preparation of documents necessary for state and federal environmental clearance of the recently approved Sepulveda Transit Corridor Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) increasing the total Contract amount from \$64,817,445 to \$72,476,281 and extend the period of performance from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2028;

B. INCREASE the Contract Modification Authority (CMA) for Contract No. AE67085000 in the amount of \$1,914,709, increasing CMA from \$8,495,350 to \$10,410,059 and authorize the CEO to execute individual Contract Modifications within the Board-approved CMA;

C. EXECUTE Modification No. 4 to Contract No. PS68039000 for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Community Participation Program with Arellano Associates, LLC to provide additional strategic communications and community participation services in the amount of \$2,287,508, increasing the total contract value from \$4,861,759 to \$7,149,267 and extend the period of performance from December 31, 2027 to December 31, 2028; and

D. INCREASE CMA for Contract No. PS68039000 in the amount of \$500,000, increasing CMA from \$351,493 to \$851,493 and authorize the CEO to execute individual Contract Modifications within the Board-approved CMA.

Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Selection

LA Metro Board unanimously selected Modified Alternative 5 as the LPA on Jan 22

Elements of Modified Alternative 5

- > Construction and operational approach of Alternative 5
- > Northern segment along Van Nuys Bl
- > Southern segment with a station on campus at UCLA and along Sepulveda Bl
- > Initial Operating Segment (IOS) to focus on connecting G Line and East San Fernando Valley Light Rail in the San Fernando Valley with the D Line on the Westside
- > Need to identify maintenance and storage approach to support IOS
- > Refined alignment through the Santa Monica Mountains



Contract Modifications

Because the LPA was not specifically evaluated in the Draft EIR, Metro will prepare a Recirculated Draft EIR under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Recirculated Draft EIR will evaluate the LPA as selected by the Board and will be circulated for public comment. CEQA and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance will proceed concurrently.

The following contract modifications will allow for the preparation of the documents necessary for the state and federal environmental clearance of the LPA and allow for the development of additional communications, community outreach, and public participation programs to support environmental clearance of the LPA.

- > **Contract Modification No. 12 to Contract No. AE67085000:** HTA will lead the development of the Recirculated Draft EIR and associated efforts.
- > **Contract Modification No. 4 to Contract No. PS68039000:** Arellano Associates will continue to provide strategic communications services and community outreach and engagement to support the project through the environmental phase.

Next Steps

- > Staff will execute Contract Modification No. 12 to Contract No. AE67085000 with HTA Partners for additional technical services to support the environmental phase.
- > Staff will execute Contract Modification No. 4 to Contract PS68039000 with Arellano Associates to provide additional strategic communications and community participation services during the environmental phase.

