



# Next stop: further east.

EASTSIDE TRANSIT CORRIDOR PHASE 2

Virtual Community Meeting

November 9, 2022

# Meeting Format

## *Formato de la Reunión*



Meeting will be recorded



*La reunión será grabada*



Webcams and microphones **will remain off** during the presentation



*Las cámaras web y micrófonos **permanecerán apagados** durante toda la presentación*



Q&A will be conducted **after the presentation**



*Se realizará una sesión de preguntas y respuestas **después de la presentación.***



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# Icebreaker

## Zoom Poll:

**Which community most closely identifies you?**

- > East Los Angeles
- > Commerce
- > Montebello
- > Pico Rivera
- > Santa Fe Springs
- > West Whittier-Los Nietos
- > Whittier
- > Other

# Agenda

## I. Presentation

1. Project Overview
2. Build Alternatives Studied
3. Project Estimates
4. Environmental Superior Alternative
5. Locally Preferred Alternative
6. Next Steps

## II. Q&A

### **Our Expectation**

We will conduct a *respectful* meeting to allow ideas and comments to be shared in an *open and fair environment*

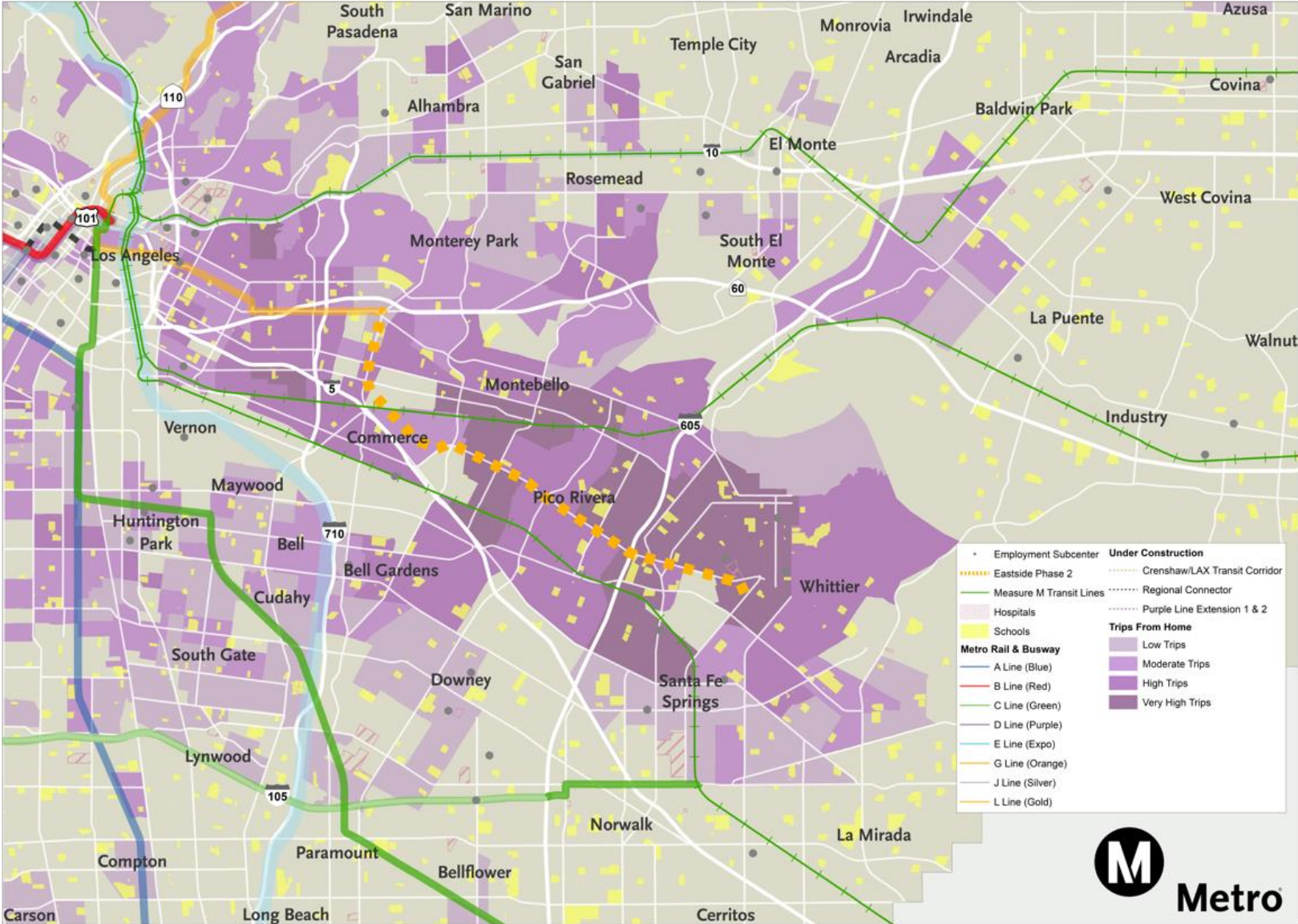
# Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2



- > The Metro network is expected to expand by approximately 106 miles of fixed guideway transit.
- > 659 identified activity centers (Regional parks, colleges, regional shopping centers, cultural centers)
  - 15% within a 10-minute walk
  - 44% within a 10-minute roll
- > Light rail provides reliability, convenience, and access

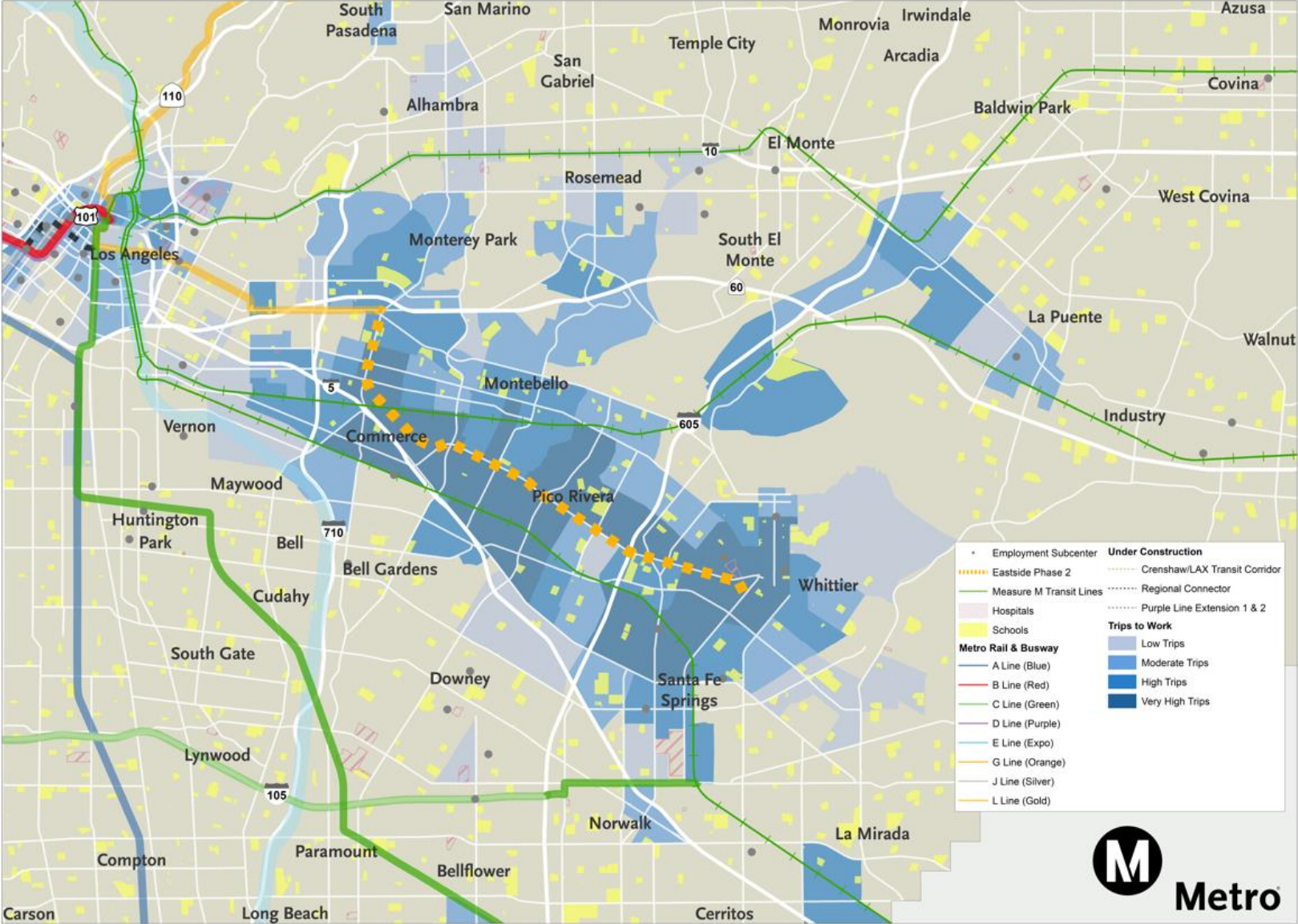
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2020 Long Range Transportation Plan Eastside Phase 2 Benefits Map



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# Measure M Project Timeline



ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Measure M expenditure plan allocates \$3 billion (2015\$) starting 2029 with opening 2035-2037

# Project Build Alternatives

## Alternative 1 Washington

- > Approx. 9 miles
- > Atlantic Boulevard – Lambert Station
- > Commerce or Montebello MSF site option

## Alternative 2 IOS Commerce

- > Approx. 3.2 miles
- > Atlantic Boulevard - Commerce/Citadel station
- > Commerce MSF site option

## Alternative 3 IOS Greenwood

- > Approx. 4.6 miles
- > Atlantic Boulevard - Greenwood station
- > Commerce or Montebello MSF site option



## Design Options

- > Underground open-air station at Atlantic/Pomona (*ex. 1<sup>st</sup> and Central Regional Connector, and Memorial Park Metro L*)
- > At-grade segment in the City of Montebello with an at-grade Greenwood station

## Maintenance Storage Facility Options

- > **Commerce MSF:** Capacity 100 LRV
- > **Montebello MSF:** Capacity 120 LRV

# Project Estimates

## Preliminary Costs Estimates

At the February 2022 Board meeting, cost estimates were introduced, which considered the following:

- > Baseline costs
- > Ranges to account for design options
- > Some **contingencies**
- > No **escalation**

## Independent Cost Estimates

Recently, Program Management completed an Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) that included a review of the design, required contingencies, and escalation to year of expenditure.

- > Baseline costs
- > **Contingencies**
- > **Escalation** to year of expenditure 2029\$

## Definitions

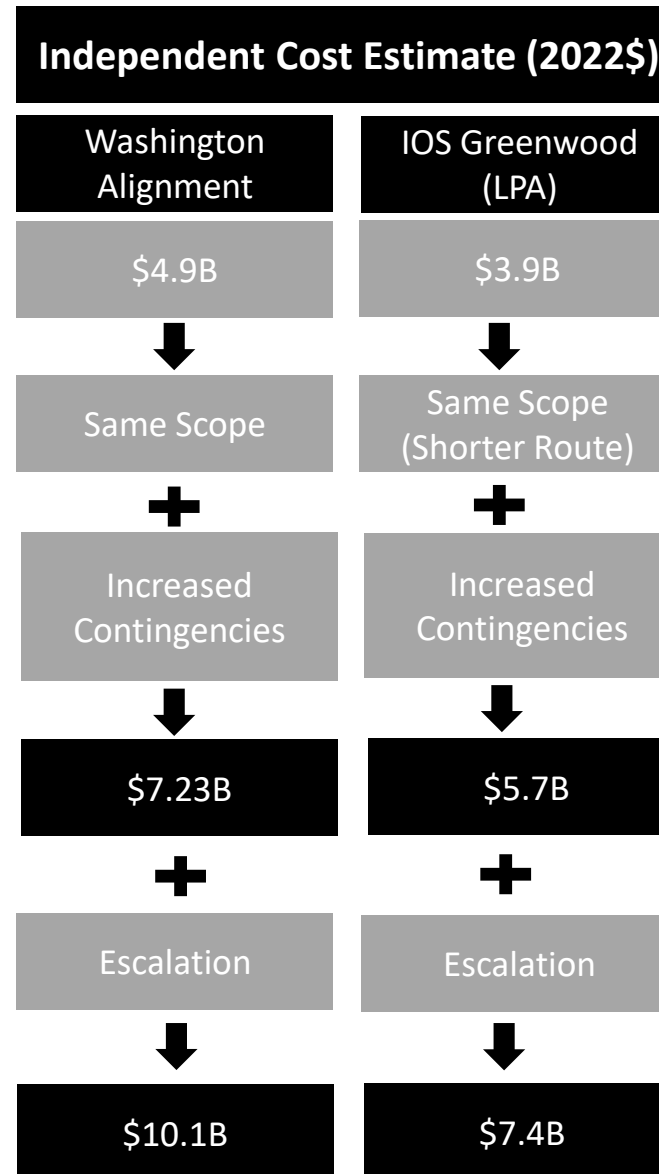
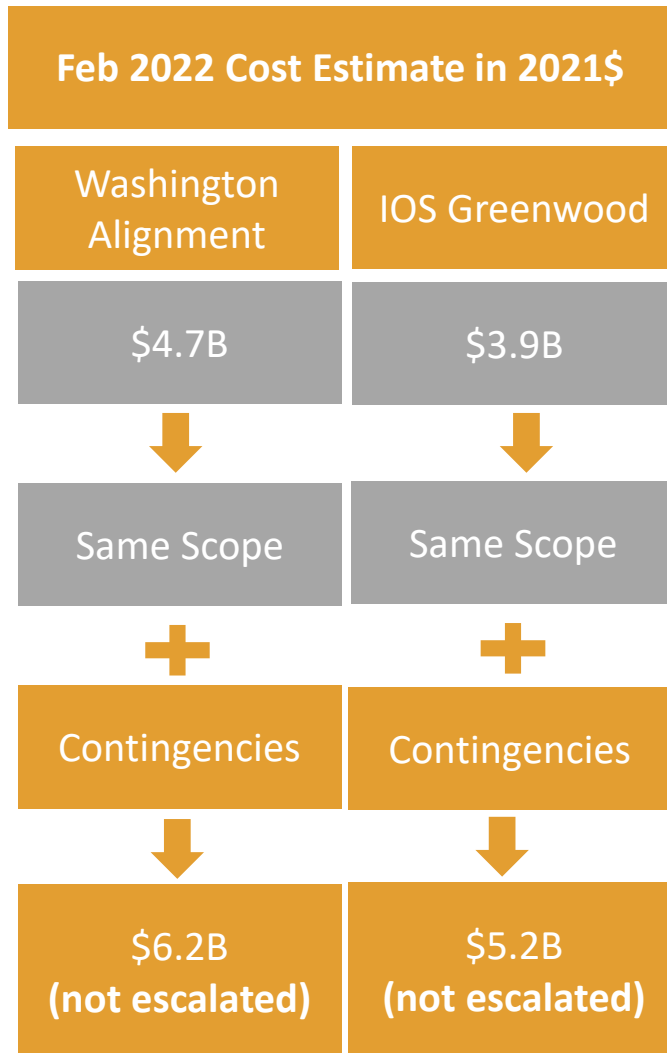
### > Contingencies

- **Allocated contingency** (design contingency): Risk based cost estimates associated with further refinement of design since details are not complete. As design increases, contingency decreases. Allocated contingency considers Federal Transit Administration requirements.
- **Unallocated contingency** (construction contingency): Estimate of costs associated with unforeseen conditions during the construction phase such as unknown site conditions, schedule delays, trade coordination.

### > Escalation

- Reflects uncertain changes in technical, economic, and market conditions over time, such as cost of labor, equipment, and material due to continuing price changes over time. Escalation was calculated to the year of expenditure (YOE), or 2029.

# Project Cost Estimate Update

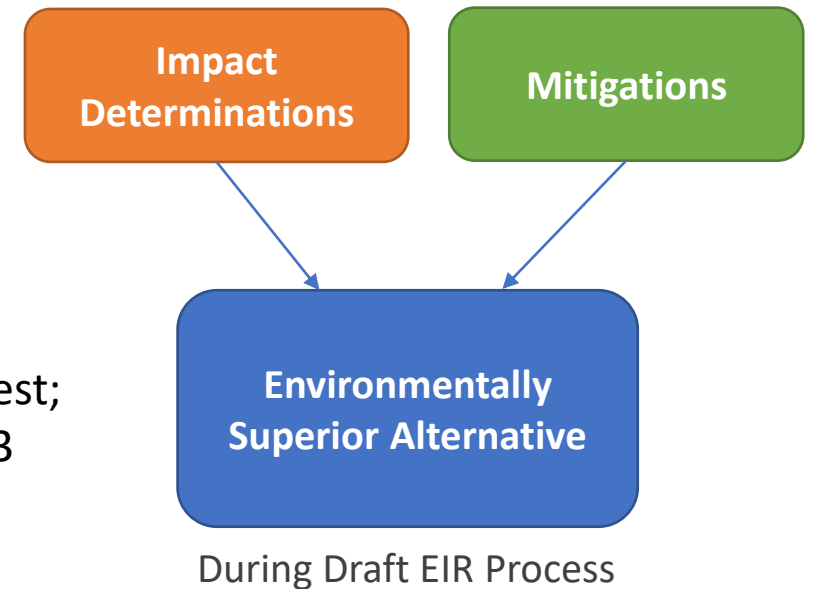


For up-to-date details on the cost estimates, please refer to the Metro [staff report](#) on the recommended LPA for Board of Directors action expected on December 1, 2022.

<https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2022-0684/>

# Environmentally Superior Alternative

- > CEQA requires an agency to select an alternative other than the No Project Alternative as an Environmentally Superior Alternative
- > Comparison of impact determinations and mitigation measures are the basis for selection:
  - **Alternative 1** has *more overall impacts and mitigation measures* due to its length and needed replacement of two bridges over waterways
  - **Alternative 2** has the *least number of mitigation measures* as it is the shortest; however, it has *more significant unavoidable impacts* than Alternative 1 or 3 as the Commerce MSF is the only option for this Alternative
  - **Alternative 3** has *less impacts and mitigations* than Alternative 1, but *more than Alternative 2*
  - **Alternative 3** with the Montebello MSF has *less significant and unavoidable impacts* than Alternative 2
  - Therefore, **Alternative 3 is the Environmentally Superior Alternative**



# Environmentally Superior Alternative

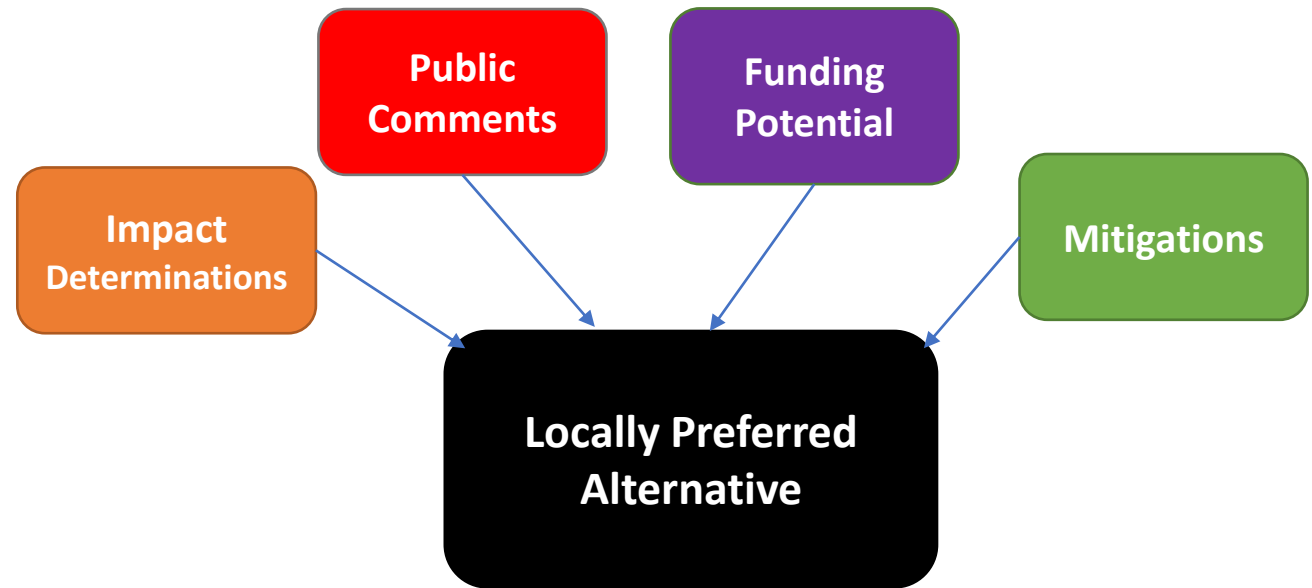
Alternative	Amount of Impacts	Amount of Mitigation Measures Needed	Amount of Significant Unavoidable Impacts – Commerce MSF	Amount of Significant Unavoidable Impacts – Montebello MSF
<b>Alternative 1</b> East Los Angeles to Whittier	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	MEDIUM
<b>Alternative 2</b> East Los Angeles to Commerce	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>NOT AN OPTION</b>
<b>Alternative 3</b> East Los Angeles to Montebello	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	<b>HIGH</b>	MEDIUM

# Locally Preferred Alternative

> Selection of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) considers all aspects of the project alternatives:

- Community needs
- Project benefits
- Project objectives
- Public comments
- Funding sources/availability
- Impact Determinations
- Mitigation Measures

> LPA does not have to be the same as the Environmentally Superior Alternative



Between Draft EIR and  
Final EIR Process

# Recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

## Recommended LPA: **Alternative 3 IOS Greenwood** with design options

- > Underground open-air station at Atlantic/Pomona Station
- > At-grade Greenwood station
- > Montebello Maintenance Storage Facility

## Findings from Draft EIR

- > Environmentally Superior Alternative (CEQA) possesses an overall environmental advantage
- > Higher environmental benefits
- > Supports regional connectivity
- > New transit access to communities who otherwise not served by the Metro rail network
- > Includes the Montebello MSF that reduces significant and unavoidable impacts and meets the regional operational needs



# Next Steps

- > Board to select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and strategy for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process
- > Proceed with the Board approved LPA and full project alignment into the Final Environmental Impact Report
- > Reinitiate NEPA to seek federal funding for the project
- > Continue engineering activities to understand the project's technical risks further

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