



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE OCTOBER 23, 2024

SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECT STATUS

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE Countywide Planning & Development Major Projects Status Report.

ISSUE

Countywide Planning and Development's major projects status report provides highlights of capital projects in planning phases of development. These include transit corridor projects such as rail and bus rapid transit, Measure M active transportation corridor projects, and highway projects.

BACKGROUND

Metro's mission is to provide a world-class transportation system that enhances the quality of life for all who live, work, and play within Los Angeles County. Countywide Planning and Development (CPD) oversees the planning of major capital projects to support this mission. The attached Project Status Report (Attachment A) provides an update on the planning progress of Metro's four Pillar Projects - Southeast Gateway Line, Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2, C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance, and Sepulveda Transit Corridor, as well as other transit and active transportation corridor projects.

In addition, the quarterly report includes complete streets and highway projects in various stages of development.

DISCUSSION

The status report provides a quarterly update on major projects as they advance through alternatives and feasibility analyses, technical analyses for environmental certification, selection of preferred projects, cost estimation and funding development, and evaluation of project delivery method. Following environmental planning milestones, projects typically transition from CPD to Program Management and are included in the Program Management Major Project Status report, which is provided on a quarterly basis to the Metro Board's Construction Committee.

This quarter, the reporting on Metro's Complete Streets and Highways projects has been deferred

until January 2025, at which time staff will return with a restructured reporting format to more effectively communicate the various projects' safety, cost and funding, and community engagement activities. The Pacific Coast Highway projects in the City of Malibu and the Pacific Coast Highway Master Plan remain in this quarter's report. Staff also will take this opportunity to revisit the Equity Assessments for the CSH and transit projects, also to be presented next quarter as described in the Equity Platform section below.

EQUITY PLATFORM

Because this report is provided on a regular basis and includes status updates for multiple projects, equity assessments were provided previously as baseline summaries with subsequent updates when equity conditions changed. This quarter, any equity-related developments are included in Attachment A. Next quarter, staff will return with a refreshed set of baseline assessments for all projects.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The development of projects included in this report supports Strategic Plan Goal #1 by delivering high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to advance these projects through the planning phases. The next quarterly update will be provided in January 2025.

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Attachment A - Project Status Report

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Major Capital Projects Update Countywide Planning and Development

October 23, 2024

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Transit and Active Transportation Projects



> Major Pillar Projects

- (1) Southeast Gateway Line
- (2) C Line Extension to Torrance
- (3) Sepulveda Transit Corridor
- (4) Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

> Other Projects in Planning

- Vermont Transit Corridor
- Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor
- Los Angeles River Path
- E. San Fernando Valley Shared ROW
- K Line Northern Extension

Southeast Gateway Line



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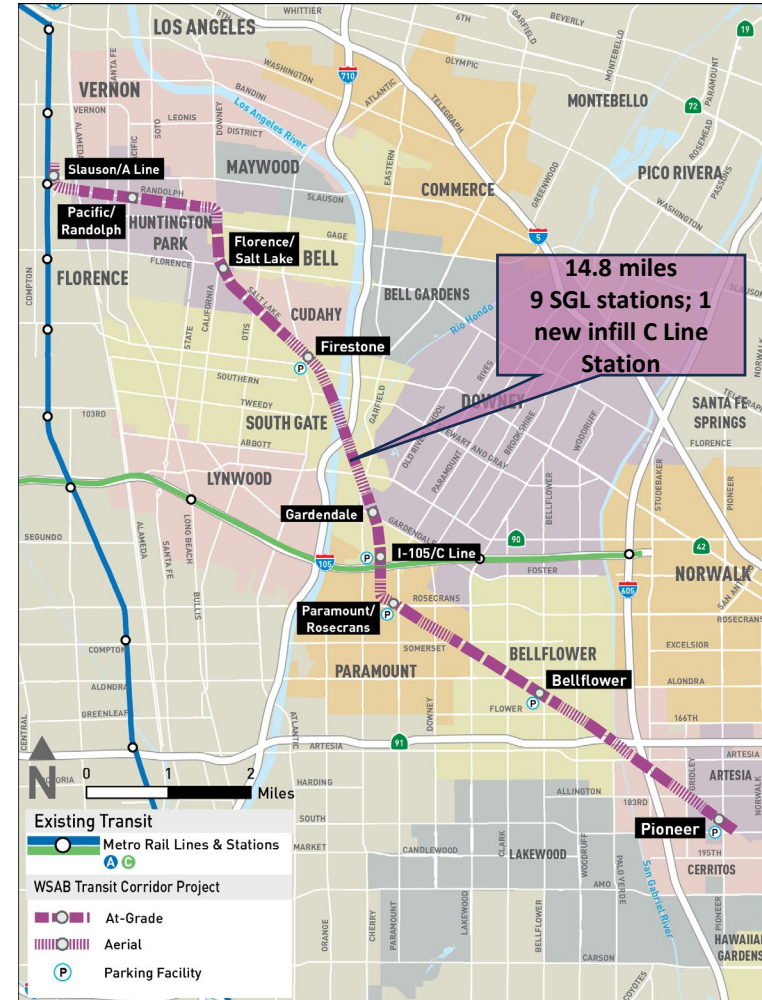
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Recent Activities

- July 2024: Received \$200M State allocation; applied for additional cap-and-trade funding
- August 2024: Record of Decision (ROD) received from FTA (NEPA Action)
- August 2024: Completion & submission of New Starts project rating activities for FTA review

Next Actions

- Continue monthly coordination with FTA Project Management Oversight Contractor (PMOC)
- Fall/Winter 2024: Discuss in-kind and other options to satisfy the 3% contribution with jurisdictions
- Winter 2024/2025: Present Slauson/A Line to LAUS study findings to the Board, award ROW consultant contract, request to enter Project Engineering
- Quarterly reporting to transition to Program Management in January

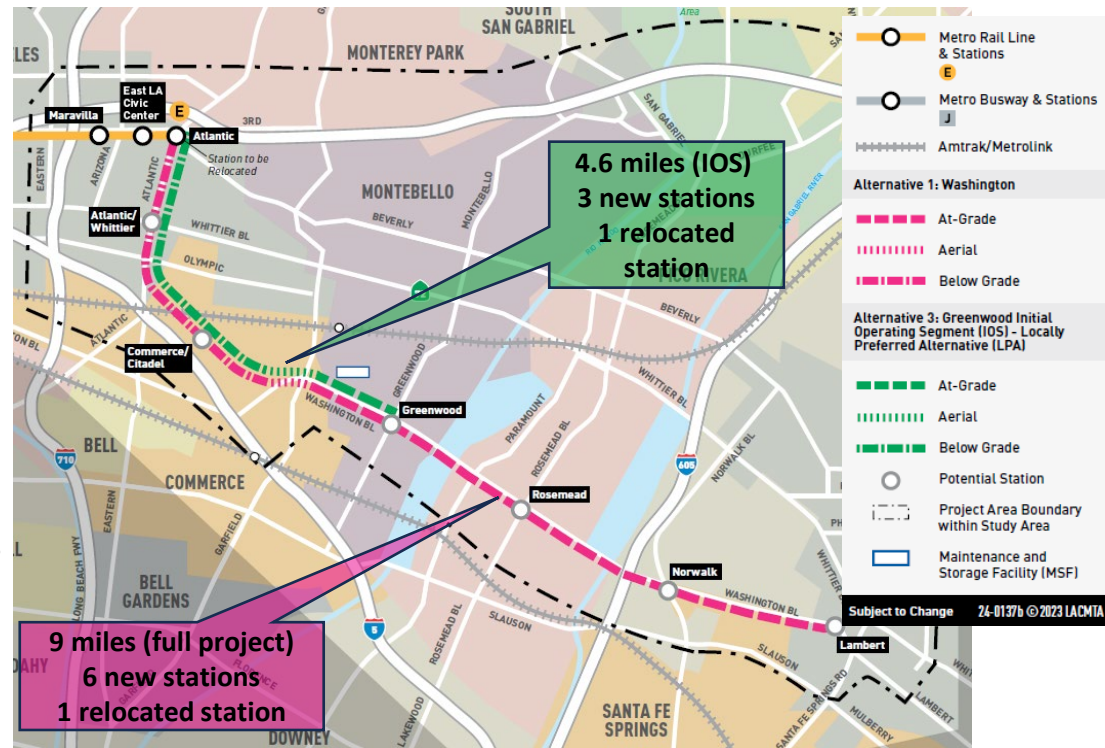


Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

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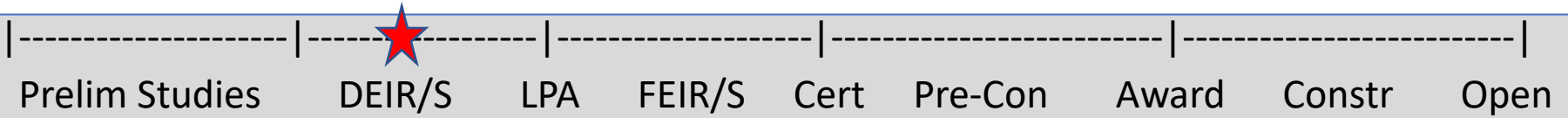
- May: Board certified Final EIR (for LPA and full project), and Project approval per CEQA
- Coordinating with City of Montebello and stakeholders on MSF rightsizing
- Ongoing coordination with corridor cities on 3% contribution, first/last mile planning, co-operative agreements, geotechnical investigations and coordination with utility owners
- Sept 2024: Anticipated Board action on contract modification for 30% design (Preliminary Engineering)



Next Actions

- Continue to coordinate with FTA on NEPA and entry into Project Development phase
- Continue developing project schedule and project delivery scenarios
- Anticipated Board action on First/Last Mile Plan in Fall 2024

Sepulveda Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

- Completed environmental technical analyses supporting Draft EIR for 5 project alternatives
- Development of cost information

Next Actions

- Continue preparation of Draft EIR
- Next round of community meetings anticipated Fall/Winter 2024
- Early 2025: Draft EIR release anticipated



C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance

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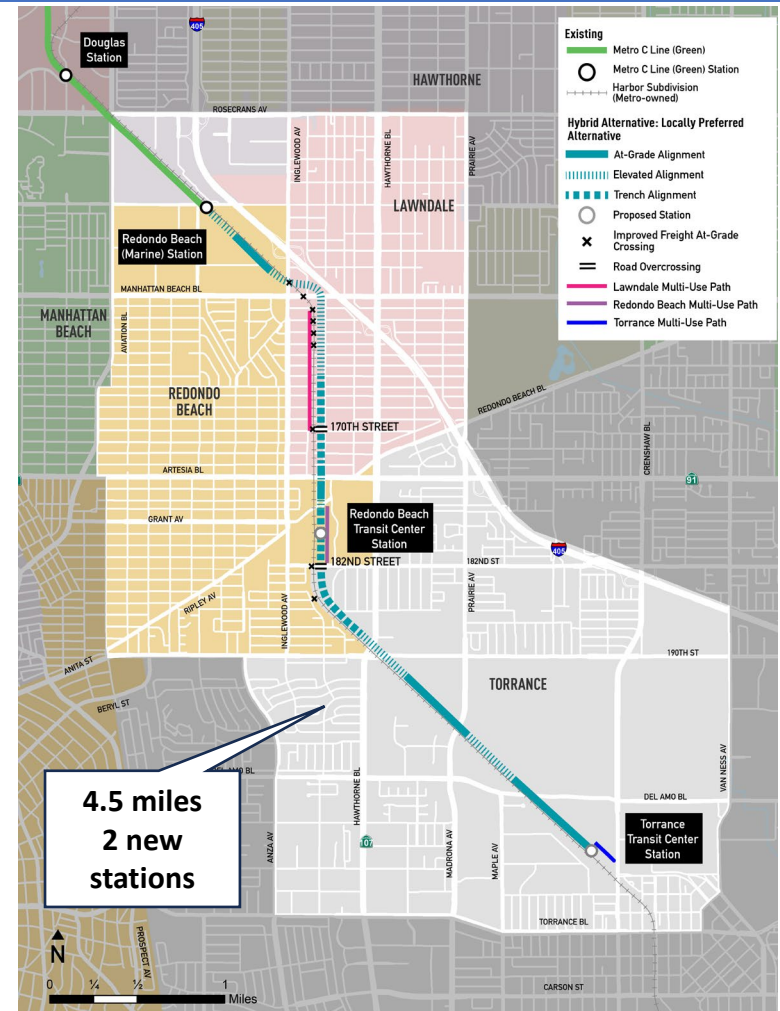


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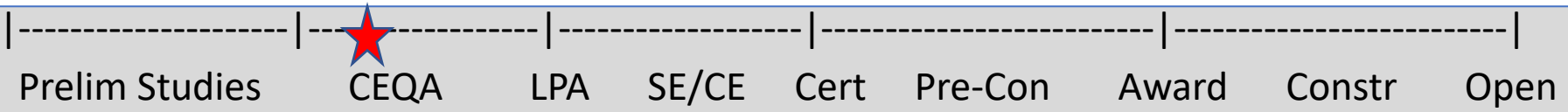
- May: Board selection of LPA
- Preparation of Final EIR under CEQA
- Continue studies to respond to public comments on ROW and Hawthorne Blvd alignments
- Development of communication for activities between Draft and Final EIR

Next Actions

- Continue to prepare Final EIR informed by public comments on ROW and Hawthorne Blvd alignments
- Continue to refine cost estimates and funding plan for Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
- Re-engage BNSF on discussions on ROW



Vermont Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

- August 2024 – Held special CBO Partnering meeting to provide update on both near-term bus service improvements and BRT project
- Early October 2024 – Held three community meetings to discuss both near-term improvements and BRT project status
 - Near-term improvements to open 2025
 - BRT improvements by 2028 Olympics



Next Actions

- Continuing work on materials for abbreviated CEQA process under SB922
- December 2024 – Conducting series of community meetings to discuss SB922 documents
- Coordination with FTA on path for NEPA clearance
- Early 2025 – Seek Board approval of LPA & concurrence that project is exempt from CEQA



Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

Segment B

Prelim Studies

Environmental / Design

Final Design

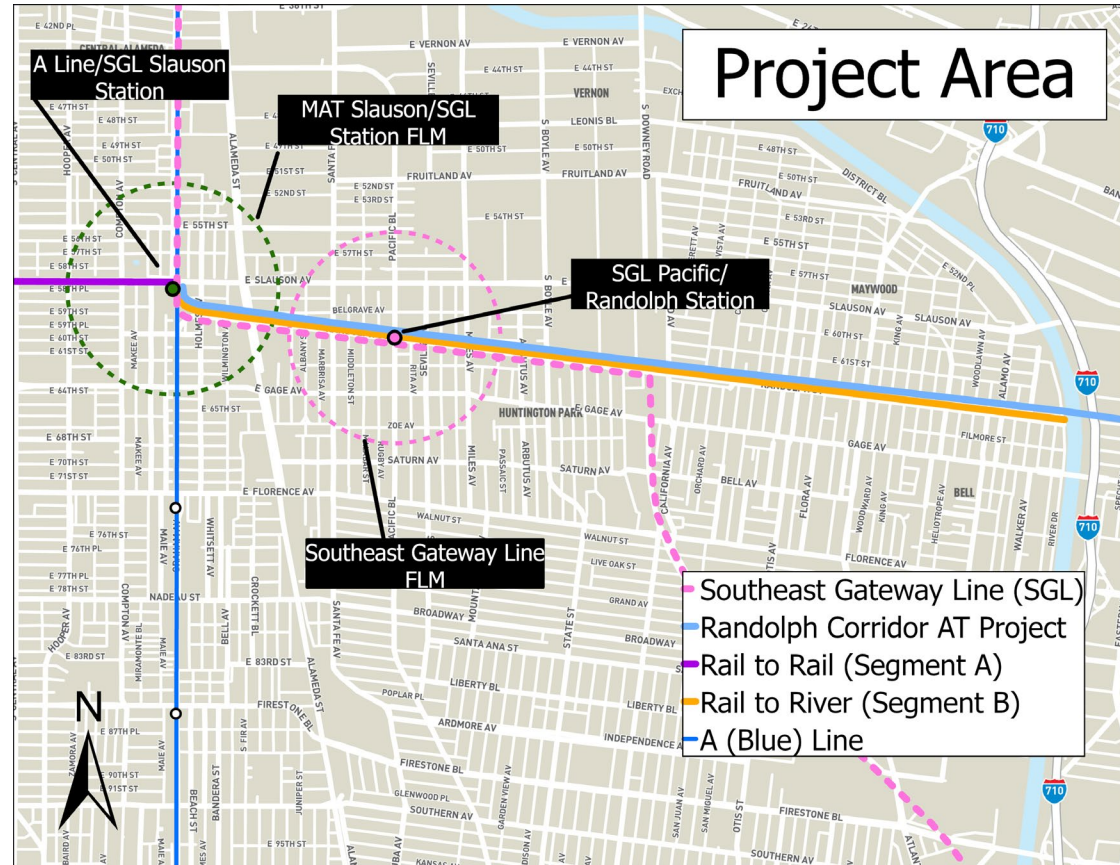
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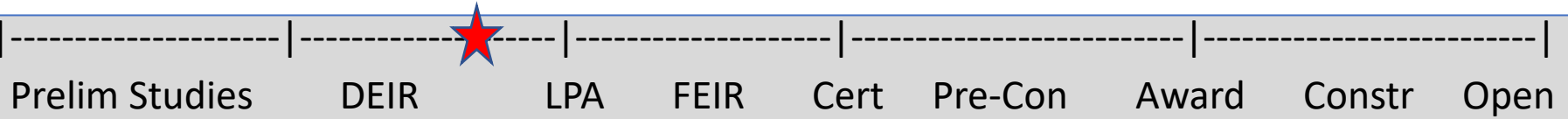
- Project coordination meetings with corridor cities/other related project teams
- Receive input from Randolph Corridor AT Project and corridor cities on proposed design concepts

Next Actions

- Continue coordination with corridor cities/other related projects
- Community meetings (Fall/Winter 2024)



Los Angeles River Path



Recent Activities

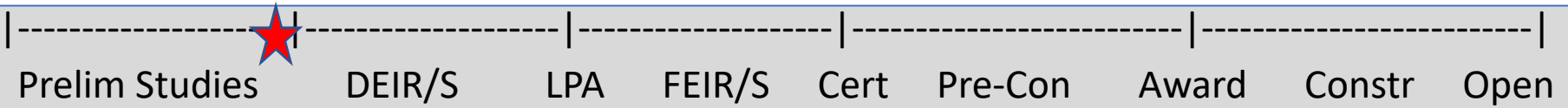
- Metro and US Army Corps Leadership Meeting in July, followed by in-person workshop in August
- Received and reviewed design comments from City of LA and County of LA
- Review of Admin Draft EIR
- Coordination with County Counsel regarding revision of MCA with City of Vernon
- Developing community engagement plan



Next Actions

- Project update presentation to the LA River Cooperation Committee (LARCC) in October
- Developing information to Metro Board on Project Cost, Phasing, O&M, and DEIR
- Anticipated release of DEIR by early 2025

East San Fernando Valley Shared ROW Study



Recent Activities

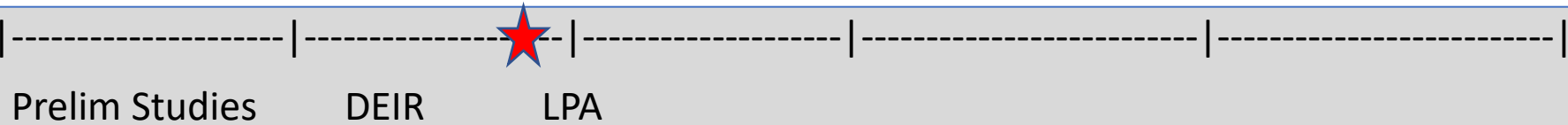
- Completion of technical study
- August: Northern terminus parking survey
- Finalizing technical work on cost estimation for scenarios



Next Actions

- Preparing for community engagement to share study findings

K Line Northern Extension



Recent Activities

- Aug 10, 13, 15: Public hearings on Draft EIR (released in July)
 - 2 in-person, 1 virtual
 - Over 300 attendees
 - Themes: support for project, concerns about tunneling, historic homes and neighborhoods
- Sep 4: Lafayette Square meeting
- Sep 20: Close of 60-day comment period

Next Actions

- Review and synthesize 1,200+ comments received on Draft EIR
- Conduct analysis to respond to community questions and address concerns about alignment variations



City of Malibu Projects on the Pacific Coast Highway

Measure R Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Projects

Malibu PCH Median and Channelization Project

- Improvement of the existing raised medians on PCH from Webb Way to Puerco Canyon Road.
- Construction completed in August 2024.

Malibu PCH Signal Synchronization Project

- \$1.8 million reallocation request went to the Board in July 2024 to fund new pedestrian signal and lighting; install red light enforcement cameras and new safety adaptive signal timing system.
- Proposed improvements extend from John Tyler Drive to Topanga Canyon Road.
- Construction is underway and expected to be completed in December 2025.
- Project Manager and City of Malibu initiated an amendment which includes an extension and additional programmed funds. Amendment is currently under review.

Malibu PCH Trancas Canyon Road Intersection Improvements

- Proposed improvements include a new right turn lane on westbound side of PCH and traffic signal updates.
- Design phase underway and expected to be completed in Fall 2024.
- City cannot start Project until Caltrans completes the Trancas Bridge Replacement Project.

Malibu PCH and Las Flores/Rambla Pacifico Intersection Improvements

- Proposed improvements include safety and efficiency improvements to improve traffic circulation, reduce collisions, provide safer access for pedestrians.
- Funding Agreement executed and sent to City in September 2024.
- Environmental phase of Project expected to begin Spring 2025.



Caltrans Safety Improvements on the Pacific Coast Highway

Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Master Plan

- The PCH Master Plan Feasibility Study website went live on Monday, July 8.
 - <https://engage.dot.ca.gov/07-pchmpfeasibilitystudy>
 - Meeting Registrations can be accessed via project website
 - Comments can be submitted on website, by phone (855) 955-2801 (project code 10324), or by email at 07-pchmpfs@publicinput.com.
- Round 1 Workshops:
 - Approximately 40 attendees for July 11th in-person workshop at Malibu City Hall
 - Attendee comments focused on changes to improve PCH safety, especially to slow down traffic, reducing the speed limit, addition of bike lanes, especially protected lanes.
 - Virtual Workshops were held on July 18th (afternoon) and July 25th (evening), with similar format – presentation, Q&A, breakout sessions, report out, general discussion.
- Community Engagement Survey
 - Survey went live on the project website on Monday, July 15
 - Surveys can be completed online, or by phone (855) 955-2801 (project code 10324).
 - Survey results after the Round 1 workshops indicates that the public would like to see the implementation of the following countermeasures to reduce speed and create a more bicycle/pedestrian friendly environment:
 - Bike lanes, Replacing the center-turn lane with legal U-turns at signalized intersections, Sidewalks, Center medians with concrete and/or landscaping, Gateway installations, Bus stop improvements.
- Round 2 Workshops:
 - August 28th (in person, 6-8pm), September 12th (virtual, 1-3pm).
 - Analysis and concepts were developed for the August 28th Survey feedback and refined concepts were presented on September 12.
 - Attendee comments: Too much non-Malibu resident feedback, concern for protected bikeway blocking driveways, first responder access.
- Round 3 Workshops:
 - October 23rd (in person, 6-8pm)
 - November/December workshop: (time/date TBD).