



Eastside Transit Corridor – Phase 2

Project Update Community Open House

October 20, 2009



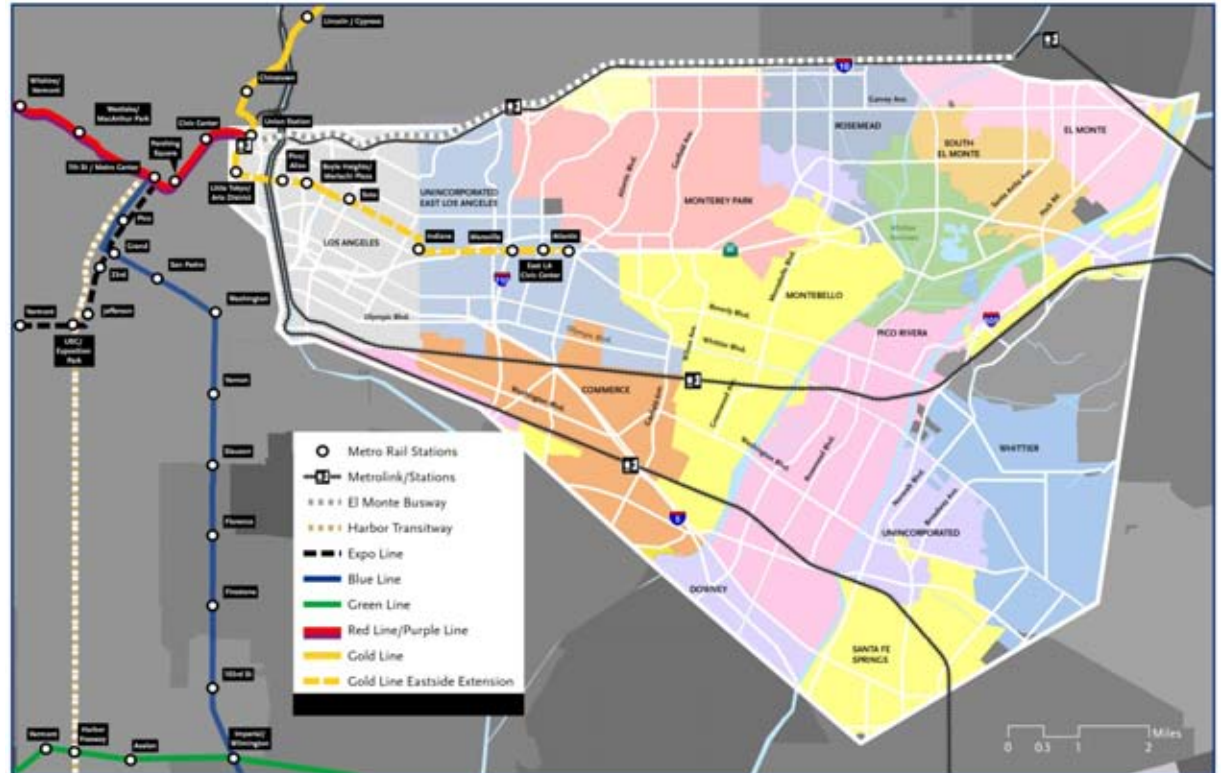
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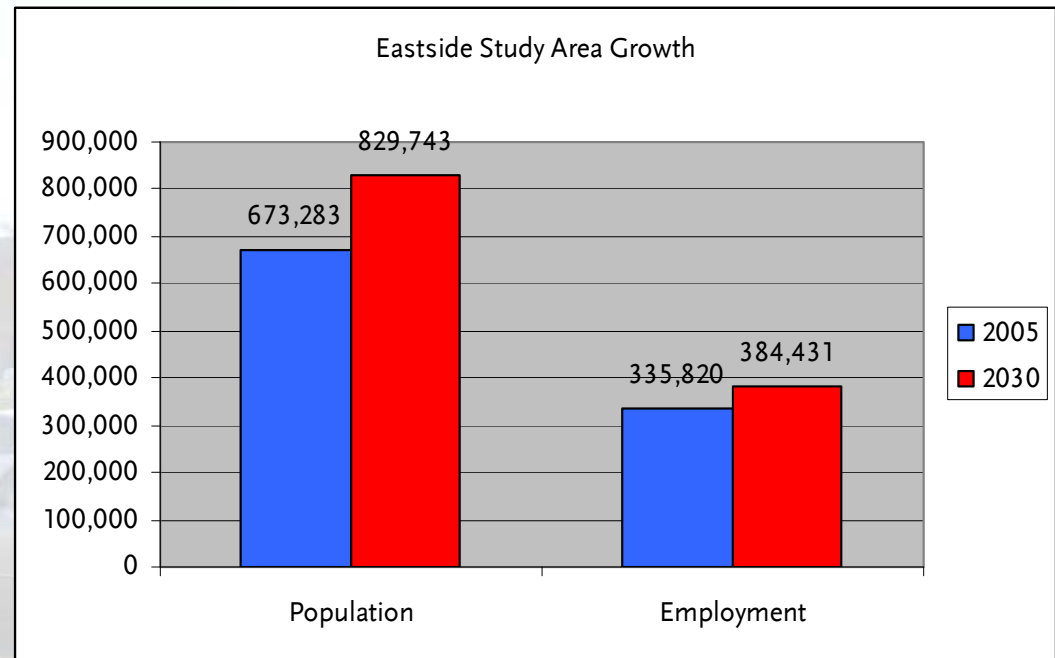
Background: Study Area

- 80 square miles
- 13 cities and parts of unincorporated LA County
- 45% are low income households
- 42% are 18 yrs. old or younger & 65 yrs. old or older



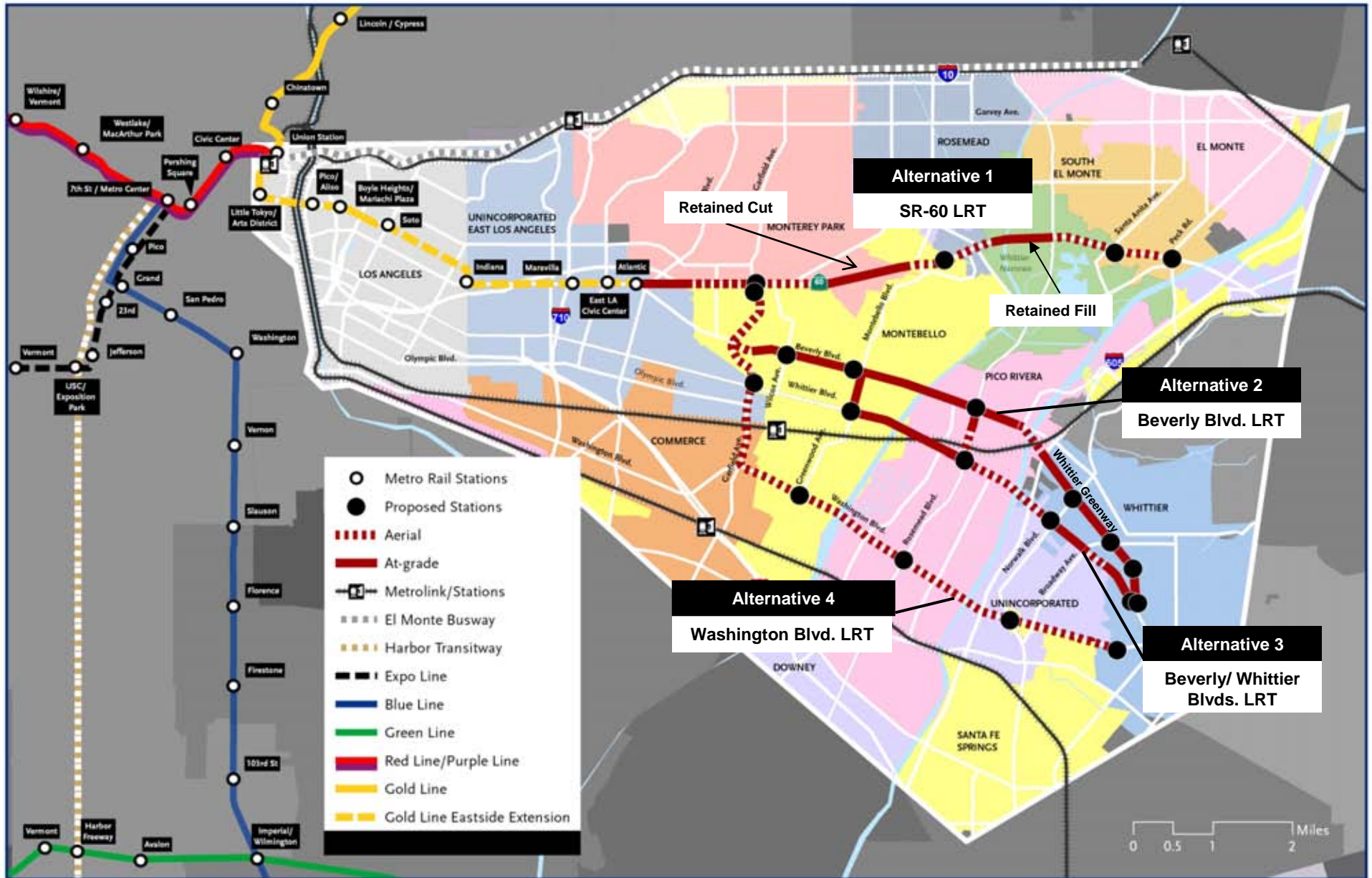
Background: Purpose and Need

- Highly congested highways & arterials during peak periods (I-5, SR 60, I-10, Beverly Blvd, Whittier Blvd)
- Population Growth: 23% by 2030
- Employment Growth: 14.5% by 2030

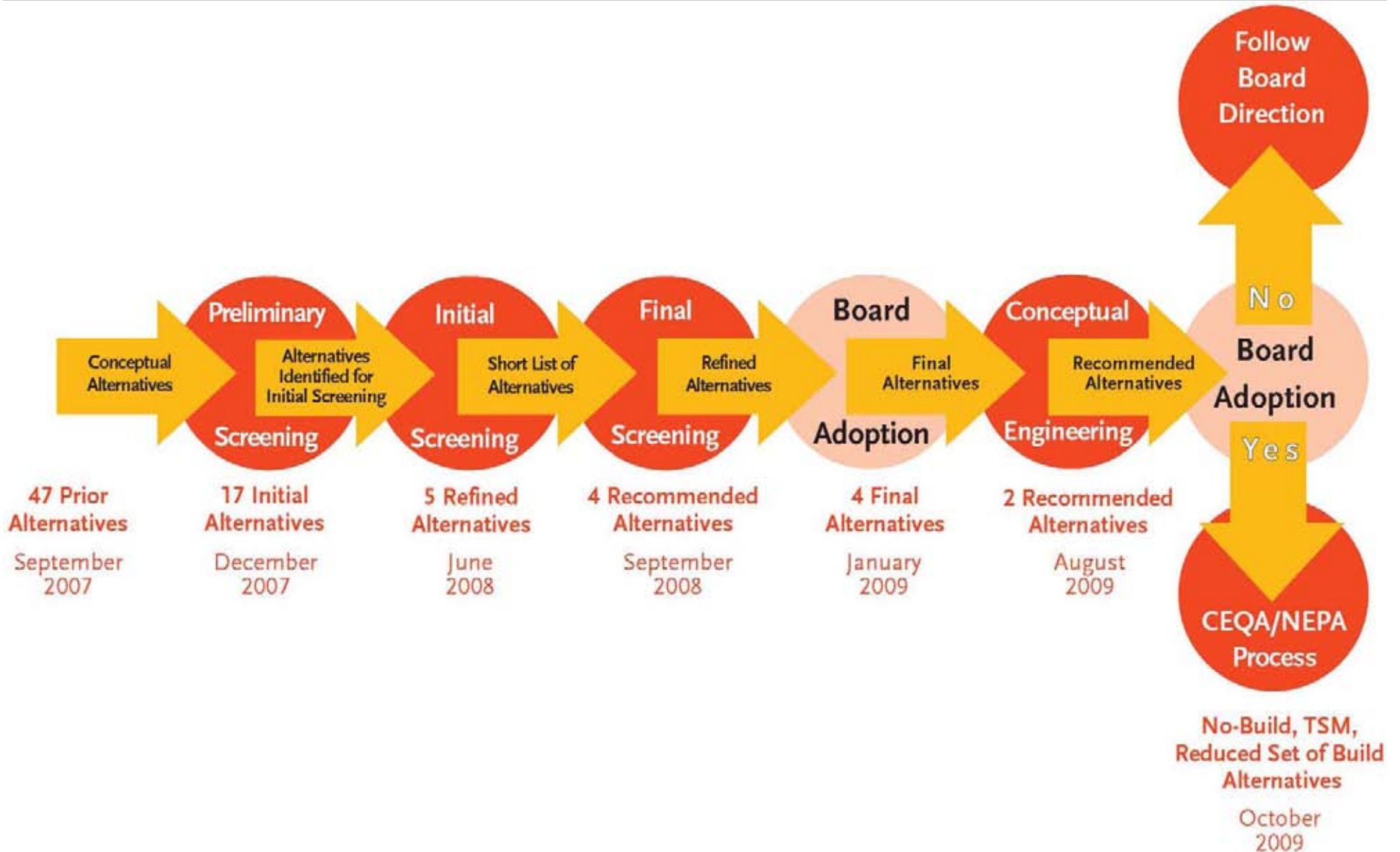


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Background: Metro Board Selected Alternatives (January 2009)

















Process Development



Recommendation to Metro Board (Oct. 2009)

- **Reduce approved Build Alternatives from 4 to 2**
- **Build Alternatives for continued study**
 - SR-60 LRT
 - Washington Blvd LRT
- **Alternatives not recommended for continued study**
 - Beverly Blvd LRT
 - Beverly/Whittier Blvds LRT

Overall Schedule

	Jan-Mar 2009	Apr-June 2009	July-Sept 2009	Oct-Dec 2009	Jan-Mar 2010	Apr-June 2010	July-Sept 2010	Oct-Dec 2010	Jan-Mar 2011	Apr-June 2011
Further Refine/Reduce Alternatives										
TAC Meetings										
Metro Board Adopt Alternatives for DEIS/DEIR										
NEPA/CEQA Scoping Period										
Prepare DEIS/DEIR										
Advanced Conceptual Engineering										
FTA Approval to Release DEIS/DEIR										
Public Review of DEIS/DEIR & Public Meetings										
Identify Locally Preferred Alternative										





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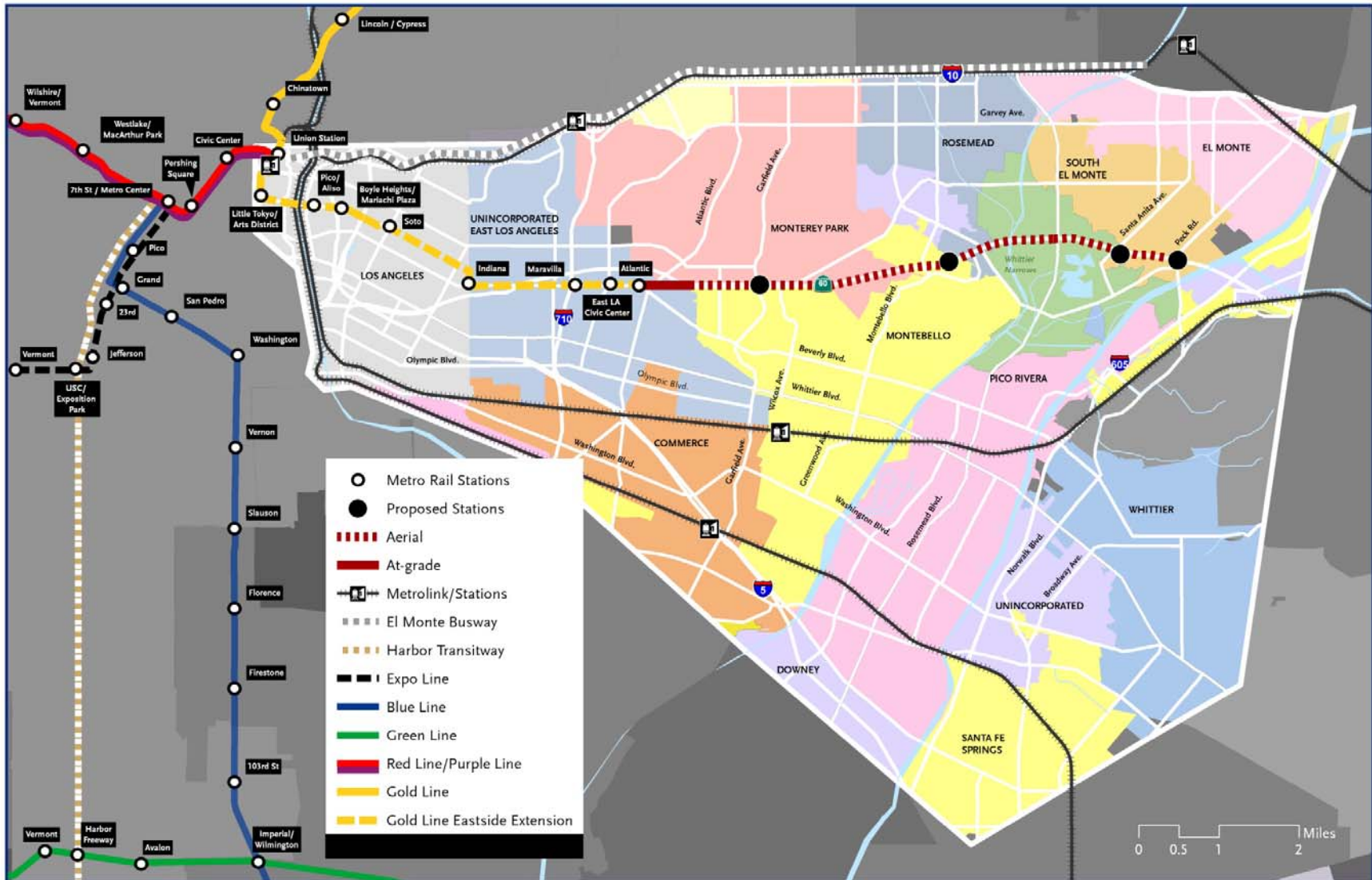
Technical Analysis Results

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	SR-60 LRT*	Beverly LRT	Beverly/ Whittier LRT (via Montebello Blvd)	Beverly/ Whittier LRT (via Rosemead Blvd)	Washington LRT
Travel Time (minutes)	12.5	24.0	24.9	23.3	17.5
Total Capital Cost (billions)	\$1.8	\$1.5	\$1.6	\$1.5	\$2.2
Ridership (average weekday daily)	12,270	12,780	12,700	12,410	15,660
Length (miles)	6.9	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.3

* To Peck Road

Build Alternative: SR-60 LRT



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- Provides fastest travel time of the 4 build alternatives
- Supports existing development & proposed land use plans
- Minimal impacts to streets compared to the other 3 build alternatives
- Primarily serves longer work-based trips
- High level of support from community, stakeholders, elected officials

Engineering Challenges: SR-60 LRT

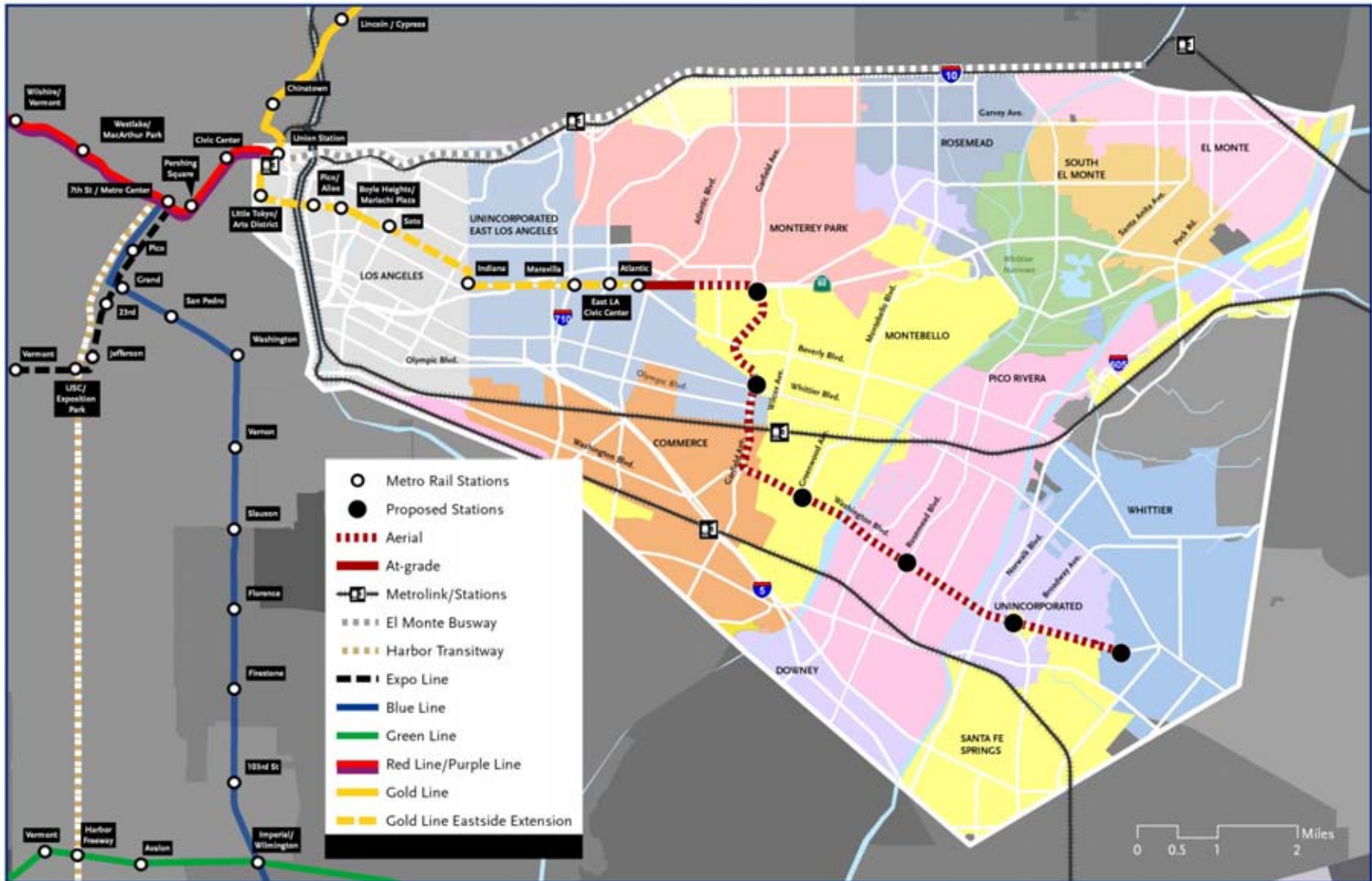
- **Hazardous materials (former OII/current Superfund site)**
- **Flood control and parkland**
- **Southern California Edison (SCE) plans (Tehachapi Project)**



Source: New Cure website -
<http://www.newcure.net/southparcel.htm>



Build Alternative: Washington Blvd LRT



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- **Highest ridership of the 4 build alternatives**
- **Attracts highest number of new transit riders**
- **Second fastest travel time of the 4 build alternatives**
- **Existing development & proposed land use plans support transit**

Build Alternative: Washington Blvd LRT

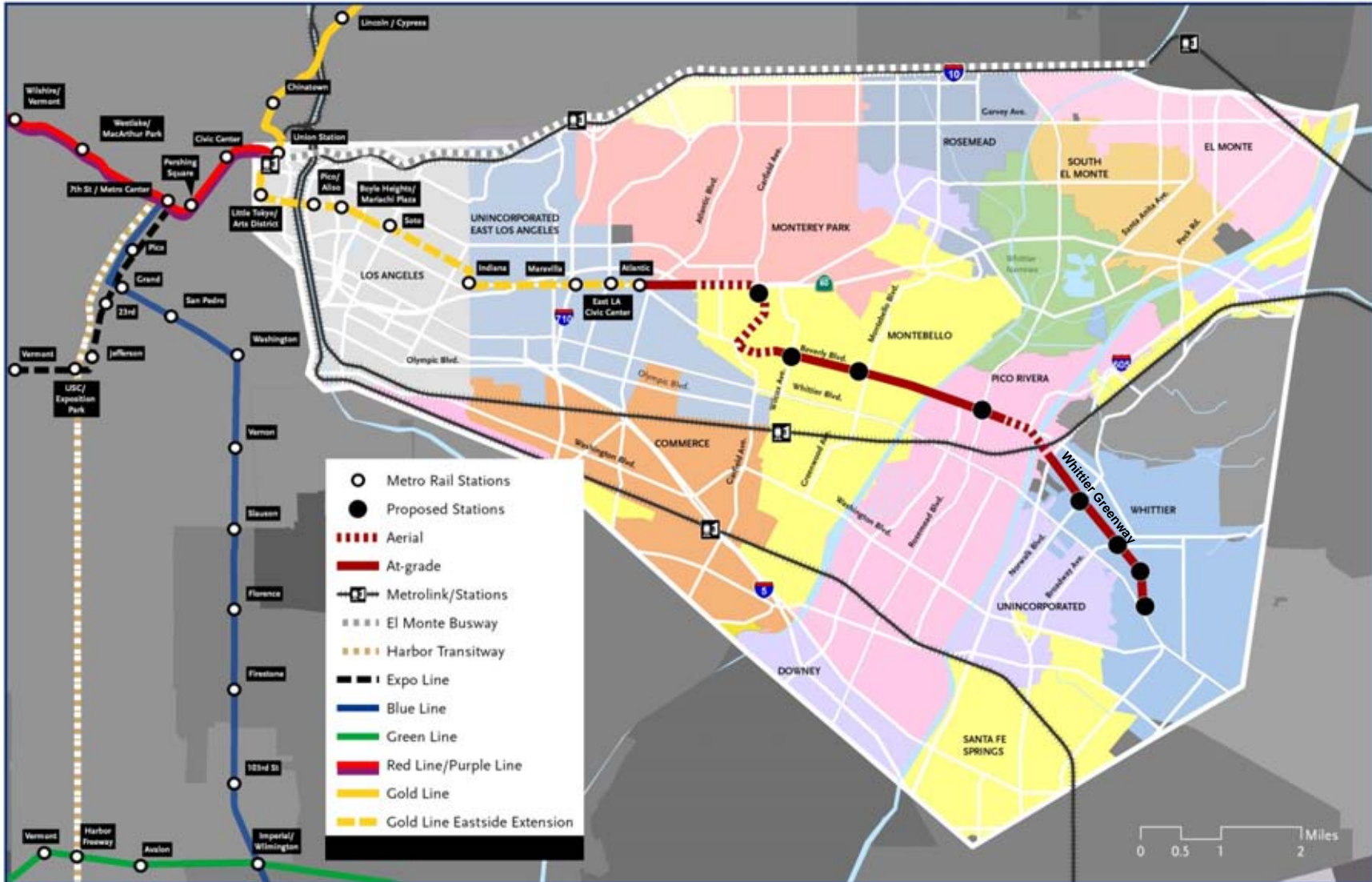
- **Minimal impacts to streets**
- **Strong ridership base:**
 - **Short, frequent trips within the communities served**
 - **Commuter trips to and from employment sites on Washington Blvd**
 - **Serves Gateway Cities, San Gabriel Valley, and I-5 Freeway corridor**
- **High level of support from community, stakeholders, elected officials**

Engineering Challenges: Washington Blvd LRT

- Reduce capital cost by evaluating potential at-grade sections
- Designated truck corridor



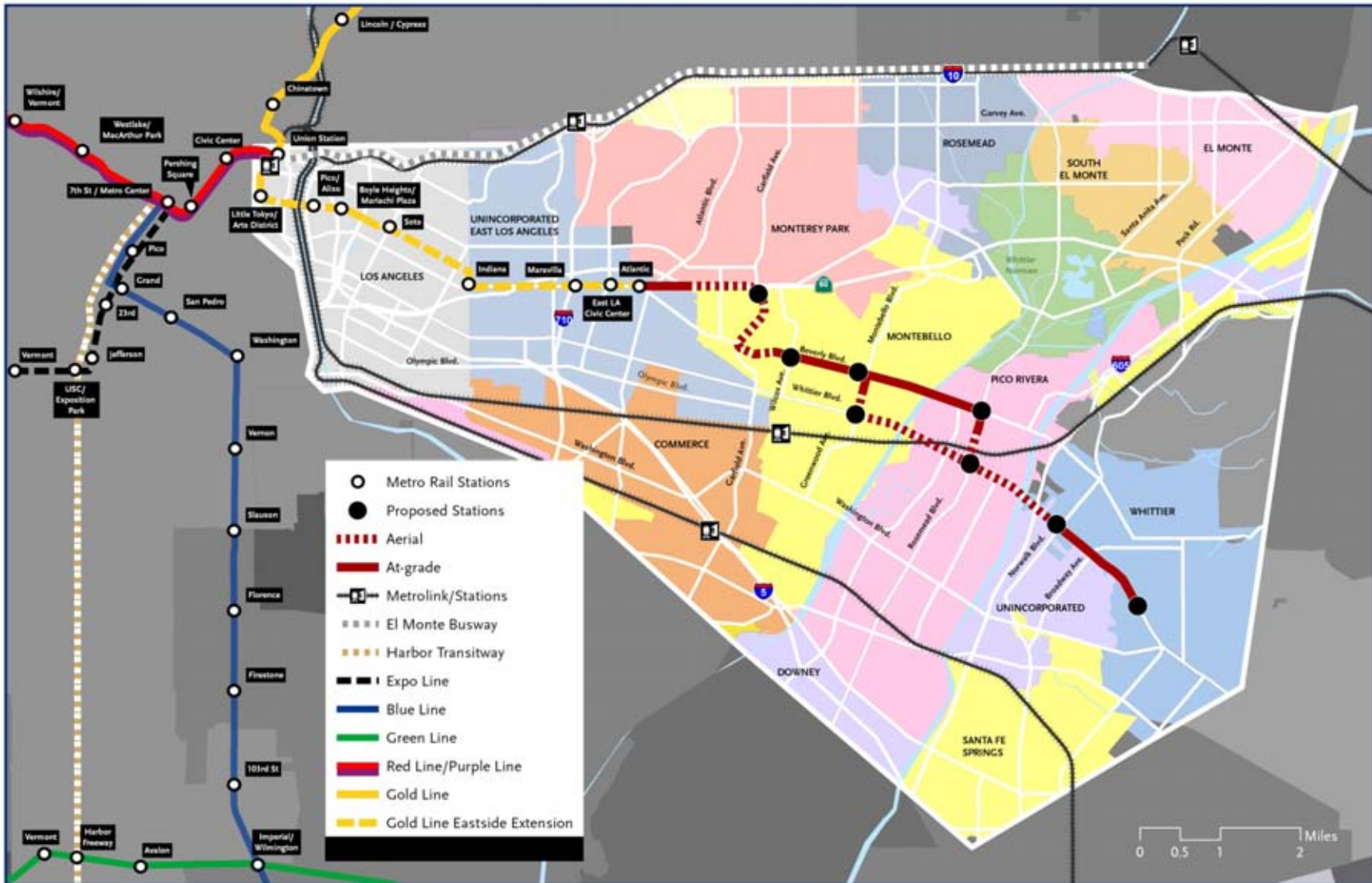
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- **Fatal flaws:**
 - LRT operations not permitted over property owned by SCE
 - SCE and UPRR long-term plans
 - Cannot obtain ownership of Whittier Greenway
- **More impacts to streets compared to SR-60 and Washington Blvd Alternatives**
- **Lack of support from community, stakeholders, elected officials**

Alternative Not Recommended: Beverly/Whittier Blvds LRT



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- **Constrained right-of-way**
- **Potential parkland impacts on final operating segment**
- **More impacts to streets compared to SR-60 and Washington Blvd Alternatives**
- **Low level of support from community, stakeholders, elected officials**



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Public Involvement Outcome

Public Involvement

- **Over 40 meetings since February 2009**
- **Over 200 people attended the City Council sessions**
- **Over 270 people attended 4 focus group workshops and one open house meeting**
- **Over 60 comments received to date + group input during focus group sessions**



Public Involvement: Comments Received

- **Strong support for SR-60 and Washington Blvd Alternatives**
- **Consider extending SR-60 & Washington Blvd. Alternatives**
- **Strong opposition to using Whittier Greenway**
- **Concern over at-grade configuration on Whittier Blvd and potential right-of-way impacts**



City Council Support/Resolutions

Support of Project Alternatives by City				
City	SR-60	Washington Blvd	Beverly /Whittier Blvds	Beverly Blvd
Commerce		Support		
El Monte	Support			
Industry	Support			
Monterey Park	Support			
Montebello	Support			
Pico Rivera		Support	2 nd Choice	
Rosemead	Support			
Santa Fe Springs		Support		
South El Monte	Support			
Whittier		Support		

Note: County of Los Angeles and Cities of Bell, Downey, and Los Angeles have not stated a position

Project Funding

- **Local funding in Measure R:**
 - **\$1.27 Billion**
 - **Funds available beginning FY 2022-2024**
 - **Expected project completion FY 2033-2035**
- **Possible additional funding sources**
 - **New Starts Program**
 - **Other federal sources**
 - **State funding sources**

Next Steps: Public Outreach

- **Fall 2009:**
 - **Community Open Houses**
 - **Project Update and Recommendation to Metro Board**

- **Winter 2010**
 - **Scoping meetings and public comments**



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Questions