



# Title VI and Environmental Justice Equity Evaluations For New Fixed Guideways



**Metro**

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# Exposition Transit Corridor Phase 2

- 6.6 Mile Extension
- 7 Stations
- 43,600 Daily Boardings by 2020

Design Headway	Peak: 5'
Maintenance Facility	Address: 1955 Centinela Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90404 Capacity: 48 Vehicles



# Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2A

- 11.5 Mile Extension
- 6 Stations
- 69,300 Daily Boardings by 2025

Design Headway	Peak: 5'
Maintenance Facility	Address: 1600 S. California, Monrovia, CA 91016 Capacity: 84 Vehicles



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# Title VI Background

- It is a Federal requirement to conduct a service and fare equity analysis of any new fixed guideway project six months prior to opening.
- This requirement was a new obligation included in revised FTA guidelines issued two years ago.



# Report Overview

- **Demographic Analysis of impacted minority and poverty populations in two fixed guideway corridors – Expo Phase 2 and Gold Line Phase 2a.**
- **A set of findings for Board action based on the results of the analysis.**

# Definitions

- **Title VI Disparate Impact:**
  - A finding that the impacted minority population for a beneficial project was significantly less than Metro's service area minority population.
- **Environment Justice - Disproportionate Burden:**
  - A finding that the impacted poverty population for a beneficial project was significantly less than Metro's service area poverty population.



# Adopt Findings

- **Disparate Impact:**
  - No Impact for Expo or Gold Lines
- **Disproportionate Burden:**
  - No Impact for Expo
  - The Gold Line Extension was found to create disproportionate burden on poverty level persons, e.g. there are a lower number of poverty level residents living along the right-of-way than currently in Metro's service area.
  - Staff studied three alternatives. The only alternative that mitigated the disproportionate burden was unreasonable.



# Alternative Studied – Cancel Line 270 North of of Monrovia Station

## Mitigation

- Cancellation of line 270 North of the Monrovia Station.
- Negatively affect 350 boardings each weekday.
- New patrons using the Gold Line would lose access to destinations north of the station.

