

**Board Report**

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**MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026****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's active transportation activities related to Measure M projects, including the LA River Waterway & System Bike Path and the Metro Active Transport (MAT) Program. Measure M funds can only be used for capital projects, not operations.

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 to help communities access existing and future major transit stops. Equity is built into Metro's approach to all 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 with 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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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 is used for AT projects
 - Multi-year Subregional Program (MSP)
 - 3% Local Contribution for Measure M rail projects can be fulfilled by First/Last Mile Projects



LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (Central Cities)

Preliminary Studies

Draft EIR

Final EIR

Preconstruction

Construction

Open

- > Metro conducting environmental review:
 - Notice of Preparation (Oct 2019)
 - 4 Scoping Meetings (Nov 2019)
 - Draft Environmental Impact Report Released Dec 18, 2025 with 47-day public comment period
- > Ongoing development of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and IOS, based on DEIR evaluation, stakeholder and public comments received
- > Agreements with Third Parties in progress

Update since the June MMITOC meeting:

- Review of public and stakeholder comments received on the Draft EIR
- Cost estimate development for LPA
- Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) underway
- Coordination with LA County on the LA River Governance Study, as directed by Board Motion 2026-0416



Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)

- > LA Bureau of Engineering is leading all phases of development, including operations and maintenance
- > 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
- > Latest cost estimate for all segments is \$202M
- > Segments 1 & 2 Cost is \$95.4M including contingency funded with:
 - \$40M from Measure M Expenditure Plan
 - \$10M in MAT funding for Segments 1 & 2
 - \$18.6M ATP Cycle 4 funding
 - \$22.9M City Funds
 - \$3M Prop 68 funds (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy)
- > Remaining Segments Funding
 - \$34M in ATP Cycle 6 funding for Segment 8
 - \$20M Measure M Expenditure Plan
 - City of LA seeking remaining funding

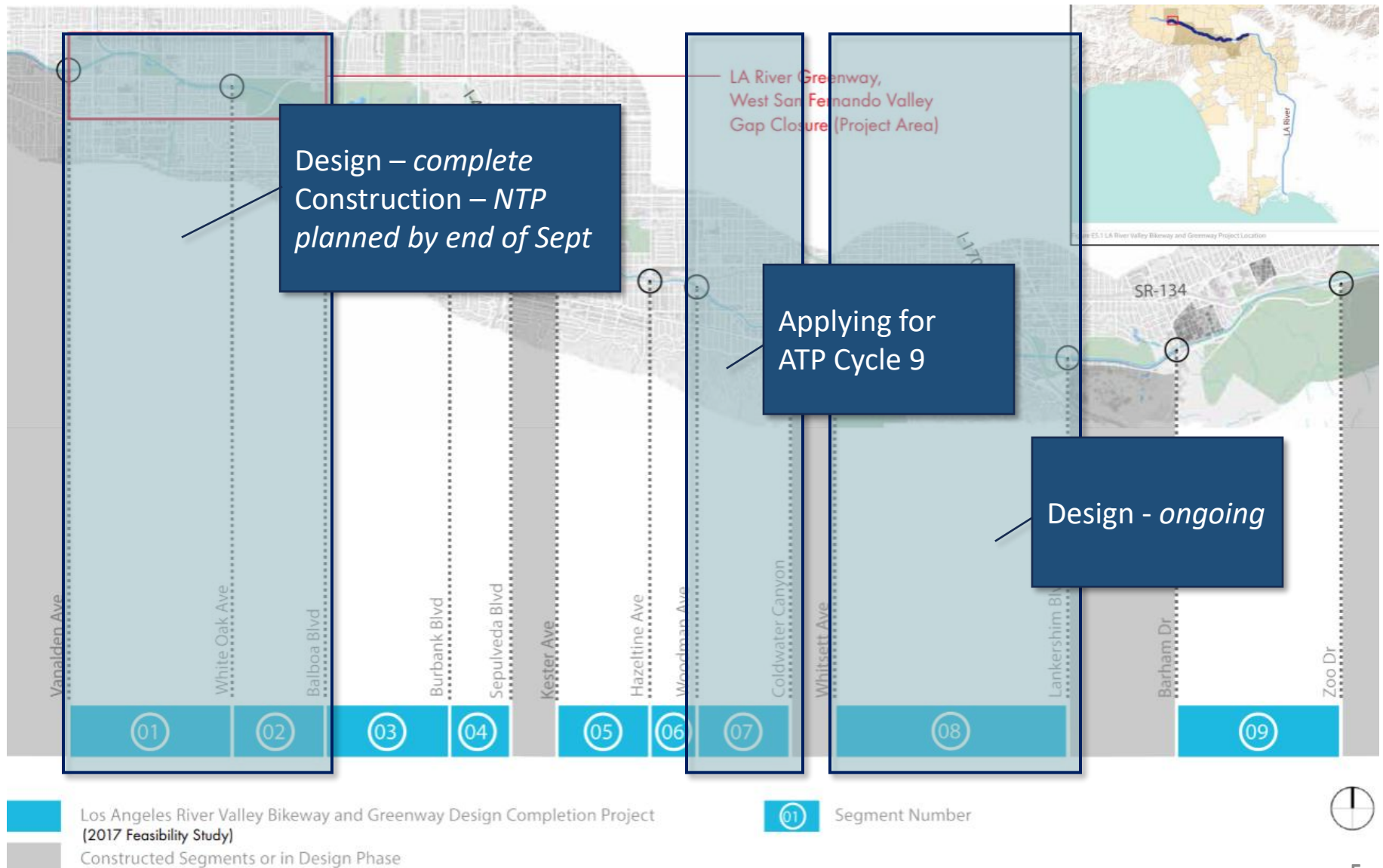


Segment of LA River Bike Path completed in 2014

Update since June MMITOC meeting:

Contract for construction of Segments 1&2 to be awarded by end of September. Funding Agreement being amended.

Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)



Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 1



> \$63.1M awarded in 2021 and \$6.4M awarded in 2025 to projects in 10 jurisdictions:

- 11 First/Last Mile Projects
- 5 Active Transportation Corridor Projects

> Most projects in Planning and Design Phase and programmed between FY2022 and FY2029

> Approximately \$61.9M remains to be expended as of July

Update since June meeting:

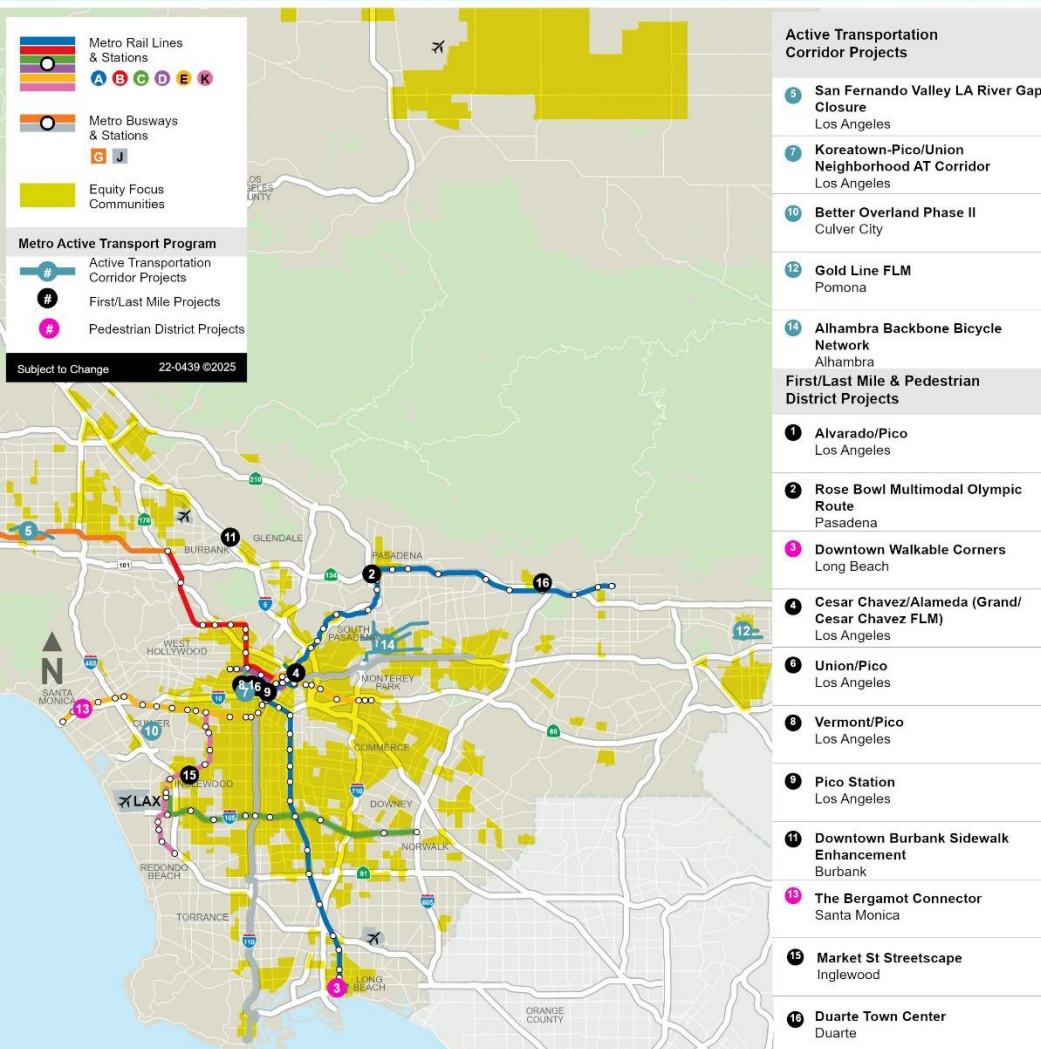
New website available:

https://www.metro.net/projects/mat_program/

**Total
Programmed
\$69,500,000**

**Total
Expended
\$7,584,983**

Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 2



- > \$85.5M awarded to 10 jurisdictions in Fall 2025:
 - 9 First/Last Mile Projects
 - 2 Pedestrian District Projects
 - 5 Active Transportation Corridor Projects
- > Most funding is for construction phase and programmed between FY 2026 and FY 2030
 - 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 June MMITOC: Funding Agreements and Cooperative Agreements being drafted and executed.

Thank you



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