



# 2028 Games Mobility Concept Plan Countywide Bus-Only Lanes Oral Presentation



**Metro**

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# Purpose of Bus-Only Lanes

- Declining Metro bus speeds every year due to increasing traffic congestion
  - Average bus speed is under 12 MPH
  - 13% slower bus speeds in 2017 compared to 1994
- Metro must add \$10M annually to increase Revenue Service Hours to provide the same level of service as the previous year
- Slower service becomes less competitive relative to other mobility options, which lowers transit ridership
- Ridership will not increase if bus service is more than twice as slow as driving





# Bus-Only Lane Evaluation Process

- Existing condition assessment and alignment with key plans
  - BRT Vision & Principles Study
  - NextGen
  - LA28 venues and Games Route Network
  - Mobility 2035 Plan
- Evaluation Criteria
  - Speed and Reliability
  - Implementation
  - Equity
  - Connectivity and Access
  - Environmental
  - Safety



# Mobility Concept Plan Priority Corridors

- Corridors aligning with the NextGen Tier 1 Network, BRT Vision + Principles Study, and 2028 Games Route Network
  - Vermont Ave
  - Broadway
  - Olympic Blvd
  - Venice Blvd
  - Florence Blvd/Studebaker Rd/ Imperial Hwy
  - DTLA Extensions (Figueroa, Alvarado, Cesar Chavez)
  - Inglewood (Hawthorne/La Brea)
- Funding
  - \$25 million for NextGen Tier 1 corridors in City of LA from a California Transportation Commission grant
  - \$65 million for Broadway, Olympic, Florence/Studebaker/Imperial from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant

# Countywide Bus Only Lane Map





# Games Mobility Executives Subcommittee

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Lead</b>               | Metro  |
| <b>GME Members</b>        | LADOT, LA Mayor's Office, Caltrans, LA28   |
| <b>Purpose</b>            | Provide fast and reliable bus speeds that will help keep the region moving during the Games, support the Games Route Network, and create legacy benefits that address equity and disparities.  |
| <b>Subcommittee Goals</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirm priority corridors</li><li>• Establish a new working group for non-City of LA jurisdiction</li><li>• Deliver planning and environmental clearance phases</li><li>• Seek and secure funding</li></ul> |

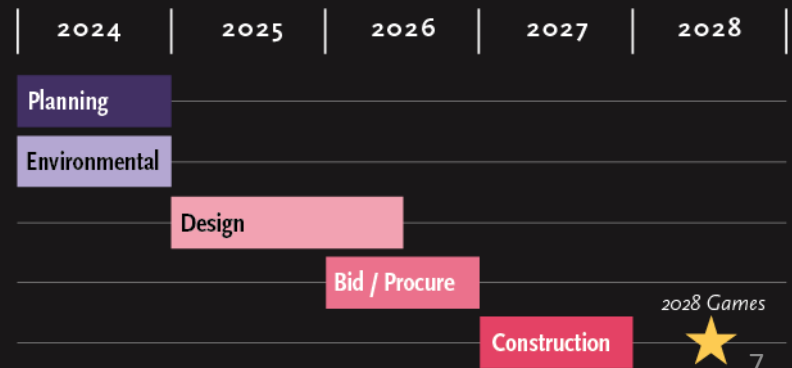
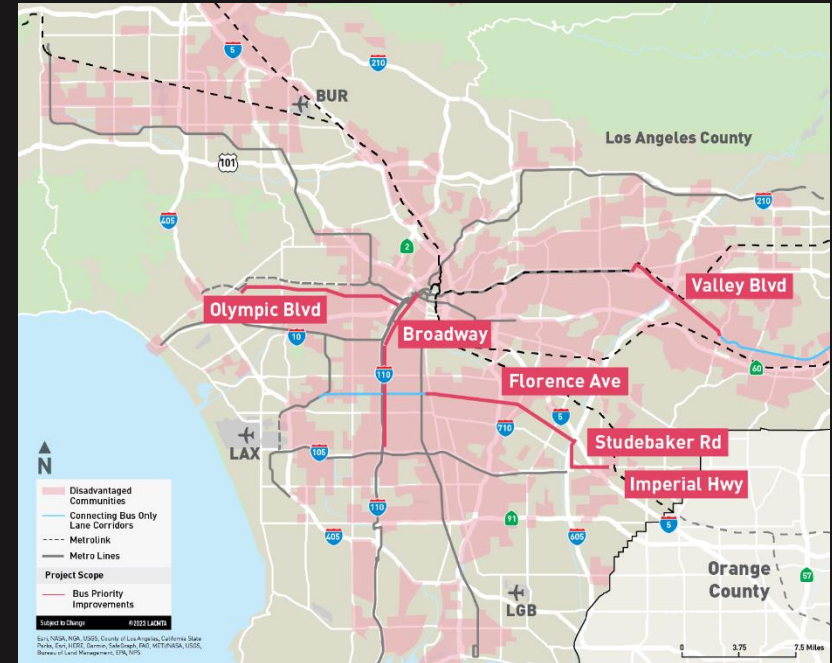
# Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)

## 5 Bus Corridors Funded by RCN

- Valley Blvd
- Olympic Blvd
- Broadway
- Florence/Studebaker
- Imperial (Metro C Line to Metrolink)

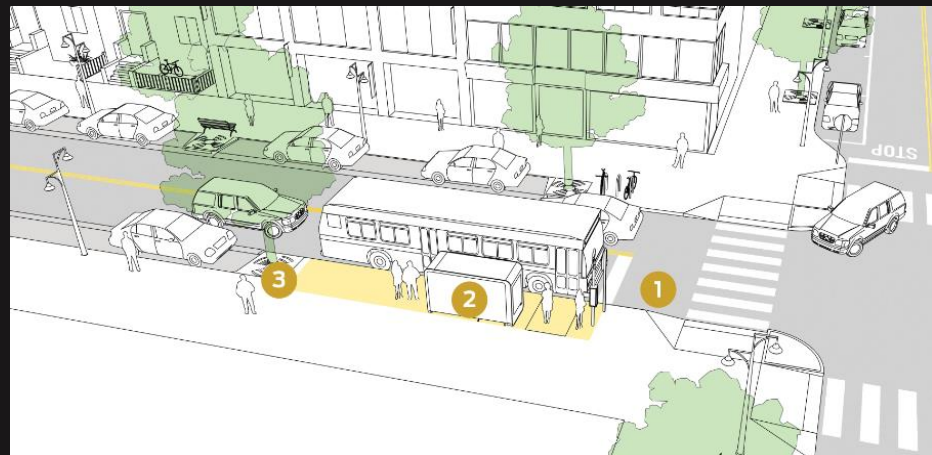
## Status

- CEQA/NEPA completed December 2024
- Defined roles and responsibilities between Metro and local jurisdictions
- Preparing preliminary engineering, community engagement plan and initiating outreach



# RCN Funded Bus Corridors - Improvements

- Transit signal priority at intersections
- Enhanced digital bus shelters and amenities
- Enhanced bus stops (e.g., lighting, sidewalk repair, curb ramp repair, bus pads, street trees, wayfinding)
- All-door boarding bus upgrades







## Next Steps

- Advance project development for priority corridors
- Continue to leverage the success of the Bus Speed Reliability Working Group to implement City of LA NextGen Tier 1 corridors
- Collaborate with Inglewood, San Gabriel Valley COG, Westside Cities COG, and Gateway Cities COG on potential bus only lane projects
- Coordinate with the GME on the Games Route Network to assess the potential to convert additional corridors after the 2028 Games



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# GAMES ROUTE NETWORK

LA METRO – LA28 AD HOC  
COMMITTEE MEETING

CALTRANS PRESENTATION

MAY 14, 2025



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# GAMES ROUTE NETWORK DEFINED

- Dedicated travel; lanes for *Games Family* of vehicles
- Ensure a consistent and reliable travel time during the Games
- Restrict public use during Games
- Promote a “Transit First” Games



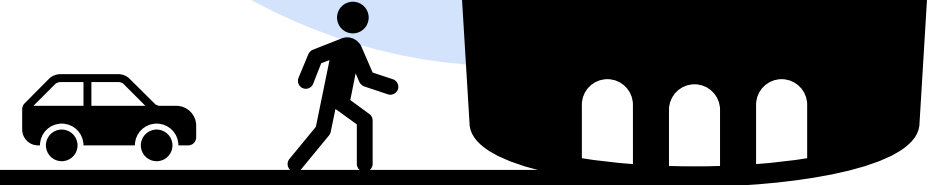
Paris 2024 Dedicated Games Lane and Signs





## GAMES ROUTE MILEAGE

**~310**  
MILES



**210**

**Highway**

Dedicated HOV/T Lanes  
Restricted Construction  
Enhanced Traffic Management

Caltrans Right-of-Way

**100**

**Local Arterials**

Bus Only Lanes  
Restricted Parking  
Revised Traffic Flow

Secured Perimeter



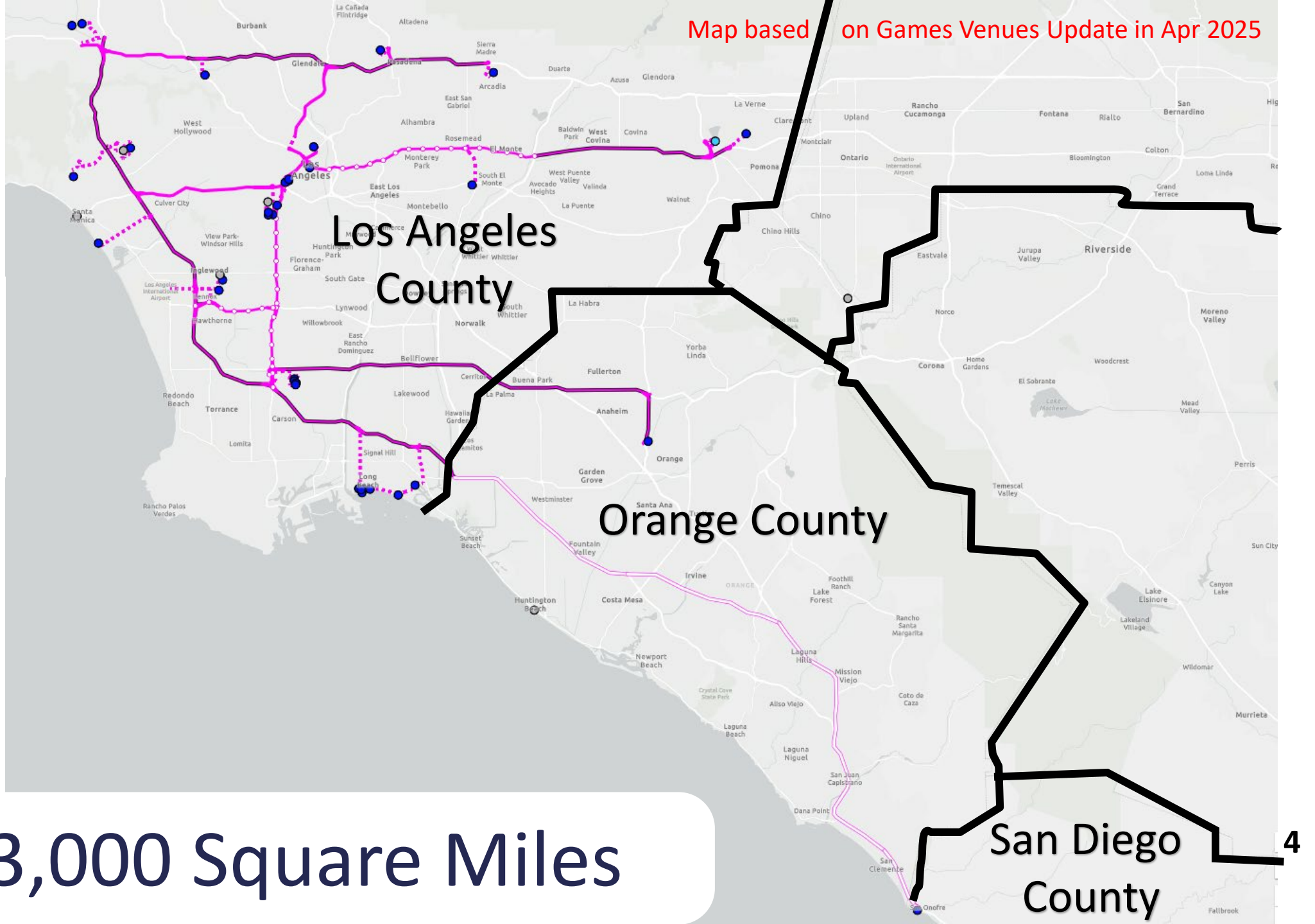
Estimates based on Games Venues Update in Apr 2025



Map based on Games Venues Update in Apr 2025

#### GRN Lane Type

- GRN Arterial
- GRN Fwy\_GP\_Only
- GRN Fwy\_w\_ExprLanes
- GRN Fwy\_w\_HOV
- Non Dedicated GRN



3,000 Square Miles



# GRN PROJECT OVERLAP

## Traffic Integration

- First/Last Mile (Open Streets)
- Mobility Hubs
- Wayfinding Signs

## Safety

- Accessibility

## Travel Demand

- Freight and
- Passenger Transportation Demand Management

## Transport

- Games Enhanced Transit Buses



**Tier 1** – Athletes, International Broadcasters, Officials, Games Stakeholders, LA28 permitted vehicles

**Tier 2** – Spectators, Volunteers, Employees - users of the Games Enhanced Transit Service (GETS)

**Tier 3**- Public Transit already using managed lanes

# LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION

## Venue Cities

Los Angeles

Carson



Long Beach



Pasadena



Inglewood



## Toll Operators

OCTA



LA



## Counties

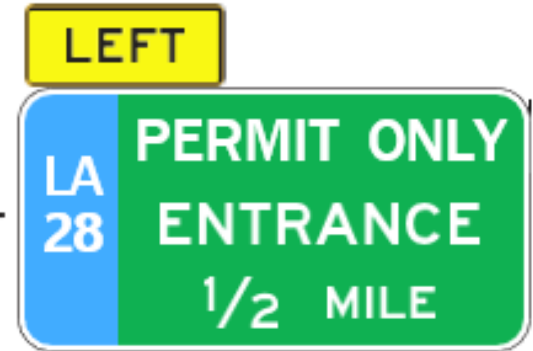
Los Angeles



# STATE AND FEDERAL ENGAGEMENT

- ❑ Grant & Funding Requests (pending approval)
  - GME Supportive partner on multiple grants
  - Federal Budget Request FY25 (planning costs - ~\$8.9M)
  - State Funding Request 4-yr ~\$202M
- ❑ State Legislation
  - Initiated trailer bill to AB971 “Transit Only Lanes” expansion for use during LA28
- ❑ Federal Legislation
  - Request to Experiment for updates to Traffic Control Devices for both highway and local streets

## FREEWAY SIGNS



## ARTERIAL SIGNS





## Construction Contracts

### Contract Specifications:

- Section 10 *“Order of Work”*
- Section 12-4.02C *“Closure Restrictions for Special Events and Venues”*





# DELIVERY SCHEDULE

| Activity (Caltrans)            | Target Completion       | Status      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Conceptual Planning (LA Metro) | Fall 2023               | ✓           |
| Planning                       | August 2025             | On Schedule |
| Environmental                  | August 2025             | On Schedule |
| Design                         | Fall 2025-Summer 2026   |             |
| Procurement/Bidding            | Summer 2026             |             |
| Construction/Implementation*   | Fall 2026-Winter 2027/8 |             |
| Operational Readiness          | Spring 2028             |             |
| Construction Moratorium        | Summer 2028             |             |
| GRN Activated/Maintenance      | Summer 2028             |             |
| Removal and Reconstruction     | Fall 2028               |             |

*\* Long lead construction required for sign fabrication and material purchases*



## NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Complete Planning and Environmental
- ☐ Secure Funding
- ☐ Program Project
- ☐ Engage New Venue Cities and other Stakeholders



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