

# NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT LOS ANGELES AERIAL RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

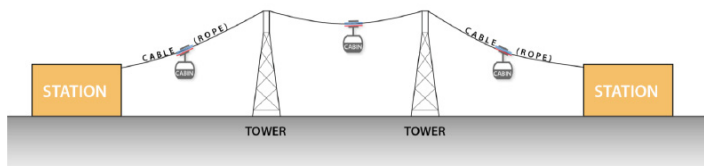
*A Project Proposed by Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC*



Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC is proposing the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project, which would connect Los Angeles Union Station to the Dodger Stadium property via an aerial gondola system in downtown Los Angeles. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is the lead agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with construction and operation of the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project.

## WHAT IS AERIAL RAPID TRANSIT?

Aerial rapid transit (ART) is a proven, safe, sustainable, high capacity, and highly efficient form of transportation. The proposed aerial gondola system would include aerial cables, passenger stations, a non-passenger junction, towers to support the aerial cables between the stations/junction, and gondola cabins for passengers. In an aerial transit system, cabins are suspended above grade by cables strung between stations and towers. The system is typically propelled by an electrically-powered motorized wheel. Modern applications have seen the evolution of aerial transit technology as a feasible mode of urban rapid transit.



The cabins would allow for sitting or standing; would accommodate wheelchairs, baby strollers, and bicycles; and would be fully ADA compliant.

Each cabin would have a security camera on board with a feed to the control room as well as a "push to talk" button.

## EXAMPLES OF GONDOLA SYSTEMS



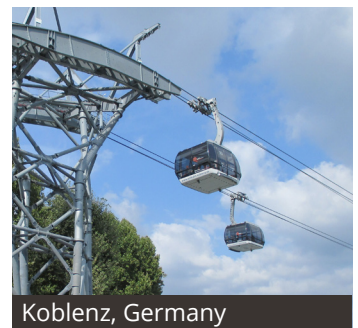
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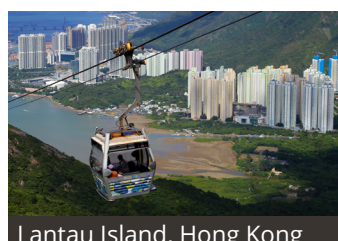
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Koblenz, Germany



Mexico City, Mexico



Lantau Island, Hong Kong



London, England

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### Project Location and Setting

**City:** Los Angeles

#### Communities:

El Pueblo	Elysian Park
Chinatown	Union Station
Mission Junction	Solano Canyon

The proposed Project would generally be located within the public right-of-way, and would travel generally along Alameda Street, Spring Street, and Bishops Road from LAUS to Dodger Stadium. In connection with providing additional transit service adjacent to the Los Angeles State Historic Park, the proposed Project would fly over the Park and SR-110 near Dodger Stadium. The surrounding land uses include high and medium density residential, commercial, retail, institutional, transit-related infrastructure (road and rail), parks and open space, and public facilities uses.

### Project Description

- The Project would connect Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) to the Dodger Stadium property via an aerial gondola system, reducing traffic congestion and expanding mobility options for transit riders.
- The aerial gondola system would include aerial cables, passenger stations, a non-passenger junction, towers to support the aerial cables between the stations/junction, and gondola cabins for passengers.
- The Project would have a maximum capacity of approximately 5,500 people per hour per direction, and the travel time from LAUS to Dodger Stadium would be approximately six or seven minutes.
- Public benefits being considered for the proposed Project include support for a pedestrian bridge between North Broadway and the Los Angeles State Historic Park.

## PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

Expand mobility options for transit riders through a direct connection between LAUS and Dodger Stadium, a regional event center, via an aerial gondola system.

Provide a permanent transit connection to Dodger Stadium, serving all Dodger home games and events, increasing the percentage of Dodger game attendees who access from public transit connections at LAUS.

Enhance connectivity for the surrounding communities by linking to the Los Angeles State Historic Park, Elysian Park, and the region's rapidly growing regional transit system at LAUS.

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and aid in improving air quality through the reduction of vehicle miles traveled and vehicular congestion in and around Dodger Stadium, on neighborhood streets, arterial roadways, and freeways during game and special event days.

LA ART has the potential to improve air quality and increase transit access for underserved communities and for state and City parks.

Provide a proven, safe, quiet, sustainable, high capacity, and highly efficient form of transportation that would function as both a reliable rapid transit system and first/last mile connector.

Provide an iconic new regional tourist destination that offers scenic views of Los Angeles.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC SCOPING

### How to Comment

**October 1 to November 16, 2020**

Comments must be submitted by 11:59 pm on November 16, 2020, via any of the following:

### VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

[LAARTvirtualopenhouse.org](http://LAARTvirtualopenhouse.org)

### EMAIL

[LAART@metro.net](mailto:LAART@metro.net)

### MAIL

Attention: Mr. Cory Zelmer  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

### Learn More at a Virtual Meeting

A Virtual Scoping Meeting will be held on October 22, 2020, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Login information for the Virtual Scoping Meeting, as well as the Notice of Preparation, project information, and schedule updates, is available at [metro.net/aerialrapidtransit](http://metro.net/aerialrapidtransit). For ADA accommodations please call 213-418-3423.

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## CEQA PROCESS + TIMELINE

### What is the Purpose of the EIR?

The purpose of the Draft EIR is to evaluate the potential for environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed Project, and to provide mitigation measures where required.

