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**I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project Scoping Meeting**

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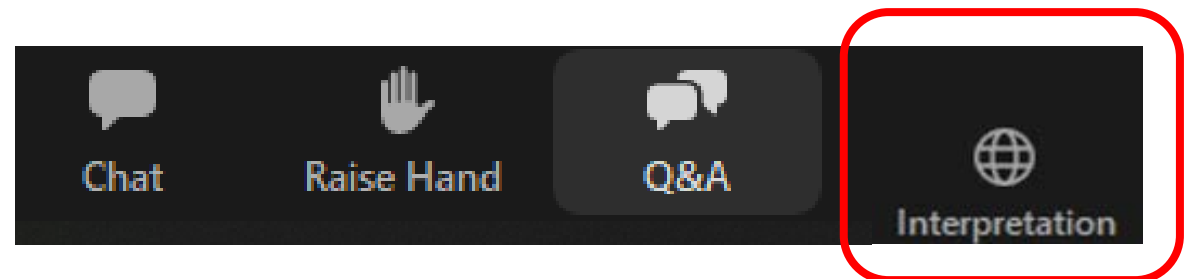
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# Thanks for joining us!

## Agenda

Welcome

Project Presentation

Public Scoping Comment Session\*

*\*We will accommodate as many questions and comments as possible based on the allotted amount of time.*

# Before We Get Started

**Today's scoping meeting is being recorded.**



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# Code of Conduct

**Metro is committed to ensuring that all participants can fairly and clearly share ideas, comments and concerns about this project. To provide a safe and equitable process, we are asking for your help.**

**During this meeting, please:**

- > Respect the format of the meeting and allow everyone an opportunity to comment.
- > Turn off cell phones and background noise when speaking.
- > Treat fellow community members, agency representatives, Metro staff and others with respect.
- > Direct all comments to Metro staff and consultants – not to other attendees.
- > Maintain a conversational tone.



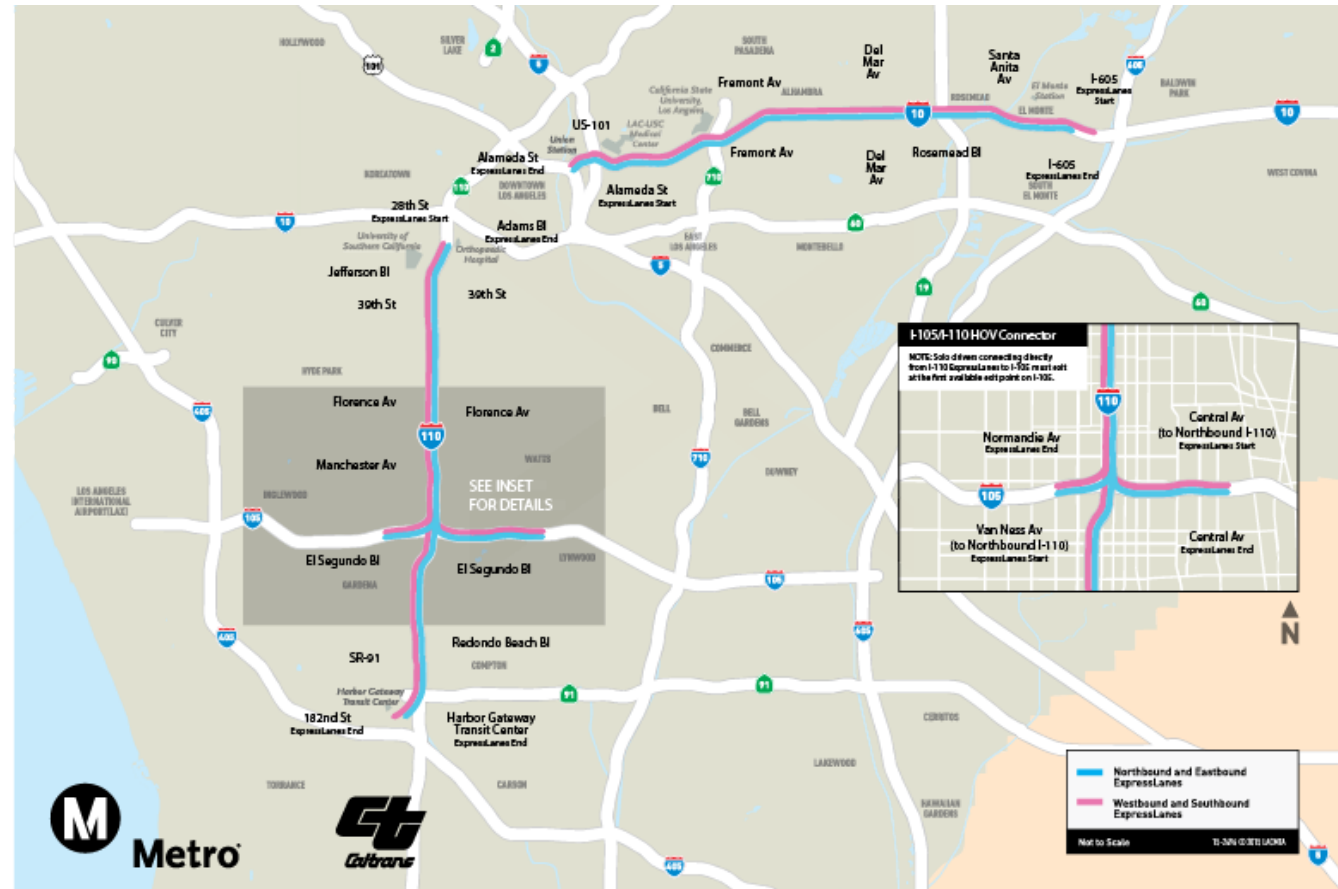
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I-10 EXPRESSLANES EXTENSION PROJECT



# ExpressLanes Background

- > Initiated as a one-year congestion reduction demonstration project
  - I-110 opened in November 2012 between Adams Bl and SR-91/182nd St
  - I-10 opened in February 2013 between Alameda St and I-605
- > These ExpressLanes were developed in partnership with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Caltrans and California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- > SB 1298 allows I-10 and I-110 ExpressLanes to operate indefinitely



\*map not to scale

# ExpressLanes Background

- ExpressLanes provides options - single occupant vehicles pay a toll to use the lanes, while qualified carpools travel toll-free
- Toll rates for single occupant vehicles are set using dynamic pricing – prices are lower when there is less congestion and higher when there is more congestion
- Toll rates range from \$0.10-\$2.10 per mile
- Net toll revenue is used to increase transit service in the corridor, as is currently done on the I-10/I-110 ExpressLanes (e.g., Metro J (Silver) line, Foothill Transit Silver Streak)
- For more information, please go to [metroexpresslanes.net](http://metroexpresslanes.net)

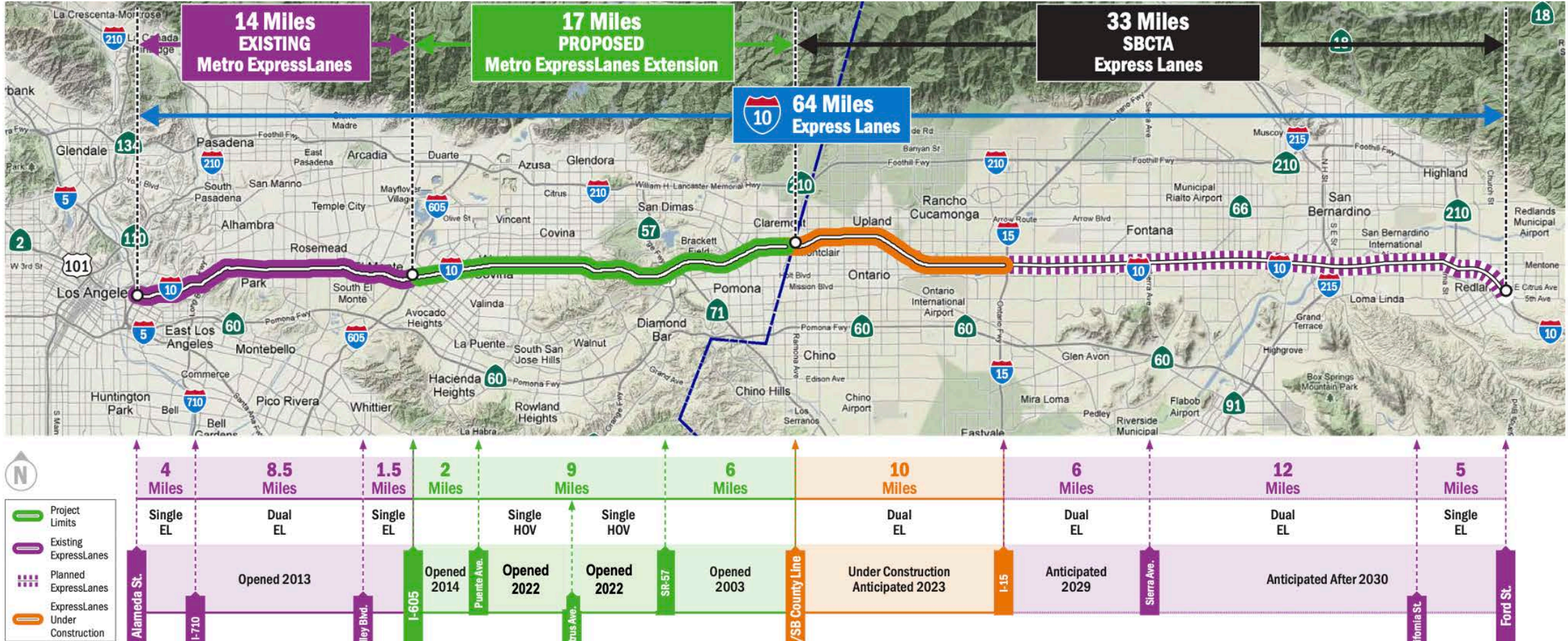




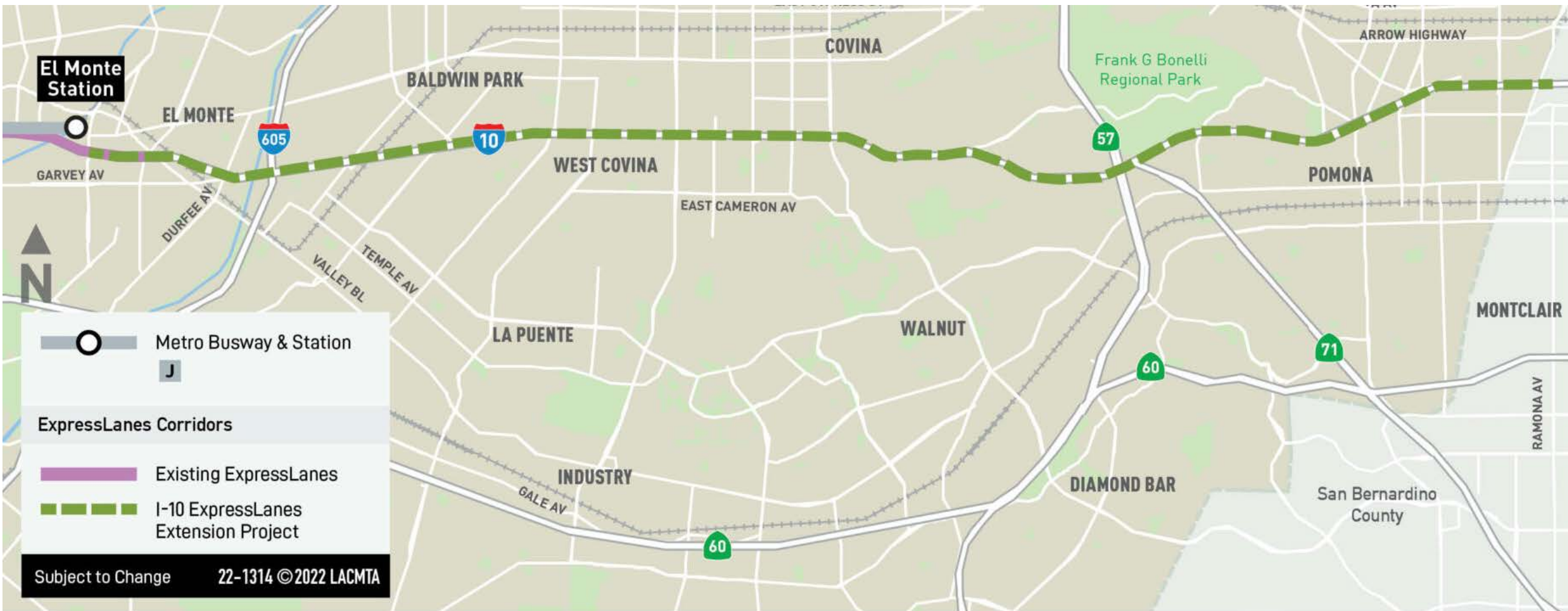
# Project Overview

- 17-mile corridor between I-605 and the LA/SB county line
- Metro and Caltrans are partners in developing the project
  - Metro, with consultant support, is preparing engineering and technical studies and is leading community outreach efforts
  - Caltrans is preparing the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) and will review/approve engineering studies
- Project does not have committed funding for implementation. Possible funding sources will be identified during the environmental phase.

# Project Vicinity Map



# Corridor Cities



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- El Monte
- West Covina
- San Dimas
- Claremont
- Baldwin Park
- City of Industry
- Walnut
- Montclair
- Covina
- Pomona
- Unincorporated LA County



# Project Purpose

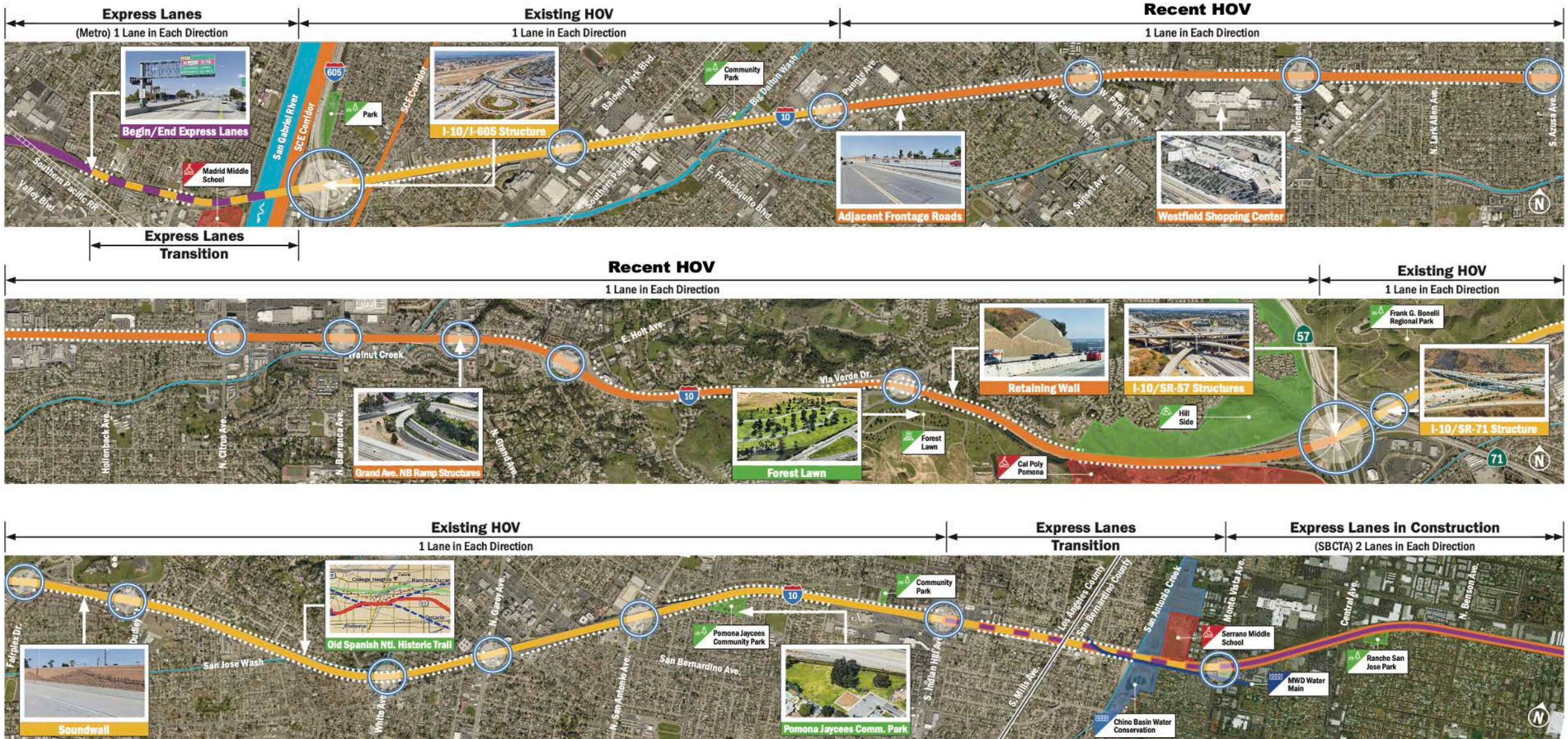
The purpose of the Project is to:

- Improve travel times increasing trip reliability, and maximizing vehicle and person throughput
- Promote equitable and sustainable multi-modal travel options
- Address the gap between existing I-10 ExpressLanes and planned ExpressLanes facilities
- Provide interregional continuity and consistency throughout the region
- Address degradation of travel speeds along certain HOV segments

The Project aims to address:

- Degradation of travel speeds within certain segments of the I-10 HOV lanes, particularly east of SR-57 and around the I-10/I-605 interchange
- Growing travel demands, delay times, and lower trip reliability during the peak commute periods
- The ExpressLanes gap between once the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's I-10 ExpressLanes project is completed in 2023.

# I-10 Corridor Constraints

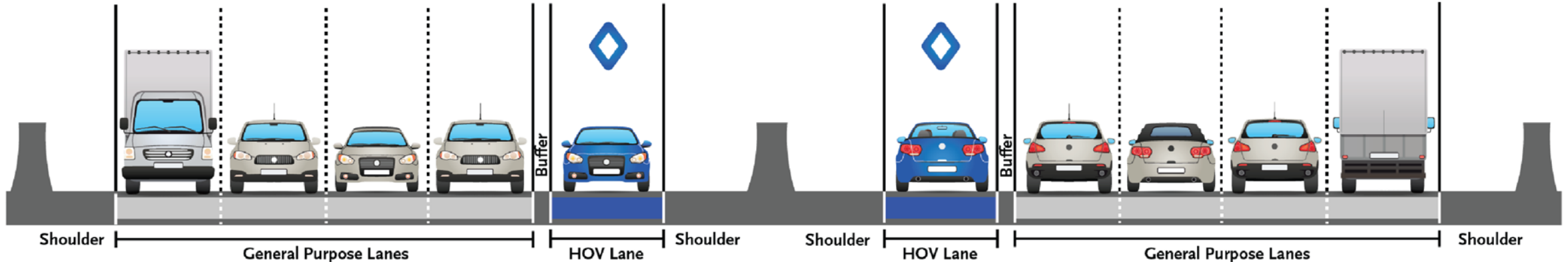


# What is Being Considered

The I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project will analyze four proposed alternatives:

- Alternative 1: No Build
- Alternative 2: Convert the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to a high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane, also known as an ExpressLane in each direction
- Alternative 3: Convert the existing HOV lane to an ExpressLane and add one additional ExpressLane/HOT lane in each direction
- Alternative 4: Maintain the existing HOV lane and add a second HOV lane in each direction
- All the build alternatives would consider opportunities to enhance pedestrian/bicycle facilities, complete streets elements, upgrade/add park & ride facilities, promote carpooling and transit, increase transit services, implement infrastructure electrification and TSM/TDM components

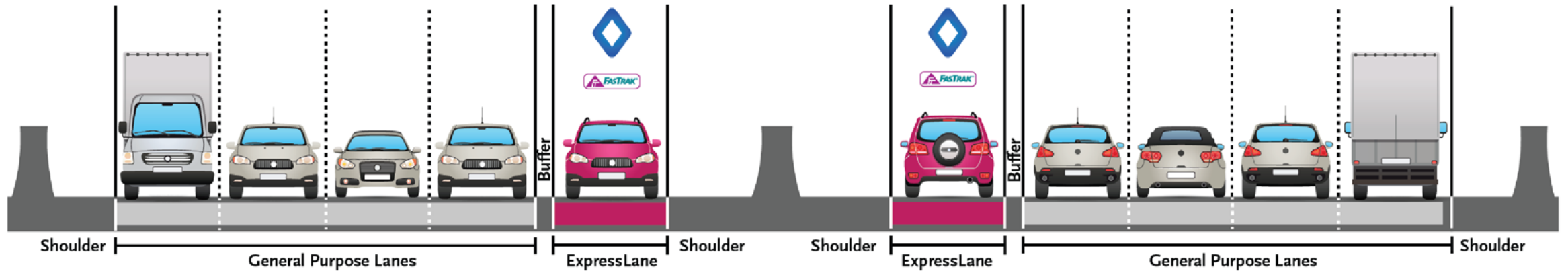
# Alternative 1 – No Build



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- > Maintain existing conditions except for routine roadway maintenance and current approved improvements
- > No additional travel lanes or ramp improvements
- > No right-of-way acquisition anticipated
- > HOT lanes network gap

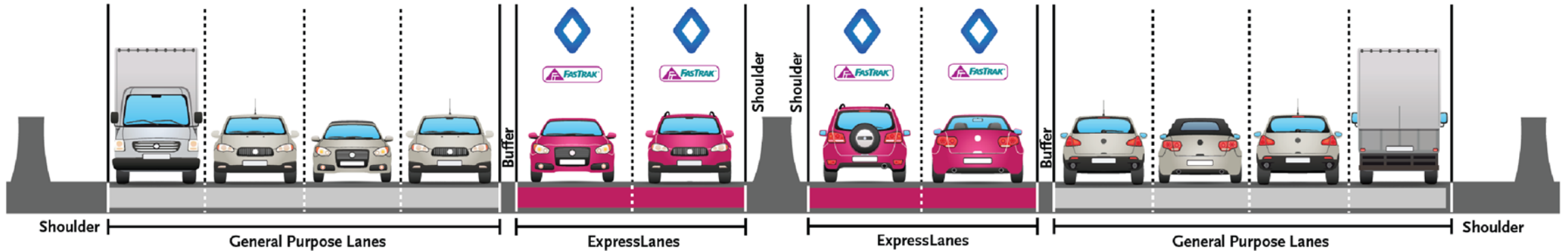
# Alternative 2 – Single ExpressLane



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- > Convert existing HOV lane to one (1) ExpressLane in each direction with non-standard lane and shoulder widths
- > Maintain number of existing General Purpose Lanes in each direction
- > Possible right-of-way acquisitions

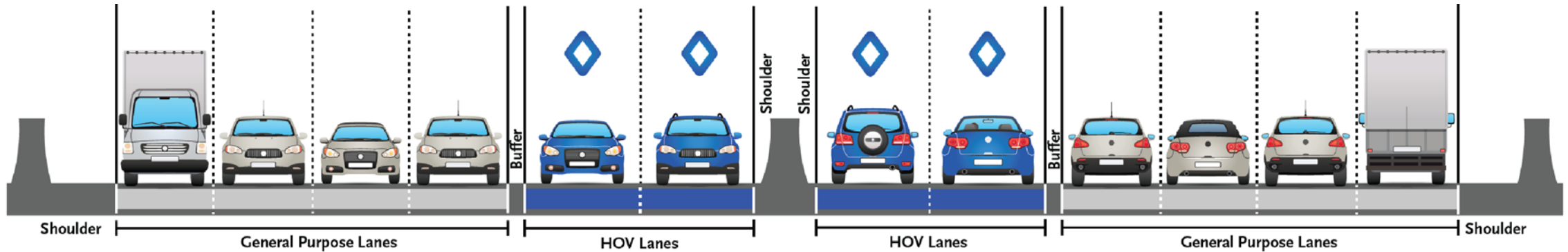
# Alternative 3 – Dual ExpressLanes



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- > Convert existing HOV lane to one (1) ExpressLane and add second ExpressLane in each direction with non-standard lane and shoulder widths
- > Maintain number of existing General Purpose Lanes in each direction
- > Possible right-of-way acquisitions

# Alternative 4 – Dual HOV Lanes



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- > Maintain current HOV lane and add one additional HOV lane in each direction with non-standard lane and shoulder widths
- > Maintain number of existing General Purpose Lanes in each direction
- > Possible right-of-way acquisitions

# Reports to be Prepared

## > **Environmental Document**

- Analyzes potential environmental impacts and identifies appropriate mitigation measures.

## > **Project Report**

- Engineering document with details on roadway design, traffic analysis, staging, project cost, etc.

## > **Concept of Operations**

- Describes how the ExpressLanes will be designed and operated, including operational policies, tolling infrastructure and facility design.

## > **Traffic and Revenue Study**

- Analyzes potential revenue and toll rates.



# The Environmental Scoping Process

# Anticipated Environmental Considerations to be Studied

## Biological Environment

- Natural Communities
- Wetlands (if applicable)
- Plant and Animal Species
- Threatened and Endangered Species (if applicable)

## Human Environment

- Air Quality
- Environmental Justice/Equity
- Community Impact Study
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Analysis
- Right-of-way (ROW)
- Transportation/Traffic/Pedestrian
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Section 4(f) (Parks and Recreational facilities)

## Physical Environment

- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Floodplain
- Geology/Soils/Seismic/Topography
- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration (if applicable)
- Energy
- Hazardous Waste/Materials

# Scoping Purpose & Your Role

- > **Scoping is the first step in the environmental review process**
- > **What is scoping?**
  - Identifies the purpose of the project and refines the alternatives under consideration
  - Determines major issues for environmental analysis
  - Identifies project goals and evaluation criteria
- > **What is the public's role?**
  - Help us better understand the corridor dynamics and what's important to the communities along the corridor
  - Provide comments, input and project relevant information
  - Stay involved



# The Environmental Scoping Process

## > **The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states:**

- Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action or project

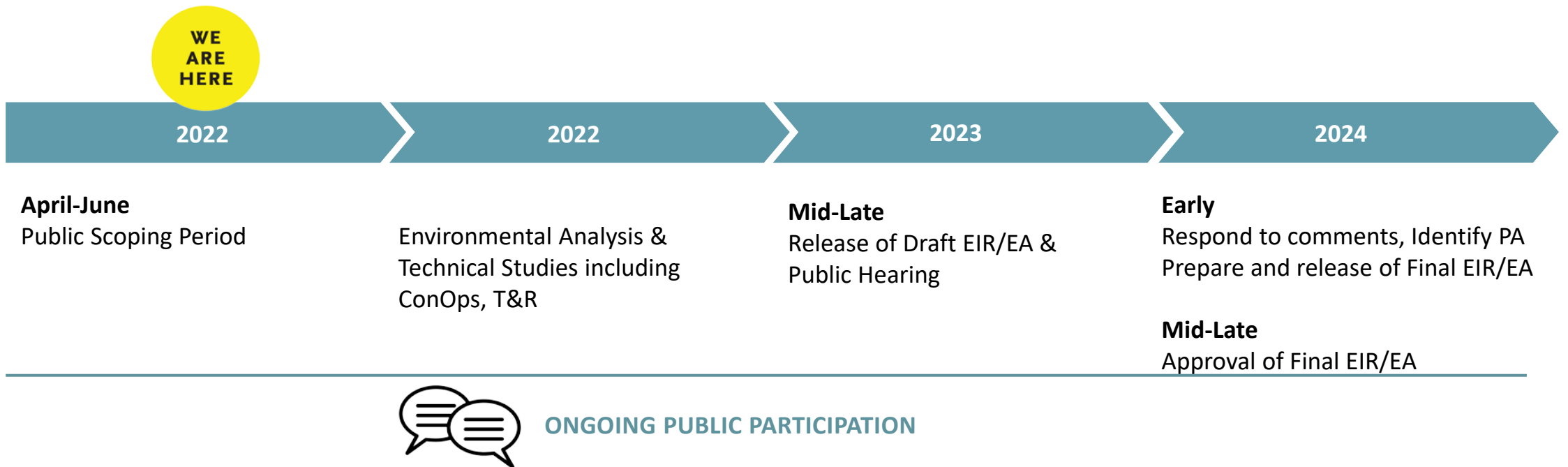
## > **The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) states:**

- Scoping is designed to examine a proposed project early in the Environmental Assessment (EA) analysis/review process and is intended to identify the range of issues pertinent to the proposed project, and feasible alternatives or mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant environmental effects
- The EIR/EA is a combined federal and state document, where Caltrans is the CEQA/NEPA Lead Agency

# Key Milestones: Environmental Process

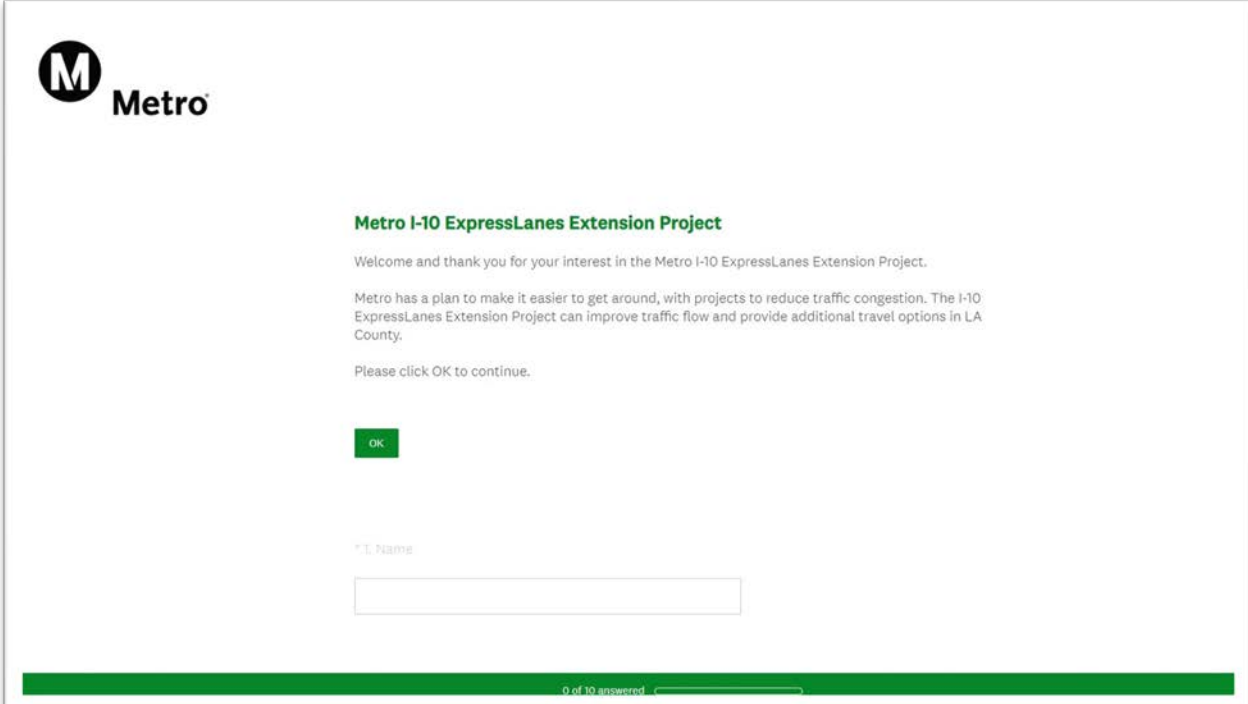


# Key Milestone: Environmental Review Process



# Project Awareness

- > Notice of Preparation (NOP) to public agencies, legal ads in major local newspapers (i.e., LA Times, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, etc.)
- > Project website, helpline, email and Story Map
- > Opt-in eblast via project website
- > Project awareness eblasts
- > Stakeholder survey
  - English: [bit.ly/i-10survey](http://bit.ly/i-10survey)
  - Spanish: [bit.ly/i-10surveySP](http://bit.ly/i-10surveySP)
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The screenshot shows a survey form with the Metro logo in the top left. The title is "Metro I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project". The text reads: "Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Metro I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project. Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around, with projects to reduce traffic congestion. The I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project can improve traffic flow and provide additional travel options in LA County. Please click OK to continue." Below this is a green "OK" button. Further down is a text input field labeled "\* I. Name". At the bottom right, a progress bar shows "0 of 10 answered".

# Public Scoping Comment Session



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# How to Prepare a Public Scoping Comment

> **Public scoping comments should focus on the project's:**

- Purpose and need
- Alternatives
- Environmental issues (*see below*)
- Local projects

> **Use the following prompts to help frame your public scoping comments:**

- What I like...
- What I wish...
- What I suggest...

## Environmental Issues/Topics (partial)

- |                           |                                |                             |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Air Quality             | • Cumulative Impacts           | • Hydrology/Water Quality   |
| • Aesthetics              | • Environmental Justice/Equity | • Noise                     |
| • Biological Resources    | • Hazards/Hazardous Materials  | • Right-of-Way              |
| • Community Impacts Study |                                | • Transportation/Traffic    |
| • Cultural Resources      |                                | • Utilities/Service Systems |

# Public Scoping Commenting Protocol

**This is a comment session only, no responses will be provided.**



- > Verbal comments can be submitted using the Raise Hand function.
  - > Project staff will call on hands in the order they are received.
  - > Please unmute your microphone when you are called upon.
  - > Before providing your comment, please state your full name for the record (please spell if necessary).



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  - > Press \*9 to raise your hand.
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- > Written comments can be submitted using the Q&A function or by utilizing the online comment form.
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# Next Steps



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# Public Scoping Comment Submittal

## Comments can be submitted via the following:



Ron Kosinski, Deputy District Director  
Division of Environmental Planning  
Caltrans District 7  
100 S. Main Street, MS 16A  
Los Angeles, CA 90012



213.922.2110



*i10extension@metro.net*



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## > Official Scoping Period (45 days)

- Started: Monday, April 25, 2022
- Ends: Friday, June 10, 2022

> Public scoping comments will also be received at public scoping meetings

## > Public Scoping Meetings (via Zoom)

- Wednesday, May 4, 2022, **12-2pm**
- Thursday, May 5, 2022, **6-8pm**
- Saturday, May 7, 2022, **10am-12pm**

## Stay Connected



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Comments are due by June 10, 2022

**The presentation will resume after a brief 10-minute break**