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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECT STATUS


ACTION: ORAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on the status of Countywide Planning Major Projects.

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Countywide Planning Monthly Project Updates

November 2021 Monthly Update

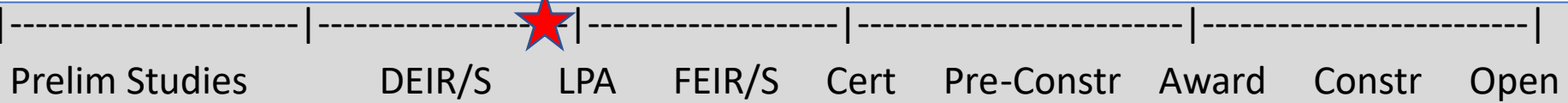
> Major Pillar Projects

- West Santa Ana Branch
- C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance
- Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2
- Sepulveda Transit Corridor

> Other Projects in Planning and Development

- North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT
- North San Fernando Valley BRT Improvements

West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

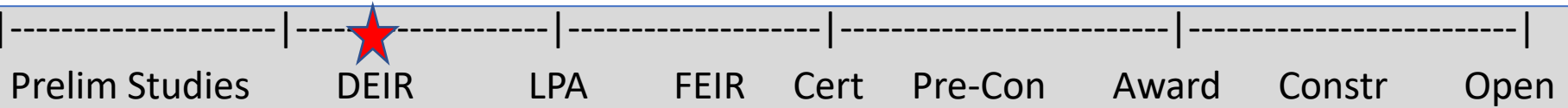
- July 30 – September 28, 2021: Draft EIS/R public comment period
 - Received approximately 420 formal submissions on the Draft EIS/R
 - Caltrans requested being added as a **Consulting Party for Section 106** of the National Historic Preservation Act for historic properties and potential effects within the Caltrans right-of-way, especially for I-105 freeway crossing
 - **US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)** requested being added as a **Cooperating Agency** for the Final EIS/R; by becoming a Cooperating Agency and including the additional information in the Final EIS/EIR, USACE would be able to adopt the Final EIS/EIR and issue its Record of Decision and would not need to prepare a standalone Environmental Assessment (EA) prior to issuing the permits.
 - FTA has concurred with the change of status for both agencies

Next Actions

- Nov/Dec: Compile Public Comments and separate report on Funding Plan & P3 Finance
- January 2022 (anticipated): Board selects Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and Final EIR/S begins



C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance

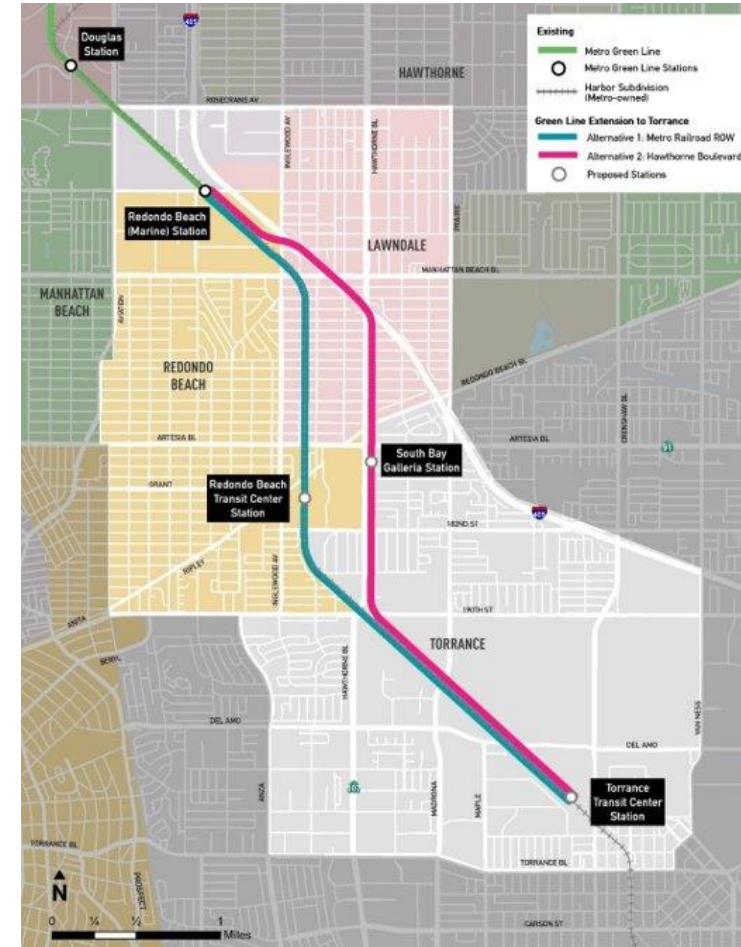


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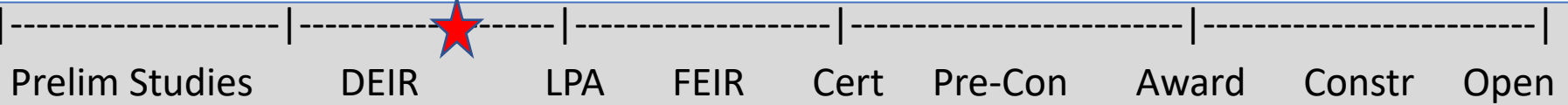
- September/October: Stakeholder Engagement w/ BNSF Railroad, Cities of Lawndale and Redondo Beach, and adjacent property owners
- Launched virtual "neighborhood walks" on Metro website with over 1500+ views
- Completed initial potholing and initiated utility coordination

Next Actions/Issues

- Developing advanced conceptual engineering (15% design) to inform Draft EIR
- Working to reduce or eliminate any schedule impacts due to additional design requests



Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

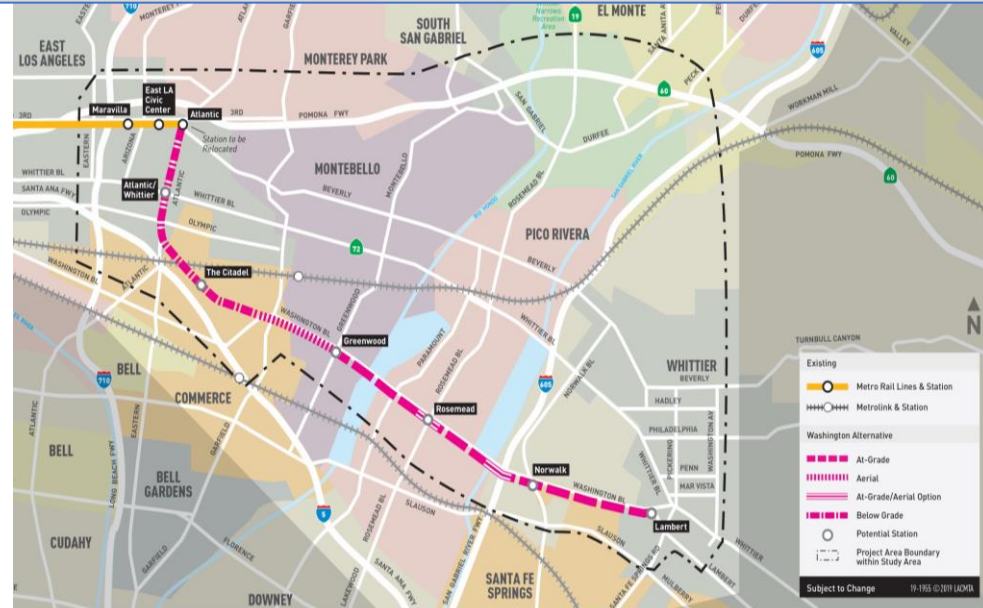


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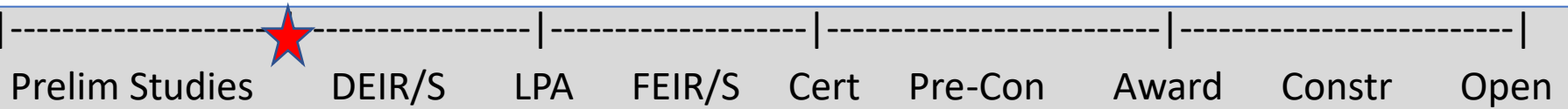
- Outreach and engagement:
 - October 18 CBO Roundtable Meeting: Completed the chartering process and CBOs shared expertise on outreach methods for the upcoming community meetings.
- Risk Register for the project was completed in October.
- Environmental consultant to continue analyzing the engineering design package

Next Actions/Issues

- Fall outreach activities:
 - November 15 East Los Angeles Station Options Atlantic/Pomona and Atlantic/Whittier
 - November 16 Montebello station and alignment update
 - November 17 Community-wide project update
- Incorporating expanded CBO outreach and design refinements within existing project schedule



Sepulveda Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

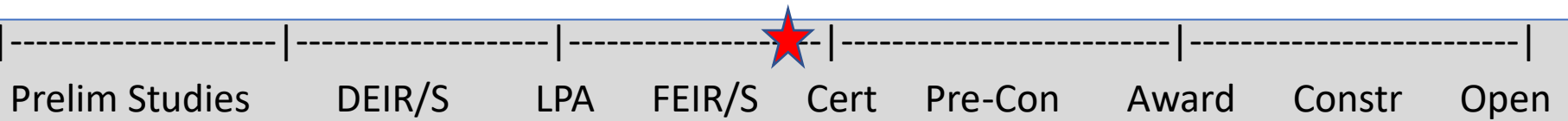
- October 26: Virtual community update webinar (overview of upcoming environmental process and opportunities for community Q&A). Attended by broad cross-section of San Fernando Valley elected officials, stakeholders and residential groups.

Next Actions/Issues

- Release of Environmental Notice of Preparation on November 30, 2021
- Agency Scoping Mtg on December 6, 2021
- Public Scoping Mtgs on December 7, 2021, January 11, 2022, and January 22, 2022
- Close of Public Comment Period on February 11, 2022
- Some impacts to environmental/PDA schedule are being mitigated and will not affect overall project schedule



North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT

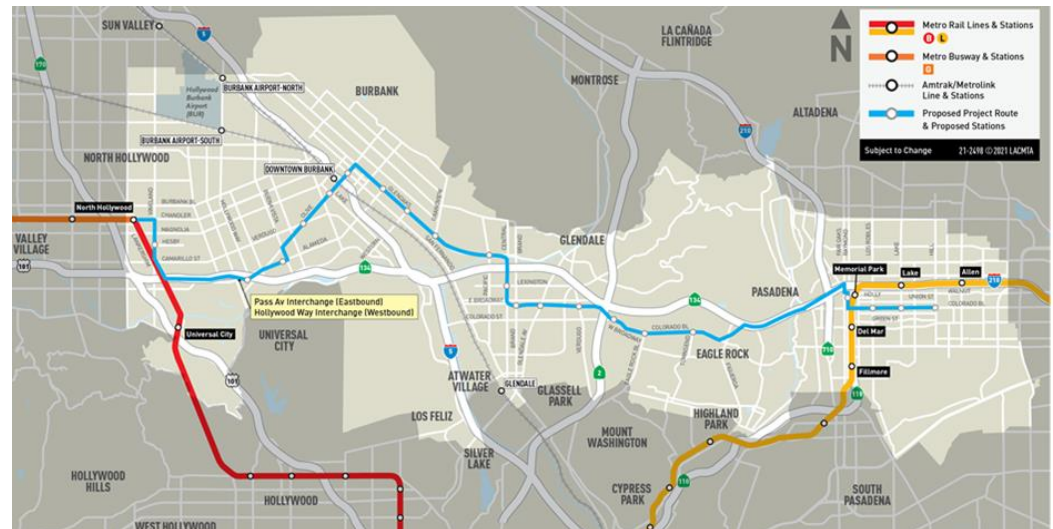


Recent Activities

- Currently reviewing input received from September/October community meetings
- Ongoing coordination with Burbank and Eagle Rock to refine design options
- Conducted traffic analysis in Eagle Rock and Burbank for each design option
- Preparing Alternative refinements in response to community input for Board consideration

Next Actions

- Early 2022: Board considers certifying Final EIR
- Continue advancing project design in North Hollywood, Glendale, and Pasadena



North San Fernando Valley BRT Improvements



Recent Activities

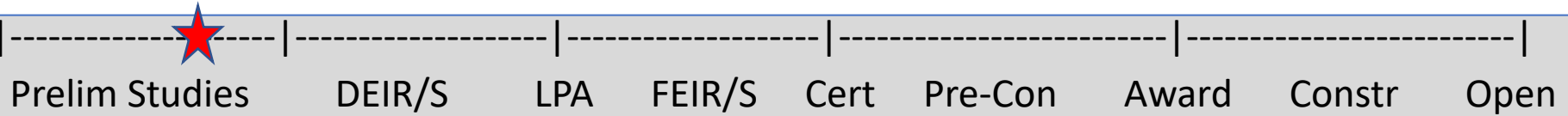
- Reviewing BRT proposal that incorporates recent Next Gen service upgrades with affected elected officials and LADOT

Next Actions

- Fall/Winter 2021:
 - Continue additional analysis of proposed project in coordination with NextGen
 - Conduct key stakeholder and community engagement
- Spring 2022 (anticipated): Board consideration of any recommended changes to project alternative



Vermont Transit Corridor

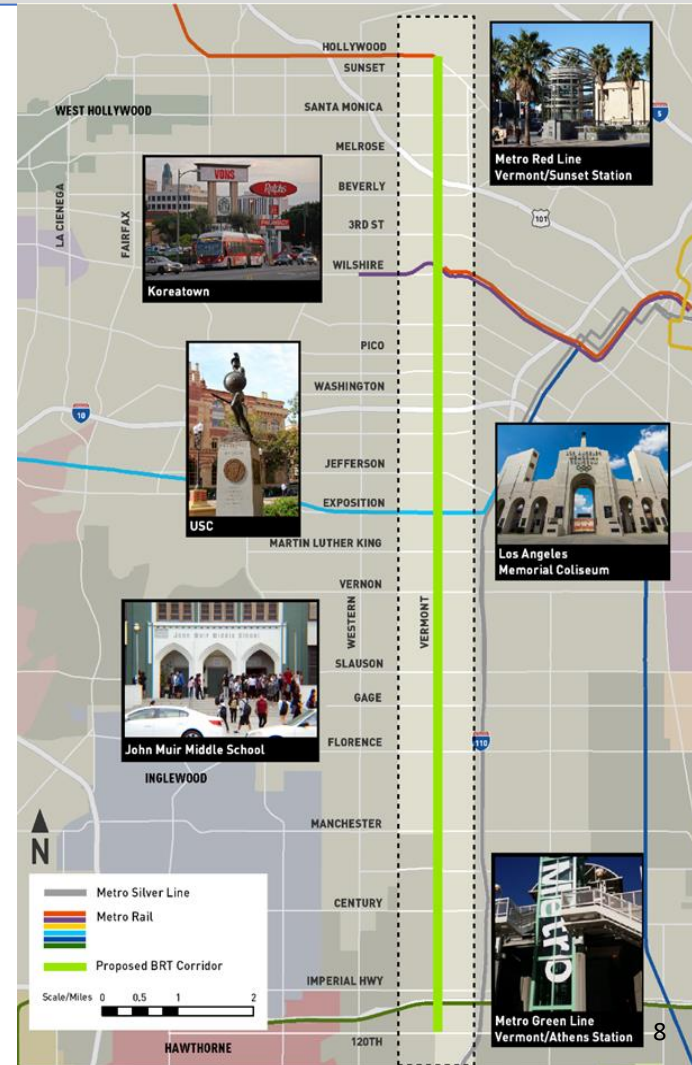


Recent Activities

- Developing Community & CBO engagement strategy in coordination with Community Relations and Office of Equity & Race
- Late October/November 2021: Conducting meetings with affected elected officials along corridor

Next Actions

- Preparing for community and CBO engagement anticipated to begin in January 2022
- Input from community and CBOs will help inform next phase of planning



East San Fernando Valley Shared ROW Study

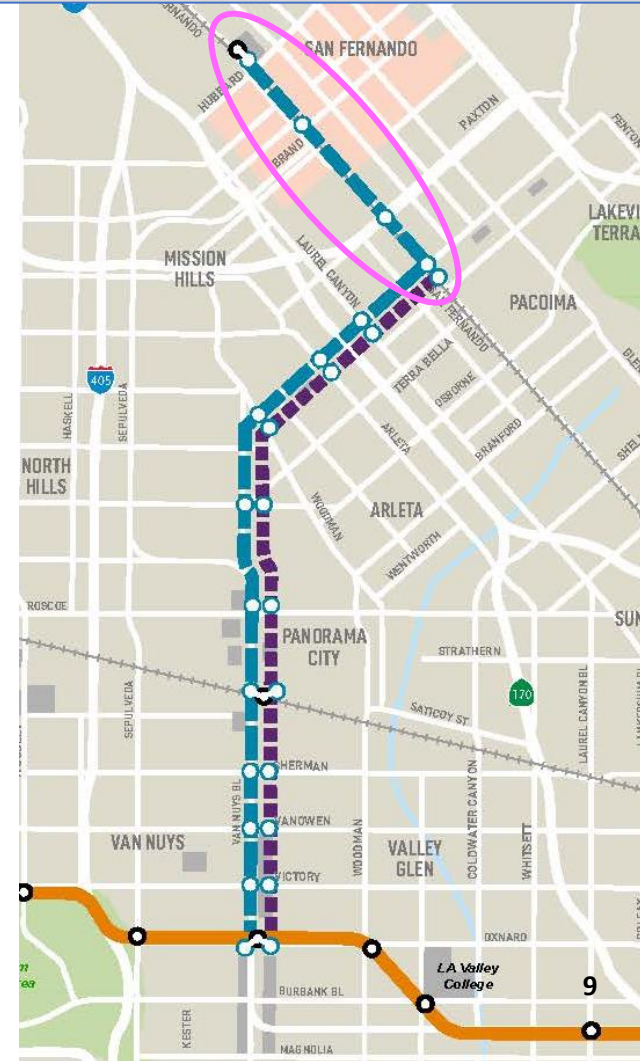


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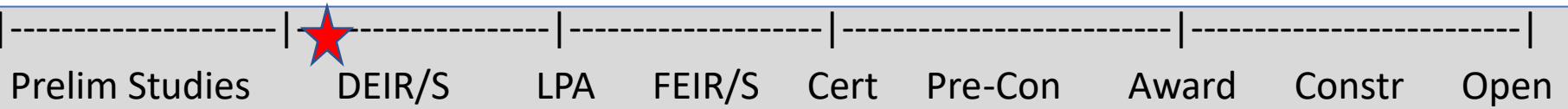
- Study Consultant selection underway in coordination with Metrolink and cities of San Fernando and Los Angeles.
- Study to be conducted in two phases:
 - Phase 1, followed by Phase 2 pending Metro Board authorization after completion of Phase 1

Next Actions

- Select Supplemental Study contractor, seek Metro Board authorization to award contract & commence work on Phase 1.



Los Angeles River Path



Recent Activities

- Work progressing on Admin Draft EIR
- Coordination with various stakeholders
- Execution of MOA with US Army Corps of Engineers for Section 404 Coordination
- Nov 13 & 17: Public Engagement

Next Actions

- December 2022 (anticipated): Release of Draft EIR



Crenshaw Northern Extension

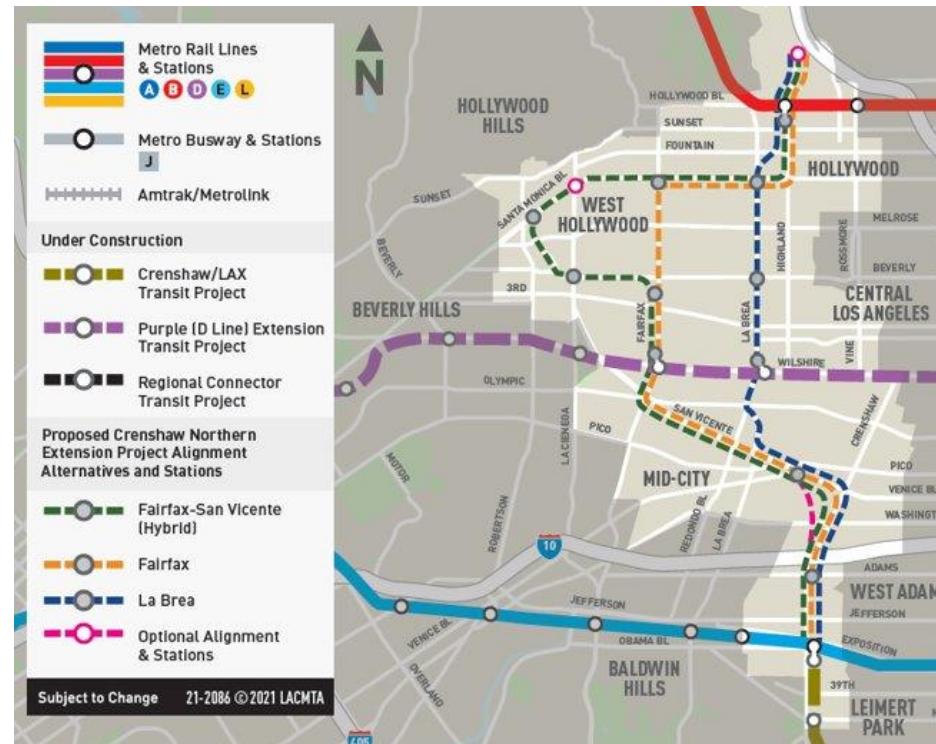


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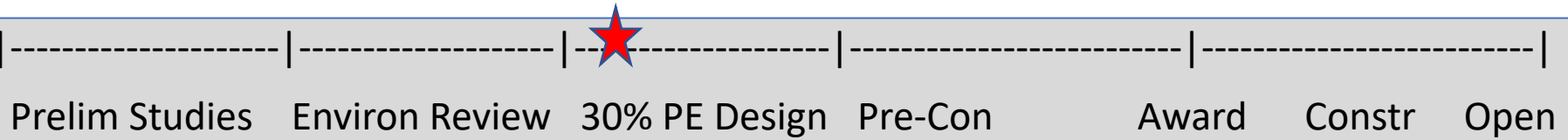
- Advancing technical studies following EIR Scoping Meetings

Next Actions

- Developing station studies as part of advanced conceptual engineering to inform Draft EIR
- Continuing stakeholder engagement to inform project definition



Centinela Grade Separation



Recent Activities

- Spring 2021: Initiated Preliminary Engineering (30% design)
- Fall 2021: Initiated Value Engineering
- Utility coordination with California Public Utilities Commission and Southern California Edison
- Construction coordination with Crenshaw/LAX project
- Coordination with South Bay COG and City of Inglewood

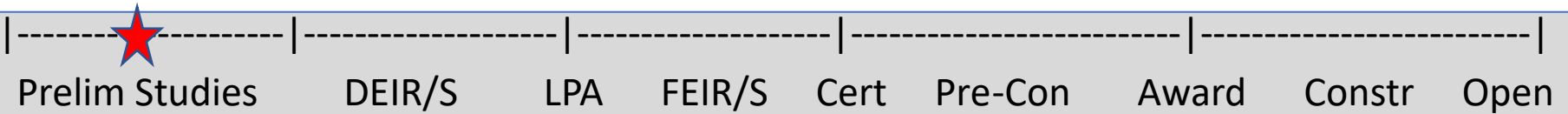
Next Actions

- Fall 2021: Continued coordination with key stakeholders
- Early 2022: Board update on project status and delivery plans



Sample Rendering of Centinela Grade Separation (Source: HDR)

Rio Hondo Confluence Station Feasibility Study



Recent Activities

- Completed existing conditions assessment
- Working on draft engineering, station design, high-level environmental assessment, and ridership, building on WSAB Environmental Analysis

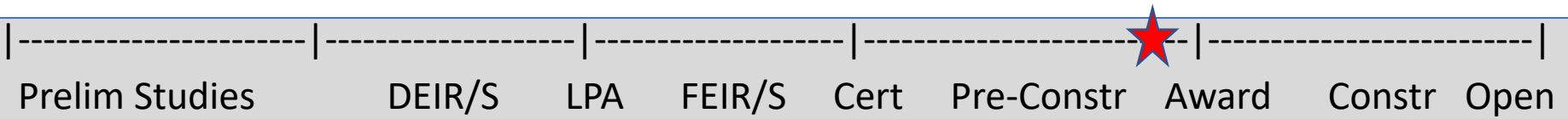
Next Actions

- Finalize analysis and design, and prepare Feasibility Study Report
- Continue to host stakeholder forums
- Present findings & recommendations to Metro Board with and upon WSAB Final EIS/EIR certification



Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor

Segment A



Recent Activities

- Feb-June 2021: Pre-construction activities (site clean-up and prep)
- April 2021: Information for Bids (IFB) solicitation Segment A for construction
- July 16, 2021: Bid opening
- \$77.5M identified to date through grants, Metro local funds and other funding programs

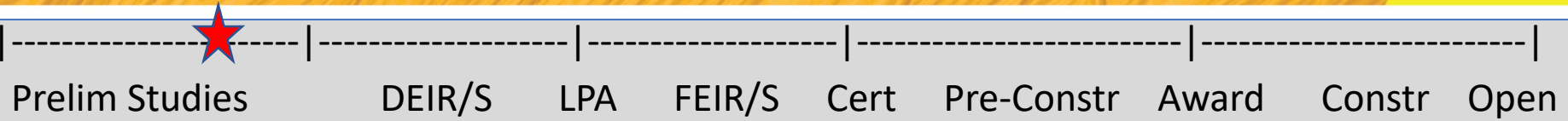


Next Actions

- Work with partners to close funding gap (\$63.5M)
- Dec 2021 (anticipated): Contract award and protest period
- Jan 2022 (dependent on funding): Board to authorize Life of Project (LOP) budget

Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

Segment B



Recent Activities

October:

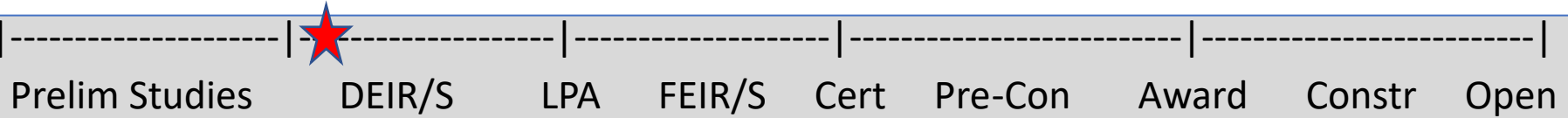
- Continued working on technical analysis of corridor
- Coordinated with WSAB and affected cities

Next Actions

- Continue coordinating with all the affected cities along the corridor
- Early 2022 (anticipated): Draft Final Report



Arts District / 6th Street Station



Recent Activities

- Conducting technical environmental impact analysis
- Evaluating conceptual station design, especially related to pedestrian connection
- Coordinating with LADWP and other key stakeholders

Next Actions

- Continue coordination with key agencies and stakeholders
- Summer 2022 (anticipated): Release of Draft EIR

Arts District/6th St Station
Study Area

