

My Metro Budget Activity & Priorities

The My Metro Budget Activity and My Metro Priorities remain active through the legally mandated public hearing on May 21, 2026, serving as the primary vehicles for stakeholder input and feedback. All data, including scenario-based responses and qualitative comments, is being used to directly inform the FY27 budget development process.

To streamline analysis and cross-departmental coordination, OMB has developed a centralized internal dashboard that consolidates data from both. The dashboard allows staff to review results related to the geographic distribution of responses, including Equity Focus Communities (EFCs), participant demographics, regional trends, response from scenario-based questions, and categorized/summarized comments. The geographic data is particularly valuable in helping Metro assess how equity-related needs and priorities are reflected across communities. The following section provides an overview of the public comments as they relate to this month’s budget update.

Public Comments

To manage the high volume of public input, the internal dashboard utilizes AI-powered analytics for enhanced categorization and summarization. The system uses a framework of over 70 topics to organize feedback, while the summarization feature provides concise summaries of the topics. These AI-driven tools enable a more effective and efficient review of the 4,600+ unique comments collected to date. Below are the AI-assisted summaries and departmental responses for this month’s budget update.

| Program | Comments Summary | What Metro is Doing |
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| <p>Regional Rail (45+ comments)</p>  | <p>Advocate funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double-tracking • Grade Separation • Station Studies/ Expansions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY27 budget for double-tracking projects is \$31.7M, an \$18.7M or 143% increase over FY26 • FY27 budget for grade separation projects is \$25.4M, an \$8.7M or 26% decrease due to the completion of the Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation project, while the Doran Street Grade Separation project continues construction activities • FY27 budget is \$4.3M for continuing in-fill station studies and design efforts |
| <p>Highway Multimodal</p> | <p>Advocate funding for:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY27 budget for bus-priority lanes and infrastructure is \$46.3M, a |

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| <p>Development (135+ comments)</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bus-only lanes • Lane repair and upkeep before lane expansion • Enhancing and expanding ExpressLanes | <p>\$9.6M or 26% increase of over FY26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, cities and counties perform surface street road maintenance, and Caltrans maintains freeways • FY27 budget for ExpressLanes is \$340.5M, a \$177.7M or 109% increase over FY26, mainly due to accelerated construction for I-105 ExpressLanes project |
| <p>Transportation Infrastructure Development (325+ comments)</p>   | <p>Advocate funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sepulveda Transit Corridor (Valley to UCLA/Westside) • K Line Torrance Extension • D Line Extension Completion • LAX Connectivity | <p>FY27 budget request reflective of current project phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sepulveda Transit Corridor (Valley to UCLA/Westside) - \$61.7M • K Line to Torrance - \$60.7M • D Line Extension Completion - \$724.7M • Upon completion, the Automated People Mover - funded and delivered by LAWA - will provide a direct connection to the LAX Transit Center. Currently, Metro provides shuttle service from the LAX station to the airport. |
| <p>Regional Allocations and Pass-Throughs (150+ comments)</p>  | <p>Advocate funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing services for seniors/disabled (Access Services) • Improving bus service & amenities • Reduced/discounted fares | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Allocations fund local jurisdictions and transit operators to improve fixed-route, senior dial-a-ride services, and bus system amenities • FY27 budget continues to fund Access Services (ADA paratransit for people with disabilities) and discounted fares for low-income riders through the LIFE Program |

Stakeholder Meetings and Outreach Efforts

Metro will maintain a robust schedule of stakeholder engagement through the spring as a core component of the FY27 budget process. Engagement activities will continue through March and April and will conclude with the budget public hearing and adoption of the proposed FY27 budget in May. Grounded in Metro’s commitment to Putting People First, these discussions ensure stakeholder perspectives are directly integrated into budgetary decision-making. Upcoming meeting schedules, budget materials, and data will be made available on Metro’s Finance and Budget portal (<https://budget.metro.net>) for each engagement opportunity.

