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Board Report

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
APRIL 20, 2022**

SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECT STATUS

ACTION: ORAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

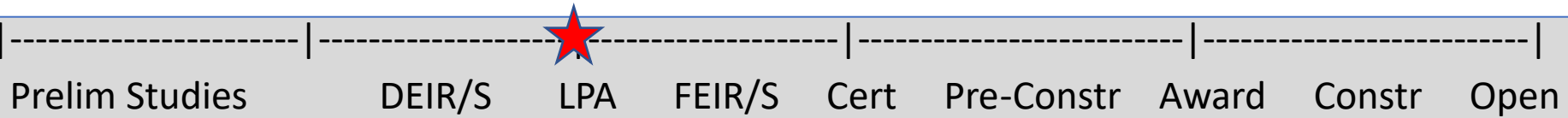
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Stephanie N. Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer

West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

- April: Staff response to January Board motion
- Coordination with key stakeholders

Next Actions

- Continue coordination with
 - FTA, agencies, cities and key stakeholders on environmental comments
 - Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach
 - Union Pacific Railroad
- Quarterly updates on funding plan and P3 strategies



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UPRR Coordination

- **April:** UPRR meeting with Ports
- **April:** Preparing concepts in response to comments from UPRR on
 - **La Habra Subdivision:** Feasibility of swapping freight & LRT tracks
 - **I-105 freight bridge:** Evaluate track geometry to potentially reduce track curvature
 - **Downey Avenue (World Energy):** Feasibility of roadway grade-separation
- **End of July:** UPRR input on alignment and clearance
- **End of Year:** Anticipated agreement/MOU

EIS/R comment resolution meetings with all cities to establish an environmental footprint freeze:

- City of Huntington Park re: WSAB alignment and Rail to River
- Assessment of above grade/aerial sections of the LPA where cut & cover could be constructed at lower cost

**Any major design modifications will likely affect the schedule and completion of environmental sections*

FTA coordination to review environmental footprint changes, project schedule, comment approach



West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor

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Funding Plan & P3 Update

New Starts Status (Planning)

- Project Development kickoff meeting with FTA; Ongoing meetings to work on FTA deliverables and schedule
- Preparing workplan to procure services and produce the required information, materials, and analysis

Funding Plan Update (Planning)

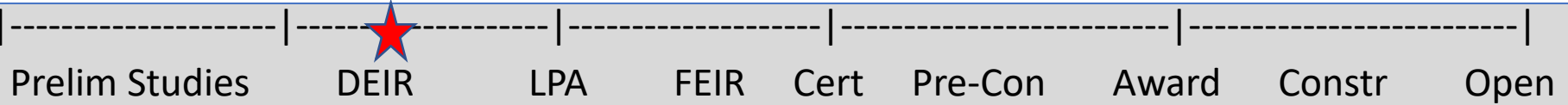
- New Starts and additional State funding needed for LPA
- Applied for \$1 billion of TIRCP funding
- Additional TIRCP “cycle” later in 2022
- Monitoring State budget surplus proposal
- MEGA notice of funding opportunity pending
- Value capture advisors scheduling meetings with corridor cities

P3 Evaluation (OEI)

- Financial Advisor Sperry/KPMG has been selected
- Staff updating analysis through collaborative internal workshops on several key topics including:
 - Labor
 - Cost, Schedule, and Risk
 - Funding and Financing
 - Project Readiness
 - UPRR
 - FTA
 - Innovation and Equity



C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance

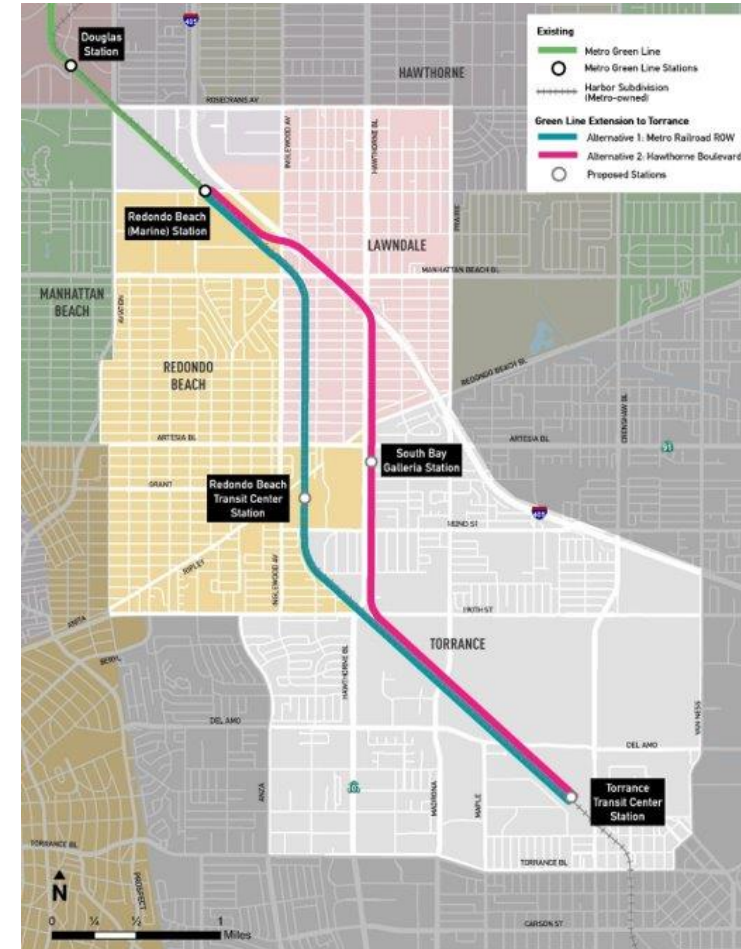


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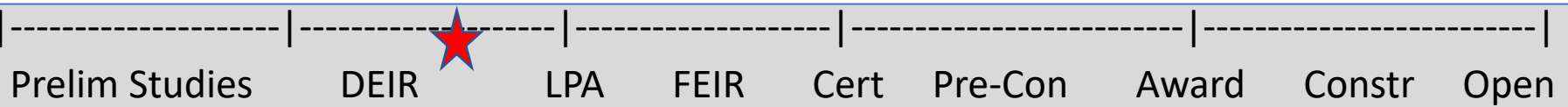
- March 2-12: Community Neighborhood Walks (8) with approximately 200 participants
- Stakeholder meetings with adjacent property owners and neighborhood groups

Next Actions

- Mid-2022: Public workshops to present updated project designs
- Continue coordination with BNSF, cities, and key stakeholders on project design/footprint
- Fall/Winter 2022 (anticipated): Release Draft EIR followed by Board selection of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)



Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2



Recent Activities

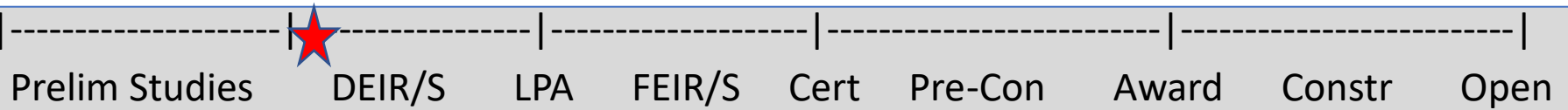
- April: Report back to the Board on recommendations provided at February's Board meeting
- April 13: Project team participation in Open House in ELA

Next Actions

- Spring/Summer: Prepare for release of the Draft EIR
- Next round of outreach in early June (tent.) prior to the release of the Draft EIR
- Continue to support LA County staff in addressing quality of life (e.g., parking benefits district, etc.) in ELA
- Continue to explore federal funding opportunities and NEPA strategy



Sepulveda Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

- March 25: Board Box memo released, with preliminary summary of scoping comments received
- Coordination between PDA teams and ongoing environmental technical studies

Next Actions

- Summer 2022 (anticipated): Release of full Scoping Report including detailed analysis of nearly 3,100 submissions
- Community update meeting(s)

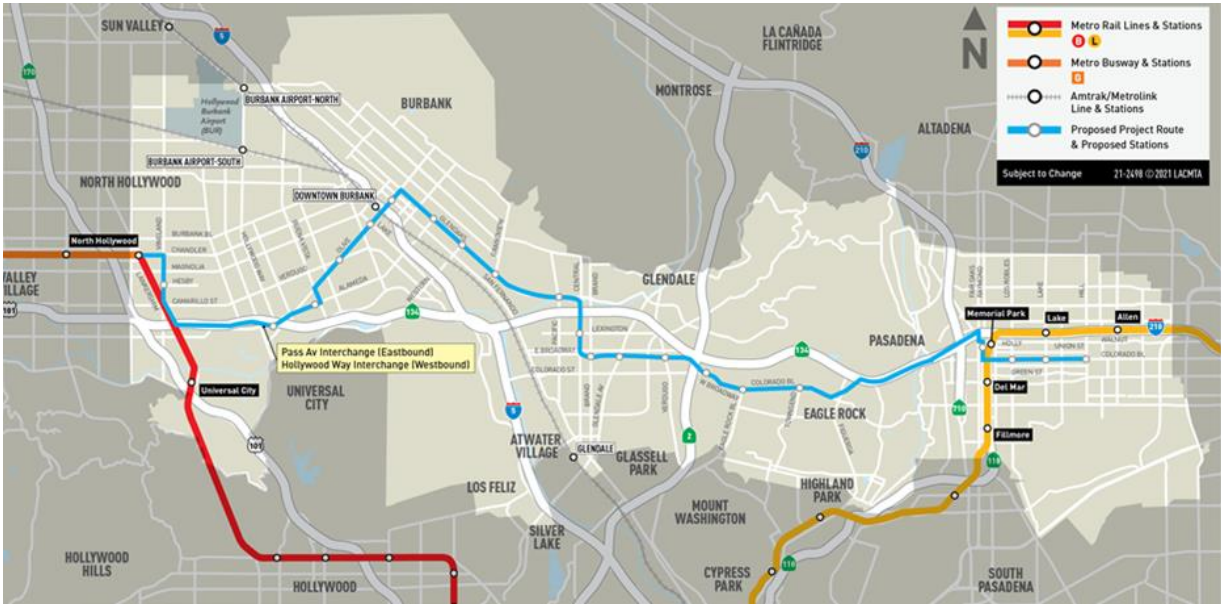


North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT



Recent Activities

- March 25: Final EIR released for public review
- April: Board to consider approval of proposed project and certification of FEIR



Next Actions

- May 2022: Proceed with preliminary engineering and final design in preparation for construction (pending Board certification of FEIR in April)
- Continue coordination with cities and communities

East San Fernando Valley Shared ROW Study



Recent Activities

- March 2022: Metro Board authorization of task order
- Coordination with Vendor/Contract Management to execute contract
- Continuing communication with City of San Fernando and Metrolink on planned improvements and environmental actions



Next Actions

- Project kick-off, key stakeholder briefings and technical coordination as the study develops

Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

Segment B



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Recent Activities

- Continued coordination with local jurisdictions
- Continued refinements to draft report



Next Actions

- June 2022: Anticipated Board review of Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Final Report
- Coordinate recommendations with local jurisdictions

Vermont Transit Corridor



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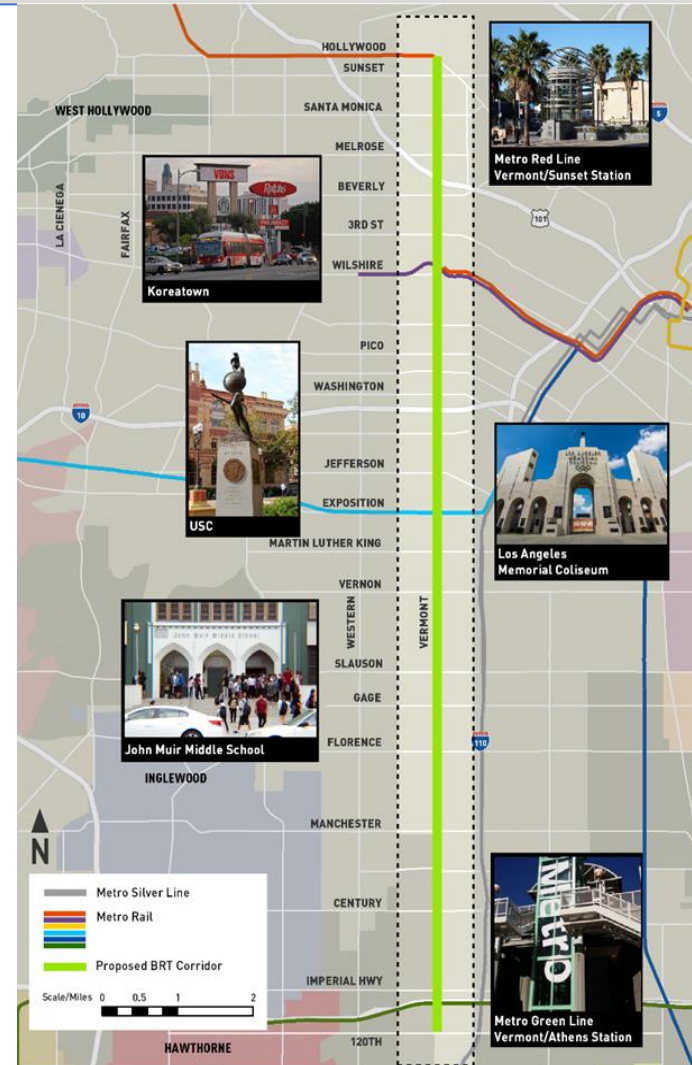
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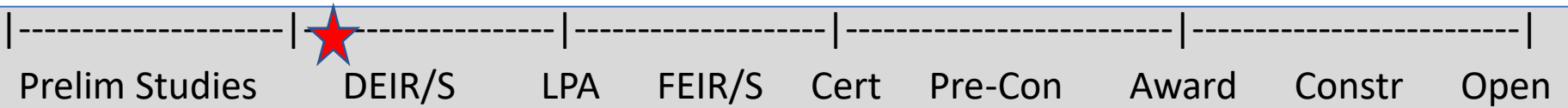
- Continued briefings for key stakeholders
- Ongoing community-led conversations/outreach activities by 13 CBO partners

Next Actions

- April 23 and 30, May 4 and 7: Metro-hosted community meetings to solicit community feedback and vision for project
- Input and feedback will inform the scope for environmental study
- August 2022 (anticipated): Return to Board with proposed plan for environmental studies



Los Angeles River Path



Recent Activities

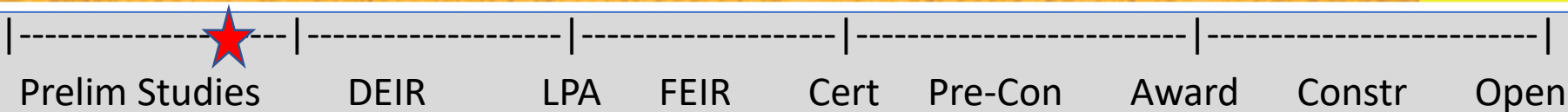
- Board adopted Motion 31 (March 24, 2022)
- Ongoing development of MOAs
- Ongoing technical work for Draft EIR
- Mar 31: Coordination Meeting USACE Ecosystem Restoration Project
- Apr 7: Quarterly 214 Meeting with USACE Regulatory Group (404 Permitting)

Next Actions

- Advance design of bike/ped bridge over US-101
- Apr 27: Steering Committee Meeting



North San Fernando Valley BRT Improvements



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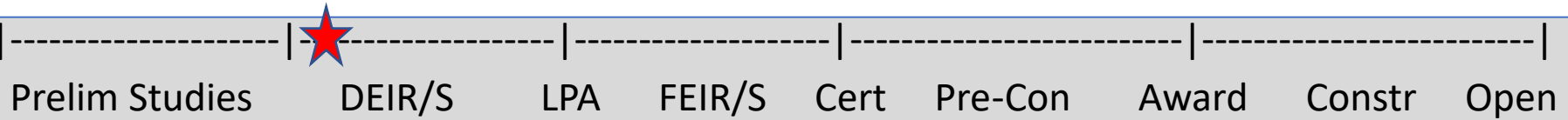
- Conducted key stakeholder engagement
- Continue additional analysis of proposed project in coordination with NextGen

Next Actions

- Spring/Summer 2022: Conduct community engagement
- Summer/Fall 2022 (anticipated): Board consideration of recommended changes to project alternative



Arts District / 6th Street Station



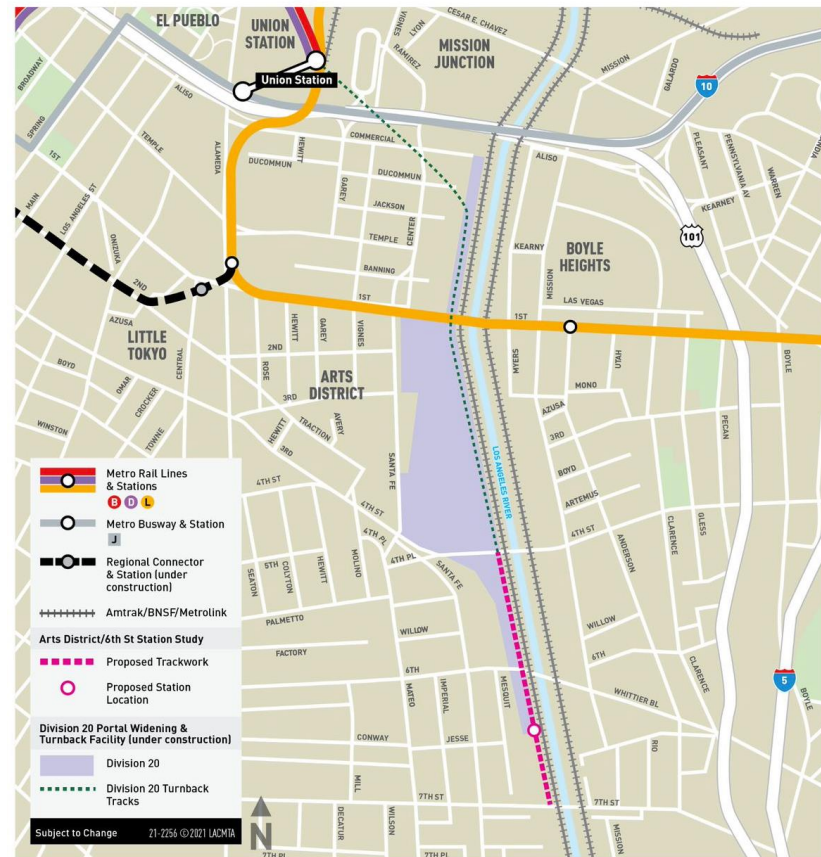
Recent Activities

- Conducting technical environmental impact analysis including air quality, land use, etc.
- Evaluating conceptual station design, especially related to pedestrian connectivity in coordination with key stakeholders

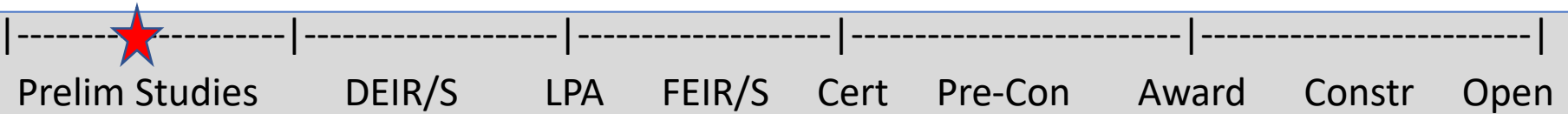
Next Actions

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

Arts District/6th St Station
Study Area



Rio Hondo Confluence Station Feasibility Study



Recent Activities

- March 24: Stakeholder forum (virtual) to share progress and preliminary findings
- Advancing the draft engineering, station design, high-level environmental assessment, cost estimates, and ridership, building on WSAB Environmental Analysis

Next Actions

- Summer 2022: Prepare/complete Feasibility Study Report
- Fall 2022: Present findings & recommendations to Metro Board concurrent with WSAB Final EIS/EIR certification



Centinela Grade Separation



Recent Activities

- Design and utility coordination with City of Inglewood, California Public Utilities Commission, LA County Public Works, and SoCal Edison
- Construction coordination with Crenshaw/LAX project and Airport Metro Connector project

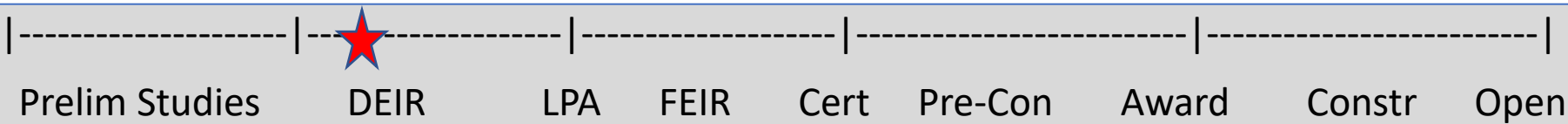
Next Actions

- Spring/Summer 2022: Board review of Preliminary Engineering design, updated cost estimates, and project delivery alternatives



Sample Rendering of Centinela Grade Separation (Source: HDR)

Crenshaw Northern Extension

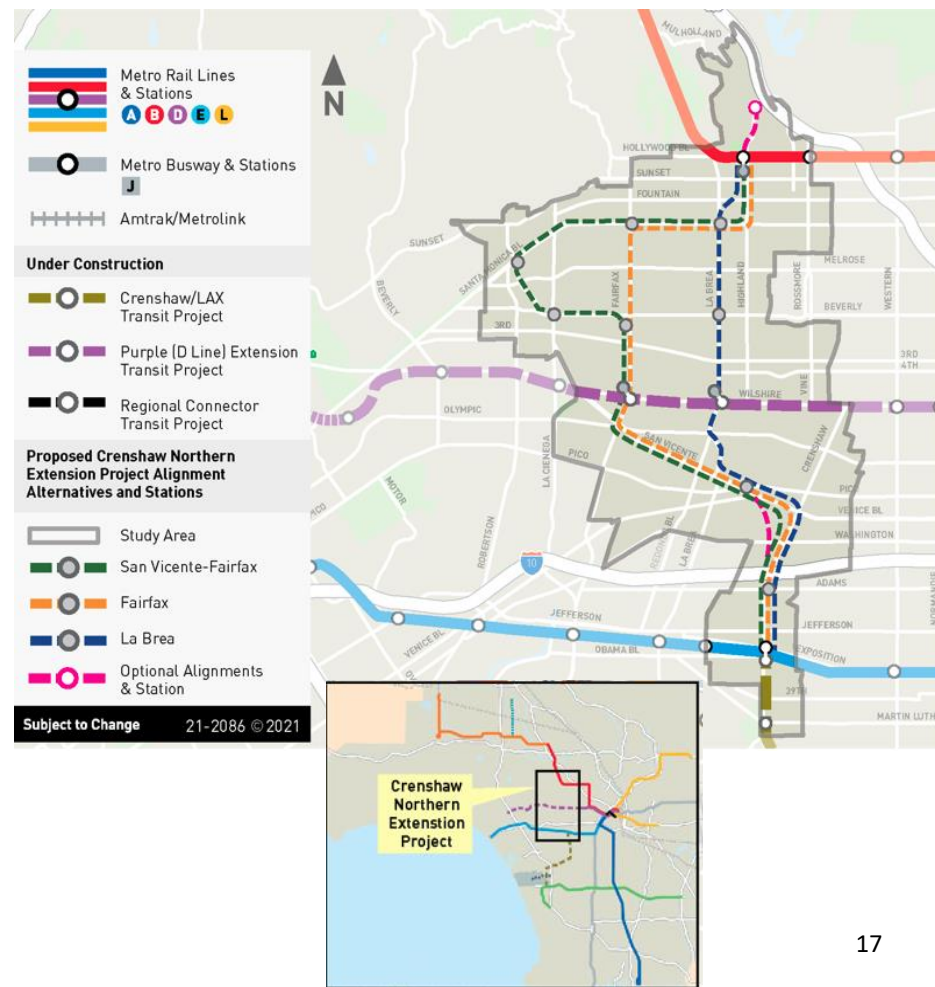


Recent Activities

- Station Planning Workshops
- Continue to advance engineering, alignment and station design, field and geotechnical investigation to inform Project Definition
- Coordination w/ Tunnel Advisory Panel
- Coordination w/ major institutions

Next Actions

- Continue coordination w/ major institutions
- Preparation underway for Summer Public Outreach



Measure M Expenditure Plan

Groundbreaking to Opening Dates

