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SUBJECT: TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES (TOC) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE report on the **creation of the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Demonstration Program.**

ISSUE

At the direction of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Joint Development (JD) Department has developed the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Demonstration Program (the "Program"), identifying changes to the JD process as well as a "TOC Toolkit" to promote a more expansive approach to integrating transit into communities. Attachment A is a draft of the TOC Demonstration Program, including a description of sites to be showcased through the Program and Attachment B has a more detailed TOC Demonstration Program Site Matrix.

DISCUSSION

Program Overview

TOCs represent a comprehensive approach to creating compact, walkable and bikeable places in a community context. The key difference between Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and TOCs are that TOCs focus more broadly on the community rather than focusing on a single development.

Moving from TOD to TOCs requires that Metro take a leadership role in collaborating with a variety of local stakeholders, including local government, private developers and community members, to make our individual transit oriented developments and policies part of a vibrant built environment for existing and future residents to live, work, play, and commute. The TOC Demonstration Program will showcase a broader community development focus to all aspects of Metro's work in building the public transit system. The Program will be realized through two components:

1. A re-calibration of the JD Process focused on active collaboration with community stakeholders and local jurisdictions; and
2. Building a "TOC Toolkit" that draws upon an array of creative community development tools to support JD projects in achieving broader TOC goals.

The JD Process has been updated with the following components:

- TOC Webpage Reboot (June 2015);
- Update of the Joint Development Policy (July 2015);
- Development Guidelines - process refinement underway, will include more robust community participation and encompass additional Metro goals including active transportation;
- Design Review - Expanded beyond technical operational review to more comprehensively consider the quality of design and impact on community

The TOC Toolkit is a set of tools and strategies that can be applied as appropriate to the Demonstration Program sites and to the 1 - 1 ½ corridor radius around the sites, and includes:

- Affordable Housing Policies - 35% portfolio wide goal and proportional land discount approved at July 2015 Board meeting; an update on the affordable housing and small business development loan fund additional, in-development policies was reported to the Board in September 2015;
- Coordination on public funding;
- Joint ventures with other public agencies;
- Support for active transportation improvements;
- TOD Planning Grant Program (4 Rounds awarded, Round 5 anticipated in 2017);
- Other site-specific tools, including:
 - Bulk discounts on TAP cards for Metro JD affordable housing projects;
 - Inclusion of adjacent properties in Metro Joint Development projects;
 - Partnerships with Community-Based-Organizations;
 - Station Connections;
 - Reduction, relocation or consolidation of transit parking, if appropriate;
 - Innovative financial partnerships;
 - Transit improvements

Site Selection

The sites that will be showcased in the TOC Demonstration Program were selected based on the following criteria:

- Geographic spread across LA County, to the extent possible;
- Within an existing or in-construction rail or high quality bus transit corridor;
- Site is owned by Metro (or an interested public agency or private developer) and available for new construction within the next 5 years (i.e. not on hold for transit improvements and/or in

use for staging or other construction-related needs for more than 5 years from September 2015);

- Existing land uses support TOC development and/or land use planning underway;
- Commitment by local jurisdiction or County to collaborate in the demonstration program;
- Ability for Metro to have a direct and active role in the development of the site;
- Commitment by developer/property owner, where applicable;
- If not a development site, then a program/project area that is focused on a set of improvements that promote TOCs.

Each of the 7 sites identified for inclusion in the Demonstration Program was vetted with staff from each Board Director's office with jurisdiction as well as the participating municipality. The sites are described in Attachment B, the TOC Demonstration Program Site Matrix. It is important to note that the TOC approach will not be limited to those sites included in the Demonstration Program, but will be applied to all active Joint Development projects and sites, as well as any new Joint Development sites. The selected sites are being showcased because they have the potential to impact a broader area and best demonstrate the power of the TOC approach.

Implementation

Metro's JD staff will provide quarterly progress reports to the Board for each of the Demonstration sites, starting at the January 2016 Board meeting. In addition, any time that the Board is asked to take action regarding one of the Demonstration sites, staff will note the site's inclusion in the Demonstration Program and indicate how the proposed actions are in keeping with Program's goals. The TOC Demonstration Site matrix (Attachment B) identifies near and longer term goals for each site, however it is anticipated that each site will generate more specific TOC goals during the outreach and project development process. For example, specific public improvements or community uses to accompany each site, as well as creative financing opportunities and partnerships that will realize these goals will not be known until we progress further into the community outreach and project development phases of each site.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Demonstration Program will be managed with existing staff and budget from the Joint Development (cost center 2210) and Strategic Initiatives (cost center 4530) departments in FY16. Beginning in FY2017, it is recommended that we budget an additional \$200,000 each fiscal year, to support additional technical and feasibility studies and/or grant writers, or other opportunities to provide critical support to our municipal partners and the project and programs within the Demonstration Program. Because this is a multi-year program, the Chief Planning Officer and the Managing Executive Officer, Countywide Planning and Development, will be responsible for including future expenditures in proposed future year budgets.

Impact to Budget

The FY16 adopted budget includes funding for cost centers 2210 and 4530 to cover project costs associated with the TOC Demonstration Sites.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could request that staff not move forward with the TOC Demonstration Program. This is not recommended as the CEO has specifically requested the development of this program to showcase a more holistic, community development approach to Joint Development and station area planning. In addition, the subject sites are part of the Joint Development and Strategic Initiatives work program, and in many instances already subject to Board-authorized agreements, therefore they are moving forward regardless. The Board could also request that different sites be showcased through the Program. This is not recommended because the recommended sites were vetted through the criteria provided in Attachment A as well as through meetings with each of the Board Directors' offices. The sites have further been selected based on the capacity of the current staffing in the Joint Development and Strategic Initiatives departments.

NEXT STEPS

The JD team will continue with implementation efforts for the selected Demonstration Program sites and will provide a progress report to the Board in January 2016.

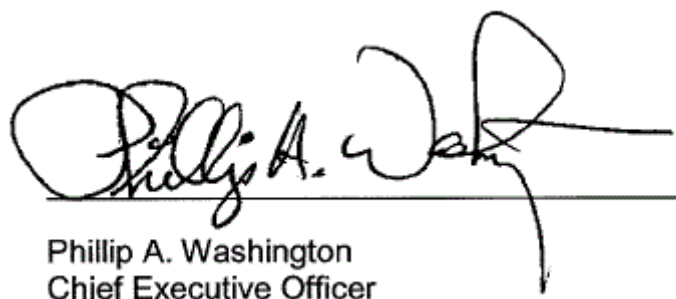
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - TOC Demonstration Program

Attachment B - TOC Demonstration Program Site Matrix

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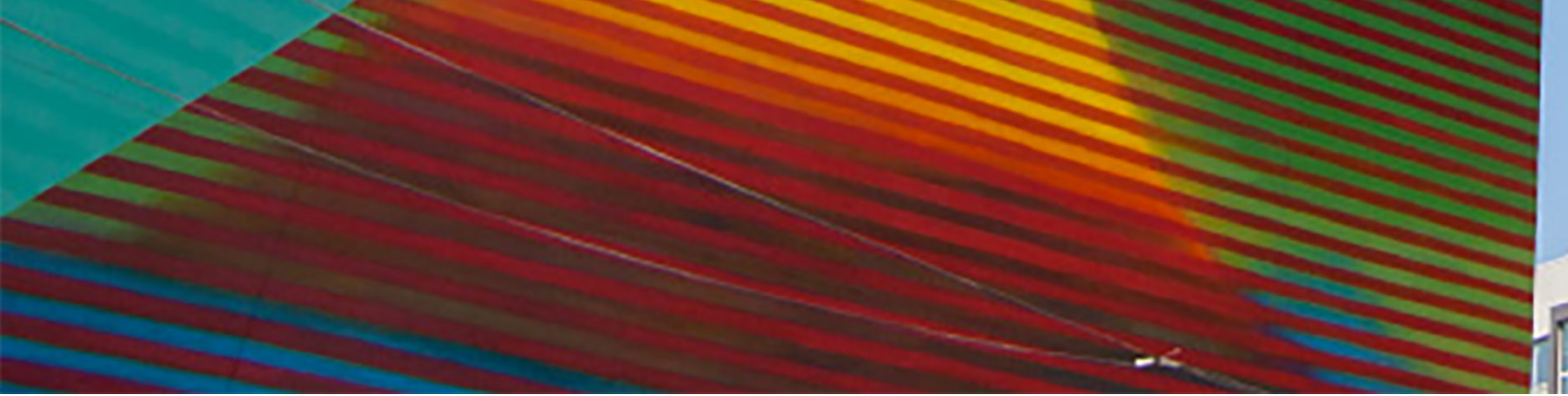


Supporting Transit Oriented Communities

A Metro Demonstration Program



SEPTEMBER 2015



Moving from TOD to TOCs

With the 2008 passage of Measure R, Los Angeles County's voters put in place a groundbreaking plan to double the rail system by 2035. This investment in the region's quality of life provides tremendous opportunity to shape how the County grows to meet the demands of its growing population. The concept of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is a type of community development that includes a mixture of housing, office, retail and/or other commercial development and amenities integrated into a walkable and bikeable neighborhood and located within a half-mile of quality public transportation.

By connecting people and amenities through improved access to public transit, TOD reduces car dependency and therefore lowers air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; promotes walkable and bikeable communities that accommodate more healthy and active lifestyles; increases transit ridership and therefore revenues for transit operators; improves access to jobs and economic opportunities; and creates more opportunities for mobility. Metro's vision goes beyond TOD to focus on the creation of "transit oriented communities" (TOC). TOCs represent a comprehensive approach to creating compact, walkable and bikeable places in a community context, rather than concentrating on a single development site. For Metro, creating TOCs means expanding the boundaries to consider the impact of our system in a 1 – 1 ½ mile corridor around a transit station.

Moving from TOD to TOCs requires that Metro take a leadership role in collaborating with a variety of local stakeholders, including local government, private developers and community members, to make our individual transit oriented developments and policies part of a vibrant built environment for existing and future residents to live, work, play, and commute. To make this move to TOCs, Metro's Joint Development (JD) Program is spearheading a TOC Demonstration Program that will showcase a broader community development focus to all aspects of its work.

The TOC Demonstration Program ("Program") has two components:

- 1) A re-calibration of the JD Process focused on active collaboration with community stakeholders and local jurisdictions; and
- 2) Building a "TOC Toolkit" that draws upon an array of creative community development tools to support JD projects in achieving its broader TOC goals.



TOC Demonstration Program

PROGRAM GOALS

The JD Demonstration Program will:

- > Demonstrate successful Transit Oriented Communities
- > Test an expanded role for Metro in the creation of TOCs
- > Focus on stations with catalytic potential along a transit corridor and the greatest opportunity for success
- > Collaborate with local stakeholders to identify opportunities to broaden the impact of individual projects to a 1 – 1 ½ mile radius from stations
- > Learn from a diversity of project types and individual project goals
- > Allow sufficient time for implementation (3 – 5 years)

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The Program will be realized through two sets of actions: 1) changes in the JD Process, and 2) the TOC Toolkit.

1) Joint Development Process

- > Update of the Joint Development Policy
- > TOC Webpage Reboot
- > Development Guidelines
- > Design Review

2) TOC Toolkit

- > Affordable Housing
- > Coordination of Public Funding
- > Joint venture with other government agencies
- > Support Active Transportation Improvements
- > TOD Planning Grant Program
- > Other Project-Specific Tools

1) Joint Development Process

Starting in late 2014, the JD department began a re-evaluation of its process, looking at everything from how we create Development Guidelines, how communities and jurisdictions are engaged, legal documents, the webpage and the JD Policy and Procedures. Changes to the JD Process include:

> UPDATE OF THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT POLICY

At the July 23, 2015 meeting of the Metro Board of Directors, the Board approved an update to the Joint Development Policy that includes key policy changes regarding affordable housing (described in the TOC Toolkit section below), describes the importance of meaningful community engagement in the JD process, and provides clarity on the JD process and policies.

> TOC WEBPAGE REBOOT

In June 2015, Metro re-launched its Joint Development webpage under the banner of Transit Oriented Communities. The new webpage describes a host of activities that Metro is shepherding to support TOCs, including Joint Development, the TOD Planning Grant Program, and the TOD Toolkit. In addition, the JD portion of the new webpage includes Project Pages offering information and regular updates for active JD Projects.

> DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

The JD process begins with the creation of Development Guidelines, driven by a community engagement process designed to garner meaningful input from local stakeholders. The Development Guidelines will typically be created with assistance from outside architectural firms. Informed by the underlying local jurisdiction plans and regulations and neighborhood context, the Development Guidelines are an opportunity to provide input on desired land uses, density and amenities for a Metro-owned site, as well as assess opportunities for integration with active transportation and other community development goals. The Development Guidelines are brought to the Metro Board of Directors for review and adoption. The Program will make the Development Guidelines process more robust and community-driven through the following:

- > Use of outside design consultants to facilitate community focus groups, charrettes and larger workshops to create site-specific Development Guidelines. The design consultant will likely be retained to work on the design review process, described below.
- > Include a “walk audit” with the First/Last Mile strategic plan team to identify opportunities to tie into existing or recommended active transportation improvements at the project site and within a broader radius around the project/station site.
- > The local councilmember and/ or supervisor’s office and planning staff will be consulted and collaboration between the local policy makers and land use staff will be critical to the Development Guidelines process.

1) Joint Development Process (continued)

> DESIGN REVIEW

To date, “Design Review” of JD projects has typically been limited to input from various Metro departments, including but not limited to Engineering, Operations, Security, Civil Rights, and Communications, and has focused on avoiding impacts to transit facilities or operations. The Program includes launching a Design Review process that will address these issues as well as more comprehensively consider the quality of the design, architecture and aesthetics of developments on Metro-owned property, and reflect the recommendations of the Metro First/Last Mile Strategic Plan active transportation goals, and Metro’s Sustainability Policy. The design review process will also be another check point to identify opportunities for the proposed development to contribute to promoting TOCs.

The new Design Review process will be implemented by coordinating with a hired design professional for JD projects. In most cases this will be the same consultant that will facilitate engagement on and create the Development Guidelines. The Design Review Component of the Program includes:

- > Hiring a Consultant to conduct design review through both the developer selection process and project development;
- > Ensuring the highest quality of design, placemaking and TOC through Metro’s JD projects;
- > Facilitating Metro’s interdepartmental coordination for projects that are transit adjacent;
- > Revising the Exclusive Negotiations and Planning Agreement document to require that selected JD developers participate in a design review process.

2) TOC Toolkit

To achieve the broader community development goals of TOC, Metro has adopted policies and will seek creative opportunities for expanding the reach of its joint development projects through supporting local adoption of TOC-supportive land use policies, partnerships with other agencies (public and private) and creative financing strategies, including identifying grants and other funding options. The TOC Toolkit is a set of tools and strategies that can be applied as appropriate to the Demonstration Program sites and to the 1 – 1 ½ mile radius around the sites.

> AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Metro has adopted, as part of its updated JD Policy, a series of affordable housing policies:

- > **35% Portfolio-Wide Goal:** Metro's JD Program seeks to facilitate construction of affordable housing units, such that 35% of the total housing units in the Metro joint development portfolio are affordable to households earning 60% of area median income or below.
- > **Land Discounting:** Where appropriate, and subject to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval (if applicable), Metro may discount joint development ground leases below the fair market value in order to accommodate affordable housing with an income target of 60% of AMI or below. Such a land discount may not be greater than 30% of the fair market value.

> COORDINATION OF PUBLIC FUNDING

To the extent that the community and/or selected developers identify additional public improvements and/or community-serving uses to be included in the pilot program sites, the Metro JD Team will actively partner with the community, Developer, County and/or appropriate local jurisdiction to identify funding sources to support these additional benefits within the JD Project. This may include assisting with grant writing.

> JOINT VENTURE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Metro will seek partnerships with local municipalities and/or the County that take advantage of publicly owned land at or adjacent to JD project sites.

> SUPPORT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Metro will partner with Developers and local municipalities to identify opportunities to create and implement active transportation plans that connect transit to nearby community amenities within a 1 – 1 ½ mile radius of targeted sites and transit stations.

2) TOC Toolkit (continued)

> TOD PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Started in 2011, the TOD Planning Grant Program has awarded 36 grants totaling over \$22 million to local jurisdictions to develop and approve land use plans that remove regulatory barriers to TOD. Metro will continue to implement Rounds 1- 4 of the program and will further target outreach for Round 5 to municipalities that have not yet adopted TOC-supportive land use plans.

TOD Planning Grant Program Awards in LA County



> OTHER PROJECT-SPECIFIC TOOLS

The following tools and incentives can be explored for each of the Demonstration Program sites, as appropriate:

- > **Bulk Discounts on TAP cards:** The Board directed staff to explore opportunities to offer discounts on bulk purchase of TAP cards for affordable housing developments on Metro-owned property. If adopted and as appropriate, this program will be included in JD procurements.
- > **Inclusion of Adjacent Property(ies):** During the Development Guidelines process, if the community

2) TOC Toolkit (continued)

stakeholders and the JD Team identify benefits from encouraging adjacent properties to become part of Metro JD sites, additional points may be offered during the competitive procurement process for development teams that own or have agreements with owners of adjacent properties. Similarly, if an adjacent property owner approaches Metro outside of the competitive procurement process, Metro may consider an unsolicited proposal subject to state and federal unsolicited proposal guidelines.

- > **Community-Based Organizations:** As appropriate, additional consideration may be offered during the competitive procurement process to development teams that include community-based organizations (CBOs) with a history of community engagement, investment and provision of services within the project site area who have partnered with an experienced development team.
- > **Station Connections:** Coordinating proposals for direct connections from adjacent properties to Metro stations.
- > **Reduce, Relocate or Consolidate Transit Parking:** Metro will consider the reduction, relocation and/or consolidation (e.g. converting surface lots into structured parking) of transit parking that can increase opportunities for TOCs. Such actions will be subject to (1) a clear history of utilization rates for the parking lot in question; (2) a review of any federal/environmental requirements pertaining to the provided or required parking; and (3) a careful study of the economic feasibility and cost impacts of relocating or consolidating the parking.
- > **Innovative Financial Partnerships:** Explore various means of using Metro land ownership in support of innovative financial structures.
- > **Transit Improvements:** At some sites, improvements to the transit facility itself will support new Joint Development projects and active transportation connections within the targeted 1 – 1½ mile radius. Metro will partner with local jurisdictions, stakeholders and funders to identify such opportunities, plan for their integration into TOC planning efforts, and seek funding for implementation.

Site Selection Criteria

The Demonstration Program has identified seven (7) sites and/or study areas for initial participation, using the following criteria:

- > Geographic spread across LA County, to the extent possible;
- > Within an existing or in-construction rail or BRT corridor;
- > Site is owned by Metro (or an interested public agency of private developer) and available for new construction within the next 5 years (i.e. not on hold for transit improvements and/or in use for staging or other construction-related needs for more than 5 years from September 2015);
- > Existing land uses support TOC development and/or land use planning underway;
- > Commitment by local jurisdiction or County to participate in the pilot program;
- > Ability for Metro to have a direct and active role in the Development of the site;
- > Commitment by developer/property owner;
- > If not a development site, then a program/project area that is focused on a set of improvements or planning actions that promote TOCs.

It is important to note that the 7 sites identified for the Program are not the only active projects in the current JD work program, participating in the TOD Planning Grant program or undertaking broader transit planning activities. The TOC approach will be applied to all active sites, as well as any new Joint Development sites and applicable projects and studies. The selected sites are being showcased because they have the potential to impact a broader area and best demonstrate the power of the TOC approach. The sites are described below and more detail is provided in the TOC Demonstration Program Site Matrix attached.

Demonstration Program Implementation

Metro's JD staff will report quarterly to the Board on progress for each of the Demonstration sites, starting at the January 2016 Board meeting. The Demonstration Program Site Matrix will be the basis for tracking and documenting progress. In addition, any time that the Board is asked to take action regarding one of the Demonstration sites, staff will note the site's inclusion in the Demonstration Program and indicate how the proposed actions are in keeping with Program's goals.

Demonstration Program Sites

- 1 Golden State Specific Plan
- 2 Crenshaw/LAX Line
- 3 Duarte Station
- 4 El Monte Station
- 5 North Hollywood Station
- 6 Connect US Action Plan
- 7 Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvement Project

Golden State Specific Plan

In Round 2 of the TOD Planning Grant program, Metro funded a joint study by the City of Burbank and the Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena Airport Authority to evaluate development opportunities and related TOD planning requirements as part of a federally funded airport ground access study. The LinkBurbank study identified opportunities for transit and transportation improvements as well as opportunities for TOD that take advantage of proximity to Metrolink, Amtrak, Airport, and Metro bus service.

Upon completion of the study, the City of Burbank was awarded a Round 4 TOD Planning Grant to create a new Specific Plan (Golden State Specific Plan) that will implement the recommendations in the study. In addition, the City of Burbank participated in Eco District training in Portland, Oregon that will advance the sustainable priorities for the station area and was awarded \$800,000 of station area planning funds from the California High Speed Rail Authority to coordinate and integrate all planning efforts around the future HSR station in Burbank.

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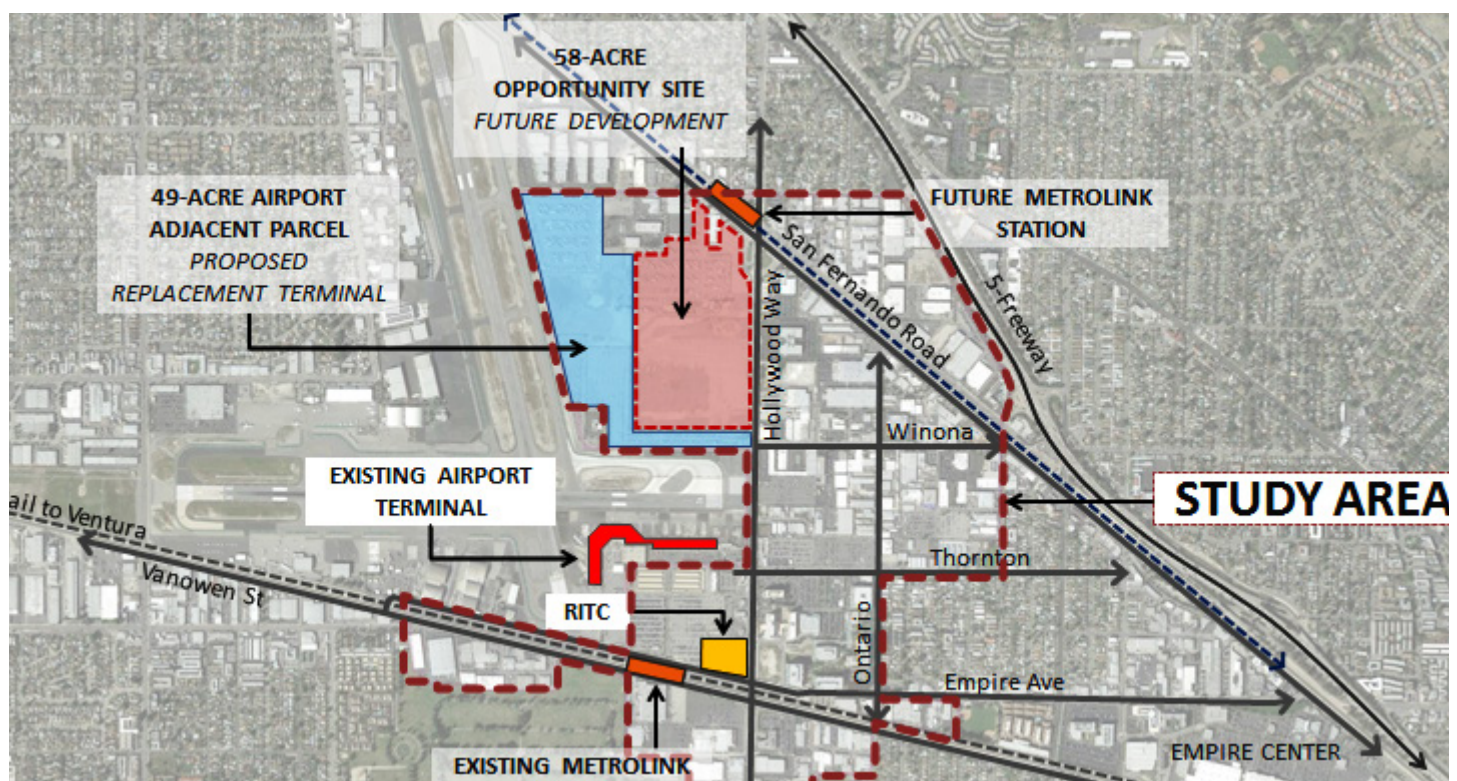
Metrolink and Burbank Airport, future High Speed Rail

> CITY/COMMUNITY

City of Burbank

> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Supervisory District 5 - Antonovich
Director Najarian



Crenshaw/LAX Line

Includes 3 station sites currently in construction:

(1) Expo/Crenshaw: This Metro Joint Development opportunity is at the crossroads of the Expo and Crenshaw Lines, adjacent to the under-construction District Square project, a regional shopping center. Metro also provided a TOD Planning Grant to the City to amend the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan and prepare a Crenshaw Streetscape Plan. The County of LA intends to vacate a Probation Department facility across from Metro's station and allow Metro to oversee and negotiate the development of both sites as part of a single proposal. Metro is exploring the possibility of relocating proposed transit parking to accommodate joint development.

(2) Leimert Park Station: The City of LA owns two surface parking lots adjacent to the Leimert Park station. Metro is entering into an MOU with the City to coordinate on planning and outreach and any potential partnerships in support of the development of these sites.

(3) Fairview Heights Station: Metro provided a TOD Planning Grant to the City of Inglewood to create transit overlay zone for this station area. The County intends to vacate a DPSS facility adjacent to the Station and Metro will oversee developer solicitation and negotiations for the site. Metro is working with the City to create a strong pedestrian connection between the Station and surrounding community and to explore the opportunities for public open space.

> LINE

Metro Crenshaw/LAX and Expo Lines

> CITY/COMMUNITY

City of Los Angeles/South LA, City of Inglewood

> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Supervisorial District 2 - Ridley Thomas

City of LA: Directors Garcetti, Bonin, DuPont Walker, Krekorian
Director Butts



(1) Expo/Crenshaw



(2) Leimert Park Station



(3) Fairview Heights Station

Duarte Station

With funds from Round 1 of the TOD Planning Grant, the City of Duarte created and adopted the Gold Line Station Area Development Specific Plan. Included in the station area is the City of Hope, a major employment center interested in expansion.

One of the opportunity sites identified in that plan is a Metro parcel that will be used for transit parking upon opening of the Gold Line. The City of Duarte has had preliminary discussions with neighboring property owners regarding their interest in selling and/or redeveloping their properties. Metro will work with the City to identify opportunities to partner with adjacent property owners to create development opportunities.

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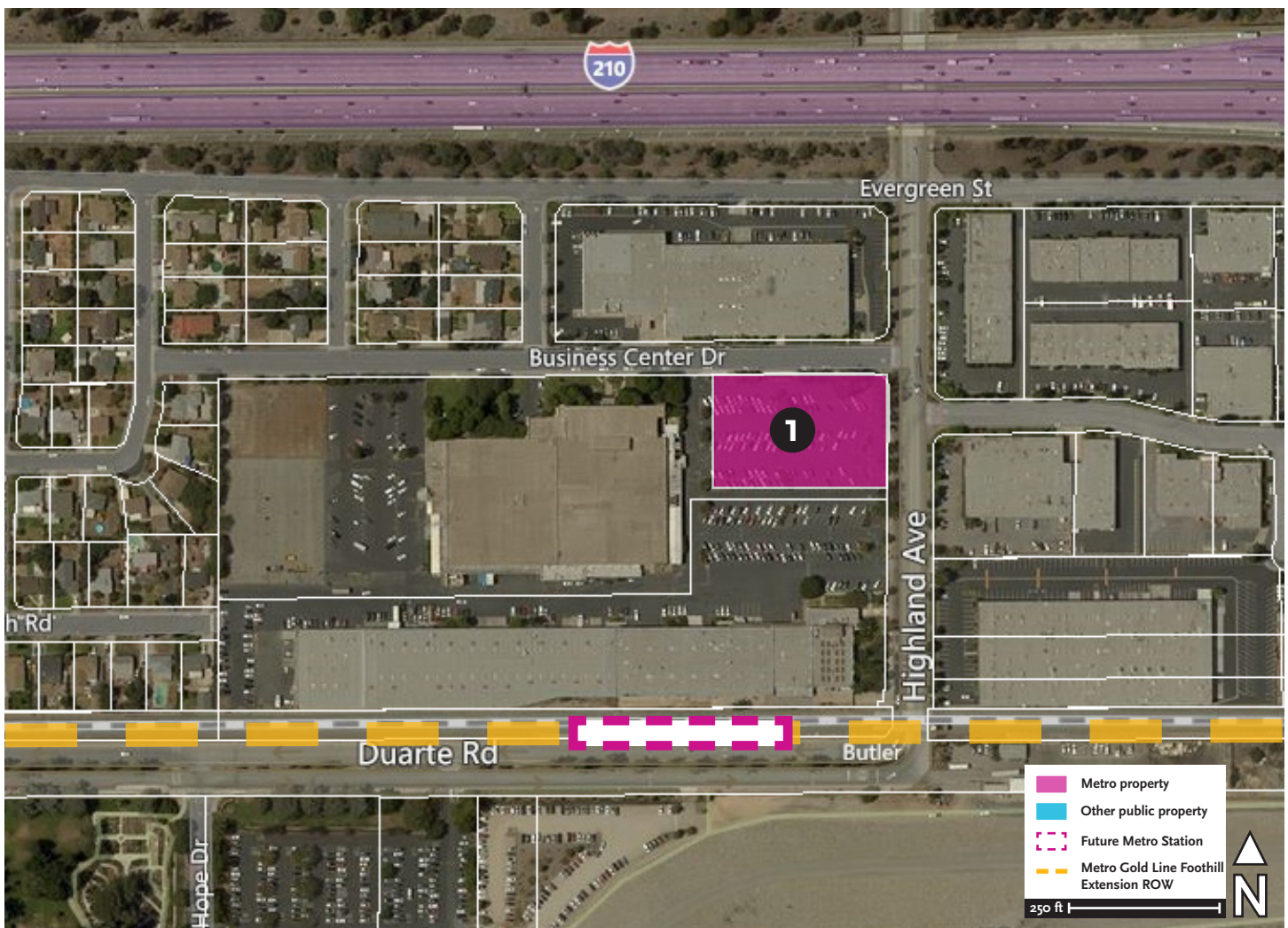
Metro Gold Line (Foothill Extension)

> CITY/COMMUNITY

City of Duarte

> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Supervisory District 5 - Antonovich
Director Fasana



El Monte Station

The El Monte Station, a recently completed state-of-the-art regional bus facility, is the largest of its kind on the west coast, serving approximately 22,000 passengers daily. The El Monte Gateway Specific Plan envisions a vibrant, mixed-use urban activity center around the Station connecting to the City's downtown commercial core.

Metro and Caltrans own a significant amount of land currently used as Station-supporting park-and-ride lots. Working with public sector partners, including Caltrans and the City, Metro intends to solicit developer interest in transit-oriented infill development to complement existing transit infrastructure at the site.

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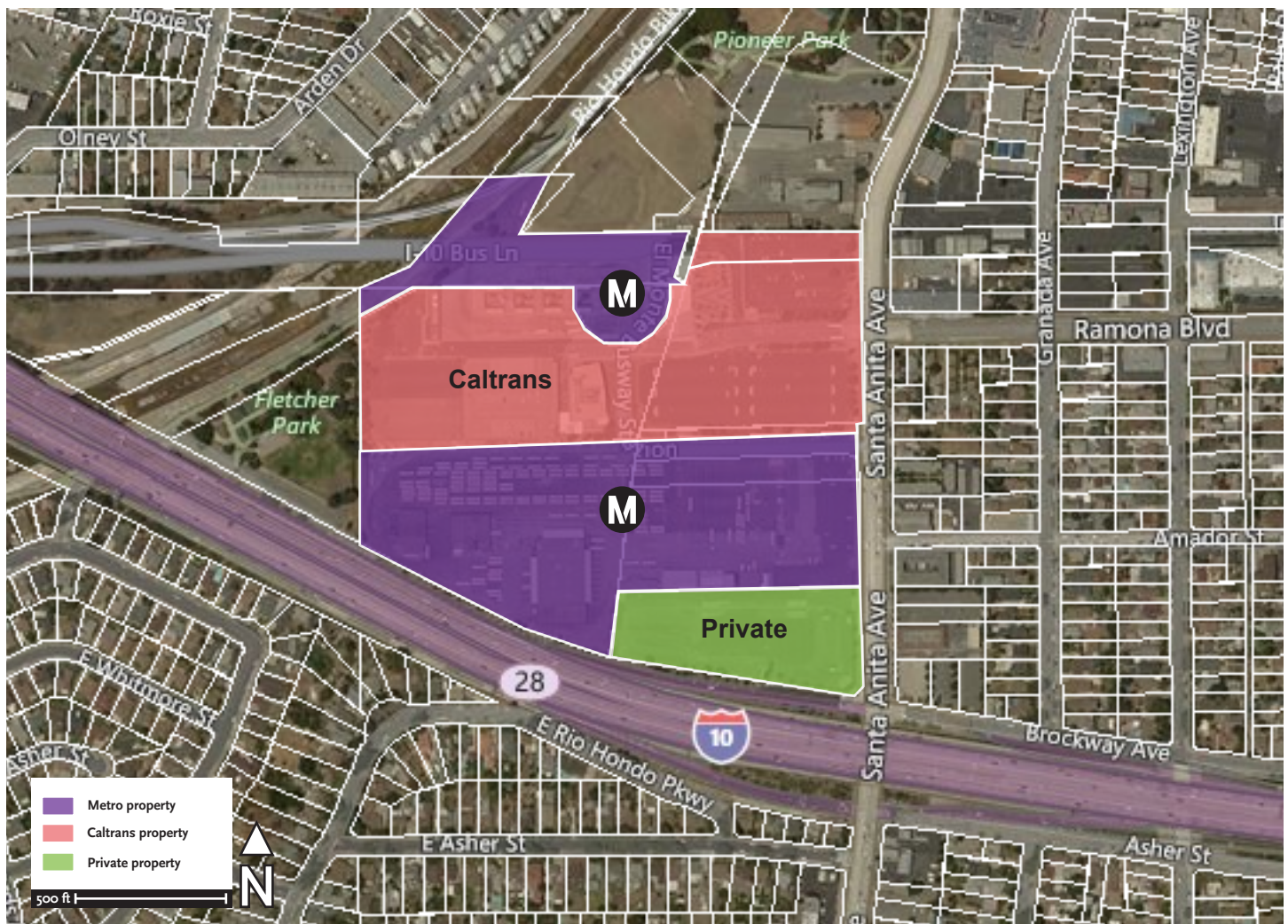
Metro Silver Line (Bus Rapid Transit)

> CITY/COMMUNITY

City of El Monte

> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Supervisory District 1 - Solis
Director Fasana



North Hollywood Station

The North Hollywood (NoHo) Station is a major transit hub in the San Fernando Valley, with over 24,000 daily boardings. Metro owns 15.6 acres that include the termini of the Red Line subway and the Orange Line bus rapid transit, along with 957 transit parking spaces. At the heart of the rapidly developing NoHo Arts District, the site has the potential to be a transformative center for the area and an iconic example of the TOC approach to development.

The JD Program began a two-phased competitive solicitation process for the site in March 2015 and is starting Development Guidelines in September 2015.

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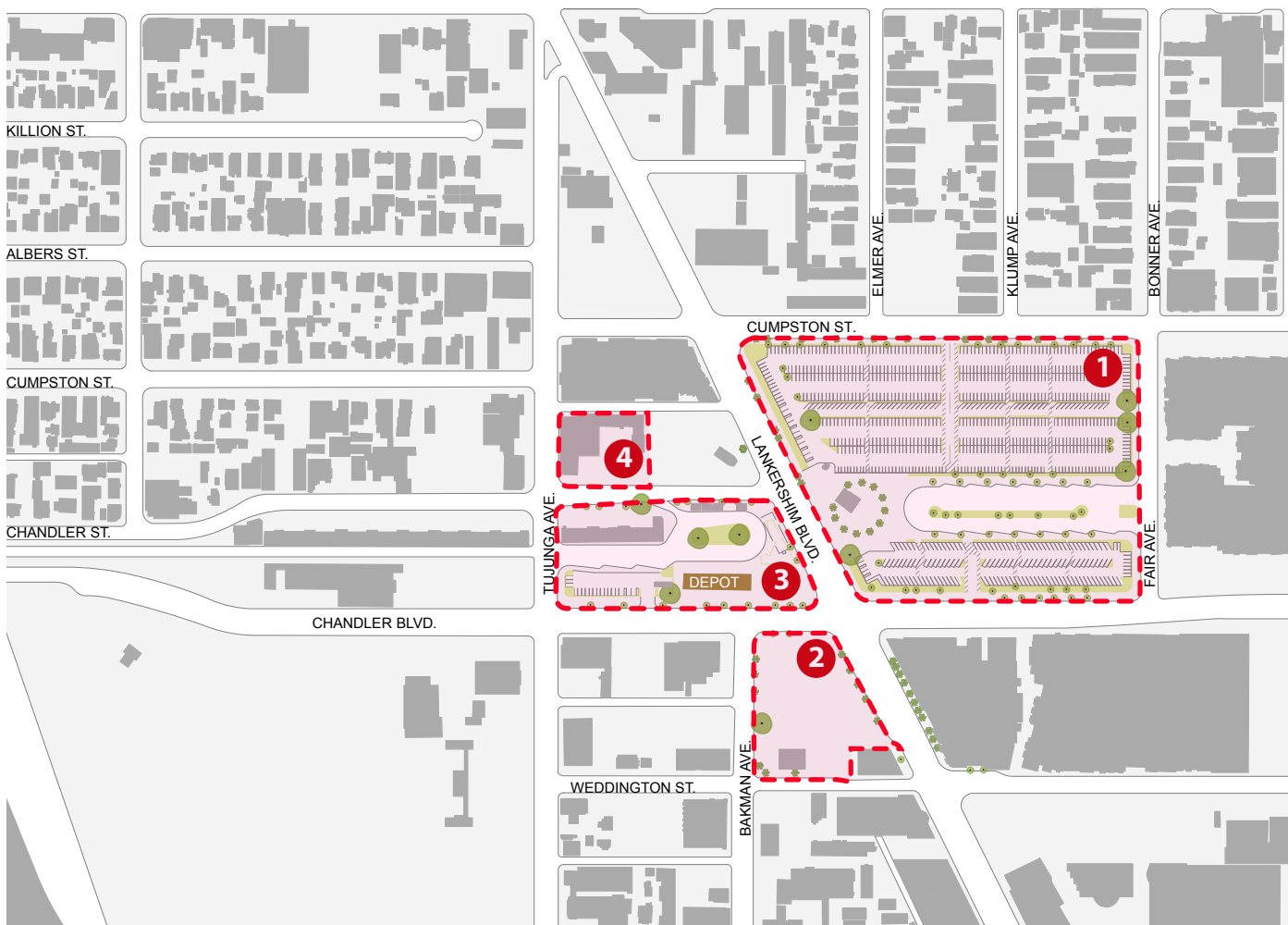
Metro Orange and Red Lines

> CITY/COMMUNITY

City of Los Angeles/San Fernando Valley

> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Supervisory District 3 - Kuehl
City of LA: Directors Garcetti, Bonin,
DuPont Walker, Krekorian



Connect US Action Plan

Concurrent with the Union Station Master Plan, and in response to feedback from stakeholders, Metro partnered with SCAG and the City of Los Angeles to develop the Connect US Action Plan. Connect US is a community-driven public improvement plan that identifies and prioritizes bicycle and pedestrian linkages connecting Union Station and the Regional Connector 1st and Central Station and the surrounding cultural and historic communities. The final plan offers a vision for a network of improvements that link housing, employment and tourist destinations to the regional transit hub, broken down into 16 projects.

Metro is taking the lead on implementation, in close partnership with the City of Los Angeles and other local jurisdictions/agencies, including Caltrans and El Pueblo State Historic Park, as well as community partners. Implementation is focused on (1) adoption of the Connect US Plan through the Department of City Planning and (2) identifying and securing funding for implementation of projects.

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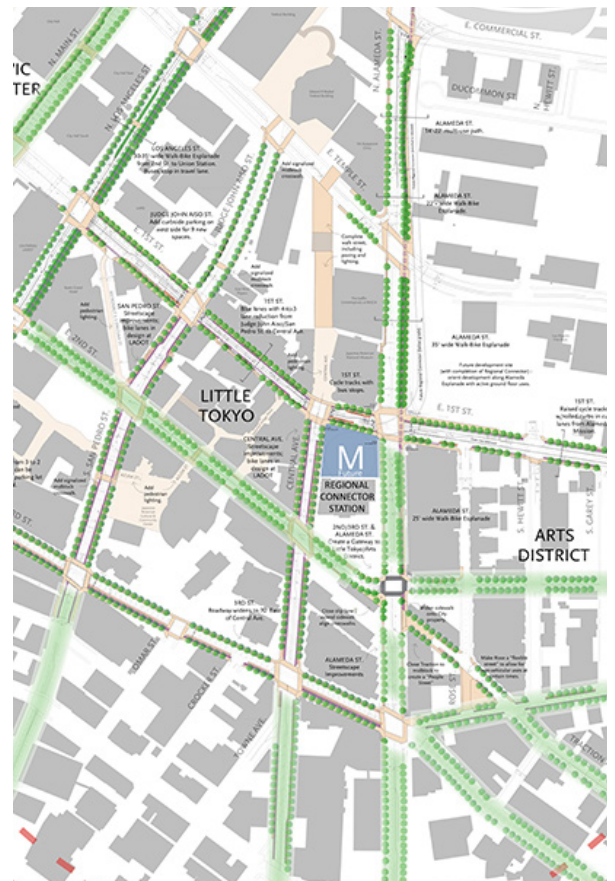
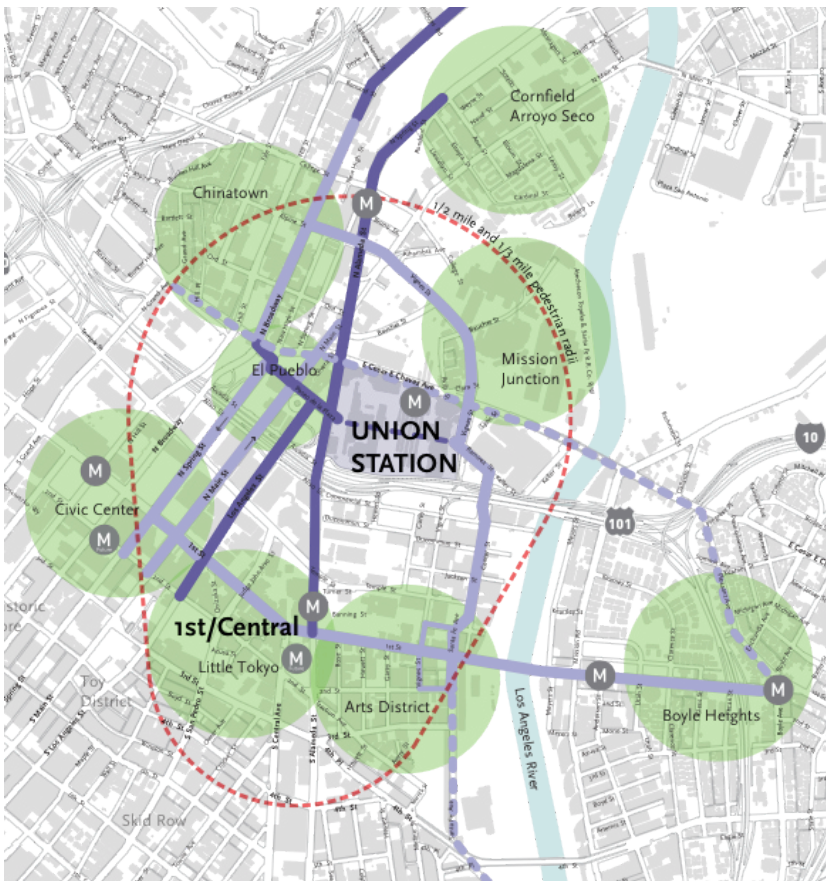
Regional Connector (Expo and Blue Lines),
Metro Red, Purple, Silver and Gold Lines,
Metrolink, Amtrak, future High Speed Rail

> CITY/COMMUNITY

City of Los Angeles: Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights, Arts District, Civic Center

> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Supervisory District 1 - Solis
City of LA: Directors Garcetti, Bonin,
DuPont Walker, Krekorian



Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvement Project

Metro is embarking on a \$67 million investment in the revitalization of the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station, a major regional hub that connects the Metro Blue and Green Lines with numerous Metro and municipal bus lines and community shuttles. The Project is being completed in partnership with Los Angeles County which is contributing a portion of the adjacent shopping center land to the Project.

Metro's investment in this Station leverages ongoing public and private investments in the area to revitalize this economically distressed community. The Station improvements are complementary to the County's Willowbrook TOD Specific Plan (funded in Round 3 of the TOD Planning Grant Program) and streetscape improvement plans to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections between the Station and the surrounding area, including the nearby Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus and other medical, educational and cultural assets in the community which are experiencing a renaissance.

> LINE

Metro Blue and Green Lines

> CITY/COMMUNITY

Unincorporated LA County/Willowbrook

> SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

Supervisory District 2 - Ridley Thomas



TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM
SITE MATRIX

Number	Project Name	Line	City/Community Disadvantaged Community?	Board Director(s)	TOC Opportunity
1	Golden State Specific Plan	Metrolink and Burbank Airport, future High Speed Rail	City of Burbank Disadvantaged Community	- Supervisorial District 5 (Antonovich) - Director Najarian	In Round 2 of the TOD Planning Grant program, Metro funded a joint study by the City of Burbank and the Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena Airport Authority to evaluate development opportunities and related TOD planning requirements as part of a federally funded airport ground access study. The LinkBurbank study identified opportunities for transit and transportation improvements as well as opportunities for TOD that takes advantage of proximity to Metrolink, Amtrak, Airport, and Metro bus service. Upon completion of the study, the City of Burbank was awarded a Round 4 TOD Planning Grant to create a new Specific Plan (Golden State Specific Plan) that will implement the recommendations in the study. In addition, the City of Burbank participated in Eco District training in Portland, Oregon that will advance the sustainable priorities for the station area and was awarded \$800,000 of station area planning funds from the California High Speed Rail Authority to coordinate and integrate all planning efforts around the future HSR station in Burbank.
2	Crenshaw/LAX Line	Crenshaw/LAX and Expo Lines	City of Los Angeles / South Los Angeles City of Inglewood Disadvantaged Community	- Supervisorial District 2 (Ridely Thomas) - City of LA: Directors Garcetti, Bonin, DuPont Walker, Krekorian - Director Butts	Includes 3 station sites currently in construction: (1) Expo/Crenshaw: This Metro Joint Development opportunity is at the crossroads of the Expo and Crenshaw Lines, adjacent to the under-construction District Square project, a regional shopping center. Metro also provided a TOD Planning Grant to the City to amend the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan and prepare a Crenshaw Streetscape Plan. The County of LA intends to vacate a Probation Department facility across from Metro's station and allow Metro to oversee and negotiate the development of both sites as part of a single proposal. Metro is exploring the possibility of relocating proposed transit parking to accommodate joint development to make (2) Leimert Park Station: The City of LA owns two surface parking lots adjacent to the Leimert Park station. Metro is entering into an MOU with the City to coordinate on planning and outreach and any potential partnerships in support of the development of these sites. (3) Fairview Heights Station: Metro provided a TOD Planning Grant to the City of Inglewood to create transit overlay zone for this station area. The County intends to vacate a DPSS facility adjacent to the Station and Metro will oversee developer solicitation and negotiations for the site. Metro is working with the City to create a strong pedestrian connection between the Station and surrounding community and to explore opportunities for public open space.
3	Duarte Station	Gold Line (Foothill Extension)	City of Duarte Disadvantaged Community	- Supervisorial District 5 (Antonovich) - Director Fasana	With funds from Round 1 of the TOD Planning Grant, the City of Duarte created and adopted the Gold Line Station Area Development Specific Plan. Included in the station area is the City of Hope, a major employment center interested in expansion. One of the opportunity sites identified in that plan is a Metro parcel that will be used for transit parking upon opening of the Gold Line. The City of Duarte has had preliminary discussions with neighboring property owners regarding their interest in selling and/or redeveloping their properties. Metro will work with the City to identify opportunities to potentially partner with adjacent property owners to create development opportunities.
4	El Monte Station	Silver Line (Bus Rapid Transit)	City of El Monte Disadvantaged Community	- Supervisorial District 1 (Solis) - Director Fasana	The El Monte Station, a recently completed state-of-the-art regional bus facility, is the largest of its kind on the west coast, serving approximately 22,000 passengers daily. The El Monte Gateway Specific Plan envisions a vibrant, mixed-use urban activity center around the Station connecting to the City's downtown commercial core. Metro and Caltrans own a significant amount of land currently used as Station-supporting park-and-ride lots. Working with public sector partners, including Caltrans and the City, Metro intends to solicit developer interest in transit-oriented infill development to complement existing transit infrastructure at the site.
5	North Hollywood Station	Orange and Red	City of Los Angeles / San Fernando Valley Disadvantaged Community	- Supervisorial District 3 (Kuehl) - City of LA: Directors Garcetti, Bonin, DuPont Walker, Krekorian	The North Hollywood (NoHo) Station is a major transit hub in the San Fernando Valley, with over 24,000 daily boardings. Metro owns 15.6 acres that include the termini of the Red Line subway and the Orange Line bus rapid transit, along with 957 transit parking spaces. At the heart of the rapidly developing NoHo Arts District, the site has the potential to be a transformative center for the area and an iconic example of the TOC approach to development. The JD Program began a two-phased competitive solicitation process for the site in March 2015 and is starting Development Guidelines in September 2015.

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Number	Project Name	Applicable TOC Toolkit Tools	Status	Short and Long Term Implementation Targets
1	Golden State Specific Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOD Planning Grant Program • Partnership with local jurisdictions • Transit Improvements that support TOC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 4 TOD Planning Grant awarded • City to start planning work for both Station Area Plans • Metrolink Station – planning underway 	<p>Within 3 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden State Specific Plan Completed • High Speed Rail Station Area Plan completed <p>Within 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollywood Way Metrolink Station completed and open for service • CEQA completed for Burbank Airport terminal replacement • Permanent all-day bus service in place from NoHo Station to Burbank Airport
2	Crenshaw/LAX Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Development Guidelines Process • Partnership with local jurisdictions • Affordable housing policy • Active transportation planning • Coordination on funding • Partnering with CBOs • Reduction or relocation of transit parking • TOD Planning Grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan for joint development on Crenshaw Line presented to Metro Board • Early stage community outreach on JD process underway • MOU negotiations underway with LA County Community Development Commission and City of Los Angeles • Procurement underway for Development Guidelines consultant • ULI TAP panel held Aug 6 - 7 made recommendations for development around the Leimert Park Station • Metro Construction teams exploring opportunities for relocating parking at Expo/Crenshaw Station 	<p>Within 1 year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Development Guidelines, select developer(s) through RFP • Complete feasibility studies for Exploratory Sites <p>Within 3 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JDA for Expo/Crenshaw and Fairview Heights Station • New coordinated streetscape, parking and station area plan for Fairview Heights station • City of LA will have agreement with a developer for Leimert Park
3	Duarte Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOD Planning Grant Program • Partnership with local jurisdictions • Inclusion of adjacent properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro and City beginning coordination to develop strategy 	<p>Within 1 year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro and City to develop strategy • Meet with neighboring property owners <p>Within 3 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit proposals for development opportunities
4	El Monte Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOD Planning Grant Program (Main Street Specific Plan) • Partnership with local jurisdictions and other government agencies • Consolidation of transit parking • Active transportation planning • Affordable housing policy • Potential inclusion of adjacent properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due diligence underway including coordination with Caltrans • Assessing options to solicit development interest 	<p>Within 1 year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit developer interest <p>Within 3 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter into joint development agreements • Commence construction
5	North Hollywood Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Development Guidelines Process • Partnership with local jurisdictions • Affordable housing policy • Active transportation planning • Coordination on funding • Reduction or relocation of transit parking • Transit improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Guidelines consultant selected • Outreach and charrettes for Development Guidelines to begin September 2015 • Response to RFIQ received June 2015 • Full RFP to shortlisted developers expected January 2016 	<p>Within 3 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Guidelines, RFP and ENA completed; JDA in place • Set of streetscape improvements identified for the station area <p>Within 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project in construction

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Number	Project Name	Line	City/Community Disadvantaged Community?	Board Director(s)	TOC Opportunity
6	Connect US Action Plan	Regional Connector (Expo and Blue Lines), Red, Purple, Silver and Gold Lines, Metrolink, Amtrak, future High Speed Rail	City of Los Angeles / Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights, Arts District, Civic Center Disadvantaged Community	- Supervisorial District 1 (Solis) - City of LA: Directors Garcetti, Bonin, DuPont Walker, Krekorian	Concurrent with the Union Station Master Plan, and in response to feedback from stakeholders, Metro partnered with SCAG and the City of Los Angeles to develop the Connect US Action Plan. Connect US is a community-driven public improvement plan that identifies and prioritizes bicycle and pedestrian linkages connecting Union Station and the Regional Connector 1st and Central Station and the surrounding cultural and historic communities. The final plan offers a vision for a network of improvements that link housing, employment and tourist destinations to the regional transit hub, broken down into 16 projects. Metro is taking the lead on implementation, in close partnership with the City of Los Angeles and other local jurisdictions/agencies, including Caltrans and El Pueblo State Historic Park, as well as community partners. Implementation is focused on (1) adoption of the Connect US Plan through the Department of City Planning and (2) identifying and securing funding for implementation of projects.
7	Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvement Project	Blue and Green Lines	Unincorporated LA County / Willowbrook Disadvantaged Community	- Supervisorial District 2 (Ridley Thomas)	Metro is embarking on a \$67 million investment in the revitalization of the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station, a major regional hub that connects the Metro Blue and Green Lines with numerous Metro and municipal bus lines and community shuttles. The Project is being completed in partnership with Los Angeles County which is contributing a portion of the adjacent shopping center land to the Project. Metro's investment in this Station leverages ongoing public and private investments in the area to revitalize this economically distressed community. The Station improvements are complementary to the County's Willowbrook TOD Specific Plan (funded in Round 3 of the TOD Planning Grant Program) and streetscape improvement plans to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections between the Station and the surrounding area, including the nearby Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus and other medical, educational and cultural assets in the community which are experiencing a renaissance.

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6	Connect US Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active transportation planning • Coordination with local jurisdictions • Coordination with CBOs • Creative financing strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program EIR for USMP kicked off July 2015, will include traffic studies to support environmental clearance and further design for some Connect US projects. • Metro awarded \$11.8 M in TIGER funds and is matching that with \$5 M that will implement two Connect US projects. • City of LA awarded \$4.8 M in State ATP and matching funds to implement two Connect US projects. • Metro applied for \$20 M in State ATP funds in June 2015 to support two Connect US projects. • Metro working with City Dept of Planning on strategy to adopt Connect US Action Plan. 	<p>Within 3 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secure additional funding for Connect US projects - Complete traffic studies and Program EIR to support environmental clearance for projects in front of Union Station - Amend Master Cooperation Agreement with City of LA to design, fund and implement improvements. <p>Within 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further environmental clearance of projects - Additional implementation funding secured.
7	Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with local jurisdictions • Active transportation planning • Coordination on funding • Transit improvements • Inclusion of adjacent properties • TOD Planning Grant Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project awarded TIGER and Cap & Trade grant funding • Conceptual plan completed, final design/engineering contract to be awarded in fall 2015 • Environmental clearance to be completed in August 2015 • Negotiations with County and adjacent land owner underway to acquire additional land to create transit plaza 	<p>Within 1 year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete acquisition • Secure all funding • Execute design and engineering contract, advance preliminary engineering <p>Within 3 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete design and engineering • Commence construction of improvements <p>Within 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete construction