



Board Report

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AUGUST 12, 2022

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THROUGH: STEPHANIE WIGGINS
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**FROM: JAMES DE LA LOZA
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SUBJECT: MONTHLY MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE - PLANNING

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Countywide Planning Major Project Updates

August 2022 Update



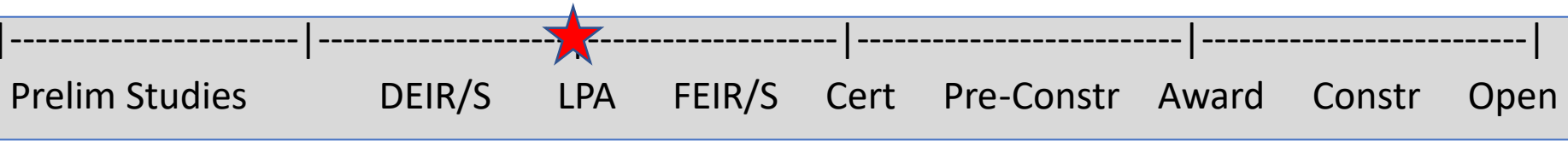
> Major Pillar Projects

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

> Other Projects in Planning and Development

- Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor
- Vermont Transit Corridor
- Rio Hondo Confluence Station
- North Hollywood to Pasadena
- N. San Fernando Valley BRT
- Los Angeles River Path
- Crenshaw North Extension
- E. San Fernando Valley Shared ROW
- Centinela Grade Separation
- Arts District/6th Street Station

West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

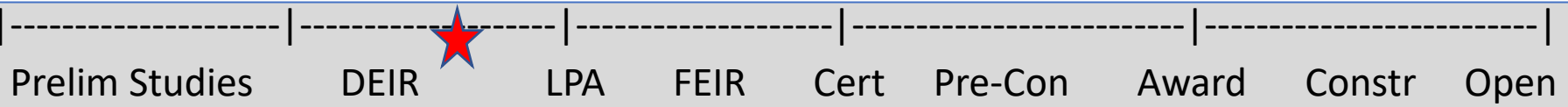
- WSAB continues to meet with cities and key agencies/stakeholders such as Caltrans, CPUC and USACE to coordinate on Draft EIS/R comment responses and resolution
- **July 2022:** Received additional design and engineering comments from UPRR & Ports
- **July/August 2022:** Meeting(s) with Arts/Industrial District property owners for Slauson to LAUS Study

Next Actions

- Complete Design Input/Coordination by October 2022
- September 2022: Provide update on environmental, advanced engineering work (project risks, utilities investigations and mapping) and funding



Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

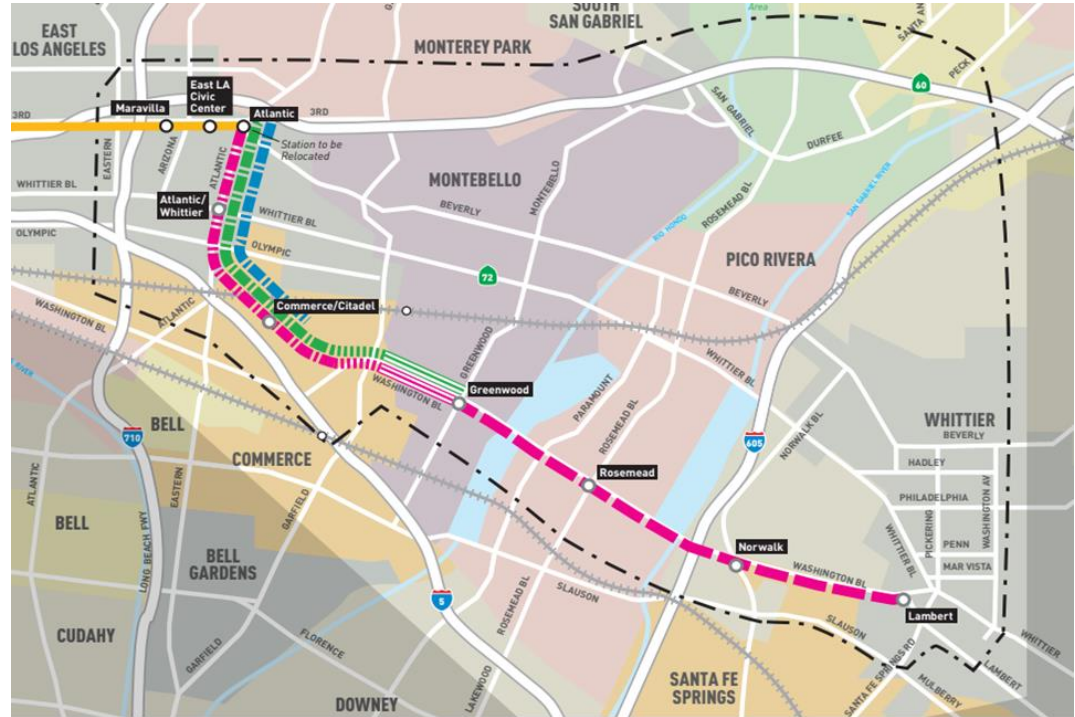


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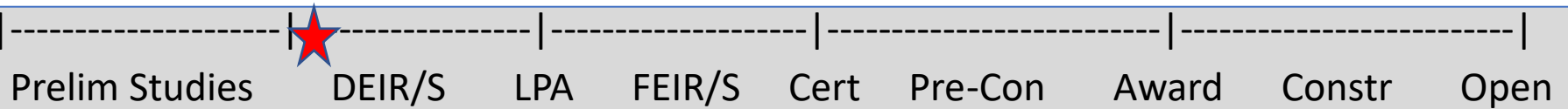
- Draft EIR released on June 30 (60-day comment period)
- Public Hearings
 - East LA (July 21)
 - Montebello (July 30)
 - Virtual (August 11)
 - Whittier (August 17)

Next Actions

- Close of public review period on August 29, 2022
- Collaborating with Program Management on the advancement of engineering activities for alternate project delivery
- Return to Board with update on comments received and staff recommendation



Sepulveda Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

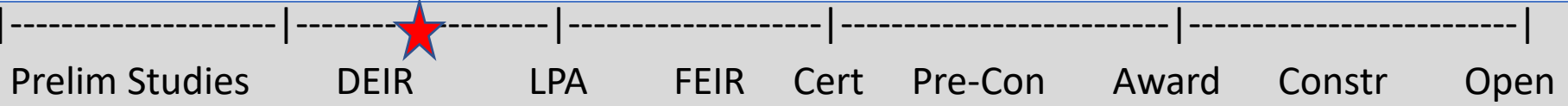
- June 15: Scoping Report released
- June 16: Virtual community meeting to review Scoping Report
- Ongoing engagement with third party agencies

Next Actions

- Prepare for fall community update meetings
- Continue to develop designs and prepare for environmental technical studies



C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance

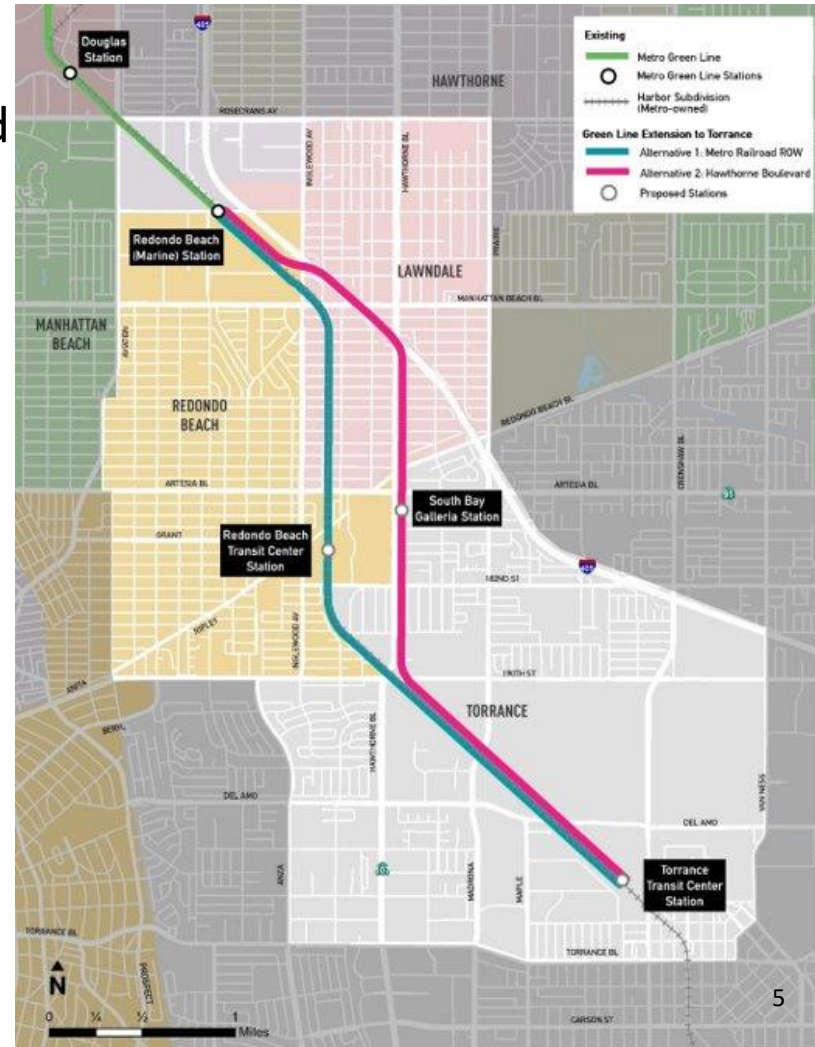


Recent Activities

- Finalizing conceptual engineering plans and preparing environmental analysis
- Community meetings (open house)
 - Redondo Beach (August 11)
 - Virtual Meeting (August 15)
 - Torrance (August 16)
 - Lawndale (August 17)
- Ongoing meetings with cities, BNSF, Caltrans, utilities, and property owners

Next Actions

- Release Draft EIR: Winter 2022/23
- Board selection of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in 2023



Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

Segment B



Prelim Studies

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Recent Activities

- August 2022: Metro Board Action
 - Receive findings of the Supplemental Alternatives Analysis
 - Receive and consider staff recommendation to maintain Randolph Street as preferred alignment



Next Actions

- Pending Board approval, continue coordinating recommended improvements with Corridor Cities and related projects in the area

Vermont Transit Corridor



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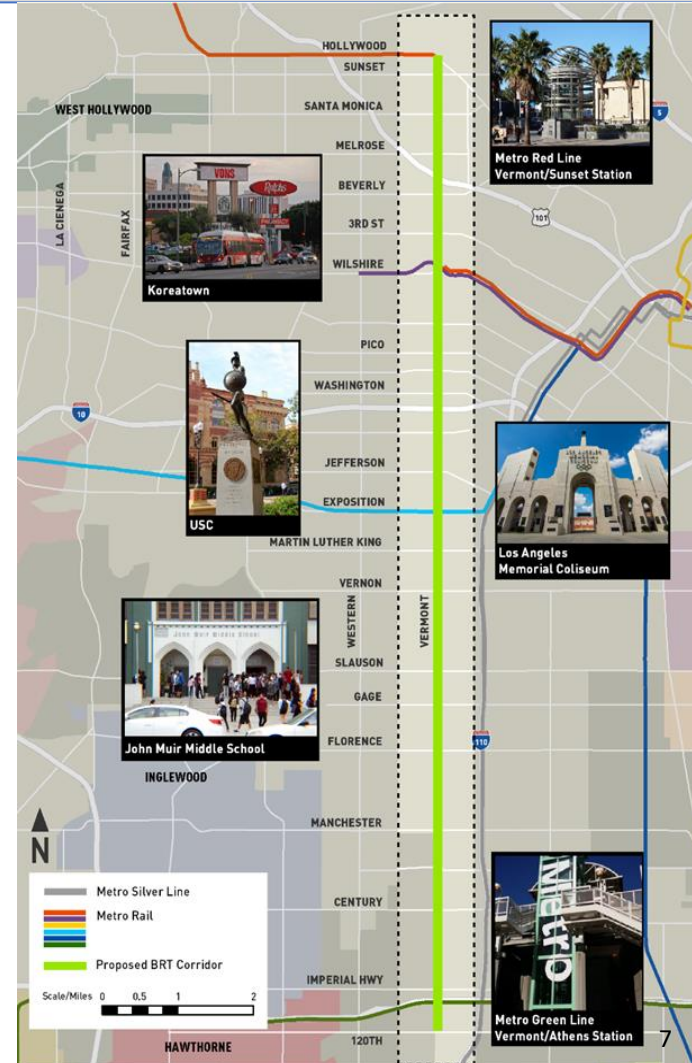
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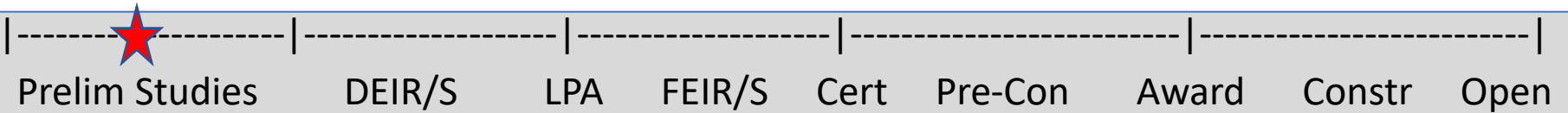
- August 2022: Return to Board with update on Community-Based Partnership Program (CPP) and proposed plan for environmental study
- Continued briefings for key stakeholders

Next Actions

- Develop environmental study scope informed by CPP feedback
- Initiate procurement for environmental study
- Coordinate with Service Planning on some potential near-term bus service improvements



Rio Hondo Confluence Station Feasibility Study



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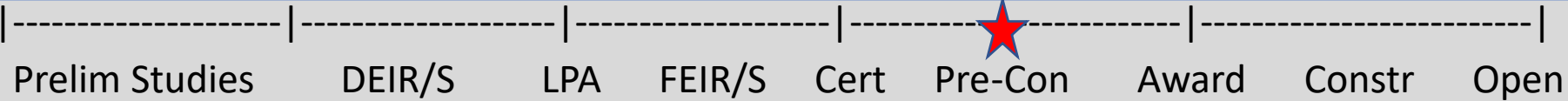
- Completion of Feasibility Study
- August 2022: Present findings from Feasibility Study and provide staff recommendations (Board Box memo)

Next Actions

- Conduct briefings with Metro Board staff and key officials, as needed



North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT

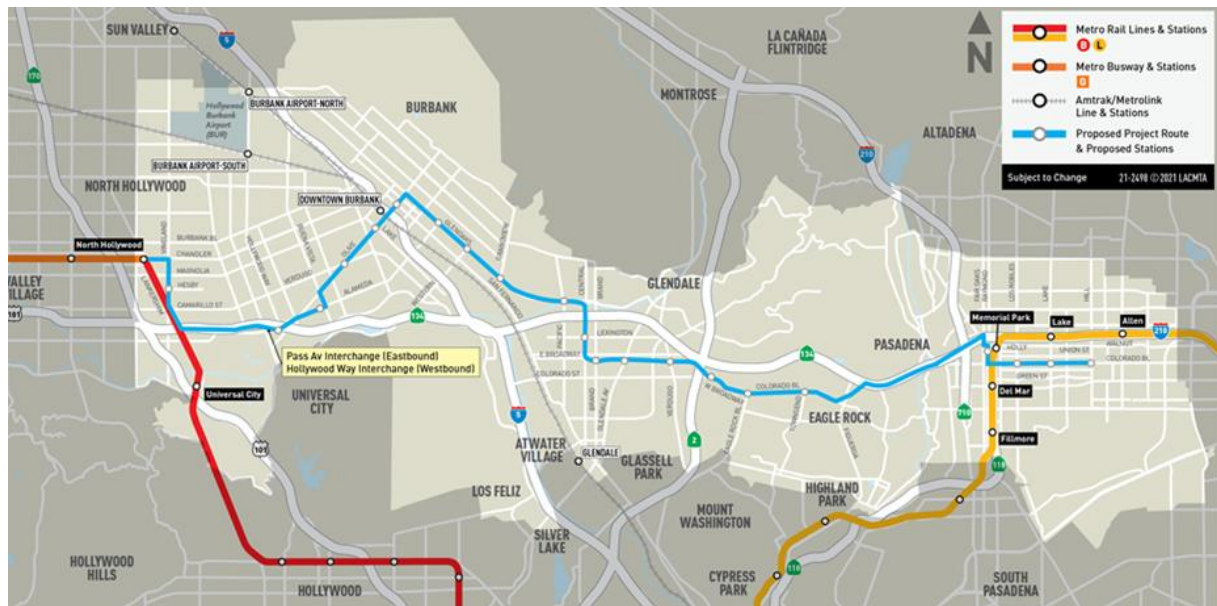


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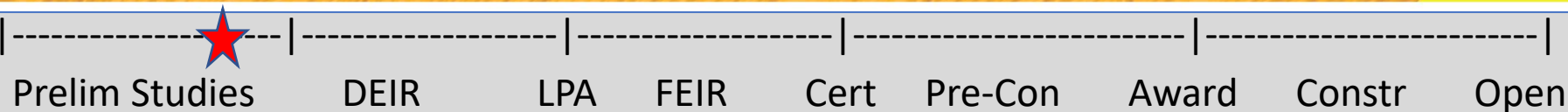
- Preliminary engineering underway, including traffic analyses and preparation for First/Last Mile work

Next Actions

- Continue advancing design of bus lanes, station kit-of-parts, transit signal priority, and other project elements
- Continue coordinating with cities on project design in preparation for construction



North San Fernando Valley BRT Improvements



Recent Activities

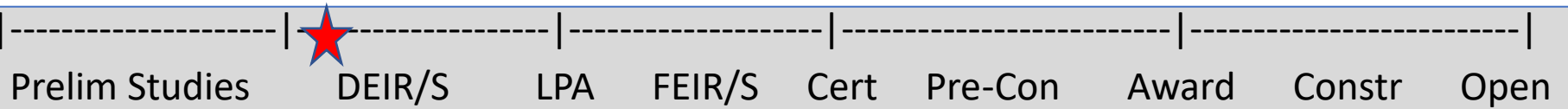
- Continue key stakeholder engagement
- Community engagement and meetings in June
 - Virtual (June 15)
 - Panorama City (June 18)
 - CSUN (June 21)
 - Approximately 120 attendees
- Continue evaluation of proposed BRT Network Improvements in coordination with NextGen

Next Actions

- Anticipated Fall 2022 Board review of recommended BRT network improvements based on community input



Los Angeles River Path



Recent Activities

- Coordination meetings with stakeholders
 - Steering Committee meeting (June 27)
 - USACE Ecosystem Restoration (June 29)
 - LA River Cooperation Committee (July 11)
- Ongoing technical work for Draft EIR
- Ongoing advancement of bicycle/pedestrian bridge over US-101

Next Actions

- Project Development Team (PDT) Meeting – Aug 24
- LA River Working Group Meeting – Aug 30
- Public Meetings in September/October



Crenshaw Northern Extension



Recent Activities

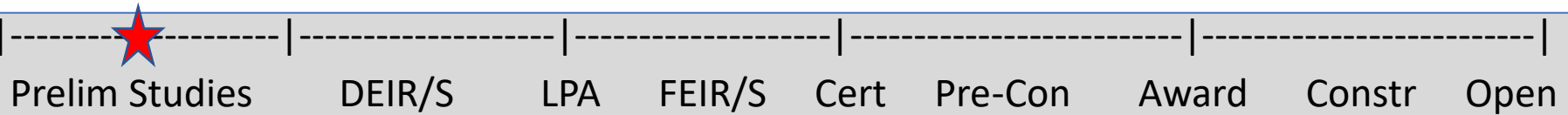
- Public Outreach meetings on June 16 and June 21
 - 250 people attended/600 website visits
- Development of Storymap
- Continue to confirm project definition through Advanced Conceptual Engineering

Next Actions

- Initiate Travel Demand Forecasting & Environmental work on the Draft EIR



East San Fernando Valley Shared ROW Study



Recent Activities

- Deliverable status:
 - Data collection (completed)
 - Milestone 1 Grade Crossing Analysis (in progress)
- Study briefings with San Fernando City Council, Metro Board staff, and ESFV-area staff (LA Council Offices, City of LA)
- Technical meetings with City of San Fernando and Metrolink staff



Next Actions

- Complete grade crossing analysis and schematic layout of corridor
- Report back to the Metro Board, anticipated in Fall 2022
- Key stakeholder briefings and technical coordination as the study develops

Centinela Grade Separation



Recent Activities

- Design and utility coordination
 - City of Inglewood, CPUC, LA County (Public Works, Fire Dept., Sanitation Districts), SCE, SCG, AT&T, MCI Verizon, Lumen, Spectrum
- Construction coordination with Crenshaw/LAX project and Airport Metro Connector project

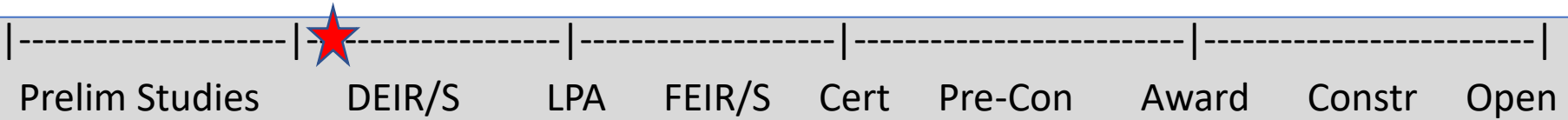
Next Actions

- Continue coordination with opening of Crenshaw/LAX pre-revenue testing and utility owners
- October 2022: Completion of 30% PE Design
- Fall 2022: Board review of Preliminary Engineering design, updated cost estimates, and project delivery alternative



Sample Rendering of Centinela Grade Separation (Source: HDR)

Arts District / 6th Street Station



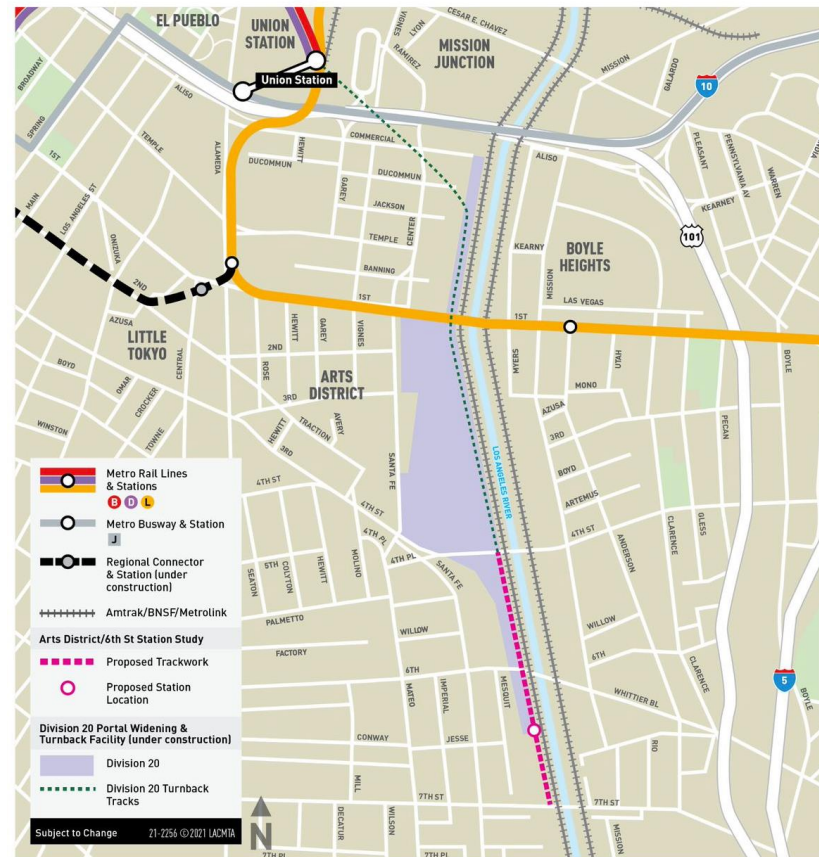
Recent Activities

- Advancing conceptual station design, especially related to construction staging
- Developing ROM capital cost and ridership estimates

Next Actions

- Meeting with BNSF and Amtrak is critical to Draft EIR release
- Early Fall 2022 (anticipated): Draft EIR Release

Arts District/6th St Station
Study Area



Measure M Expenditure Plan

Groundbreaking to Opening Dates

Measure M
Opening Dates
3-Year Window

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049																																
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