



## Board Report

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### MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OCTOBER 3, 2024

**SUBJECT: MEASURE M ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

**ACTION: ORAL REPORT**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

RECEIVE oral report on Measure M Active Transportation, programmed revenues, and uses to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

#### **ISSUE**

To support the discussion for the effective and efficient use of funds, this quarterly presentation provides the committee with the status of Metro activities in active transportation related to Measure M projects including the LA River Waterway & System Bike Path, the Metro Active Transport Program, Multi-Year Subregional Program, and the First/Last Mile Program.

#### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

The Measure M related activities for active transportation include the Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) and subsequent Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) Program, as well as two projects in the Measure M Expenditure Plan that will connect the pathway along the Los Angeles River. Metro also engages in First/Last Mile planning for the benefit of communities with existing and future major transit stops. Equity is built into Metro's approach to all of these activities.

The 2023 ATSP identified and prioritized a regional active transportation network based on criteria including overlap with Equity Focus Communities (EFC). Projects on the ATSP regional network are eligible for funding from Cycle 2 of the MAT Program. MAT Cycle 2 project applications will also be evaluated based on factors including robust participation of Community-based Organizations (CBO). Projects that were submitted for Cycle 1 of the MAT Program in 2020 were given bonus points for location within EFCs and all selected projects that are being developed using Cooperative Agreements with Metro include CBO participation.

The LA River Project - Central City section directly serves seven EFC Census Tracts in the Central Los Angeles communities of Lincoln Heights, Chinatown, and Boyle Heights and is close to many others. Approximately 23% of the population in this area lives in poverty and more than 22% of the working-age population does not use automobiles as a primary mode of transportation. This path will not only be used for recreational purposes for the betterment of public health but also serve as a low-cost transportation option for those who have limited car ownership. The LA River Project - San Fernando Valley section directly serves two EFCs in the community of Reseda. It is being delivered by the City of Los Angeles.

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**Metro is making it easier to walk, bike, and roll.**

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

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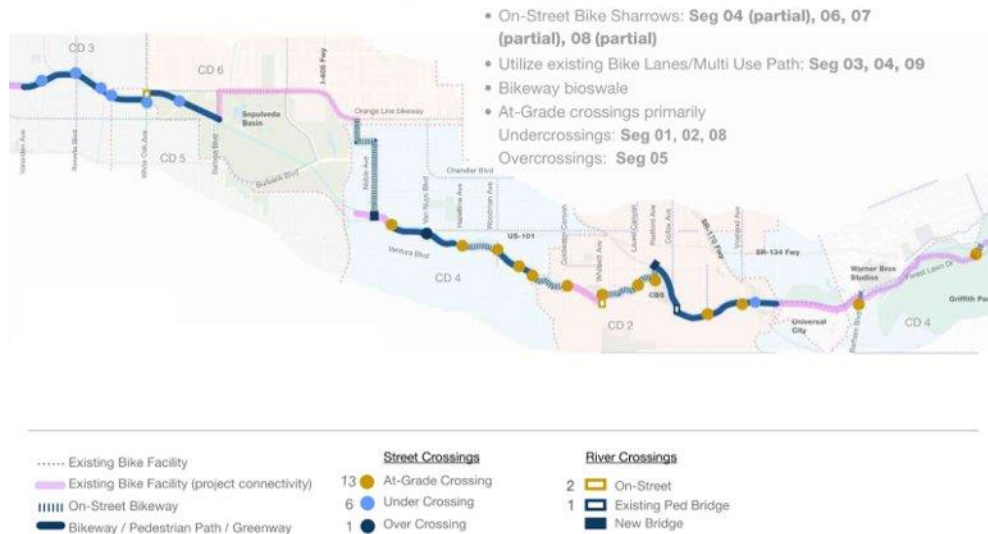


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# Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)

- > LA Bureau of Engineering is Lead Agency
- > 13 miles of bikeway gap closures
  - 9 segments from Vanalden Ave to Forest Lawn Dr
  - Design to be complete by 2027; Construction to be complete by 2029
- > \$60M in Measure M funding; funding agreement executed in June 2024
- > City of LA awarded an additional \$34M in ATP funding and seeking remaining funding
- > City of LA anticipates construction between FY 2025 and FY 2029
- > Per Metro Board direction, City to assume all phases of development, including operations and maintenance (in partnership with US Army Corps of Engineers)



Project Corridor Map



Segment of LA River Bike Path completed in 2014

# Metro Active Transport Program



> \$63.1M approved in 2021 for Cycle 1

Map ID	FLM Projects	Completion (est.)
1	Hollywood/Highland	2026
2	Hollywood/Vine	2026
3	East LA Civic Center **	2027
4	Aviation/LAX**	2029
5	26th St/Bergamot	2026
6	Sepulveda**	2028
7	Slauson	2027
8	Western/Slauson**	2028
9	Culver City * **	2025
10	Downtown Long Beach	2028
11	Santa Monica/La Brea (W. Hlwd)*	2025

Map ID	AT Corridor Projects	Completion (est.)
1	Avalon/MLK/Gage**	2026
2	Randolph ATC	2026
3	Redondo Beach Blvd**	2027
4	1st-Riggin-Potrero Grande	2026
5	Huntington-Main/Fremont ATC	2027

\*Under Construction

\*\*Metro is leading early design

> Cycle 2 Solicitation

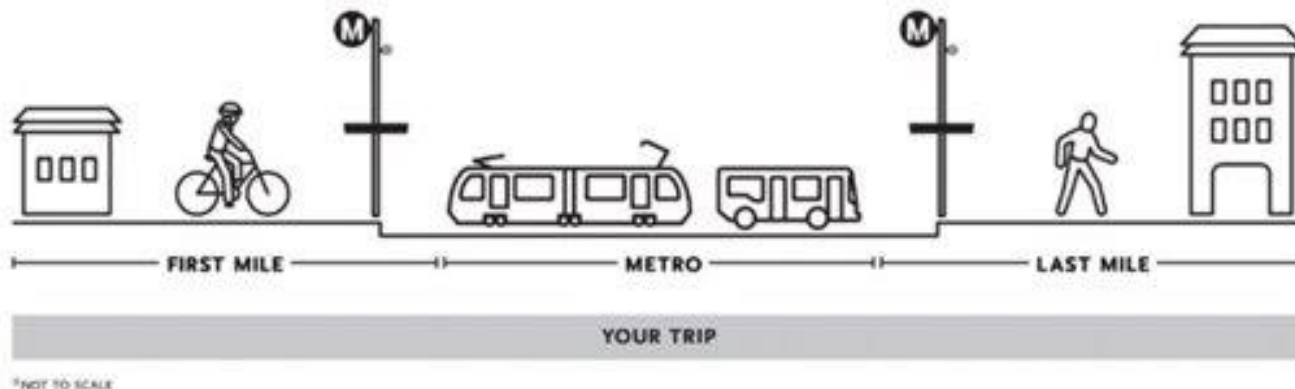
- Applications Due Winter 2024
- \$75 million anticipated to be available
- EFCs are fully integrated into project prioritization, and will prioritize projects with CBO participation

Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 1 Projects (approved in 2021)



# First/Last Mile Program

- > FLM improvements expand the reach of transit, enhance safety, enhance the customer experience for transit riders and count toward the Measure M 3% contribution requirement for local jurisdictions with rail transit projects.
- > FLM Plans Currently in Progress and Commencing Soon:
  - Eastside Phase 2 (complete fall 2024)
  - North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT (underway, complete mid 2025)
  - C Line Extension (early 2025)
- > FLM planning uses a consistent, intentional community engagement process that centers the needs and voices of transit riders and marginalized communities
- > Metro has an established track record of CBO partnership on FLM plans/projects
- > Metro prioritizes discretionary resources (e.g. MAT program) to projects serving the greatest needs



# Thank you



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