



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 18, 2020

SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECT STATUS REPORT

ACTION: ORAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE oral report on the Major Project Status by the Chief Planning Officer.

DISCUSSION

Update report covering the month of November 2020 by the Chief Planning Officer.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Countywide Planning Major Project Status Report

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Countywide Planning Major Projects Update

> November/December Update

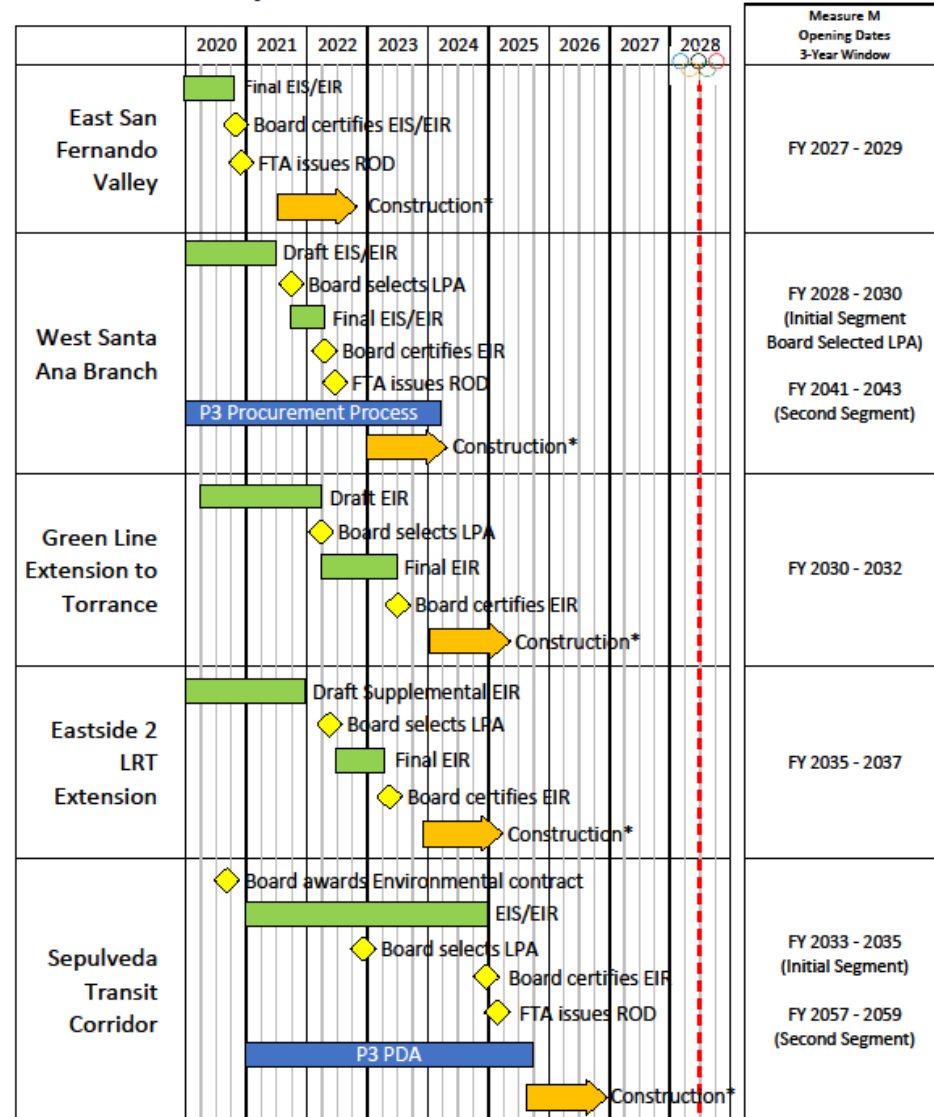
- Board actions are being requested this month on two projects:
 - East San Fernando Valley LRT Certification of Final EIR and approval of First/Last Mile Plan
 - Sepulveda Transit Corridor Authorization to award Community Outreach contract

> Key Project Actions

- No-Ho to Pasadena BRT Project Release of Draft EIR for public review on October 26th. Virtual public hearings on November 12th and 14th

> Cost/Funding Status Update

ESFV + Pillar Projects Measure M Baseline Schedules



* Construction is inclusive of advanced utility relocation and right-of-way
Schedules are subject to change based on funding and environmental review

Expanded Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Priorities Assessment Process and Timeline

December 2020 – Workshop #1

- Overview of CIG programs and opportunities (New Starts, Small Starts, Core Capacity, EPD)
- New Starts process and rating criteria
- Metro's past New Starts experience

January 2021 – Workshop #2

- CIG priorities assessment – project specific assumptions
- Federal reauthorization process and potential funding opportunities
- Federal funding opportunities across other projects and potential federal programs – survey results.

February 2021 – Workshop #3

- CIG priorities assessment – results
- FTA engagement and legislative strategy

March 2021 – Metro Board Action

- New Starts priorities and strategies including EPD
- FTA engagement and legislative strategy

East San Fernando Valley LRT



> Status

- Final EIS/EIR Public Review Period and ongoing development of 30% design

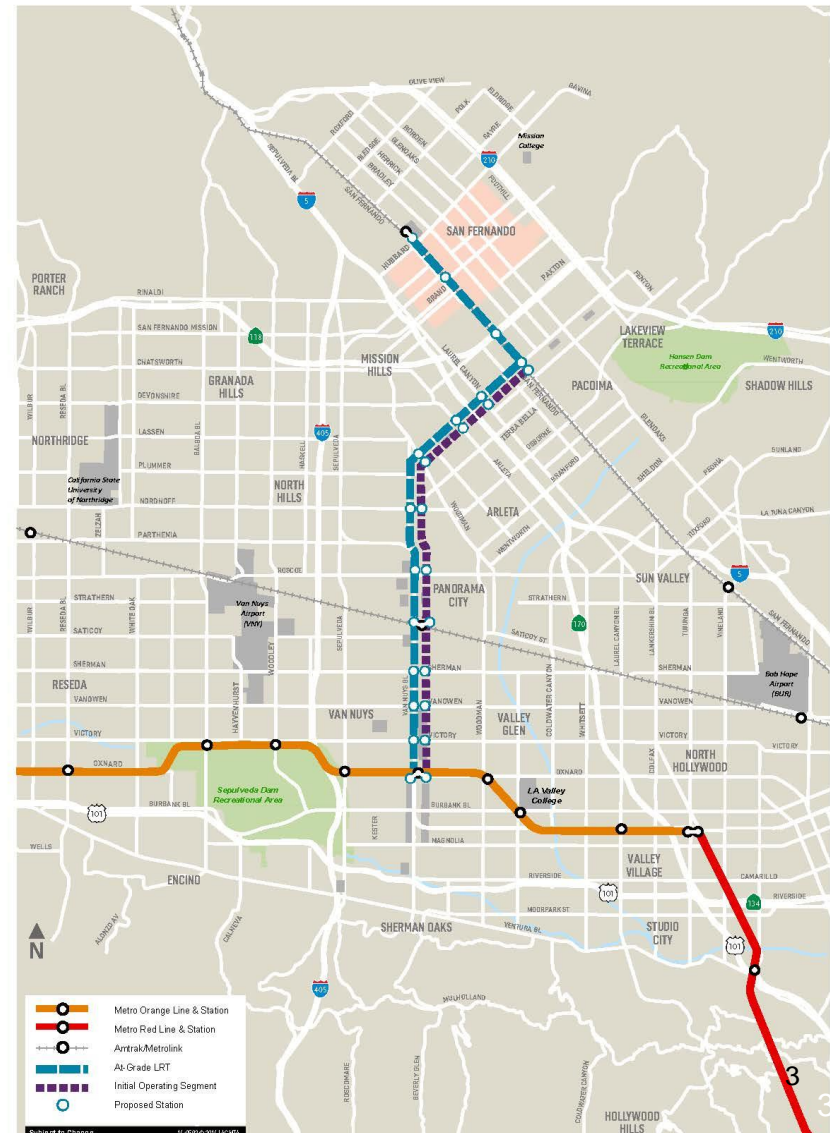
> Activities

- Release of Final EIS/EIR for public review on October 2nd. Comment period extended to 45 days until November 17th
- Virtual Community Meetings (English and Spanish) were held on October 14th and 26th

> Next Actions

- December Board review of public comment and certification of Final EIR (CEQA Clearance)
- January anticipated FTA Record of Decision (NEPA Clearance)

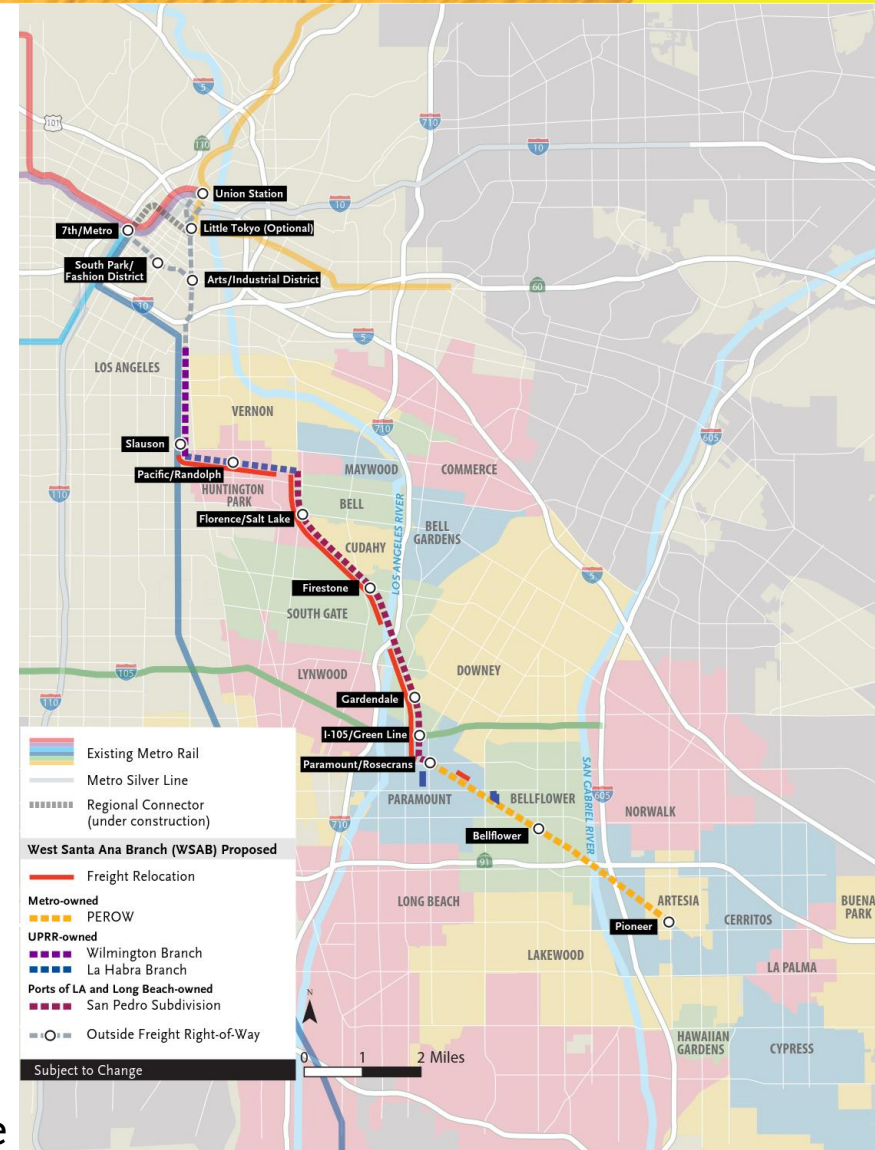
East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor



West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor

> Status

- **Draft EIS/R**
 - Admin Draft for FTA Review: Nov 20, 2020
 - Anticipated Draft Release: June 2021
 - Anticipated LPA Selection: Sept 2021
- **Coordination with Freight (10 miles of shared corridor)**
 - Peggy Harris assigned as UPRR lead
 - Technical team meeting scheduled for third week in November
 - Establishing recurring meetings
 - Updated Ports of LA & Long Beach
- **City of Cerritos Coordination**
 - Metro shared existing alignment drawings
 - City to provide dates for meeting
- **Engineering**
 - Consultant on-board to advance Enabling Works design i.e., utilities, freight and grade crossings



Green Line Extension to Torrance

> Status

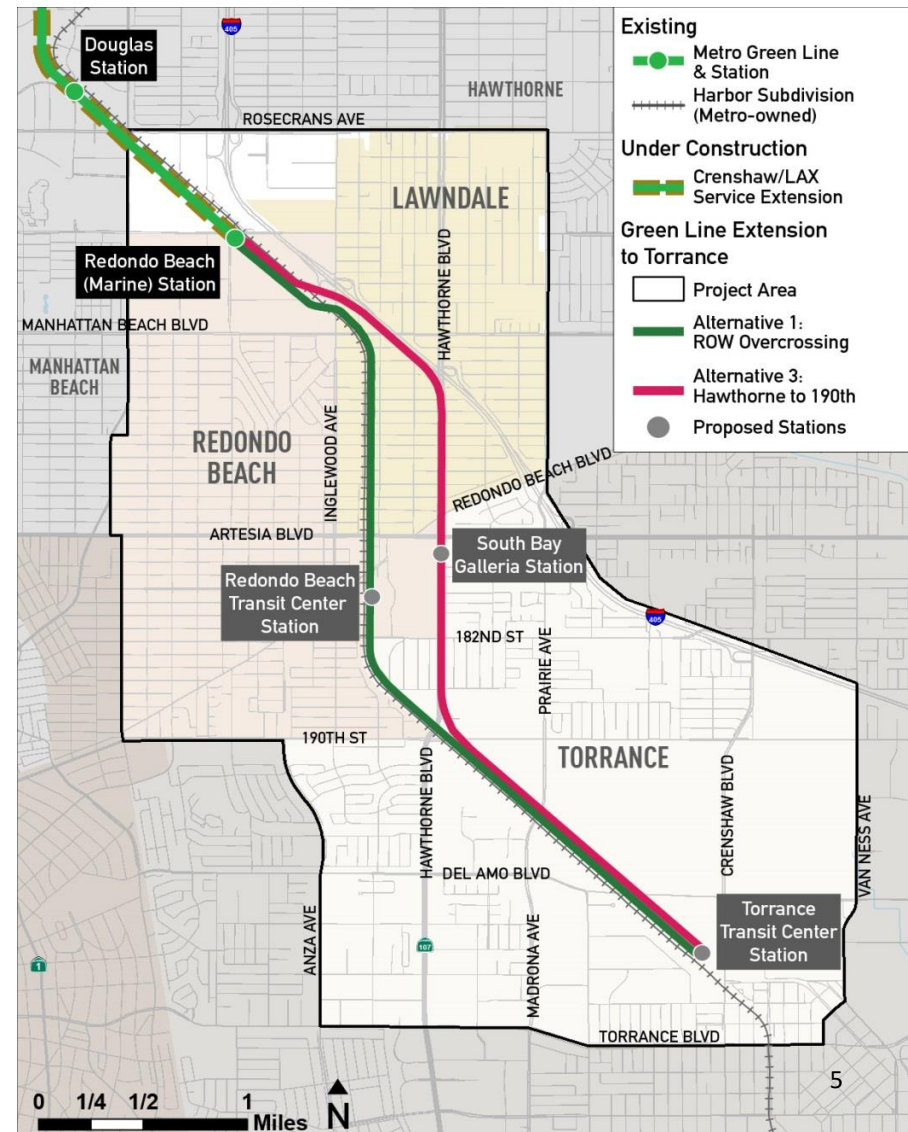
- Draft EIR + Advanced Conceptual Engineering tasks are proceeding (15% design)

> Key Activities

- Coordination with BNSF on shared track segments
- Engineering analysis of Hawthorne versus ROW technical issues
- Environmental background documentation

> Next Actions

- Targeted Outreach to Stakeholders in November and December
 - City staff
 - South Bay COG
 - Neighborhood Associations
 - Other Stakeholders
- Environmental Scoping begins in January



Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

> Status

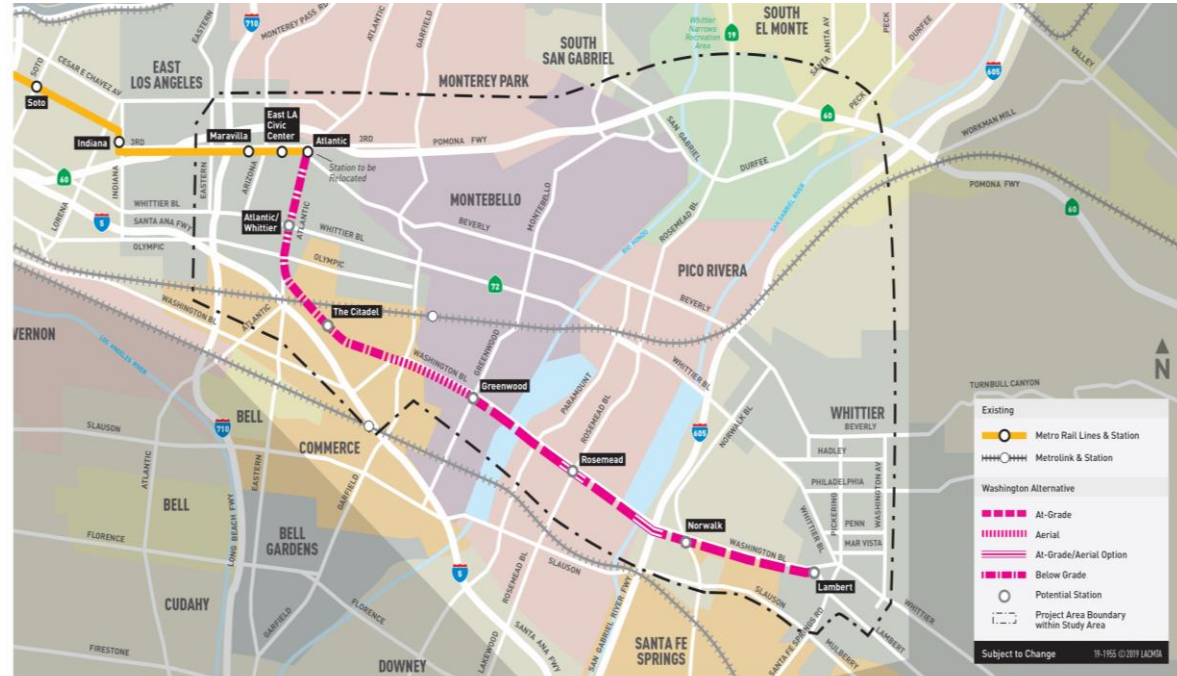
- Advanced Conceptual Engineering (ACE) refinements to the project are in progress.
- Rescoping of consultant contracts to focus only on Washington route for EIR and Advanced Conceptual Engineering (15% design).

> Key Activities

- Reviewing station (Atlantic, Whittier and Greenwood) and maintenance storage facility concepts
- Coordination and input from local jurisdictions on Draft Final ACE is anticipated November through January

> Next Actions

- Anticipated NTP for environmental in November and ACE by the end of 2020 calendar year



San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study

- Executing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with San Gabriel Valley COG on SGV Transit Feasibility Study
- San Gabriel Valley COG to issue a request for proposal for professional services and outreach

Sepulveda Transit Corridor

> Status

- Environmental contract authorized at August 2020 Board Meeting
- Public Outreach contract coming to Board for authorization to award in November/December

> Key Activities

- Environmental Start-Up underway
- Review of PDA proposals is proceeding

> Next Actions

- Recommended PDA contracts will be brought back to the Board in early 2021 for award
- Approved PDA proposals will be incorporated into Environmental Alternatives Screening



NoHo to Pasadena BRT



> Status

- Draft EIR Public Review (October 26 to December 10, 2020)

> Key Activities

- Two virtual public hearings (November 12 and November 14)

> Next Actions

- January/February 2021 – Metro Board selection of LPA
- May/June 2021 – Metro Board certifies Final EIR