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SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECT STATUS REPORT

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE Countywide Planning Major Project Status Report.

ISSUE

Countywide Planning and Development's (CPD) major projects status report is prepared by CPD, with support from Program Management, Operations, and Shared Mobility, to provide highlights of capital projects in planning phases of development. These include transit corridor projects such as rail and bus rapid transit, regional rail, Measure M active transportation corridor projects, ExpressLanes projects, and complete streets and highway improvements.

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. CPD oversees the planning of major capital projects to support this mission. 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 methods. 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.

DISCUSSION

The attached Project Status Report (Attachment A) provides an update on transit, active transportation corridors, ExpressLanes, and complete streets and highway projects in various stages of development.

As requested by Director Horvath, updates on the Pacific Coast Highway projects in the City of Malibu as well as an update from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on the Pacific Coast Highway Master Plan remain in this quarter's report.

EQUITY PLATFORM

This report includes updates for multiple projects as well as assessments of equity. The April and July 2025 quarterly updates included refreshed equity assessment baseline summaries for each project that had descriptions of potential project benefits to EFCs (and no unmitigated project equity impacts). There are no updates or changes to those project equity assessments this quarter.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

The projects in this report have mixed outcomes but taken together they will likely decrease VMT in LA County. Although some individual projects may not directly contribute to the achievement of the Board-adopted VMT Reduction Targets, the VMT Targets were developed to account for the cumulative effect of a suite of programs and projects within the Metro region.

Within this suite of projects, Metro seeks to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips, provide a safe transportation system, multimodal options, improve safety and mobility; and increase accessibility to destinations via transit, cycling, walking, and carpooling. Some of the projects within this status report include items that will ease congestion for cars and trucks, or expand vehicle capacity, resulting in the possibility of increased VMT. Additionally, some projects reported here do not have a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) yet and therefore the VMT outcome is not yet able to be determined, although Metro staff will ensure that the Board and public will have access to analysis related to VMT during the process of selecting an LPA or when any action on the project is being requested of the Board. Metro has a voter-approved mandate to deliver multimodal projects that enhance mobility while ensuring the efficient movement of people and goods, as required by state law.

The VMT outcomes for each project in this report were provided in detail in the April and July 2025 quarterly updates. There are no changes or updates to the VMT outcomes this quarter.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

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 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Project Status Report

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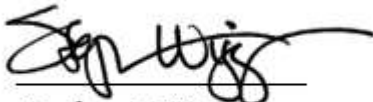
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Major Capital Projects Update Countywide Planning and Development

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Transit and Active Transportation Projects



> Major Pillar Projects

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

> Other Projects in Planning

- Link Union Station
- Vermont Transit Corridor
- Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor
- Los Angeles River Path
- E. San Fernando Valley Shared Right of Way (ROW) Study
- K Line Northern Extension

Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

Preliminary Studies

Final EIR
(May 2024)

EA (NEPA)

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- July: Dismissal of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge; executed funding agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) for City Managers Technical Advisory Committee
- Aug: Began geotechnical work for Initial Operating Segment (IOS)
- Preparation of environmental planning contract modification for Board action in 2025
- Preparation of Program Management Supplemental Support (PMSS) contract to Board in 2025



Next Actions

- First administrative draft of Environmental Assessment (EA) per National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) for the IOS (anticipated Fall 2025)
- Community outreach anticipated early 2026

C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR



Preconstruction

Construction

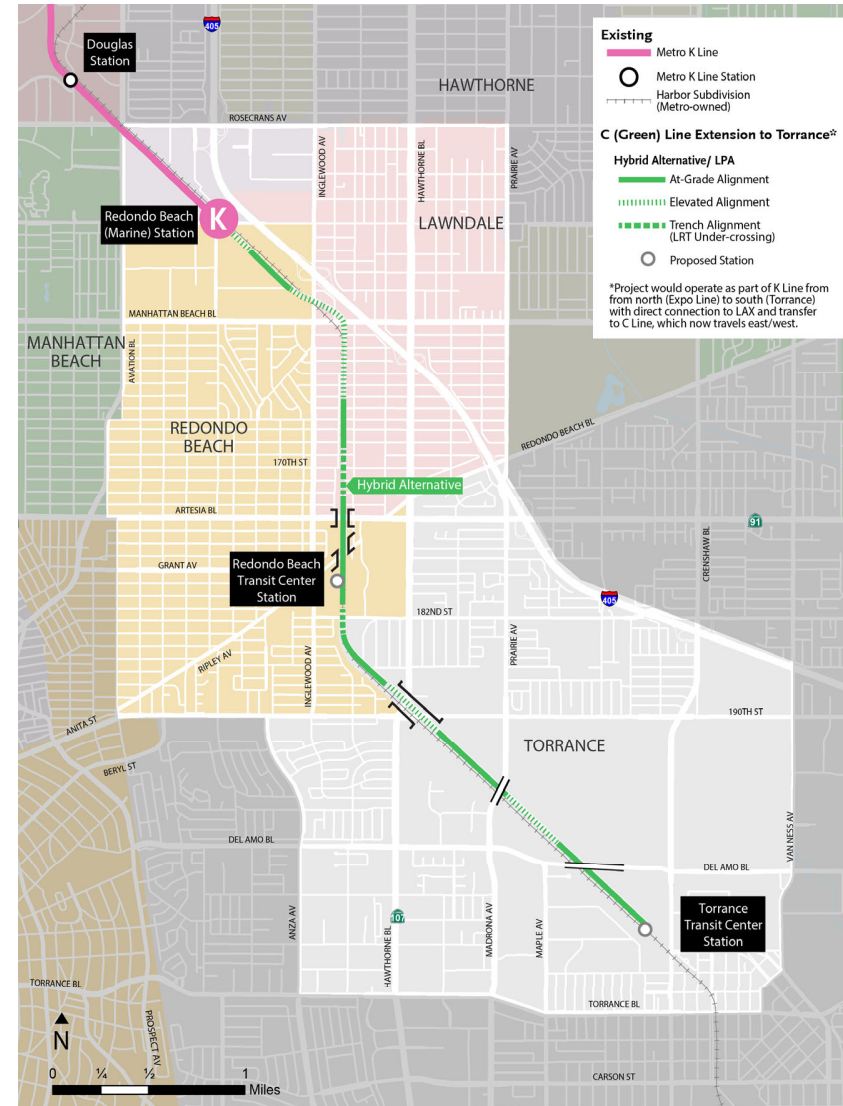
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Recent Activities

- Public notifications for release of Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 32,000 door-to-door flyers,
 - Mailed postcards to 47,000 residents & property owners,
 - E-blasts, social media postings, Metro's blog posting,
 - Local and regional newspaper ads,
 - Project website and interactive Storymap,
 - Stakeholder/elected official briefings
- Sep 11: Released Final EIR for circulation per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Development of Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)
- Preparation of funding strategy

Next Actions

- Staff recommendation for Metro Board action (anticipated Fall 2025)
 - Certification of Final EIR
 - Project approval of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)



Sepulveda Transit Corridor

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Held public hearings on Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR):
 - Aug 6 (virtual), Aug 9 (Westwood), Aug 12 (Culver City), Aug 18 (Sherman Oaks)
- Aug 30: Closed public comment period following 90-day review

Next Actions

- Review comments received
- Continue to review costs, funding and phased implementation scenarios
- Develop Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)
- Return to Board with recommendation for Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)



Link Union Station

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR



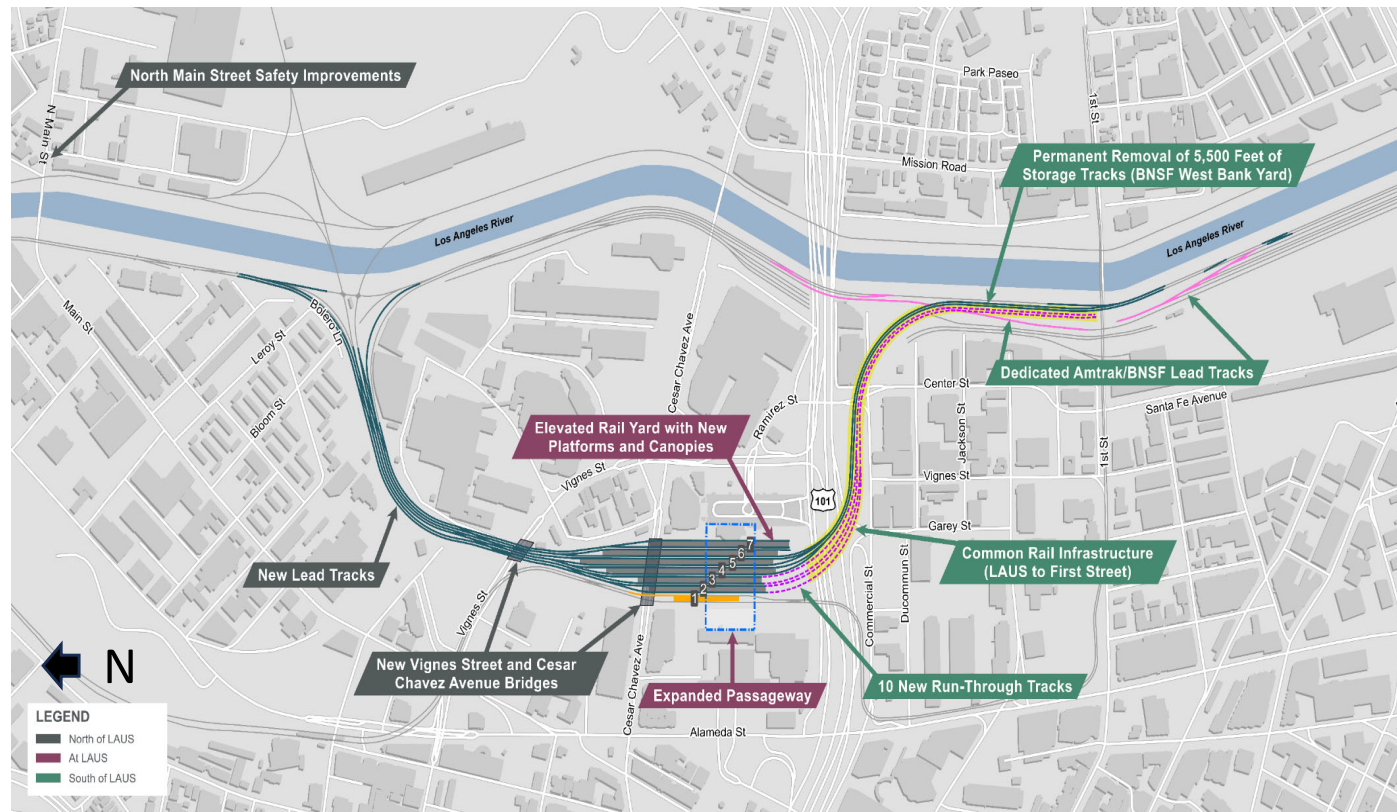
Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Completed Advanced Preliminary Engineering (APE) for the project in February 2025
- Issued Notice to Proceed (NTP) to CM/GC Contractor for Phase 1 Preconstruction Services
- Met with City staff and property owners on their concerns about Malabar Yard improvements
- Addressing state funding potentially at risk



Next Actions

- Metro Board and Highspeed Rail Authority Board to certify the Final Supplemental EIR and Final EIS, respectively (anticipated Fall 2025)

Vermont Transit Corridor

Preliminary Studies

CEQA
Exemption

NEPA

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Aug: State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation materials submitted to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review and initiation of consultation period
- Aug: Submitted all technical memos required in accordance with National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) for Categorical Exclusion class of action; under FTA review
- Small Starts submittals completed, FTA comments addressed, awaiting confirmation

Next Actions

- Continue joint Planning and Program Management activities to complete 30% design review with City and County of LA
- Complete SHPO Consultation (anticipated Summer 2025)
- Complete NEPA CE (anticipated Oct/Nov 2025)



Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

Segment B



Preliminary Studies

CEQA Exemption

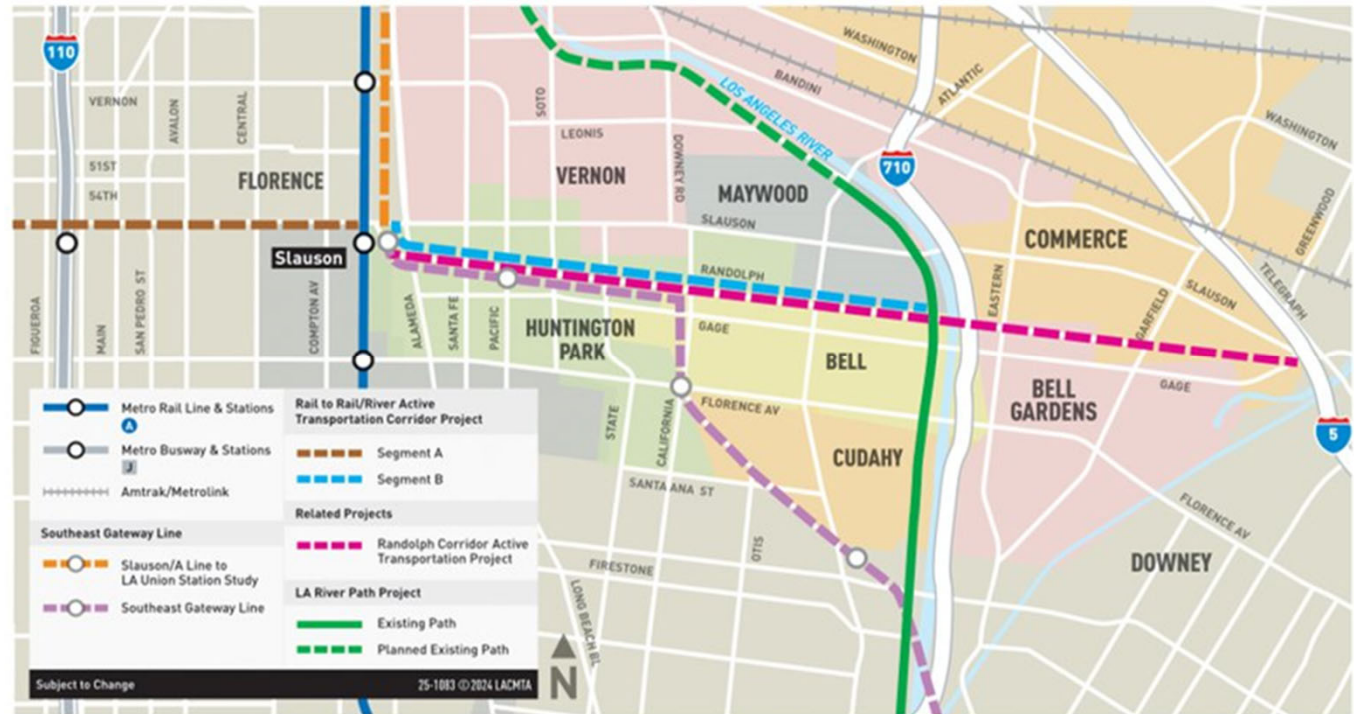
Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Presented revised designs to the cities and County in response to Board direction to coordinate parties on connectivity and safety
- Sept: Provided status update (Board Box) on project coordination with local jurisdictions and related projects
- Evaluated potential funding opportunities, including the Rivers & Mountain Conservancy



Next Actions

- Continue coordination with cities and County, and with the Southeast Gateway Line project to define active transportation improvements
- Amend the Funding Agreement with the Cities to include the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan funds

Los Angeles River Path

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR



Final EIR

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Provided notification of community meetings to provide project update and preview the release of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Conducted pre-release virtual community meetings
 - Sep 30
 - Oct 2
 - Both virtual formats
- Preparation for release of Draft EIR, including implementation of new, user-friendly online platform



Next Actions

- Release of Draft EIR (anticipated Winter 2025/2026)
- Public hearings and comment period to follow

East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) Shared Right of Way (ROW) Study

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

Recent Activities

- Provided updates on project and community responses to Study
 - Jul 14: San Fernando Valley Council of Governments
 - Aug 7: City of San Fernando Chamber of Commerce
 - Aug 18: San Fernando City Council
- Conducted community meetings on parking study (with ESFV Light Rail Transit Project)
 - Aug 14: ESFV Community Leadership Council (CLC)
 - Aug 21: Virtual
 - Aug 26: In-Person (Arleta)



Next Actions

- Return to Board with recommendation on next steps based on technical ROW and parking studies, preliminary cost estimates, and community input (anticipated Fall 2025)

K Line Northern Extension

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR



LPA Selection

Recent Activities

- Conducted community meetings on Mid-City alignments and property values
 - Aug 23 (in-person)
 - Aug 26 (virtual)
- Held public meetings to present findings from Tunnel Safety Study
 - Oct 1 (virtual)
 - Oct 4 (in person, with field tour)
- Provided Board with Receive and File update on technical studies of Mid-City area and community engagement

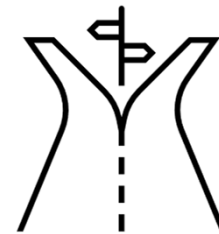
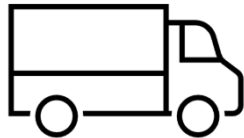
Next Actions

- Prepare staff recommendation on Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), options, phasing, and next steps (anticipated Winter 2025/2026)



Focus area for Mid-City Additional Alignment Analysis in response to concerns raised on Draft EIR alignment and tunnel safety concerns

Quarterly Major Projects Report Complete Streets & Highway Projects



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Multimodal Integrated Planning

I-605 Corridor Multimodal Improvements Project (I-605 CMIP)

(I-10 to I-105)

Status/Schedule

- Current Phase: Environmental scope of work for Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) in development.
- Held meetings in Summer 2025 with I-605 corridor cities to present multimodal & complete street framework for the corridor and develop local multimodal project concepts.
- Seek Board approval for contract modification in 2025 to revise technical studies and preliminary design.

Purpose and Need

- Safety and operational deficiencies, lack of multimodal transportation options.
 - 3,329 collisions occurred within I-605 project limits (July 2012 - June 2015).

Multimodal Scope

- Provide bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian trail improvements.
- Provide roadway connections to transit stations.
- Include Transportation System Management/ Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) strategies.

Project Benefits

- Enhance local and regional connectivity and access; increase person throughput while avoiding residential displacements.



Challenges

- Some partial right of way may be needed.
- Project alternatives are partially funded.

Metro & Caltrans Roles

- Metro: Project Sponsor for current phase.
- Caltrans: California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) Lead.

I-405 ExpressLanes Project- Sepulveda Pass

(ExpressLanes from I-10 to US 101)

Status/Schedule

- Current Phase: Preparation of the environmental document is ongoing.

Purpose and Need

- Provide additional mobility options within the geographically constrained Project Corridor and provide resources to implement related projects and facilitate future improvements, including multi-modal options, within the Project Corridor.

Multimodal Scope

- Environmental document is evaluating potential multimodal elements (transit, bike, pedestrian improvements).

Project Benefits

- Improve traffic flows, person throughput, and reliability.

Challenges

- Caltrans approval of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and potential mitigation required.



I-405 Improvements (I-110 to Wilmington Avenue)

I-405 South Bay Curve Improvements

Status/Schedule

- Current Phase: Environmental Phase- Caltrans is reviewing and approving technical studies to support Draft environmental document.
- Community Engagement: Scoping period completed in October 2024. Additional engagement expected in Winter 2025.
- Next Major Milestone: Circulation of Draft Environmental document anticipated Summer 2026.

Purpose and Need

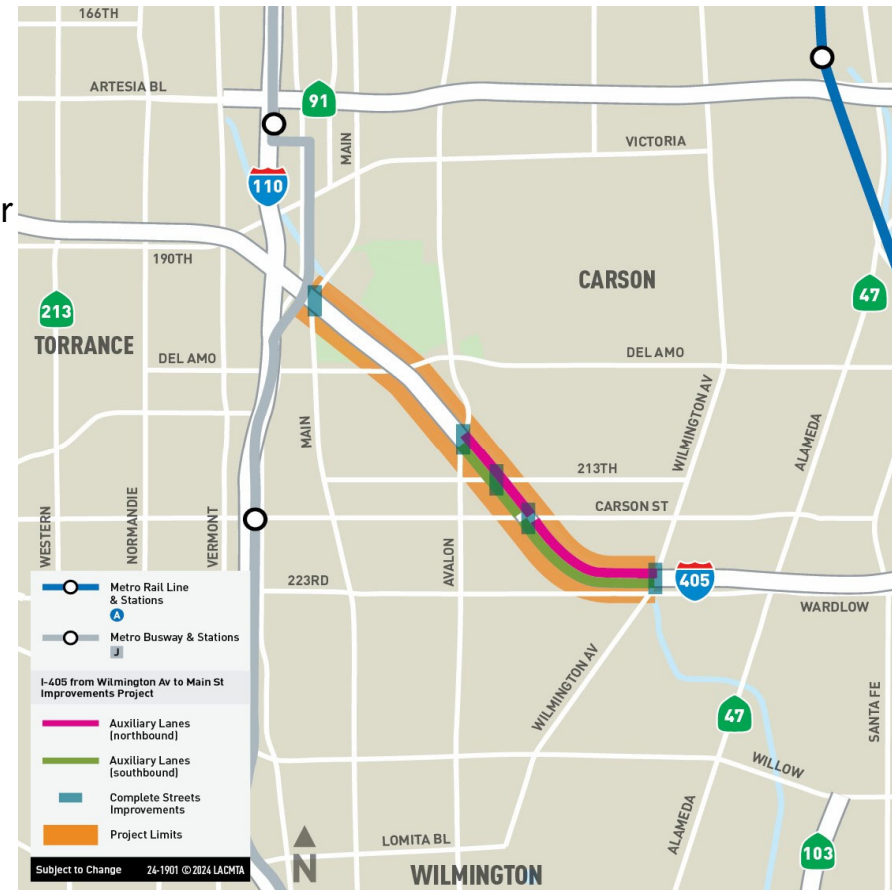
- Traffic safety and operational needs.
- From April 2020 to March 2023, 612 collisions (278 northbound and 334 southbound) occurred within the project limits, and of these, over 75% were rear-end and sideswipe, indicating congestion.

Multimodal Scope

- Build four auxiliary lanes (about 1 mile in each direction).
- New high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian flashing beacons, and cyclist signage.
- Transportation System Management/ Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) strategies.

Project Benefits

- Improve overall mobility and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicular travel.



Challenges

- Construction not fully funded.

Metro & Caltrans Roles

- Metro: Sponsor for environmental phase.
- Caltrans: California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) Lead.

SR-14 North Los Angeles County Safety & Mobility Improvements (Newhall Avenue Undercrossing to Agua Dulce Canyon Rd)

Status/Schedule

- Current Phase: Project Approval/ Environmental Documentation (PA/ED)- Caltrans is reviewing and approving technical studies to support DEIR/EA.
- Community Engagement: Scoping completed last year. Additional engagement in Winter 2026.
- Next Major Milestone: Circulation of Draft Environmental Document expected in Spring 2027.

Purpose and Need

- Address safety:
 - 475 collisions from 2020 to 2022 on northbound #1 (172) & southbound #2 (303) segments.
 - Rear-end and sideswipes make up 70% of all collisions.
- SR-14 provides one of the only travel routes throughout the corridor.

Multimodal Scope

- Obtain PA/ED clearance for Preferred Alternative that focuses on improving safety and multimodality.
- Reconfigure existing lanes that have short weaving distances and address lane gaps.
- Transportation System Management/ Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) strategies (including complete street elements), safety design refinements, and a truck climbing/descending lane.



Project Benefits

- Multimodal options to provide increased access, connectivity, and improved safety.
- Improve overall mobility and safety.

Challenges

- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis and potential mitigation to be determined.

Metro & Caltrans Roles

- Metro: Sponsor for environmental phase.
- Caltrans: California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act (CEQA/NEPA) Lead.

I-605/Valley Boulevard Interchange Improvements

91/605/405 Hot Spots Program

Status/Schedule

- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) is leading construction of this project.
- Current Phase: Final design to be completed/approved by March 2026.
- 2nd Time Extension Allocation Request approved by California Transportation Commission (CTC) at the June meeting to complete all right of way & execute all 3rd Party Agreements.
- New begin construction target date is October 2026.
- Community Engagement: COG to convene pre-construction meetings.

Purpose and Need

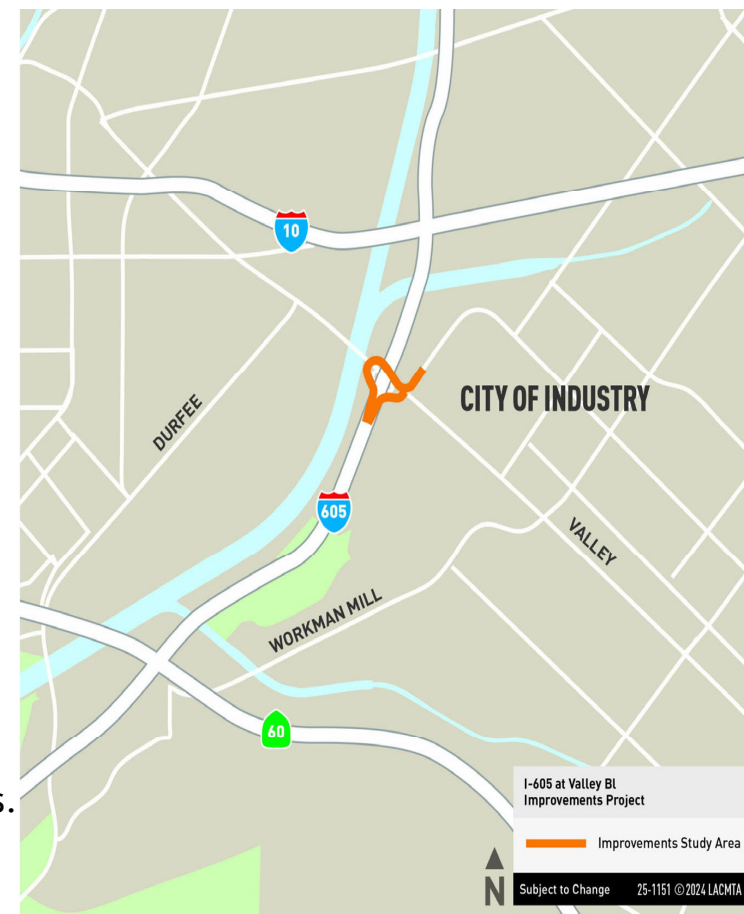
- Improve safety and mobility due to high collision rates caused by weaving conflicts, freeway and ramp queuing, and congestion (1,126 collisions occurred within the project limits from 2016 to 2018).

Multimodal Scope

- Reconfigure ramps, upgrade & coordinate traffic/railroad signals.
- Upgrade Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) infrastructure (curb ramps, sidewalks, and pedestrian pathways) & rehab adjacent local roads.
- Install pedestrian gates at railroad crossings, special signals, shorter crosswalk, and median island refuge.

Project Benefits

- Reduce collisions, congestion, weaving conflicts, and queuing.
- Enhance pedestrian access and safety.
- Provide better truck access/maneuverability along freeway ramps.
- Improved railroad safety to reduce the potential for pedestrian, vehicular, and train (freight and passenger) conflicts.



Challenge

- Complete all outstanding work (final design, project parcels, agreements) by 3-31-2026.

Metro, Caltrans & COG Roles

- Caltrans provides oversight of environmental and design tasks led by Metro contractor.
- San Gabriel Valley COG to build project.

City of Malibu Projects on Pacific Coast Highway

Measure R Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Projects

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.
- The Project is in the environmental phase and is expected to be completed in Spring 2027.

Malibu PCH Trancas Canyon Road Intersection Improvements

- Proposed improvements include a new right turn lane along westbound PCH and traffic signal updates.
- The Project is in the design phase and expected to be completed in Fall 2025.
- City cannot start project until Caltrans completes the Trancas Bridge replacement project.

Malibu PCH Signal Synchronization Project

- Executed an amendment in October 2024 to add Measure R funds, a new amendment is in progress to add Measure M funds, Metro issued a Letter of No Prejudice to the city for Measure M.
- Proposed improvements extend from John Tyler Drive to Topanga Canyon Road.
- Construction is underway and expected to be completed in December 2025.



Note: This project update will be discontinued from future Quarterly Reports

Caltrans Safety Improvements on Pacific Coast Highway

Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Master Plan

The PCH Master Plan Feasibility Study Overview

- Website: <https://engage.dot.ca.gov/07-pchmpfeasibilitystudy>
- Purpose: The purpose of this Study is to identify potential transportation improvements to improve safety and connectivity for all PCH users, which will also support and maintain Malibu's beachside character. As part of the analysis, the roadway's existing conditions, stakeholder and community outreach, feasibility, and estimated construction costs of the proposed recommendations were evaluated.

Public Engagement and Stakeholder Coordination

- Three rounds of public workshops have been conducted.
 - **Round One** (July 2024) - three public workshops (in-person and virtual) to identify the community's safety priorities.
 - **Round Two** (August - September 2024) - three public workshops (in-person and virtual) focused on presenting and soliciting feedback on design alternatives and other recommendations to improve safety on PCH.
 - **Round Three** (April/May 2025) - three public workshops (in-person and virtual) to present the Draft Report for a 60-day public review and comment period.

PCH Master Plan (Continued)

- Stakeholder Coordination
 - Over a dozen stakeholder meetings were conducted throughout Study development to inform stakeholders of the Study's goals and objectives, identify critical priorities and address potential concerns.
 - Stakeholders included representatives from local government, emergency services, environmental groups, local businesses, and community organizations.
- Over 1,300 respondents completed the survey and provided over 1,300 additional comments during Round One and Two of public engagement

Recommendations

- The Study's recommendations include roundabouts, sidewalk gap closures, bicycle facilities, traffic calming devices, crosswalks, angled parking, community gateways, etc.
 - Short-term (1-10 years), Medium-term (10-20 years), and Long-term (20+ years) project tiers.

Draft Report Review

- The public review period has closed as of June 16th. Feedback has been incorporated into the final PCH Master Plan Feasibility Study.
- **Delivery Schedule:** Final Report and StoryMap have been released and uploaded to the Study website.