

We're bringing light rail to southeast LA County.

SOUTHEAST GATEWAY LINE Fact Sheet



Overview

Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around LA, which includes a new light rail transit (LRT) line connecting southeast LA County to downtown Los Angeles. The Southeast Gateway Line (formerly called the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project) would connect Artesia, Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, South Gate, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, Vernon, unincorporated Florence-Firestone and Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) in downtown Los Angeles.

The project area is home to 1.4 million residents and is a job center to approximately 618,500 employees. Projections show the resident population increasing to 1.6 million and jobs increasing to 746,000 by 2042. Population and employment densities are five times higher than the LA County average. Connecting this area to Metro's rail network will provide alternatives to driving and create more access to opportunity.

In summer 2023, Metro launched a renaming campaign to identify a new name for the project that reflects the character, culture and experience of the people who live, work and play in the cities this new line will serve. Over 5,000 community members participated in the naming contest and the name "Southeast Gateway Line" was the top choice through public voting.

Milestones

The timeline below highlights the project milestones during the alternatives analysis and environmental (current) phases.

Goals

The main goals of the project are to:

1. Provide mobility improvements
2. Support local and regional land-use plans and policies
3. Minimize environmental impacts
4. Ensure cost effectiveness and financial feasibility
5. Promote equity

Slauson/A Line to Pioneer Station (LPA)

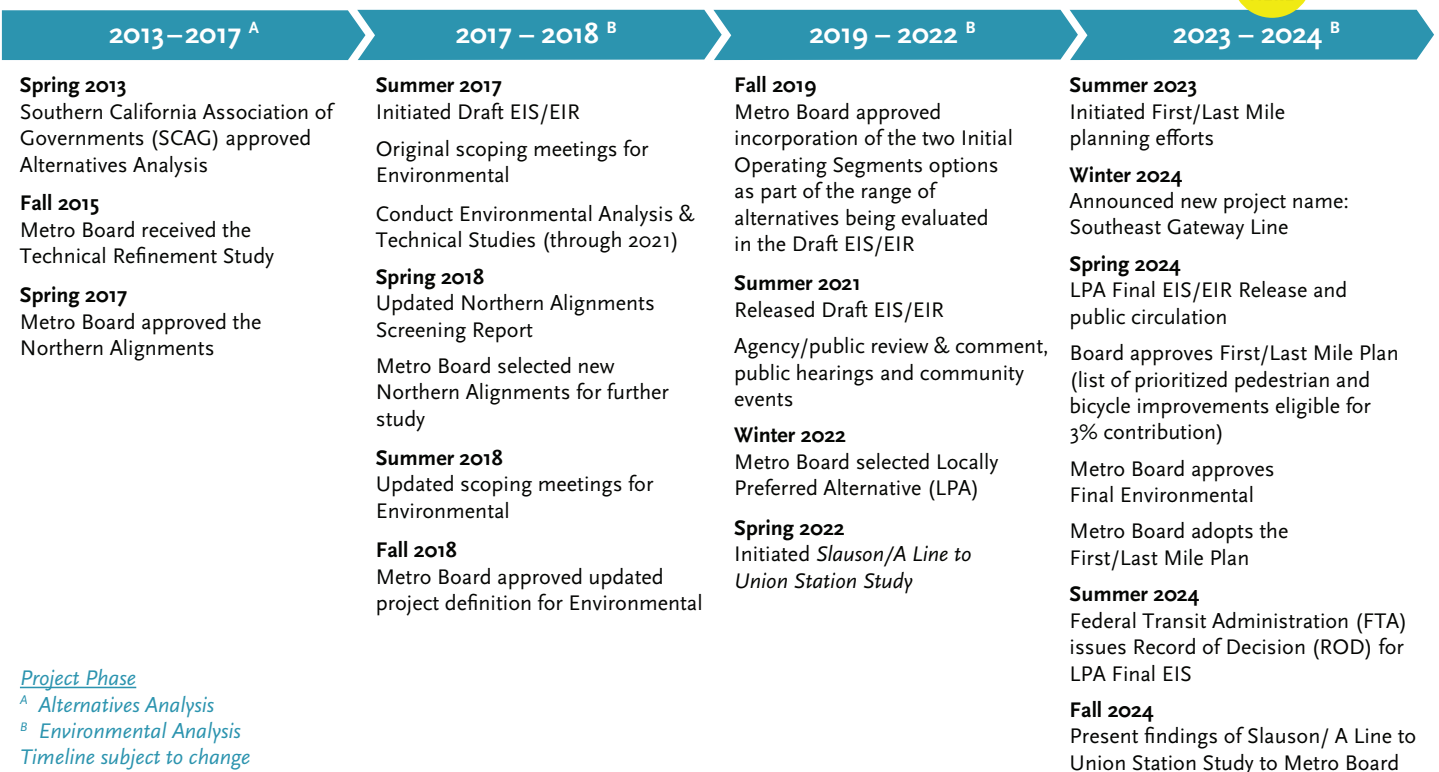
In January 2022, the Metro Board of Directors approved the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) from Slauson/A Line in unincorporated Florence-Firestone to Pioneer Station in Artesia. This is a 14.5-mile segment that will feature nine stations and a new C Line infill station at I-105. The project will include up to five parking facilities, 30 at-grade crossings and 15 elevated street crossings.

The board also approved a Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) in Bellflower, which will be located on a commercial site of approximately 21 acres just east of Lakewood Bl and Somerset Av. The MSF will house general administration, operation and support services, including inspections, body repairs, and cleaning. The MSF will be designed to hold up to 80 light rail vehicles (LRVs).

Slauson/A Line to Union Station Study

The board selected Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) as the northern terminus. Staff conducted a separate study to evaluate options for connecting from Slauson/A Line to LAUS. Staff is currently coordinating with downtown stakeholders including Solution Alameda Coalition.

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Project Phase

^A Alternatives Analysis

^B Environmental Analysis

Timeline subject to change

SOUTHEAST GATEWAY LINE PROJECT OVERVIEW



This project is anticipated to serve commuters in a high travel demand corridor by providing relief to the limited transportation systems currently available to these communities. In addition, the project is expected to provide a direct connection to the

Metro C Line and A Line as well as the LA County regional transit network. Metro service in downtown LA will allow transit riders of the Southeast Gateway Line to transfer at Slauson/A Line Station and connect beyond downtown LA to Azusa.

Environmental Planning Process

The project's environmental process is well defined by federal requirements stipulated in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and state environmental requirements stipulated in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Draft EIS/EIR was released in July 2021 and generated over 450 formal comments. Following this process, the Metro Board selected the LPA in January 2022.

As the next step, Metro Board will approve the Final Environmental and the Federal Transit Administration will issue the Record of Decision, anticipated in summer 2024.

Freight Rail Coordination

The project involves a shared use of approximately 11 miles of freight-owned Right-of-Way (ROW) that runs along the Wilmington and La Habra branches (owned by Union Pacific Railroad, UPRR) and the San Pedro Subdivision (owned by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach). For the LPA alignment, 8.1 miles of freight will be realigned.

Staff has executed an initial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UPRR, the Ports and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA).

Project Delivery

To optimize delivery, the project is proceeding with a Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) contract model for the Advanced Engineering scope, which includes utility relocation, freight relocation and grade-crossings. For delivery of the core light rail scope, Metro staff is continuing to evaluate the optimal approach, including evaluating alternative delivery methods such as public-private partnership (P3), design-build (DB), and progressive design-build (PDB).

Staff is continuing to advance key components in the Advanced Engineering scope, which will help the agency make an informed choice on the best delivery model for the light rail scope.

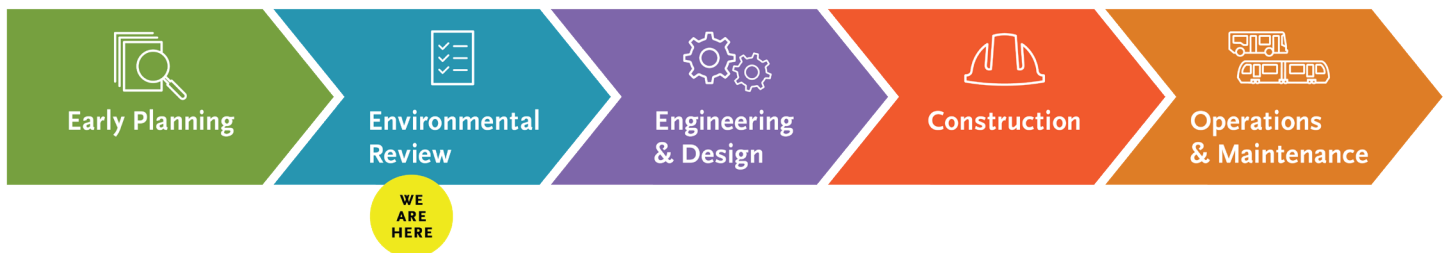
Funding

Per Measure M and Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) financial forecast, as amended, the project has a \$4 billion (B) (2015\$) allocation of planned funding (comprised of Measure M and other local, state and federal sources). Measure M funding becomes available in two cycles (2015\$):

- > FY 2022-2028 - \$535M
- > FY 2022-2041 - \$900M


Since February 2022, Metro staff has re-evaluated the forecasted LPA project cost by considering contingency, escalation to Year of Expenditure (YOE) and accuracy for estimation. The updated project forecast range for the LPA of \$7B to \$9B in YOE is inclusive of current construction market escalation costs.

Project Development Process



*This timeline is subject to change based on various factors, including funding opportunities (see Funding section).

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