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PURPLE LINE EXTENSION PROJECT Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement - Section 2

FALL 2016



Background

In August 2016, a federal judge ruled that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must produce a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for portions of Section 2 of the Purple Line Extension. The ruling was in response to a federal lawsuit filed by the Beverly Hills Unified School District and the city of Beverly Hills alleging that the FTA's 2012 EIS for the project did not properly analyze the impacts of the subway extension on Beverly Hills and Beverly Hills High School. The lawsuit also challenged the selection of Constellation/Avenue of the Stars as the location for the Century City station.

Notwithstanding the need for a SEIS, the judge left intact the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Purple Line Extension. This means that the project remains environmentally approved at the federal level and remains on schedule. Metro can continue work to secure federal matching funds and other pre-construction activities for Section 2 while the SEIS is underway.

What the SEIS Will Analyze

Based on the judge's ruling, the SEIS will be targeted to supplement the FTA's 2012 Final EIS with the following information/assessments:

- > Completeness of available seismic studies and how that information advised the decision to select a station location.
- > Whether public health impacts could arise from potential nitrous oxide (NOx) and particulate matter during tunneling under Beverly Hills High School and the construction of the Century City station.
- > Impacts to use of the Beverly Hills High School campus during construction and the eventual operation of the Purple Line.
- > Construction impacts, including possible migration of underground gas and analysis of feasible mitigation measures, along the Section 2 alignment including Beverly Hills High School.

Anticipated Timeline for the SEIS

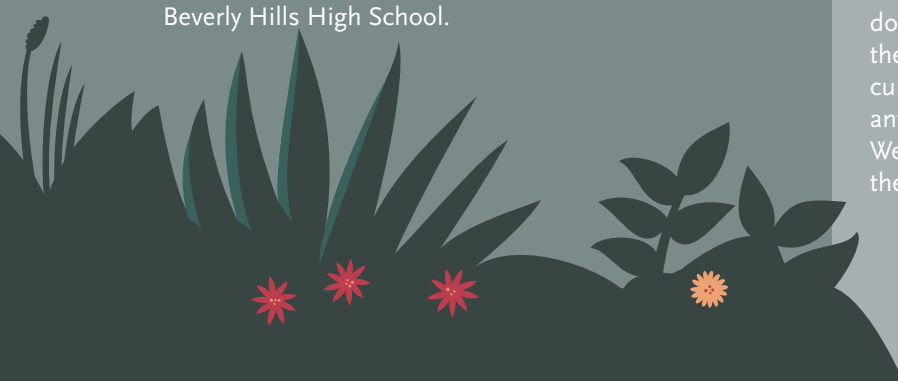
Current	Preparation of Draft SEIS
Winter 2017	Release of Draft SEIS 45-Day Comment Period Public Hearing
Spring 2017	Review Public Comments and Prepare Final SEIS
Summer 2017	Publish Final SEIS

Additional Information

- > The Federal Transit Administration is the lead agency for the EIS and was the defendant in the federal lawsuit.
- > Metro is the project sponsor and is cooperating with the FTA in preparing the SEIS.
- > Metro was the lead agency in preparing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project. The EIR is the state-level companion to the federal EIS. The EIR was found to be sufficient in earlier state lawsuits brought by the same plaintiffs.
- > Once the Draft SEIS is released, comments will be accepted in writing, electronically and at a public hearing that is anticipated to take place in February 2017 at a location convenient to both the Beverly Hills and Century City communities.

Impact on Subway Construction

Construction is underway on Section 1 of the Purple Line Extension, which will extend the subway westward from Western Av to La Cienega Bl, with stations at Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax and Wilshire/La Cienega. Section 2 will extend the subway to Century City with stations in downtown Beverly Hills and at Constellation/Avenue of the Stars in Century City. Pre-construction activities are currently underway for Section 2 with major construction anticipated in 2018. Section 3 will add stations at Wilshire/Westwood and at the Westwood/VA Hospital, just west of the I-405 Freeway.



Schedule*

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3
Length	3.92 miles	2.59 miles	2.59 miles
New Stations	Wilshire/La Brea Wilshire/Fairfax Wilshire/La Cienega	Wilshire/Rodeo Century City/ Constellation	Westwood/UCLA Westwood/VA Hospital
Pre-Construction Activities	2014-2016	Current-2018	2025-2027
Construction	Current-2023	2018-2026	2027-2035
Operations	2023	2025	2035

* Metro is pursuing alternate funding scenarios that would accelerate subway construction. This schedule will be updated as new information becomes available.

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How to Stay Involved and Give Input

Metro staff and consultants are continuing to work on designing the stations and developing the art program. Metro holds regular construction meetings to provide details of upcoming work activities. Visit the website for details.

Metro invites you to stay involved throughout the project. You can review public reports and information documents on our website, metro.net/purplelineext. You can find information as the work progresses, leave comments, and let us know how to contact you so we can keep you informed of upcoming meetings and other milestones.

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