



# Next stop: Orange Line Improvements.



## Orange Line BRT Improvements Planning and Programming Committee

July 18, 2018



# Recommended Actions

## APPROVING:

1. Conceptual project description
2. Determination that the Project is Statutorily Exempt, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15275 (a)

AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Project with the Los Angeles County Clerk

# Orange Line BRT Improvements Project

## ❑ Goals and Objectives

- Enhance safety at Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) crossings
- Improve BRT travel times

## ❑ Schedule Commitment

- Measure M Groundbreaking in 2019; Opening in 2025
- Twenty-Eight by '28 Project List

## ❑ Funding and Cost

- Measure M and the recently awarded SB-1 Local Partnership Grant Program provides up to \$361 million funding for this project
- Current ROM Cost Estimate: \$320M to \$393M

## ❑ Measure M Consistency Finding

- Safety gating of intersections provides safety benefits and is consistent with future LRT service
- Aerial busway grade separations provides for critical separation as described in Measure M
- Class I bike path grade separations provide safer crossings at Van Nuys and Sepulveda
- Accommodates future regional transit projects

# Recommended Project Description

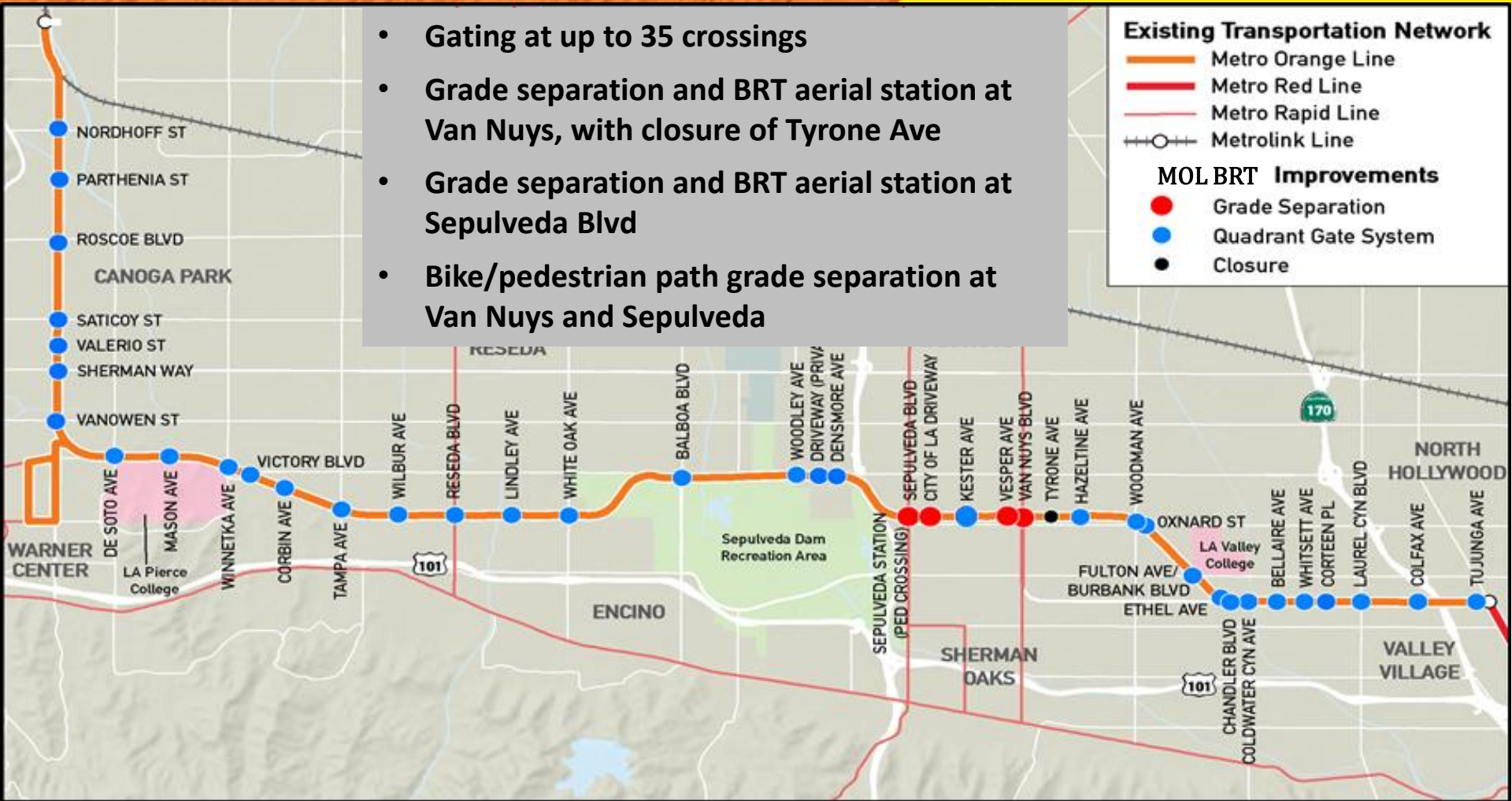
- Gating at up to 35 crossings
- Grade separation and BRT aerial station at Van Nuys, with closure of Tyrone Ave
- Grade separation and BRT aerial station at Sepulveda Blvd
- Bike/pedestrian path grade separation at Van Nuys and Sepulveda

**Existing Transportation Network**

- Metro Orange Line
- Metro Red Line
- Metro Rapid Line
- MetroLink Line

**MOL BRT Improvements**

- Grade Separation
- Quadrant Gate System
- Closure



# Community Outreach



- ❑ Community update in June 2018
  - Two community open house meetings & live webcast (over 190 attendees)
  - Surveys at MOL Stations (400 respondents)
  
- ❑ What we heard
  - Broad public support for Orange Line improvements
  - Concerns/Issues to be addressed:
    - Safety and security on buses and at stations
    - Traffic impacts due to gating operations
    - Bus overcrowding and more frequency



# Equity Benefits



- ❑ Serves Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities
  - Majority of the Project corridor is located within a disadvantaged and/or low-income community
  - Project will improve bus travel times and safety
  
- ❑ Provides Access to Opportunity
  - Provides better transit access and mobility
  - Supports LA City-led Transit Neighborhood Plans

# Next Steps

- Preliminary Engineering Design
- Pilot Gate
- East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) and Sepulveda Project Coordination
- Ongoing Community Engagement
- Match project costs with available revenues