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Next stop: key rail connections.

K LINE NORTHERN EXTENSION



Planning &
Programming
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Recommendation for the Metro Board

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and execute:

- A. Modification No. 4 to Contract No. AE64930000 for a Not-to-Exceed (NTE) amount of \$2,300,000 with Connect Los Angeles Partners, Joint Venture (WSP USA Inc. and AECOM Technical Services, Inc.) to prepare additional technical environmental analysis and conceptual engineering to respond to public comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the K Line Northern Extension Project and support future community engagement efforts increasing the contract value from \$50,367,851 to a NTE \$52,667,851; and

- A. Modification No. 3 to Task Order No. PS44432008-030 for an NTE amount of \$550,000 with Lee Andrews Group (LAG) to prepare additional community engagement as part of the environmental review process, increasing the task order value from \$903,223 to NTE \$1,453,223 and extend the period of performance from June 30, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

K Line Northern Extension (KNE) Overview

Project extends the K Line from E to B Line

- Closes gap in regional transit network
- Connects 4 Metro Rail lines and 6 of the top 10 busiest bus lines in LA County
- Serves major employment/activity centers
- Measure M: \$2.24 Billion (2015\$)
 - 2041 Groundbreaking
 - 2047-2049 Opening
- Draft EIR to inform selection of LPA



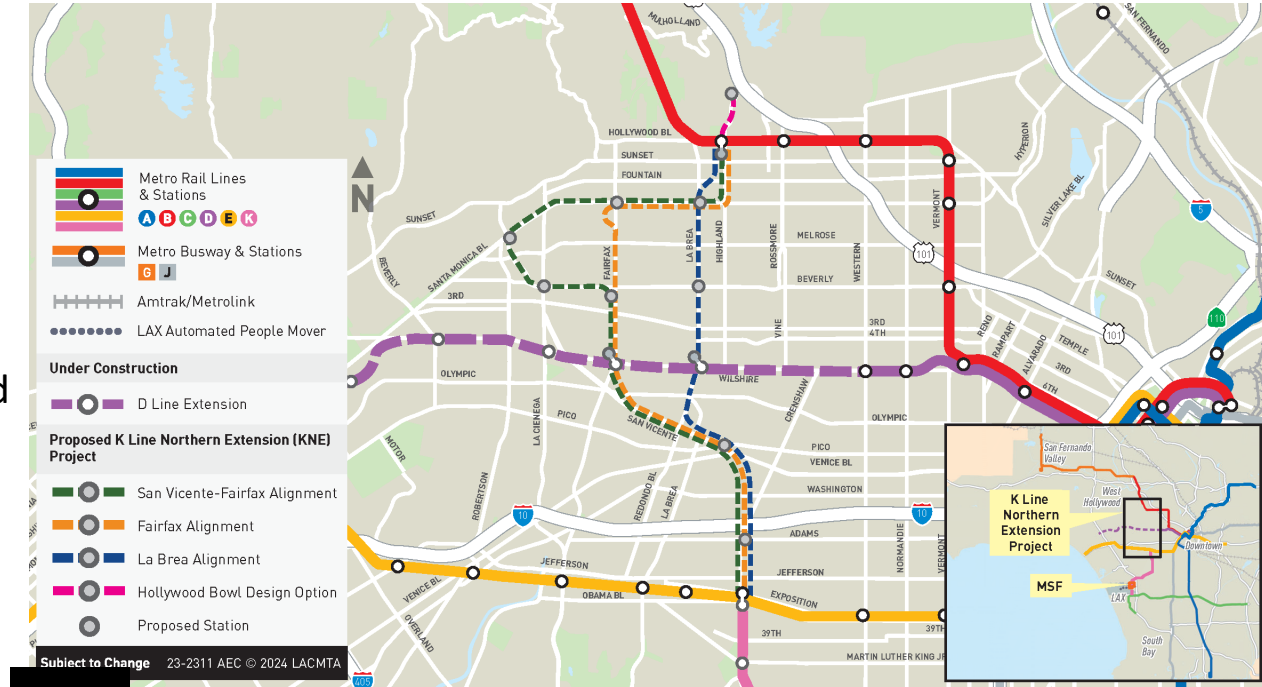
NOTE: Diagram illustrates potential future rail connections with implementation of K Line Northern Extension Project.



K Line Northern Extension Alignments

Draft EIR evaluates underground light rail alignments

- San Vicente-Fairfax
- Fairfax
- La Brea
- Optional Terminus and Additional Station at Hollywood Bowl
- Expansion of Maintenance Yard (Division 16) near LAX



Recent Engagement & Feedback

- Released Draft EIR on July 23rd for 60-day public comment period that closed September 20th
- Held 3 public hearings and community meeting on Sept 4th at Nate Holden Performing Arts Center
- Currently reviewing 1,300 comments
- **Common themes heard at recent meetings**
 - Concerns about outreach and notification
 - Concerns about real estate values and tunneling under homes
 - Questions about the screening process for alignment options and decision-making to select a preferred route (between proposed Crenshaw/Adams Station and Midtown Crossing Station located near Victoria Park, LaFayette and Wellington Square neighborhoods)



KNE Public Hearing (August 10, 2024)

Next Steps with Contract Modifications

Metro will continue to review public comments. Pending approval of the contract modifications, the project team would perform additional studies and share findings with the community for input.

- Evaluate potential refinements to the alignment between I-10 and Venice Blvd. to minimize tunnels below the historic neighborhoods of LaFayette Square, Wellington Square and Victoria Park.
- Provide summary of tunnel analysis performed for Draft EIR per CEQA and findings from D Line construction to provide clarity on existing data for ground conditions and identify where supplemental analysis could occur to address community concerns (e.g. noise, vibration, settlement, potential affects to older buildings and historic structures).
- Share findings from additional analysis with the community to respond to questions and concerns.
- Continue to gather input on the project to inform future staff recommendation on the preferred route (Locally Preferred Alternative).