

# Welcome!

*We will begin in a few moments.*

Central Los Angeles

February 22, 2023

# Housekeeping

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**THANK YOU**

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# Welcome and Agenda

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**Thank you for joining us!**

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Metro Announcements

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Regional Connector Transit Project

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East Side Access Improvement Project

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Division 20

# Agency Announcements

## Transit App:

- Bus and rail schedule information



**GO YOUR OWN WAY**

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It's in the Name™

The graphic shows two smartphones displaying the MTA Transit App interface. The foreground phone shows a map with a search bar 'Where to?' and a list of transit options: M55 (44 St / 6 Av, 2 minutes), R (Uptown & Queens, 3 minutes), M22 (Lower E. Side / FDR Dr, 4 minutes), and 4 (Uptown & The Bronx, 2 minutes). The background phone shows a search for 'City Hall Park' with a 'Save now' button and a schedule for 5:45 PM, 6:00 PM, and 6:15 PM, listing routes B38 and 2 with arrival times of 27 minutes and 34 minutes respectively.



Easy and anonymous way to connect with Metro Security anytime

# Let's Ride Safely Together

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Keeping riders safe is our number one priority and we're committed to providing you with a great experience on Metro. That's why we've launched a plan that reimagines the way we approach public safety, to ensure all our riders feel safe, comfortable, and welcome on our system.

Check out ['Let's Ride Safely Together'](#) to learn how we're improving security, cleanliness, and customer care on our buses and trains.





# Free transit for students with GoPass!

Students at participating K-12 schools and community colleges ride for free on Metro and other transit agencies.

To find out if your district is participating, contact your school or visit [metro.net/gopass](https://metro.net/gopass).



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# Metro's Discounted Fare Program\*

*\*Subject to change once Fare Capping is implemented*

## Discounted Prices

- > Buy a pass, save half
- > 1-Day, 7-Day and 30-Day passes at half-price savings
- > \$3.50 for a day pass, \$12.50 for a weekly pass and \$50 for a 30-day pass
- > Fares available on TAP vending machines, taptogo.net and at Metro Customer Centers for purchase

## Low-Income Fare Is Easy (LIFE) Program

- > The Low-Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) Program provides transportation assistance to low-income individuals in Los Angeles County by offering fare subsidies towards the purchase of passes on Metro or any LIFE participating transit agencies.
- > **New LIFE riders get 90 days of free rides**
- > \$26 for a 30-day pass (regularly \$76)
- > \$6.50 for a 7-day pass (regularly \$19.50)
- > To sign up for the LIFE Program, visit [www.metro.net/life](http://www.metro.net/life)



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**Tap into savings.**

A little help can go a long way. So we've made it easier to enroll in Metro's LIFE Program. Sign up now and get go days of free rides. Visit [metro.net/life](http://metro.net/life) to get started.

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Fare collection has resumed. When riding, please have your fare ready.

**Aproveche los ahorros.**

Con un poco de ayuda, se ayuda mucho. Por eso, hemos facilitado la inscripción en el programa LIFE de Metro. Regístrese ahora y obtenga go días de viajes gratis. Visite [metro.net/life](http://metro.net/life) para comenzar.

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La colección de tarifas se ha reanudado. Cuando viaje, por favor tenga lista su tarifa.

# Central LA Project Team

Centralized communications approach with the community and projects

Core community relations team

Assist with construction related comments and concerns

Serve as a conduit of community priorities within Metro

Projects:  
Div. 20 \* EAIP \* Metro Center Project \* Regional Connector

# Central Los Angeles Projects

Project	Status	Projected Completion
Eastside Access Improvements Project	Construction	2023
Regional Connector	Construction	2023
Center Project	Construction	2023
Div. 20 Portal Widening & Turnback Facility	Construction	2024

An illustration of a transit station. In the foreground, a yellow and black train is stopped at a platform. The train has "Metro Rail" written on its side and a "Go Metro" sign above the door. A person is standing near the train door. To the left, a set of stairs leads up to an upper level. Several people are walking on the stairs. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a yellow sky. One building is labeled "Rose Bowl".

# Next stop: the missing link.

REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT PROJECT

# Introductions

# Regional Connector Project Team

## **Project Management:**

- Mat Antonelli
- Huburt Kang
- Tung Vu

## **Regional Connector Constructors:**

- Ivan Yee
- Philip Mateo

## **Community Relations:**

- Olga Arroyo
- Wendy Cardona
- Ginny Brideau

## **Community Enrichment and Art Program:**

- Mayen Alcantara
- Jennifer Lieu
- Jackie Gonzalez

# Community Leadership Council (CLC)

# CLC Members

## Little Tokyo/Arts District

- > Chris Aihara, Co-Chair  
Little Tokyo Community Council
- > Miguel Vargas, Co-Chair  
Arts District LA BID

## Historic Broadway

- > Vahn Babigian, Co-Chair  
Metropolitan News

## Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill

- > Dave Thompson, Co-Chair  
Brookstone Properties

## Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill

- > Jamie Fang, Co-Chair  
Promenade, Orchids.com

## Flower St/Financial District

- > Michael Shilstone, Co-Chair  
Central City Association
- > Tom Jung, Co-Chair  
Los Angeles Central Library




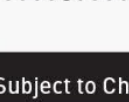
## At-large Members

- > Ron Lozano, Consultant
- > Joel Wynton, Stakeholder

# Project Overview

- > 1.9-mile underground light-rail system
- > Three underground stations
  - > Little Tokyo/Arts District (1st St/Central Av)
  - > Historic Broadway (2nd St/Broadway)
  - > Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill (2nd Pl/Hope St)
- > 90,000 daily passengers expected
- > Slated to open for rail passenger service in 2023



 Existing Metro Rail & Station  
 Regional Connector & Station (under construction)  
 Metro Silver Line & Station  
 Amtrak/Metrolink

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Gold continues along current Expo Line route to Santa Monica.

Blue continues along current route to Long Beach.

Blue continues along current Gold Line route to Azusa.

Gold continues along current route to East LA.

An architectural rendering of a modern transit station. The station features a prominent glass and metal structure with decorative panels. The panels are adorned with colorful, stylized patterns in shades of purple, blue, and orange, depicting traditional Japanese architectural elements like torii gates and a rising sun. The station is situated in an urban environment with palm trees and other greenery in the background. A 'Metro' logo is visible on a building to the left. People are shown walking on the sidewalk and near the station entrance, adding a sense of scale and activity to the scene.

# Little Tokyo/Arts District Station

Artist: Clare Rojas  
Location: Glass entry pavilion

An architectural rendering of the Historic Broadway Station glass entry pavilion. The scene is viewed from an elevated perspective. The central focus is a modern, multi-level glass and steel structure with a prominent glass facade. To the left, a set of stairs leads up to a platform area. In the background, a large mural with the text 'THE UNITED WE WILL NEVER BE DIVIDED' is visible on a wall. The station is surrounded by a paved plaza with various people walking, some pushing a stroller, and a few trees. A street with cars is visible in the upper right corner. The overall design is clean and contemporary.

# Historic Broadway Station

Artist: Andrea Bowers  
Location: Glass entry pavilion

# Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill Station

Artist: TBD

Location: Glass Entry Pavilion

# Project Update

# Eat Shop Play

Eat Shop Play highlights local mom and pop businesses in DTLA and Little Tokyo, especially eateries and specialty businesses operating pick-up and delivery during the past months.

The Eat Shop Play DTLA and Little Tokyo programs continue supporting local businesses as construction progresses by promoting them through regular social media posts and newsletters to over 6,000 community members.



# Social Media Spotlights


 Metro Regional Connector  
January 19 at 1:00 PM · 🌐

The [Chado Tea Room at the Japanese American National Museum](#) has plenty of tea selections to bring warmth during these cold days and nights. Check out their health and wellness tea recipes to try with your new tea purchases!

[#littletokyo](#) [#losangeles](#) [#dtla](#) [#eatshopplay](#) [#teas](#)

Support Local Businesses  
<https://bddy.me/3QUXIBy>





 Metro Regional Connector  
December 14, 2022 · 🌐

'Tis the season to plan your gift list! Go Little Tokyo makes shopping easy with their gift guides that includes local Little Tokyo businesses. Curated clothes, bags, patches, soaps, teas and more - there is always room to add another gift to your list. Go Little Tokyo for the holidays!

[#EatShopPlay](#) [#DTLA](#)  
[littletokyola.org/holidays](http://littletokyola.org/holidays)



# Project Look Ahead

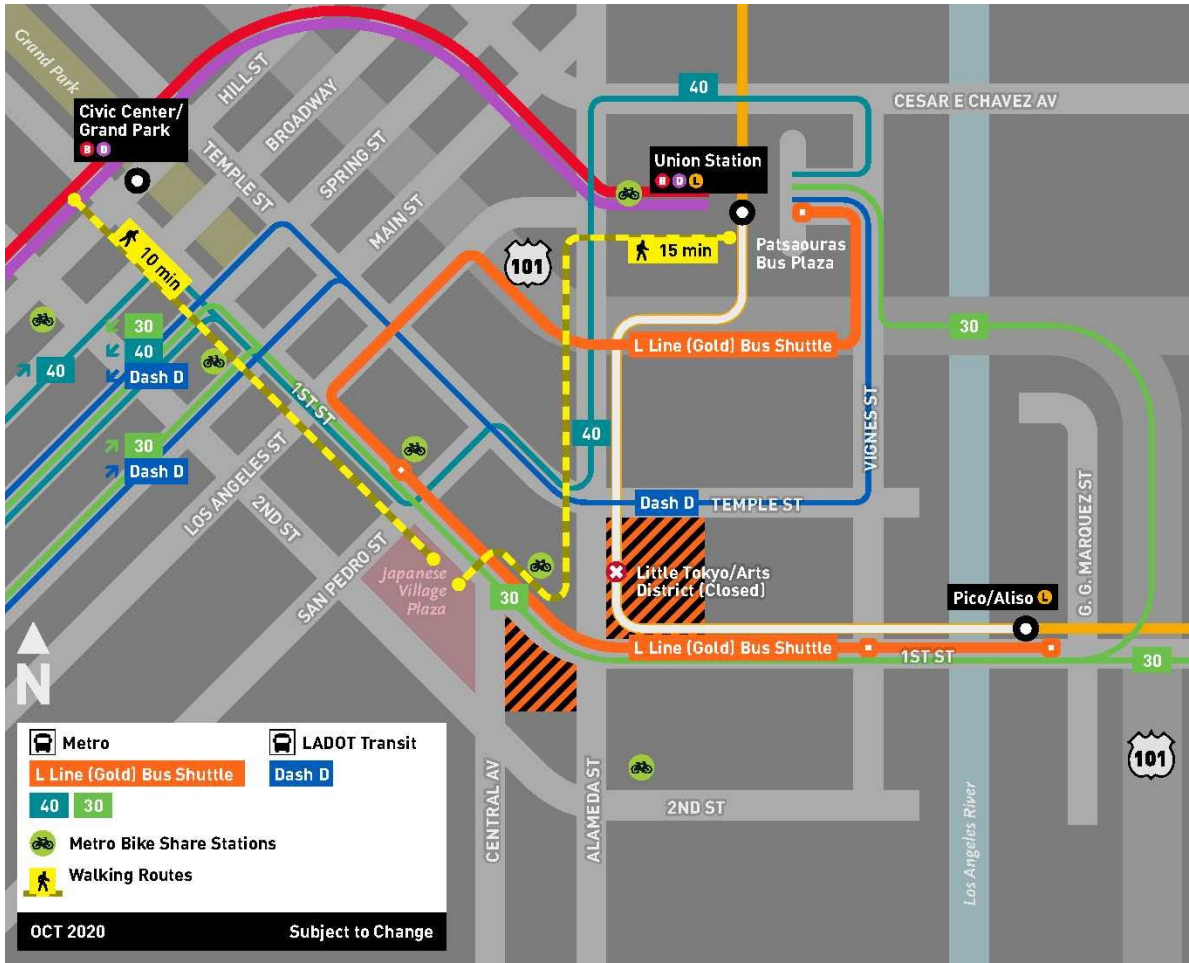
Activity	Little Tokyo/Arts District	Historic Broadway	Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill	Flower St/Financial District
<b>Construction</b> > Stations	Concludes Q1-2023			
<b>Civil Restoration</b> > Sidewalks, final paving & striping, tree planting, lighting, etc.	Q1-2023	Q1-2023	Q1-2023	Q1-2023
<b>L Line (Gold) service interruption</b>	Concludes early 2023	–	–	
<b>Testing</b>	Concludes early 2023			
<b>Revenue Operations</b>	Early 2023			


# Rail Activation Activities

- Regional Connector system integration to the operational system of the E (Expo), A (Blue), and L (Gold) is nearing 79 percent completion
- Fire alarm and ventilation tests in February and March, all stations
- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) certification is required to open the line for revenue operations



# L Line (Gold) Bus Shuttle Continues During Rail Activation Activities





## Regional Connector Transit Project

Little Tokyo/Arts District Station

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L Line (Gold) Shuttle Continues and Train Testing Begins February 14, 2023

SUMMARY	ESSENTIALS	WHAT TO EXPECT
<p>Metro has built a rail line that will provide riders a seamless journey from Azusa to Long Beach and from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica, through the downtown LA core.</p> <p>The free bus shuttle will continue to replace the L Line (Gold) service through the beginning of 2023. Shuttles will serve Union Station, Little Tokyo/Arts District, and Pico/Aliso stations in both directions.</p> <p><b>L Line (Gold) Bus Shuttle will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run approximately every 12-minutes</li> <li>Display destination on Head Sign</li> <li>Operate during same hours as train: Mon-Sun: 4 am – 1 am</li> </ul>	<p>Rail services from Union Station to Azusa and from Pico/Aliso to East Los Angeles will continue their regular operating schedule.</p> <p><b>NOTEWORTHY</b></p> <p>While traveling on the system please keep these safety tips in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look and Listen for trains in both directions</li> <li>Never walk on or around train tracks</li> <li>Obey all warning signals and signs</li> </ul> <p>Remember, safety begins with me.</p>	<p>Metro is currently testing the new systems on the L (Gold), A (Blue) and E (Expo) lines.</p> <p>Trains will go out-of-service at Union Station, Pico/Aliso, and 7th St/Metro Center and continue to downtown Los Angeles in both directions.</p> <p>All passengers will exit the train at Union Station, Pico/Aliso, and 7th St/Metro Center stations.</p>


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Emergency access will be maintained.

Construction may result in changes to bus routes or stop locations. Metro will post signs at affected stops to advise of alternative boarding locations. Real time information available at [metro.net/serviceadvisories](http://metro.net/serviceadvisories) or 313.006.1110

Construction is a dynamic process and information is subject to change without notice. Work activity is subject to weather conditions.



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# Rail Safety & Mobility Programs

## Rail Safety Team Provides:

- In person or virtual workshops for schools, recreation, community centers, senior centers, etc.
- Local Event participation through Metro Rail Safety informational booths
- Rail Safety Advisor deployment



# Rail Safety Advisors

## RSA's Responsibilities

- Observe and record behaviors of pedestrians and motorists around grade crossings
- Explain safe practices to the public
- Distribute safety materials

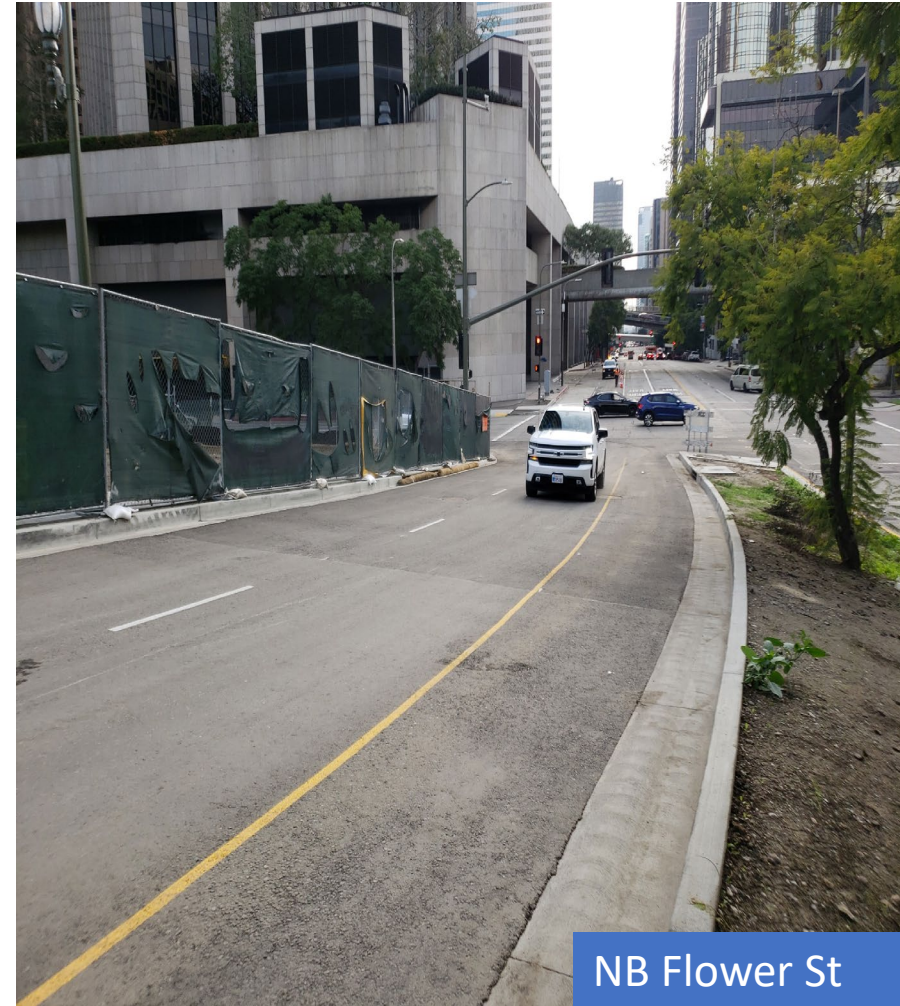


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# 2023 Project Civil Improvement & Street Restoration



SW Corner of Temple St and Alameda St



NB Flower St

# 2023 Activities Look Ahead

Location	Date	Access
Little Tokyo/Arts District		
Full street closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alameda St, from 1st St to Temple St</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early 2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local access maintained.</li> <li>Thru traffic use alternative routes: Temple St, 2nd St, Vignes St</li> </ul>
Historic Broadway		
Full street closures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadway, 1st St to 3rd St</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In place thru May 29, 2023</li> <li>9-weekend intersection closures, Friday – Monday: <i>*Dates are subject to change*</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb: 2/24</li> <li>Mar: 3/3, 3/9, 3/31</li> <li>Apr: 4/14, 4/28</li> <li>May: 5/5</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local access maintained</li> <li>Thru traffic on Broadway use alternative routes: Spring St, Main St, Hill St, 1st St, and 3rd St</li> </ul>
Bunker Hill		
Full directional closures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SB Flower St, 1st St to 3rd St</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, 3/17 - Saturday, 3/18</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local access maintained</li> <li>Thru traffic detoured to 1st St and Grand Av</li> </ul>
Full street closures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flower St, 1st St to 3rd St,</li> <li>3rd St/Flower St intersection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, 3/24 – Monday, 3/27</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local access maintained</li> <li>Thru traffic detoured to 1st St and Grand Av</li> </ul>

# Civil Improvements: Flower St/Financial District



# Community Outreach and Engagement



Construction notices



Stakeholder briefings



Door-to-door distribution within ½ mile radius



Email notice distribution



Posting on Next Door



Postings on Facebook and Twitter



Waze map integration



Project website

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# Questions?



# Eastside Access Improvements Project (TIGER Grant)

# Meet the Team

Kurt Turley,  
Construction  
Project Manager

Olga Arroyo,  
Community  
Relations  
Manager

Katrice Candler,  
Principal  
Community  
Relations Officer



# Project Overview

The Eastside Access Improvements will implement streetscape, pedestrian safety and bicycle access improvements within a ½mile radius around the future Metro Little Tokyo/Arts District Station at 1<sup>st</sup>/Central.



Walk/Bike Esplanade



Wayfinding Signage



Class II BikeLanes



Crosswalk Installation



Storm Parkways  
(Biowales)



Decorative Crosswalk  
Restoration



Street Trees



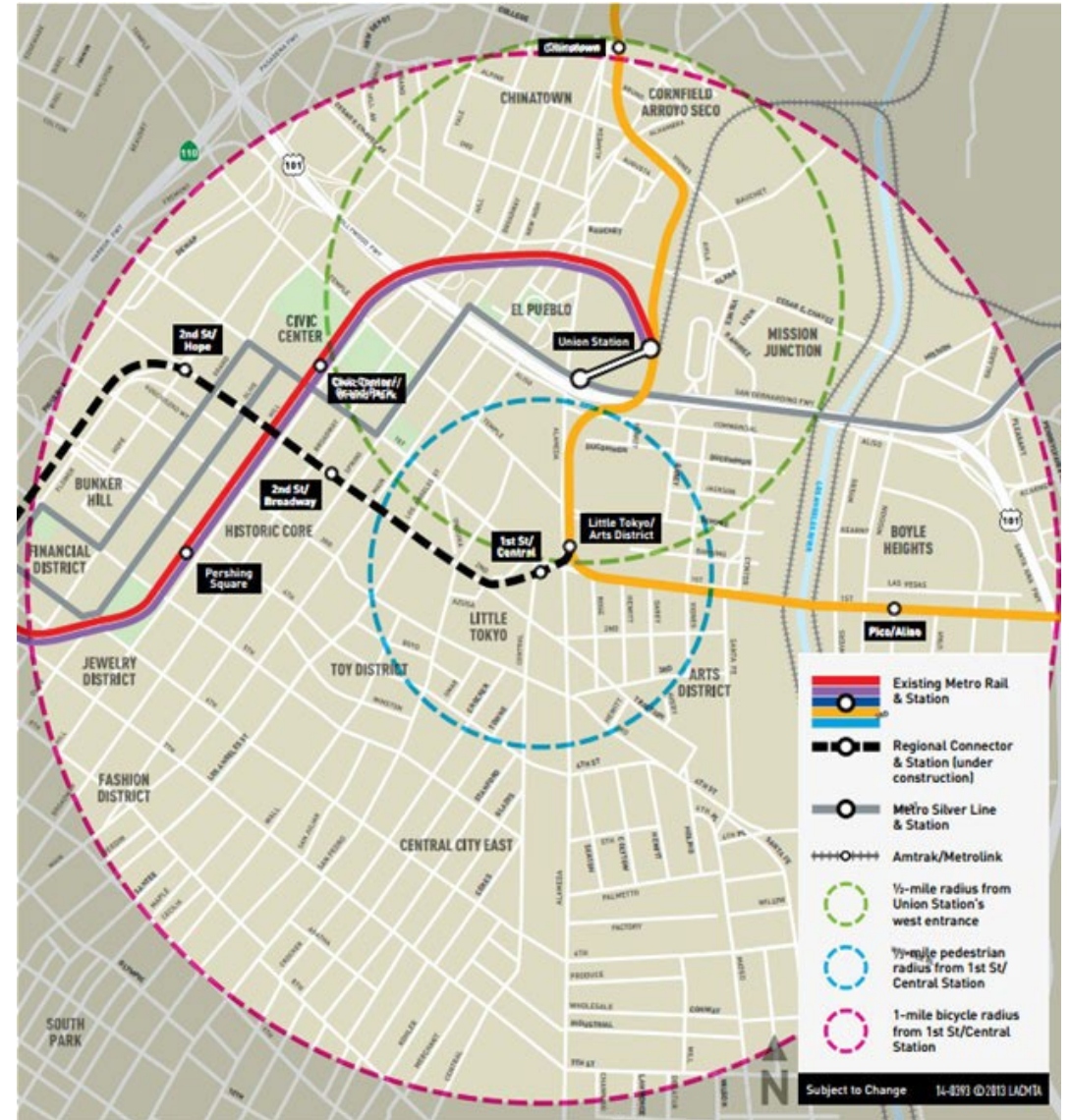
Street Furniture  
Restoration



Street Light LED  
Conversion



ADA CurbRamp  
Installation



# Project Timeline

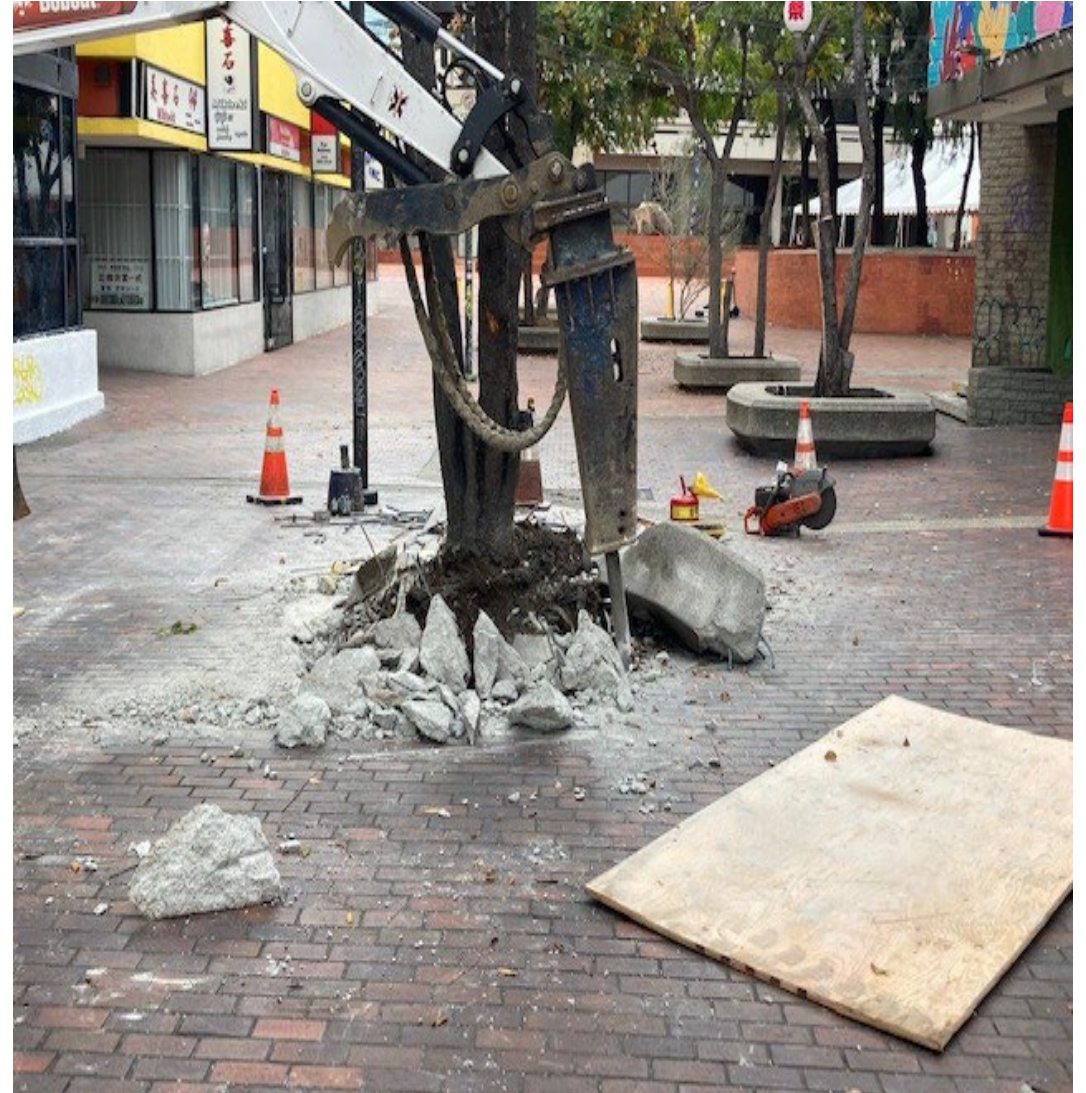
- March 18, 2021
  - Metro Board of Directors approved project budgeted, \$29.7 million
- September 2021 to End of March 2023
  - Construction Duration.
  - This does not include Alameda Esplanade

## EAIP Completed Activities

- Five (5) New Tree Wells Along Los Angeles St Near Temple St
- Six (6) New Trees on Santa Fe Av
- Eighteen (18) Street Light LED Conversions to Meet the Latest Lighting Requirements
- Five (5) Street Light Pole Installations in Arts District and Little Tokyo combined
- Ten (10) Wayfinding Signage Foundation Installations in Arts District and Little Tokyo combined
- New Northbound and Southbound Bike Lanes on Los Angeles St between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as from Vignes to Santa Fe Av
- Decorative Crosswalk Restorations on Los Angeles St and Central Av
- Moon Bench Restoration and Graffiti Removal Demonstration
- Mid-block crosswalk and light installations between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> St on Santa Fe Av



# Hashimoto Plaza - Two (2) Planters and Tree Removals



# Hashimoto Plaza – Kiosk Removal



# Hashimoto Plaza – Tree Planter Removal



# Hashimoto Plaza – Monument and Time Capsule Removal



# Project Timeline

Date	Type/s of work	Access
February 21 – March 17, 2023	Brick paving work in certain areas of Azusa St and Hashimoto Plaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No parking signs restrictions will be implemented</li><li>• Vehicles, delivery trucks and pedestrians will have access during construction</li></ul>
TBD	Plant four (4) trees in designated areas in Little Tokyo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thru traffic will be maintained</li></ul>
Ongoing	Alameda Esplanade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thru traffic will be maintained</li></ul>
TBD	Wayfinding Signage Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thru traffic will be maintained</li></ul>

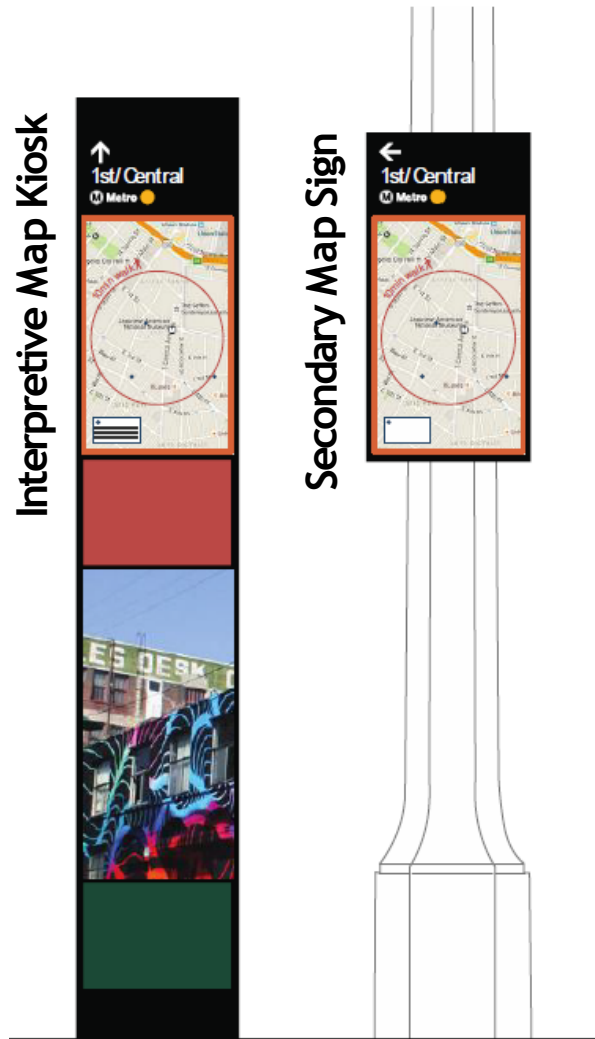


# Segment 2: Alameda Esplanade



Alameda St at 1st St, looking north

# Wayfinding Signage Design



*\*Graphic Design subject to community input*

## Interpretive Map Kiosks

- > 10 kiosks: (8) Little Tokyo (2) Arts District
- > Dimensions: 6'8" x 1'2" x 8"
- > Eight static graphic panels per kiosk, may vary per location
- > Installation on city sidewalk

## Secondary Map Signs

- > 23 signs: (18) Little Tokyo (5) Arts District
- > Dimensions: 2'4" x 1'2" Sign
- > Installation on existing street poles

## Signage Design

- > Panel content completed
- > Anti-graffiti coating



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Questions?



# Next stop: improving rail service.

**DIVISION 20 PORTAL WIDENING AND TURNBACK FACILITY**

Construction Update



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# Meet the Team

## **Community Relations**

- > **Marlon Walker**, Manager
- > **Ned Racine**, Principal Community Relations Officer
- > **Katrice Candler**, New Media Officer

## **Contractor**

- > **Joanna Amador-Dempsey**, Construction Communications Coordinator



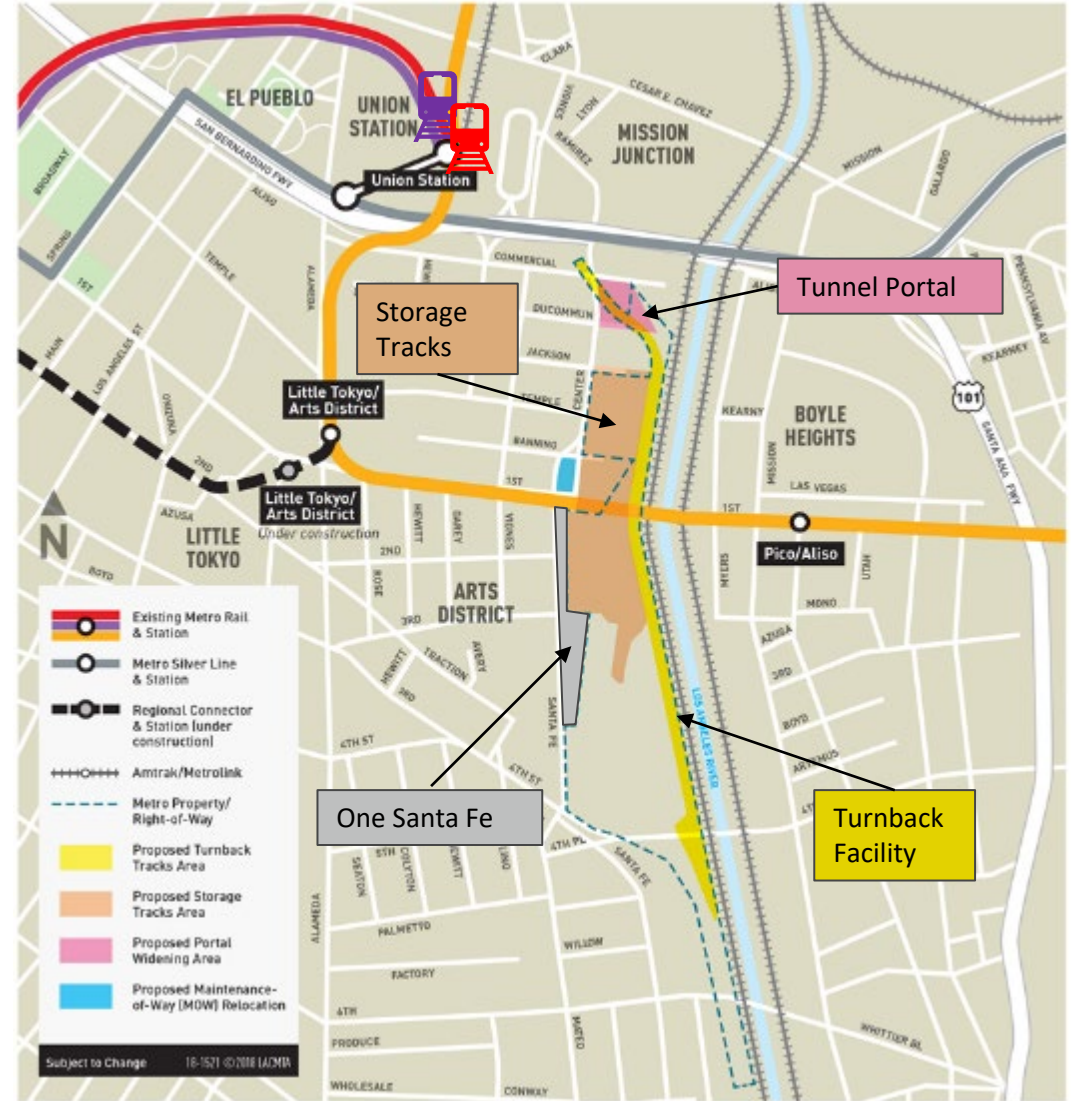
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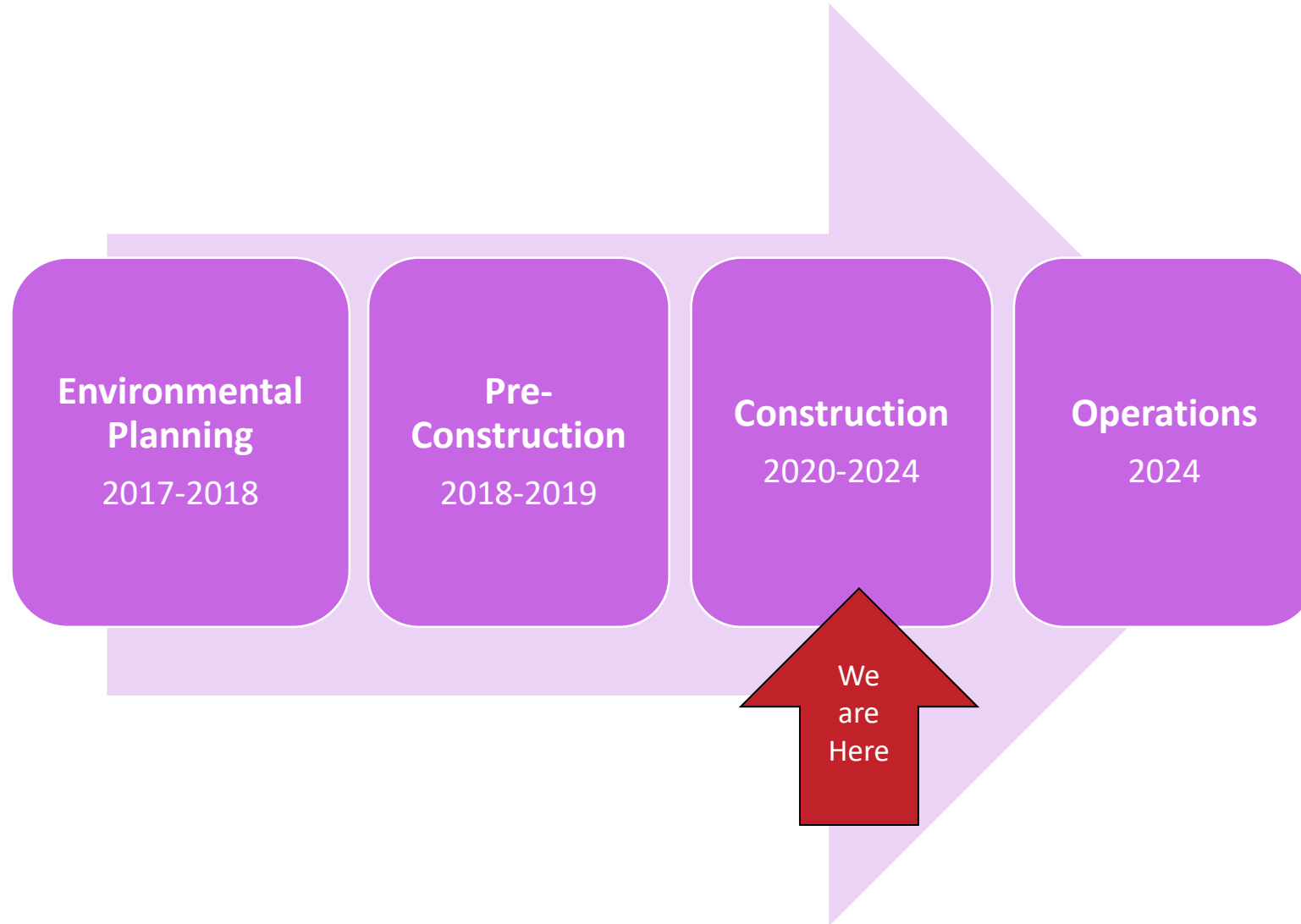
# Project Overview

- Improvements to Metro's Division 20 Rail Yard will provide faster and more frequent service on the Metro Red and Purple (B and D) Lines
- Improvements include
  - Widening of heavy rail portal
  - New turnback facility
  - Expansion, reconfiguration of rail storage tracks



Exact location of turnback tracks and storage tracks to be determined.

# Project Timeline



# Current Work: North Yard

Adding and moving utilities supports additional tracks for more rail car storage:

- Domestic water line under Banning St
- Fire water lines
- Lighting duct banks
- Main storm drain
- Installation of train tracks

New rails in the north yard.



# Current Work: Portal Area

## Portal Widening

Once the portal is expanded from two to four tracks, the turnaround time for subway cars from the rail yard to Union Station will shrink.

The portal demolition began November 2022. During this work, removal of the walls, tracks, and installation of new tracks and wall will be created.



The highlighted concrete walls will soon be demolished. Once these walls are removed, two additional tracks will be added south of the portals.

# Current Work: Portal Area



Demolition of the west side of the portal tunnel and tracks occurred in December 2022.

# Current Work: Portal Area



Current view of the portal area. The existing east side of the tunnel leads to Union Station. The tunnel's west side has been demolished.

# Current Work: Portal Area



Storm drain protection in the west portal area.



Preparation for concrete slab pour on the tunnel's west side.

# Current Work: 1st Street Bridge

## 1st Street Bridge Modifications

These modifications continue through February 2023. They will provide more structural support, allowing bents to be removed, enabling more tracks to run under the bridge.



# Current Work: South Yard

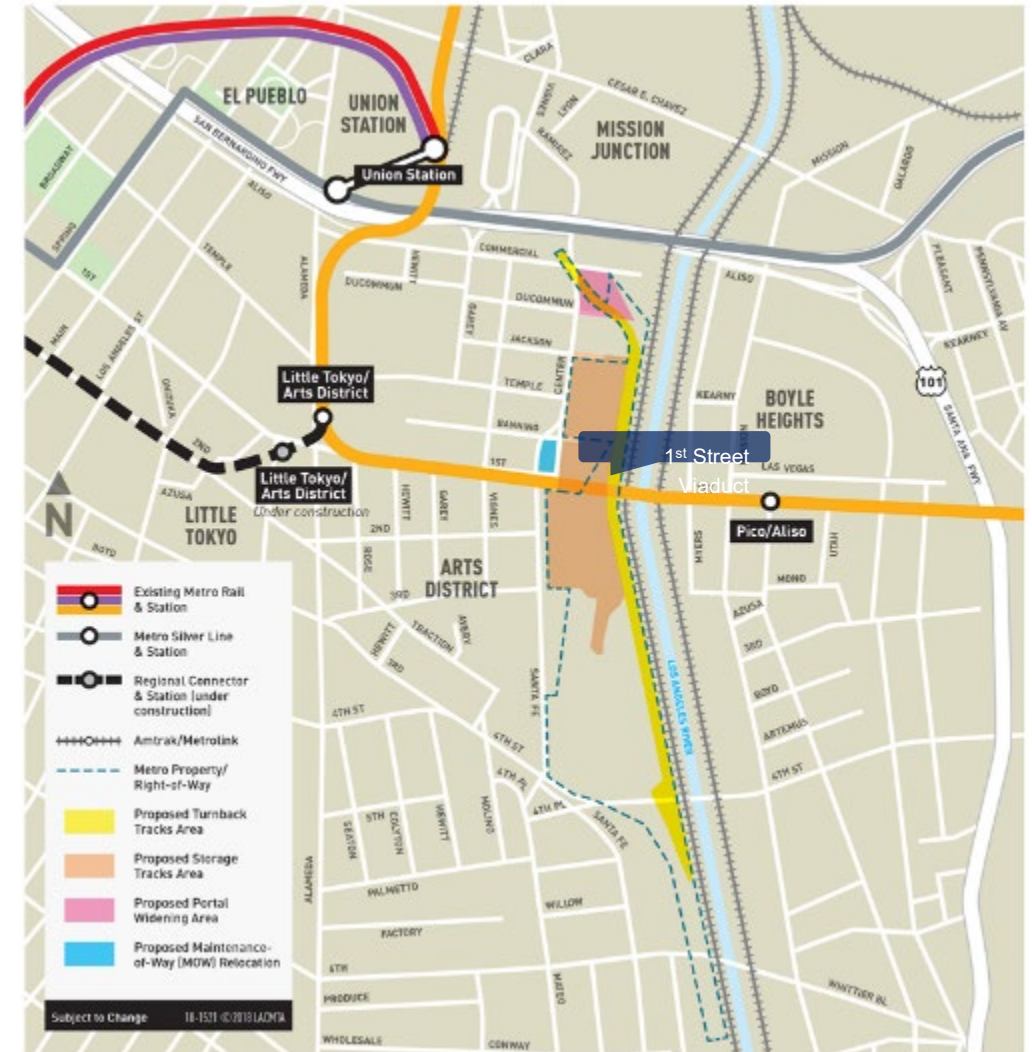
Current state of the new traction substation that will electrify the rails.



# Upcoming Work

*\*Work is subject to change*

- Begin dewatering at the portal
- Demolish Bent 13 on 1st Street Bridge to begin with track work under the bridge
- Demolish portal walls and tracks
- Continue upgrading train communication systems
- Construct portal foundation and walls
- Install track



*Exact location of turnback tracks and storage tracks to be determined.*

# Construction Mitigations

## Best practices on the Division 20 construction site

- Equipment and staging areas shall be located away from noise-sensitive receivers, and noise barriers should be used when possible.
- Minimize use of high-impact devices such as jackhammers and hoe rams.
- Utilize lower impact devices such as concrete crushers and pavement saws.
- Refrain from idling equipment.
- Use frequent watering to reduce dust.



Workers support dust mitigation during Bent 13 demolition.

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Questions?

# Central Los Angeles Projects: Next Meeting

> Let us know your thoughts

> [Survey](#)



> Our next meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023



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