



Board Report

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MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DECEMBER 3, 2025

SUBJECT: MEASURE M ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

ACTION: RECEIVE 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 active transportation activities related to Measure M projects including the LA River Waterway & System Bike Path and the Metro Active Transport (MAT) Program.

At the September meeting, the MMITOC requested an update on the funding plan and bid strategy for the Los Angeles River Bike Path - San Fernando Valley (LA River Path - SFV) project, which is managed by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (LABOE). The LA River Path - SFV is included in the Measure M Expenditure Plan, as line item 14.

Metro staff have explored questions raised by MMITOC, which inquired into how LABOE intends to deliver the project, given the original bids that came in higher than expected.

Through discussions with LABOE, Metro staff understand the following:

- In preparing to rebid the construction of Segments 1 & 2, LABOE is attempting to reduce the cost of the project by a) conducting extensive contractor outreach to increase interest in the project, b) revising the schedule of values to remove areas of uncertainty and risk that were present in the original scope, and c) considering alternatives that would defer the completion of certain undercrossings to a subsequent project phase, enabling a more expedited project timeline while still completing a fully connected path.
- LABOE anticipates that these measures will enhance competitiveness, mitigate risks, and alleviate time constraints, collectively contributing to a reduction in project costs.
- The Expenditure Plan identifies \$60 million in Measure M funding for the LA River Path - SFV. In addition, LABOE was awarded \$10 million from the Measure M MAT Program at the Metro Board meeting on September 25, 2025, to deliver the LA River Path - SFV's first two

- segments, contingent on delivery before the summer 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The expected funding gap for Segments 1 & 2 is \$7,082,000 (Table 1) based on current cost estimates. The City of Los Angeles is exploring all available funding sources to address the expected funding shortfall, including state and federal grants, leveraging local partners, flood control resources, and congressional appropriations. Table 2 provides details on secured funding and the current funding gap for the overall LA River Path - SFV project, which includes funding for Segments 1 & 2.

Table 1. Segments 1 & 2 Funding and Balance

Funding Source	Amount
Measure M Expenditure Plan	\$24,000,000
California Active Transport Program (ATP Cycle 4)	\$18,590,000
Measure M MAT Cycle 2	\$10,000,000
Local	\$6,681,000
Total Funding Secured	\$59,271,000
Project Fund Balance	
Cost Estimate* (2025)	\$66,353,000
Total Funding Secured	\$59,271,000
Funding Gap	\$7,082,000
<i>*Cost estimates are subject to change</i>	

Table 2. LA River Path - SFV Project (all segments) Funding and Balance

Funding Source	Amount
Measure M Expenditure Plan	\$60,000,000
California Active Transport Program (ATP Cycle 4 & 6)	\$52,991,000
Measure M MAT Cycle 2 (for Segments 1 & 2)	\$10,000,000
Local	\$7,580,000
Total Funding Secured	\$130,571,000
Project Fund Balance	
Cost Estimate* (2024)	\$169,819,650
Total Funding Secured	\$130,571,000
Funding Gap	\$39,248,650
<i>*Cost estimates are subject to change</i>	

The LA Board of Public Works is scheduled to adopt the Request for Proposals (RFP) with the new bid package for the project covering Segments 1 & 2 with a new scope of on November 24 and bids

are expected to be due in January 2026. It is undetermined whether construction of some of the undercrossings will be postponed, but LABOE has confirmed that construction of Segments 1 & 2 is expected to begin in Spring 2026 and will be completed before the summer 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The Measure M related activities for active transportation include two projects in the Measure M Expenditure Plan that will connect the bike path gaps along the Los Angeles River in the San Fernando Valley and in Central Los Angeles, as well as the Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) Program, a discretionary grant program guided by the priorities in the Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP). Measure M also funds active transportation projects programmed by subregions through the Multiyear Subregional Program (MSP). In addition to funding these activities, Metro engages in First/Last Mile planning for communities to access 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 in the ATSP regional network were eligible for MAT Program Cycle 2 funding. In addition to evaluating projects for investments in EFCs, MAT Cycle 2 project applications were evaluated based on factors including robust partnerships with Community Based Organizations (CBO) to ensure community engagement in project development. Project applications that were submitted for MAT Cycle 1 in 2020 were given bonus points for locations within EFCs. All selected projects that are being developed using Cooperative Agreements with Metro include CBO partnerships.

The LA River Project - Central City section directly serves seven EFC census tracts in the communities of Lincoln Heights, Chinatown, and Boyle Heights. Approximately 23% of the population in this area lives under the poverty line and more than 22% of the working-age population does not use cars as a primary mode of transportation. This path will not only be used for recreational purposes 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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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

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DECEMBER 3, 2025



Metro

Measure M Support for Active Transportation

- > Measure M Expenditure Plan Projects
 - LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (Central City)
 - Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)
 - Metro Active Transport (MAT) Program (32 projects)
- > Locally-Selected Projects
 - Local Return
 - Multi-year Subregional Program (MSP)
 - 3% Local Contribution for First/Last Mile Projects



LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (Central Cities)

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

- > Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to be released in Winter 2025/2026
- > Selection of a single alternative and start of 60% design (subject to comments from US Army Corps of Engineers and LA Department of Water & Power (LADWP))
- > Potential to phase the project by segment
- > Agreements with Third Parties in progress:
 - LA County, City of LA, LADWP, Railroads, Caltrans
 - Agreement with the City of Vernon being revised due to LA County coordination
- > Operations & Maintenance lead and Construction Entity, yet to be determined

Update since September MMITOC meeting:

- Pre-DEIR Release Public Meetings were held on September 30 and October 2
- DEIR Public Hearings to be held in Winter 2025/2026



Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)

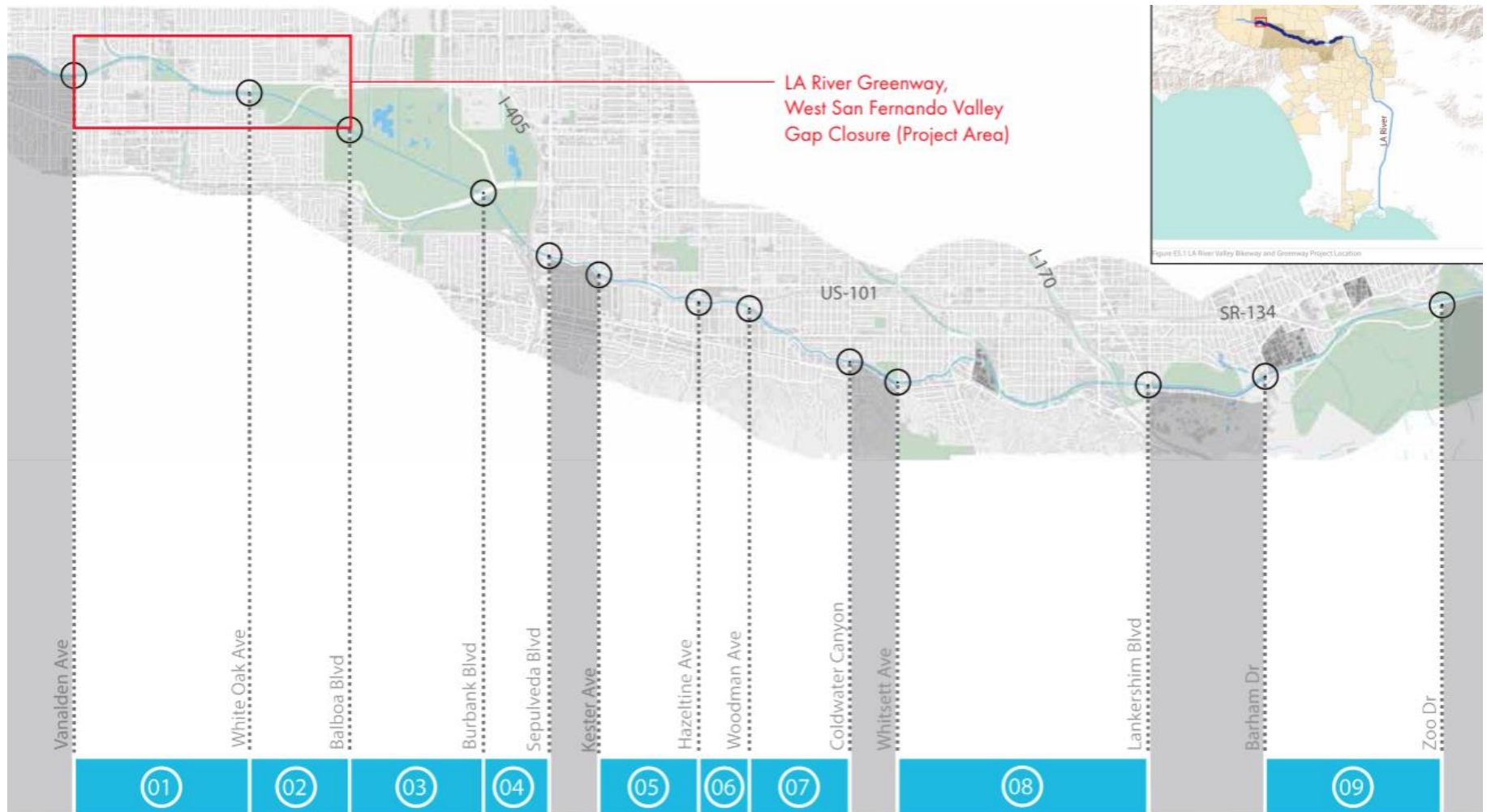
- > LA Bureau of Engineering is Lead Agency
- > 13 miles of bikeway gap closures
 - 9 segments: Vanalden Ave to Forest Lawn Dr
 - Design of all segments to be complete by 2029; construction of all segments expected by 2032
- > Cost estimate for the all segments is \$170M
- > \$70M in Measure M funding
 - \$60M in Expenditure Plan for all segments; \$24M for Segments 1 & 2, \$36M for remaining segments
 - \$10M in MAT funding for Segments 1 & 2
- > \$18.6M in California Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 funding for Segments 1 & 2
- > \$34M in ATP Cycle 6 funding for Segment 8
- > City seeking remaining funding
- > City leading all phases of development, including operations and maintenance (in partnership with US Army Corps of Engineers)



Segment of LA River Bike Path completed in 2014

Update since September MMITOC meeting:
Revised RFP for construction of Segments 1&2 are scheduled for release in November with bids due in January.
Segments 1&2 also received a \$10M grant from Metro's MAT funding in September

Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)



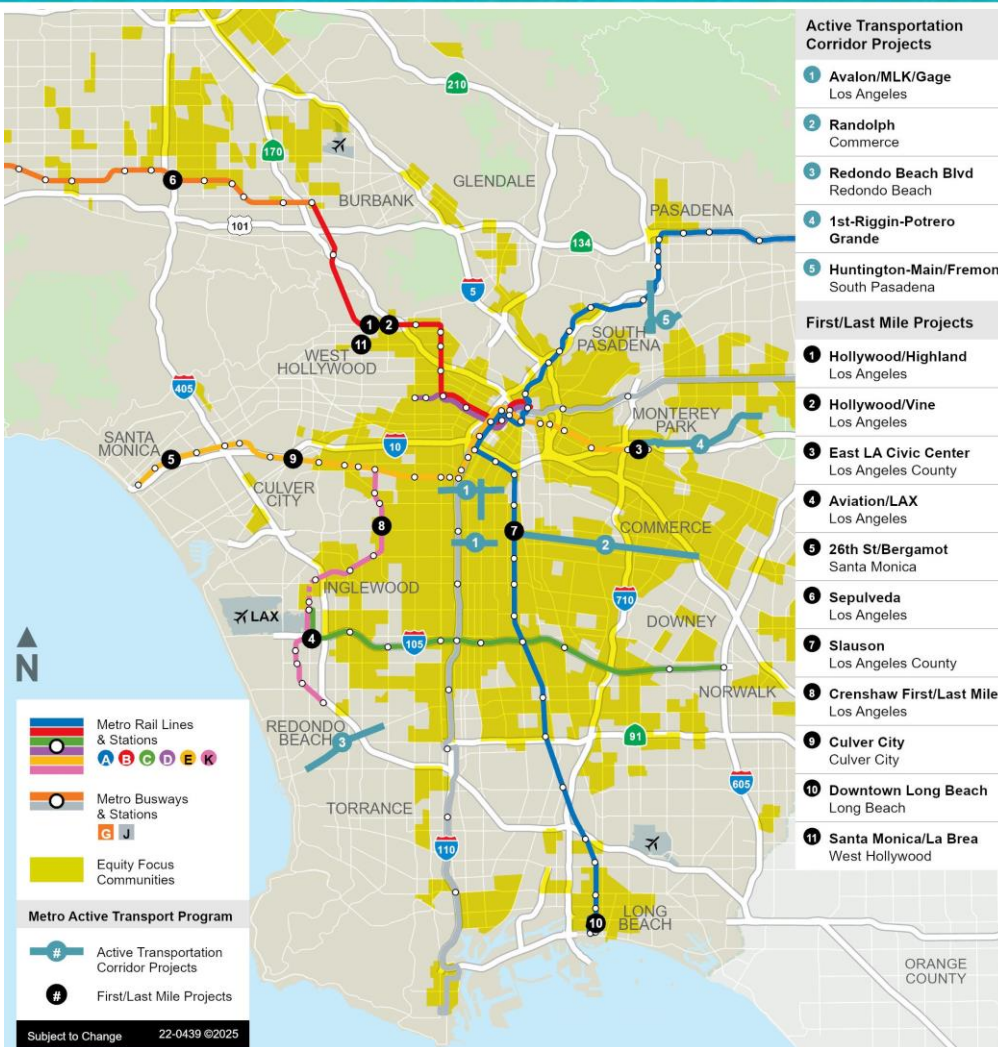
Los Angeles River Valley Bikeway and Greenway Design Completion Project
(2017 Feasibility Study)

Constructed Segments or in Design Phase

01 Segment Number



Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 1



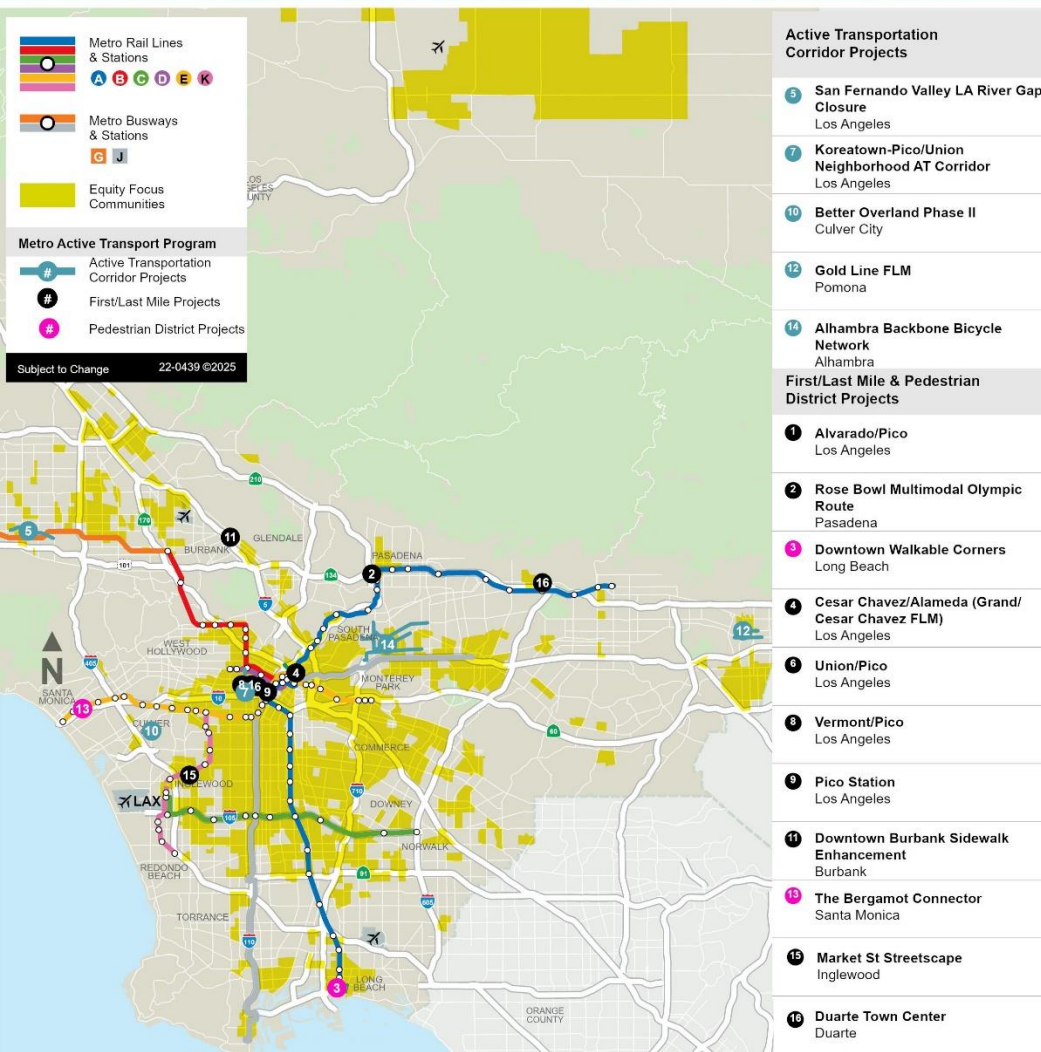
- > \$69.5M programmed to 10 jurisdictions:
 - 11 First/Last Mile Projects
 - 5 Active Transportation Corridor Projects
- > Most projects in Planning and Design Phase
- > Significant funding capacity remains as of October:

MAT Cycle 1 Funds Spent	Funds Programmed
\$4,940,083	\$69,500,000

Update since September MMITOC meeting:
October Board action

- > Reprogramming of funds for 8 projects through FY 2028-29
- > Deobligation of \$33,046 from Cycle 1 due to project cost savings
 - Funds returned to MAT Program

Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 2



> \$85.5M programmed to 10 jurisdictions:

- 9 First/Last Mile Projects
- 2 Pedestrian District Projects
- 5 Active Transportation Corridor Projects

> Most projects are for construction phase

- 3 awards require completion for 2028 Games; 8 are Games-supportive

> Projects include:

- **30.5 miles** of active transportation improvements including **28.3 miles of bike lanes/paths**
- Improvements to crosswalks, signals, curb extensions, curb ramps, and traffic calming/diversion for safer access to **11 transit stops/stations**

Update since September MMITOC: Board approval of projects and development of Funding Agreements and Cooperative Agreements

Thank you



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