



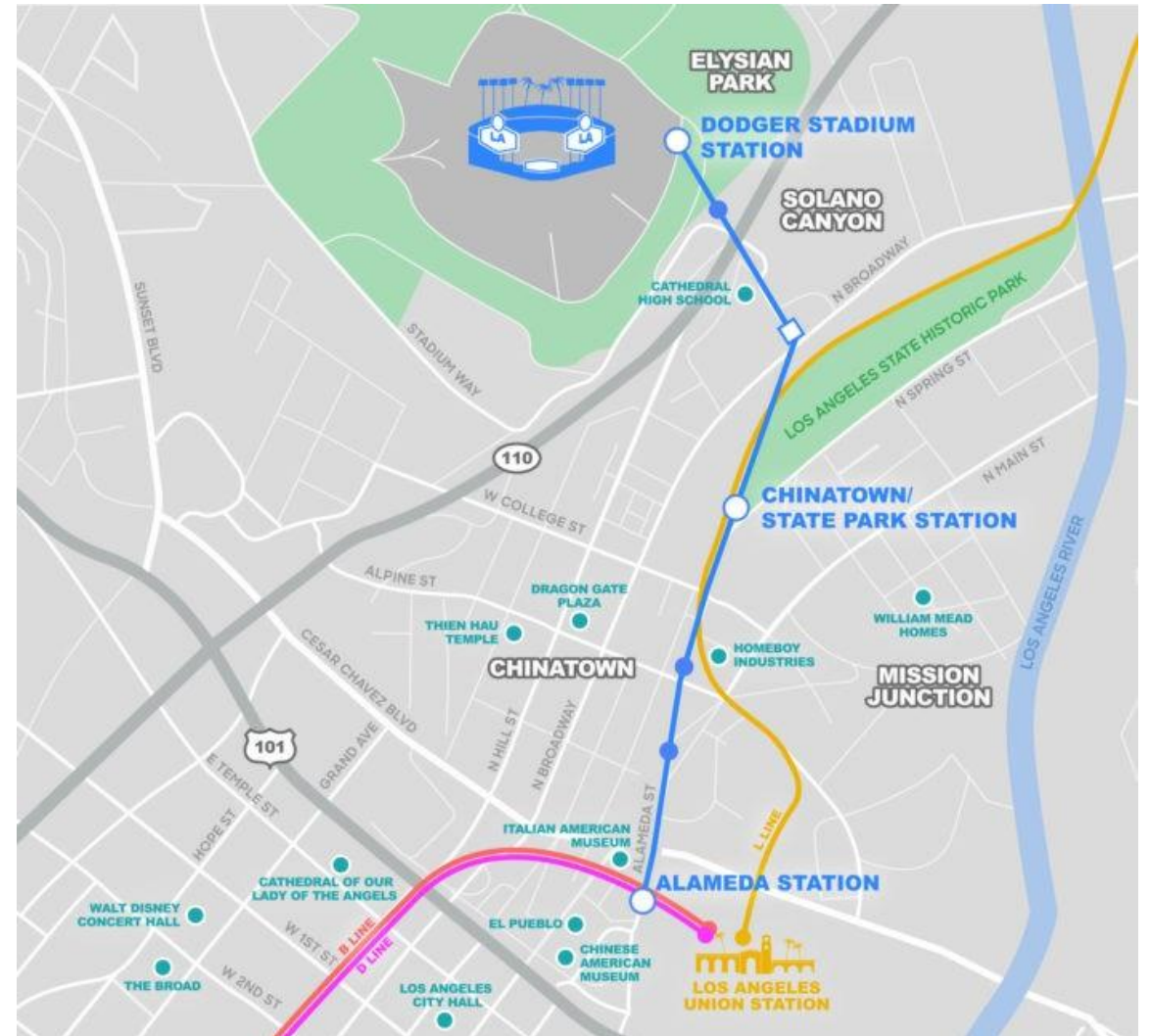
Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Update Executive Management Committee Receive and File

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File: 2022-0316

Background

- April 2018 - Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC (ARTT) submitted an Unsolicited Proposal to fund, construct, operate, and maintain a gondola connecting Union Station to Dodger Stadium
- April 2019 – Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between ARTT and Metro executed
- October 2020 – Notice of Preparation (NOP) issued
- Metro as CEQA lead agency
- ARTT reimburses Metro for all staff and consultant time



Community Outreach

- Virtual scoping meeting held in late 2020; two informational virtual meetings held in June 2021
- Additional communication along the alignment and in adjacent neighborhoods through 2021 and 2022 via email, website updates, social media, stakeholders briefings, door to door canvassing (21,000 homes and 500 businesses) and direct mail (17,000)
- Communication in Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, and English.
- Exhibit at Dodger Stadium where fans and visitors can visit, view, and sit in a full-sized gondola cabin, experiencing what it will be like to ride the cabin in the future.
- Concerns raised include parking, traffic and gentrification. Also misunderstanding that taxpayer/Metro dollars or assets are being used for a private project



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and non-CEQA studies

Draft EIR (CEQA)

- Incorporates Project modifications from NOP comments and stakeholder engagement
- Includes a traffic analysis and ridership forecast technical studies
- Includes a “no project” alternative and an Alternative that Dodger Stadium Express would be enhanced to match the capacity of the Project
- Anticipated to be released in next few weeks with 45-day comment period
- SB44 “environmental leadership transit project”

Parking Study (Non-CEQA)	Public Parking Inventory (within ½ mile of Alameda and Chinatown/State Park Station)	Dodger Game Day Use	Remaining Public Parking Spaces Available	Projected additional LAART use (with 10,000 gondola riders)
On street	3,417	2,017	1,405	
Off street	6,876	2,173	4,703	
Total	10,293	4,180	6,108	790

Parking management plan critical to project success and will be approved by Metro and LADOT prior to LAART operations

Peer Review - Metro retained a consultant to do a peer review on ridership, mode of travel, parking and traffic

Additional Information

Governance

- ARTT has announced its intent to donate LAART to a new non-profit organization called *Zero Emissions Transit* formed by Climate Resolve
- ARTT has restated its commitment to continue to fund the project through environmental and entitlement approvals
- MOA contains a provision for Metro written approval for any assignment

Community Benefits

- Improved air quality
- Free fares for residents and employees on non-game/event days
- Dodger fans ride free with a game ticket
- Potential improvements along the route to enhance active transportation connectivity
- Community benefits will continue to be assessed based on feedback from community

Next Steps

- Draft EIR released
- 45-day comment period
- Four public meetings during DEIR circulation
- Finalize Metro peer review
- Receive and review project financing plan
- Review proposed donation to Zero Emissions Transit
- Upon conclusion of the CEQA process, Metro board to consider certification of the Final EIR

