

APPENDIX D

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I-405 SEPULVEDA PASS EXPRESSLANES PROJECT



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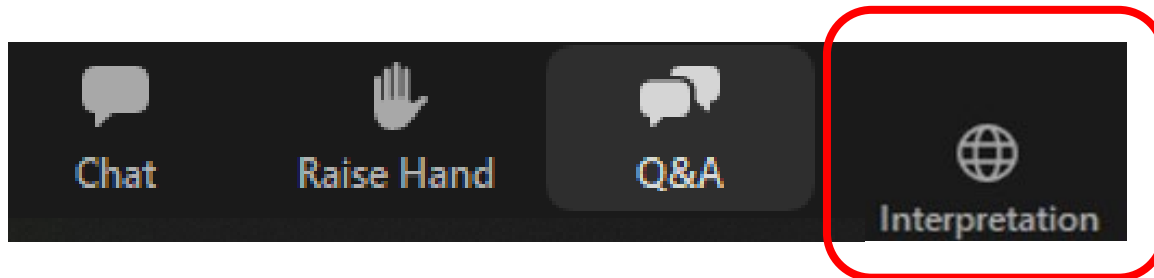
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Thanks for joining us!

Agenda

11:30am	Welcome!
11:35am	Project Presentation
12:10pm	Presentation Q&A Session*
12:20pm	Comment Session*
1:25pm	Next Steps

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

Before We Get Started

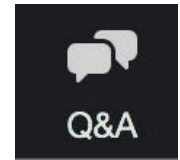
Today's scoping meeting is being recorded.



Attendee videos are off and microphones are muted.



During the Q&A session, questions can be submitted using the Q&A function.



During the comment session, verbal comments can be submitted using the Raise Hand function. Written comments can be submitted using the Q&A function or by utilizing the online comment form.



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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.
- > Address all comments to Metro staff and consultants – not to other attendees.
- > Maintain a conversational tone.

Nearby Projects

- > Metro is evaluating a variety of projects that could offer a range of multimodal mobility options to address existing and future transportation needs
- > Nearby and future proposed projects are independent of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project, including:
 - Purple Line (D Line) Extension Transit Project
 - Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project
 - I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan
 - Traffic Reduction Study
- > Each project will undergo its own environmental clearance and/or planning process
- > Metro will continue to coordinate across all project efforts

Project Video

The Environmental Scoping Process



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
 - Provide comments, input and project relevant information
 - Stay involved



The Environmental Scoping Process

> The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) says:

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

> The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) says:

- Scoping is designed to examine a proposed project early in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) 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
- EIS/EIR is a combined federal and state document



Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around LA. It includes reducing congestion and creating access to opportunity. This project works to improve travel time reliability, provide additional sustainable mobility options and maximize benefits from Measure M (\$260M).

Project Overview

- > This project will study potential managed lane improvements to improve traffic conditions on I-405 starting south of I-10 and terminating north of US-101.
- > Two types of managed lanes will be studied:
 - High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes – also known as “carpool” lanes, require more than one person per vehicle to use the lanes
 - High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes – also known as ExpressLanes, require more than one person for free travel and allows single occupant vehicles to pay to use the lane. Metro currently operates ExpressLanes on the I-110 and I-10 freeways.

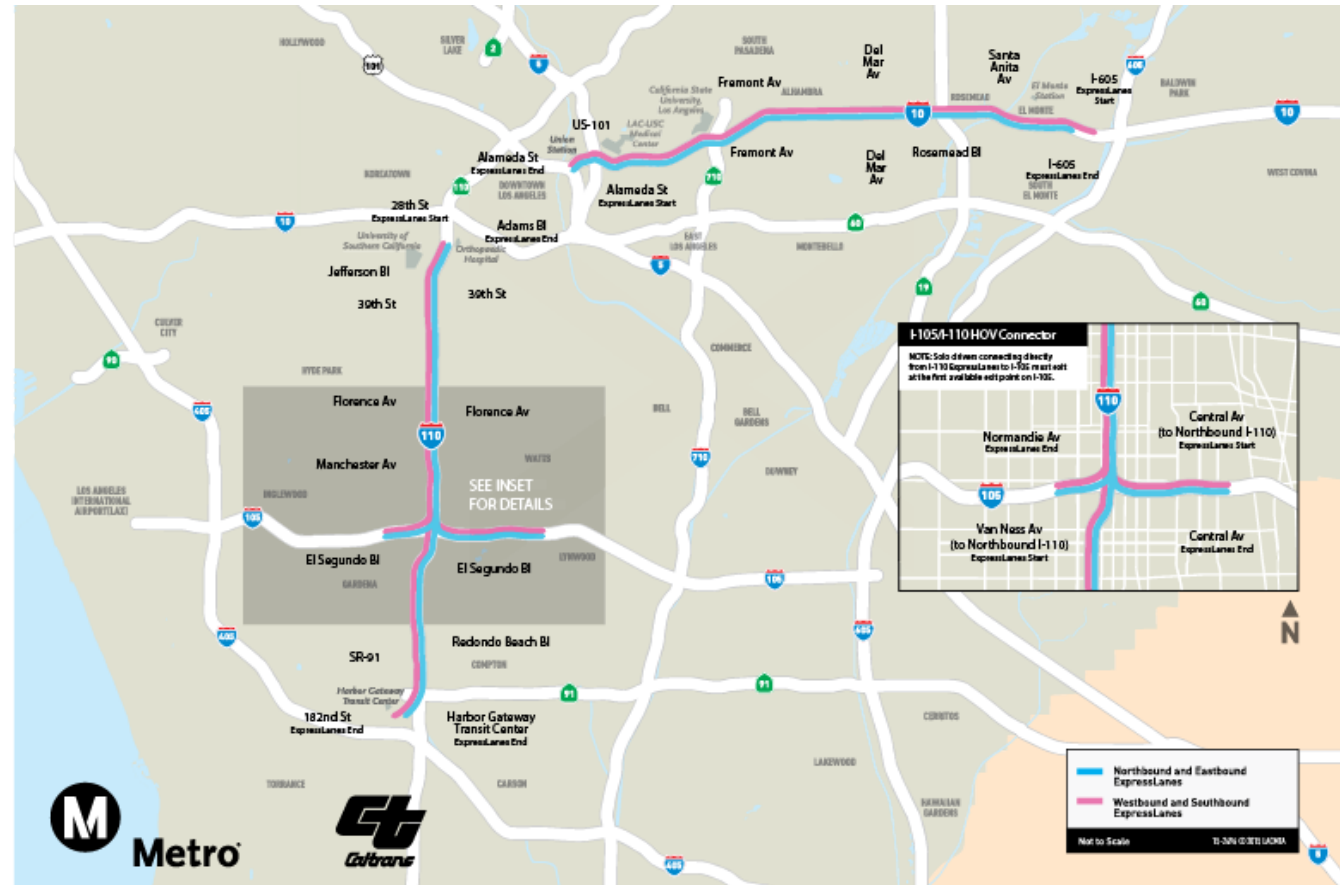
Project Overview (cont.)

- > 14-mile corridor within Los Angeles and Unincorporated areas of LA County
- > Metro and Caltrans are partners in developing the project
 - Metro is preparing the planning reports and environmental document
 - Caltrans provides oversight and is the lead agency for CEQA/NEPA
- > Funding
 - Measure M, the local sales tax passed by LA County voters in 2016, provides \$260 million for this project
 - Additional funding sources will be identified as project advances through the development process
- > Operation anticipated in advance of the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics and Paralympics

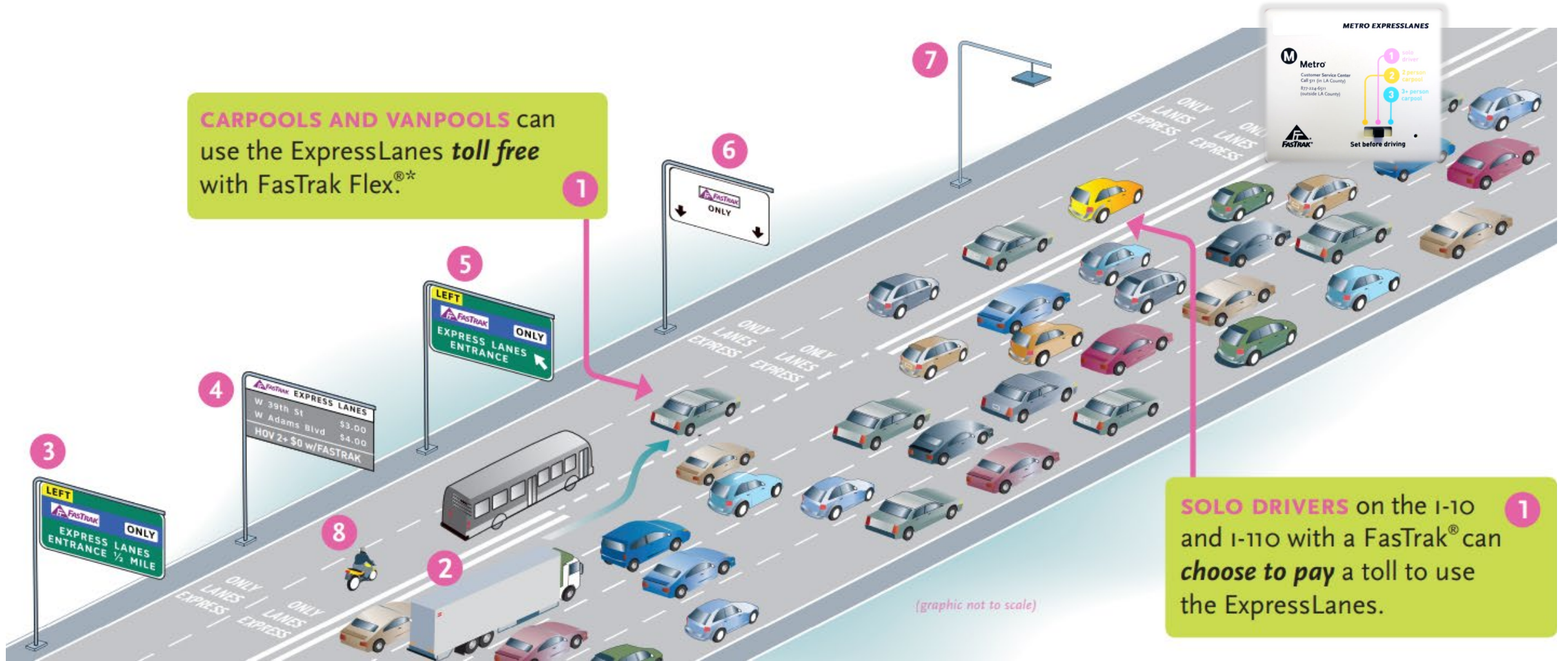


ExpressLanes Background

- > 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)



How ExpressLanes Work



Project Purpose

- > The purpose of the Interstate 405 (I-405) Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes project is to reduce congestion and improve the overall movement of people & goods on I-405.
 - Provide additional mobility options within the constrained project corridor.
 - Improve traffic flows & operation and reduce congestion.
 - Improve performance within the project corridor.
 - Increase continuity of the regional priced managed lanes/high-occupancy toll lanes network by closing the gap between existing and planned facilities.

Project Need

The I-405 between I-105 and US-101 is one of the most congested highways in the U.S., with an average of **56 hours of delay yearly** per commuter in 2019. The project is needed to address traffic congestion & related deficiencies, including:

- Much of the congestion in the constrained Sepulveda Pass can be attributed to **limited existing roadways and alternative transportation options** running north-south through the Santa Monica Mountains between the San Fernando Valley and the South Bay/Westside in LA County.
- Current **daily traffic volume of 289,000 vehicles/AADT** exceeds the capacity.
- Much of the existing I-405 HOV facilities within project limits are classified as **“extremely degraded.”**

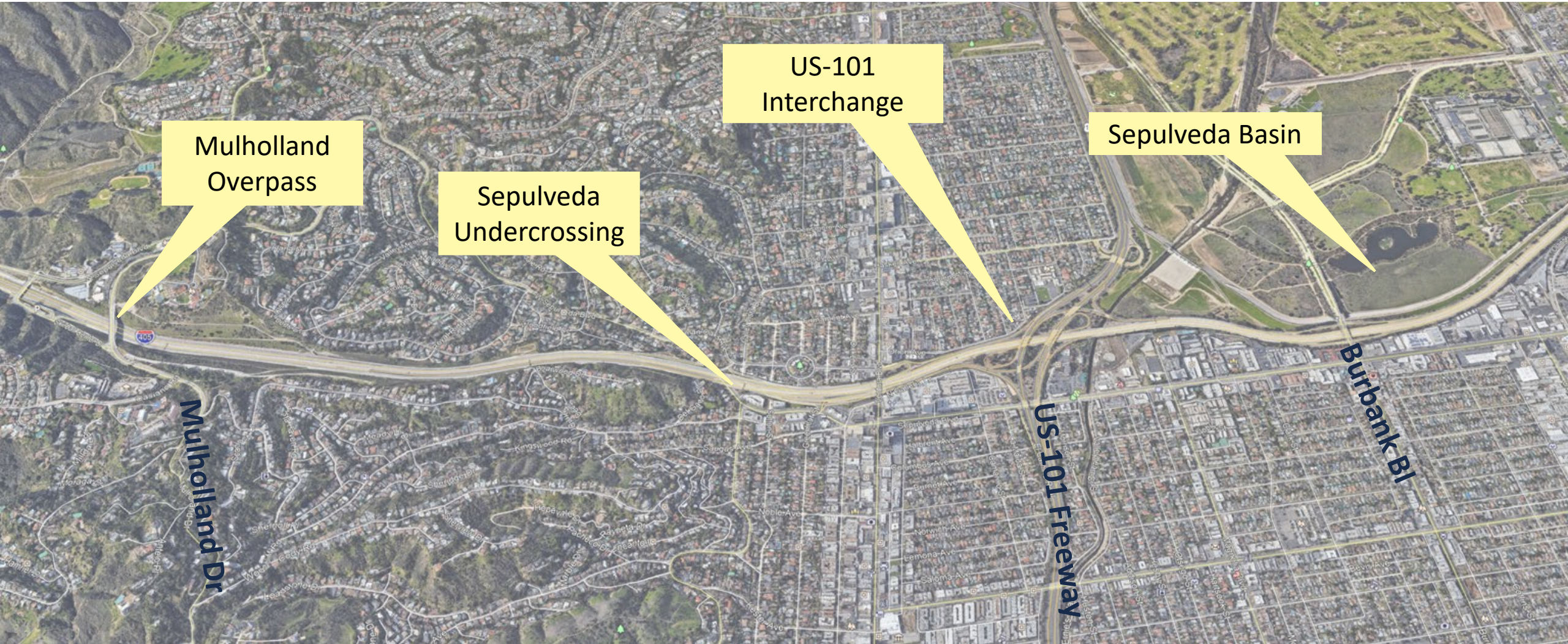
North of I-10 Through Wilshire Blvd



Sunset Blvd Through Skirball Center Dr



Skirball Center Dr Through 101 Interchange



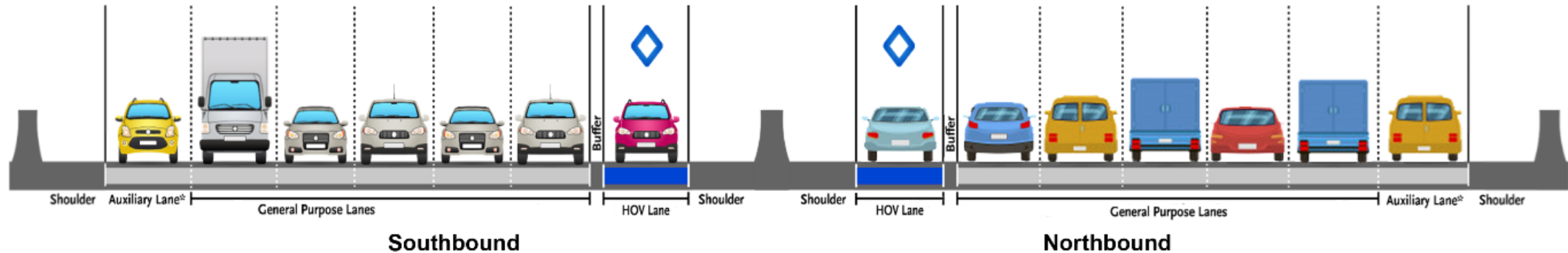
What is Being Considered

- > The No Build Alternative (Alternative 1) also must be evaluated
 - Represents what would happen if no action was taken
 - Provides a comparison point to understand impacts of the proposed build alternatives
- > Four Build Alternatives (Alternatives 2-5) currently under preliminary consideration

Note: At this stage, no alternative has been selected and no determination has been made to proceed with improvements or any alternatives. As such, no potential relocations have been identified.

Alternative 1

Existing Conditions (No Build)



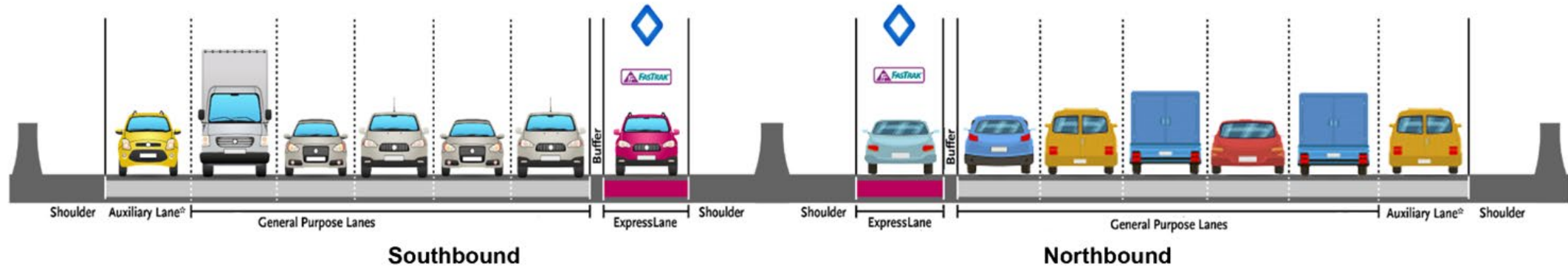
Alternative 1 Typical

* Auxiliary Lane is only in certain locations on I-405

- > Graphic illustrates current conditions with no changes
- > No additional travel lanes or ramp improvements would be installed as part of this alternative
- > No property acquisition anticipated

Alternative 2

Convert HOV to One (1) ExpressLane (standard lane and shoulder widths)



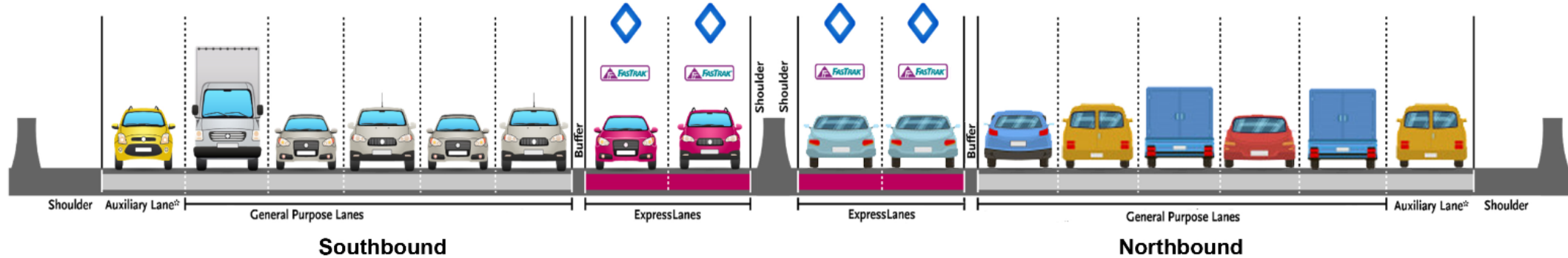
Alternative 2 Typical

* Auxiliary Lane is only in certain locations on I-405

- > Convert existing HOV to one (1) ExpressLane in each direction with standard (12 ft) lane widths
- > No property acquisition anticipated

Alternative 3

Convert HOV to Two (2) ExpressLanes (non-standard lane widths)



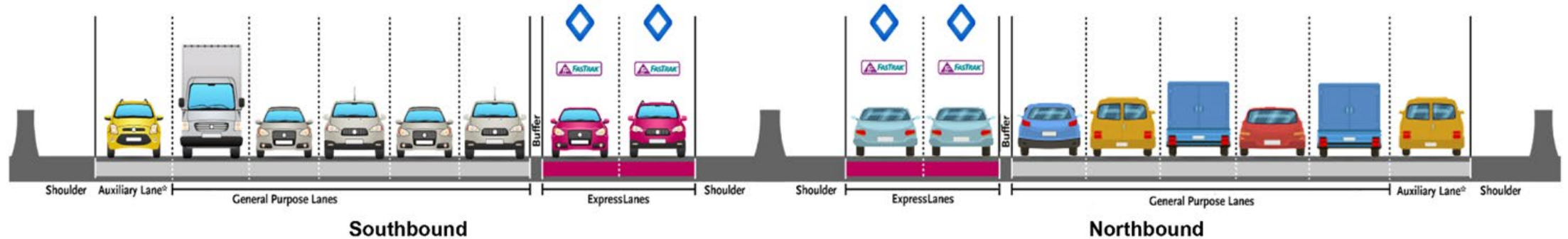
Alternative 3 Typical

* Auxiliary Lane is only in certain locations on I-405

- > Convert existing HOV to two (2) ExpressLanes in each direction
- > Non-standard lane and shoulder widths
- > Potential property acquisition anticipated

Alternative 4

Convert HOV to Two (2) ExpressLanes (standard lane and shoulder widths)



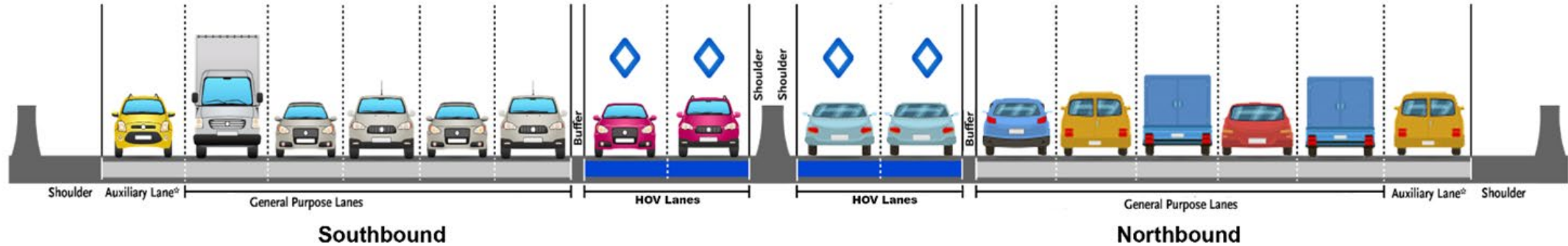
Alternative 4 Typical

* Auxiliary Lane is only in certain locations on I-405

- > Convert existing HOV to two (2) ExpressLanes in each direction
- > Standard lane (12 ft) and shoulder widths
- > Property acquisition anticipated

Alternative 5

Add an Additional HOV Lane (non-standard lane and shoulder widths)



Alternative 5 Typical

* Auxiliary Lane is only in certain locations on I-405

- > Add additional HOV lane in each direction
- > Non-standard lane and shoulder widths
- > Potential property acquisition anticipated

Reports to be Prepared

> Environmental Document

- Analyzes potential environmental impacts and identifies mitigation measures for potential impacts.

> Project Report

- Engineering document with details on facility design, traffic analysis, 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 for this project.

> Apply for Tolling Authority

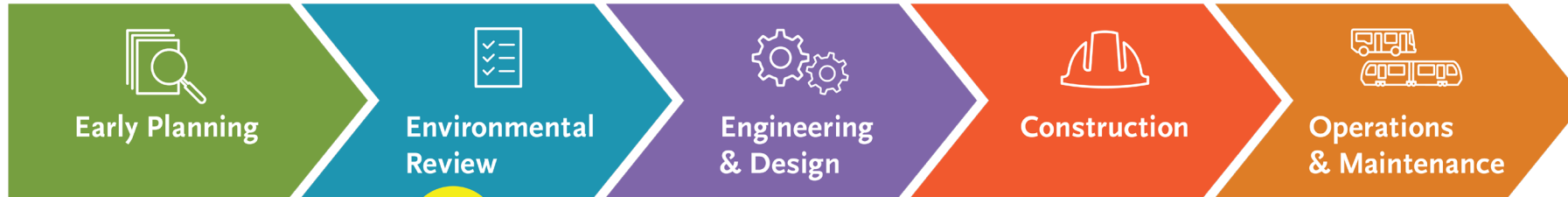
- Metro and Caltrans will need to apply for the tolling authority through the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in order to implement ExpressLanes on the I-405.



Anticipated Environmental Considerations to be Studied

- > Air Quality
- > Aesthetics
- > Biological Resources
- > Community Impact Study
- > Cultural Resources
- > Cumulative Analysis
- > Environmental Justice/Equity
- > Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- > Hydrology/Water Quality
- > Noise
- > Right-of-way (ROW)
- > Transportation/Traffic
- > Utilities/Service Systems

Key Milestones: Environmental Process



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Summer
Public Scoping Process

Fall/Winter
Alternatives Screening and
Initiate Technical Studies,
Draft EIR/EIS

Fall/Winter
Circulate Draft EIR/EIS for
Public/Agency Review and
Comment

Fall/Winter
Revise EIR/EIS Based on
Comments and Prepare Final
EIR/EIS

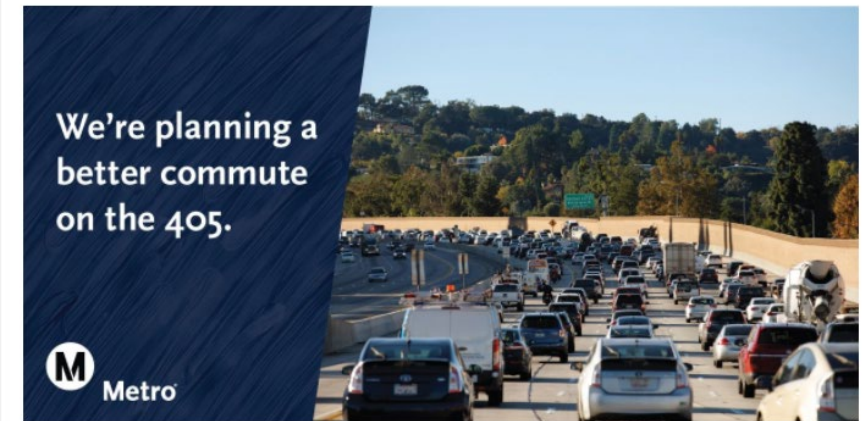


ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



Project Awareness

- > Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent (NOP/NOI) to public agencies, legal ads and *The Source & El Pasajero* posts
- > Project website, helpline, email and interactive StoryMap
- > Opt-in eblast – over 700 stakeholders have opted in
- > SMS text campaign – 340+ stakeholders have opted in
- > Project awareness eblasts – 6,100+ opens and 1,100+ clicks
- > Project videos – 1,600+ views
- > Stakeholder survey – 1,300+ responses
 - Survey link: www.405expsurvey.com



I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project Survey

Take a quick survey! ([Conteste la encuesta en español](#))

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes project. When answering the survey questions, please assume that your travel habits and traffic conditions, including times of congestion, will have returned to normal (as they had been before the COVID-19 pandemic).

Please complete and submit this survey for an opportunity to win one of four \$50 Target gift cards. Official drawing rules [here](#).

Presentation Q&A Session



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Q&A Protocol



> Use the Q&A function to submit written questions.



- > The project team will respond to as many questions as possible in the allotted amount of time.
- All questions will be recorded in the public scoping summary, even if they are not responded to in this meeting.



> Verbal questions will not be accepted at this time.

> This session is for questions only, please hold your comments for the next agenda item.

Public Scoping Comment Session



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)

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • 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 Comment Submittal

> Official Scoping Period (60 days)

- Starts: Tuesday, August 3rd
- Ends: Friday, October 1st

> Public scoping comments will be received at public scoping meetings and via:

- Online comment form
- Mail
- Email
- Project hotline

> Comments can be submitted via the following:



Online Comment Form: 405EXPcomments.com



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Public Scoping Meetings

Sat., August 14, 2021, 10am–12pm

Tues., August 17, 2021, 6–8pm

Wed., August 18, 2021, 11:30am–1:30pm

Online Comment Form (405EXPcomments.com)



Public Comment Form

1 Comment

2 Review

3 Your Copy

I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes

Thank you for your interest in the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project. Metro, in coordination with Caltrans as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency, is evaluating alternatives to convert the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to dynamically-priced, high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, also called ExpressLanes, in the southbound and northbound directions of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass, between I-10 and US-101. Comments are now being accepted through Friday, October 1.

Contact Information

All fields are optional unless otherwise indicated.

Submitted By

Individual

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

California

ZIP (Required)

Email

Phone

I want to be added to the project mailing list



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).



- > Verbal comments can be submitted over the phone.
 - > Press *9 to raise your hand.
 - > Press *6 to unmute yourself.



- > Written comments can be submitted using the Q&A function or by utilizing the online comment form.
- > **For technical support, please call (909) 600-2126.**



Next Steps




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Thank You


Methods of Commenting

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 Attend another scoping meeting – learn more at 405expresslanes.info




Comments are due by October 1, 2021.

Stay Connected

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Thank you!

