# Metro Micro





## Implementation Phases





- 2016 Office of Extraordinary Innovation evaluated unsolicited proposal relative to on-demand services
- 2017 Began project design and issued a Request for Proposals to procure services for planning, design, testing and evaluation of a technology-based service for traveling short distances
- The solicitation was issued under 2 Parts:

Part A – Planning & Design (Feasibility) (PDA contract)

Part B – Implementation & Evaluation (P-3 contract)

- 2018 Three contractors (RideCo, Via and Transdev) were awarded Part A (PDA) contracts to compete for Part B
- 2019 Contractors completed Part A (Planning & Design Feasibility Study) and Final Reports were evaluated for award of Part B (Implementation & Evaluation)
- 2020 RideCo, Inc. was awarded Part B (P-3) contract to implement MicroTransit
- Metro launched 1st Zone in Dec. 2020
- 2021 –2022 Metro Micro launches a total of 8 zones within 2 years in staggered starting dates with ongoing optimization efforts



## Micro Transit Service and NextGen





Launch	Zone Name	NextGen Cancellation
Winter 2020	Watts/Compton	Lines: 254 and 612
Winter 2020	LAX/Inglewood	Lines: 115 (part) and 525
Winter 2021	El Monte	N/A
Winter 2021	North Hollywood/Burbank	Lines: 183 (Bel Aire Dr) and 222(Barham Bl)
Summer 2021	Highland Park/Eagle Rock/Glendale	Lines: 83, 183, 201, 256 (part) and 685
		Lines: 181, 256 (part), 264, 267 (part), 268 (part), 487
Summer 2021	Altadena/Pasadena/Sierra Madre	(part), and 687
Fall 2021	Northwest San Fernando Valley	Lines: 242/243 (Porter Ranch)
Winter 2021	UCLA/Westwood/VA Medical Center	N/A

### Timeline





7/2020

**Execute Contract** 

#### 12/2020

Launched 1st Zone

#### 2021

1st Year Established Zones

#### 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Start Full Operations

#### 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Optimization of Lessons Learned

Launched During Pandemic

✓ 12/13/2020 Zones: Watt/Compton & LAX/Inglewood Limited Capacity due to Pandemic

- ✓ 1/25/2021 Zones: Compton/Artesia, El Monte, & North Hollywood/Burbank
- √ 6/27/2021 Zones: Highland Park/Eagle Rock/Glendale, Altadena/Pasadena/Sier ra Madre
- √ 9/12/2021 Zones: Northwest San Fernando Valley, Watts/Compton merger
- ✓ 12/12/2021 Zone: UCLA/Westwood/VA Medical Center

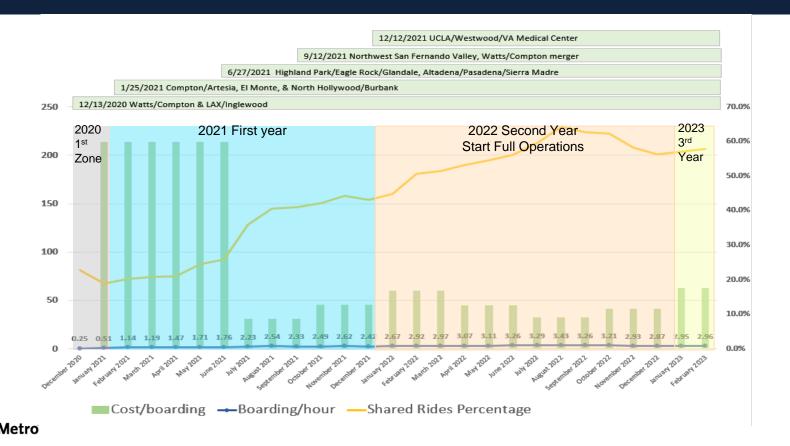
Start Operating According to Plan with Pandemic protocol/restrictions Implement Parameter Optimizations to increase productivities and reliabilities

Remove Limitations of Pandemic, Continue Optimize Services

## Performance and Costing







# Key Performance Indicators & Measures





Zone-level	Measure	Target	FY 2020-2021		FY 2021-2022			FY 2022-2023			
			Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3 (Projected )
Ridership	Average weekday ridership	5,090*	159	348	899	1,403	1,754	2,025	2,152	1,930	2,016
	Passengers per vehicle per hour	7.00	0.99	1.66	2.26	2.51	2.86	3.15	3.33	3.01	2.97
	Average weekday ridership	5,090*	159	348	899	1,403	1,754	2,025	2,152	1,930	2,016
	Percentage of excess demand (no ride available)	<5.00 %	5.5%	4.6%	15.1%	12.6%	28.7%	32.9%	31.4%	35.6%	34.2%
	On-Time Performance (pick- ups and drop-offs)	95.00 %	98.5%	97.2%	91.5%	90.4%	87.0%	85.0%	85.2%	84.8%	86.3%
Cost	Cost per boarding	\$7.86	\$102.8	\$324.7	\$30.9	\$45.5	\$59.9	\$45.1	\$32.5	\$41.5	\$62.97

- The Metro Micro cost per trip is fluctuated from \$30.9 to \$62.97due to variance in when invoice payments were deducted from the cost center. This compares to:
  - \$8.21 per trip for NextGen affected lines in Micro Zones
  - \$60.78 per trip for Access Services paratransit service



## Efforts to Optimize the Service





In June/July 2022, software parameters were changed to attempt to optimize the service, by creating more opportunities for shared rides and less rejected trips:

Parameter	Description	Example
On-Board Time	Maximum onboard time allowed for trip reservations was increased slightly in order to maximize shared rides	<ul> <li>Original calculation = Direct Drive time + 20 minutes</li> <li>Maximum onboard time = Direct Drive time + 25 minutes (POI trips) or + 30 minutes (non-POI trips)</li> <li>Changes were to add 5 minutes and 10 minutes respectively to the above two trip types.</li> <li>Note: POI = Point of Interest i.e. higher demand location</li> </ul>
Time Snapping	For selected POIs (transit centers, schools) scheduled arrival or departure times were established to maximize shared rides	When a passenger requests a ride for 3:05, and rides are "snapped" to every 15 minutes, they will get trips offered at 3:00, 3:15, and 3:30, but not 3:05 or 3:20.  1-2 POIs in each zone are being tested with Time Snapping
Frequency Variation	Frequency of rides offered to/from lower demand areas on the edge of zones was limited to every 30 minutes to maximize shared rides to/from these areas and keep most resources in the higher demand core of each zone	When a passenger requests a ride from most locations, they will receive available trip times 10-20 minutes apart.  In Frequency Variation areas, they would get available trip times 30 minutes apart.

## Parameter Optimizations by Zone





Zone	Time Snapping	Implementation	Frequency Variation	Implementation
Watts/Compton	Willowbrook – Rosa Parks Station	June, 2022	East of 710 (Rancho Los Amigos area)	July, 2022
LAX/Inglewood	Aviation/LAX Station (C Line Schedule)	June, 2022	North of Florence	July, 2022
El Monte	El Monte Station	June, 2022	East of 605	July, 2022
North Hollywood/Burbank	North Hollywood Station	June, 2022	North of Saticoy	July, 2022
Northwest San Fernando Valley	CSUN Transit Center	June, 2022	North of 118 (Porter Ranch)	July, 2022
UCLA/Westwood/VA Medical Center	Hendrick Hall-UCLA dorms	June, 2022	Not applicable	
Highland Park/Eagle Rock/Glendale	Brand/Harvard (15 mins) Highland Park Station	July, 2022	Not applicable	
Altadena/Pasadena/Sierra Madre	Sierra Madre Villa (Old Town Pasadena)	July, 2022	Northwest corner of the zone (JPL)	July, 2022

### Planned Service Enhancements

Reduce contract staff hours

Reduce report location from 4 to 3

Realign fuel and insurance cost

Increase vehicles for reliability

Improve maintenance frequency to improve reliability

Implement in zone relief

Enhanced customer survey to gather demographic data and complete a mode-shift analysis

Extend the contract by 6 months to implement enhancements and lessons learned for the program-