

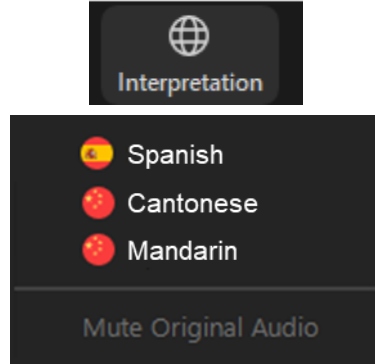


Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project Community Information Session

October 12, 2022



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A screenshot of the Metro website page for Aerial Rapid Transit. The page has a dark blue header with the Metro logo and navigation links: Ride, Fares, Projects, Careers, About Metro. Below the header, the page title is "Aerial Rapid Transit". A paragraph of text describes the project: "In 2018, Aerial Rapid Transit Technology LLC (ARTT) submitted a proposal to Metro's Office of Extraordinary Innovation for an aerial rapid transit gondola system connecting Union Station and Dodger Stadium – the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit project (LA ART).". The page is divided into sections: Overview, Status, Latest Updates, Documents, and Contact Us. The "Documents" section is highlighted with a red arrow. On the right side, there is a "Content" sidebar with links for Overview, Status, Latest Updates, Documents (circled in red), and Contact Us. The "Documents" section contains the text: "All documents for this project. Can't find something? Contact Public Records." The "Contact Us" section includes contact information for Michael Cortez, Community Relations Manager, with email laart@metro.net and phone number 213.418.3423.



Welcome

Bienvenidos

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Agenda



1. Purpose of Meeting



2. How to Participate in this Virtual Meeting



3. Overview



4. CEQA Process Overview



5. LA ART Project Overview



6. Draft EIR Public Comment Period



7. Question & Answer Session

Purpose of the Meeting



**PROVIDE PRE-DRAFT EIR
RELEASE INFORMATIONAL
UPDATE**

How to Participate in this Meeting



Q&A: Use the Q&A feature to type a question during the Question & Answer Session.

CEQA and Project Process Overview

CEQA

Required for all projects undertaken, funded, or requiring approval by a public agency

Informs the public and decision makers

Discloses potential environmental impacts resulting from a proposed project

Provides the opportunity to comment on environmental issues

Two Comment Periods: (1) Public Scoping Period and (2) Draft EIR Public Review

Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project Process Overview

- The Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project is proposed by Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC
- Metro is the lead agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - As the lead agency, Metro has the responsibility to ensure that:
 - The EIR adequately assesses the potential project impacts
 - The proposed mitigation measures are appropriate
 - The CEQA process has been complied with for public notices, public outreach, and distribution of documents
- The Draft EIR evaluates the potential environmental effects associated with construction and operation of the Project



SB 44 | Public Meetings During Public Comment Period

SB 44 Overview

- SB 44, which was adopted in 2021, provides CEQA litigation streamlining for “environmental leadership transit projects”
- The Project qualifies under SB 44
 - The Project would operate at zero emissions
 - The electrical power would be supplied by LADWP through the utility’s Green Power Program, with battery storage backup
 - Over the useful life of the Project and in the Project’s corridor, the Project would:
 - Reduce emissions by no less than 50,000 metric tons of GHG, without using offsets
 - Reduce over 30 million VMTs

Public Meetings Under SB 44

- SB 44 requires one Informational Workshop and one Public Hearing during the public comment period
- The Project is providing two Informational Workshops (one in-person and one virtual) and two Public Hearings (one in-person and one virtual)

Draft EIR Informational Workshop No. 1	Saturday, October 22	Virtual
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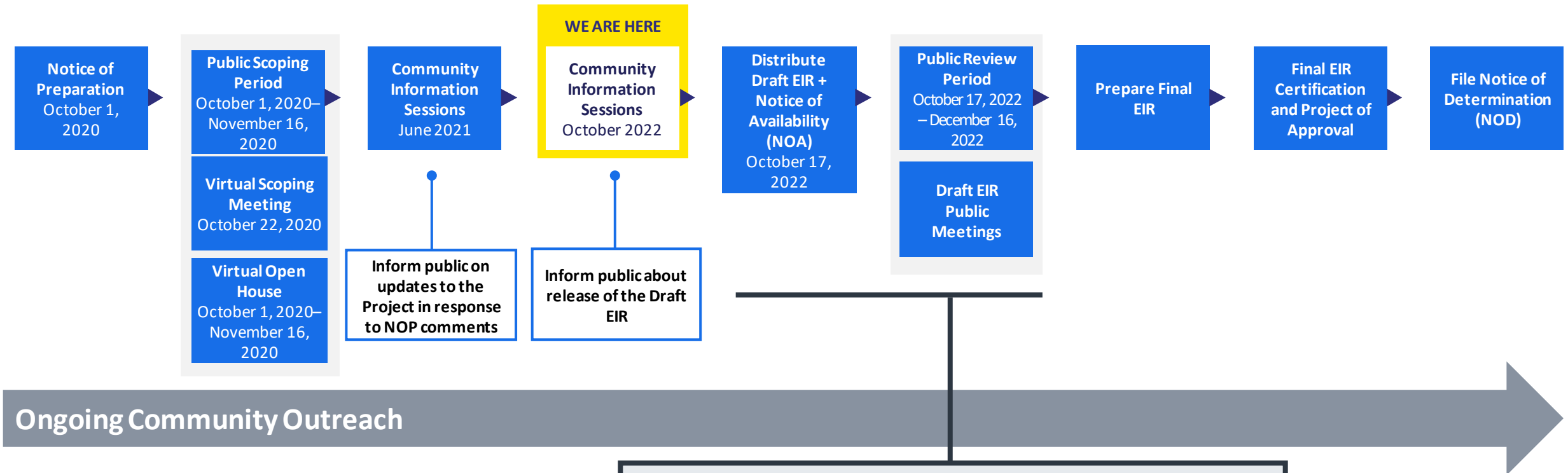
Draft EIR Informational Workshop No. 2	Tuesday, October 25	In-Person
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Timeline



Inform public on updates to the Project in response to NOP comments

Inform public about release of the Draft EIR

What is the Purpose of the Draft EIR?

The purpose of the Draft EIR is to evaluate the potential for environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed Project, and to provide mitigation measures where required



Draft EIR Release Schedule

Draft EIR Release

Monday, October 17, 2022

End of Draft EIR Public Comment Period

Friday, December 16, 2022

The Draft EIR will be released for a 60-day comment period



Public Meetings During Draft EIR Comment Period

Informational Workshops

Draft EIR Informational Workshop No. 1	Saturday, October 22	Virtual
Draft EIR Informational Workshop No. 2	Tuesday, October 25	In-Person

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Draft EIR – Environmental Topics

All Environmental Resource Topics per CEQA Guidelines Appendix G are addressed in the EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture/Forestry
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural/Historic Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise and Vibration
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire



Draft EIR – Alternatives | Design and Use Options | Other Additional Evaluations

- Alternatives
 - No Project Alternative
 - Spring Street Alignment Alternative
 - Transportation Systems Management Alternative (Enhanced Dodger Stadium Express)
- Design and Use Options
- Other Additional Evaluations in the Draft EIR
 - Los Angeles State Historic Park Usage
 - Kite Flying
 - Special Events
 - Airspace Evaluation





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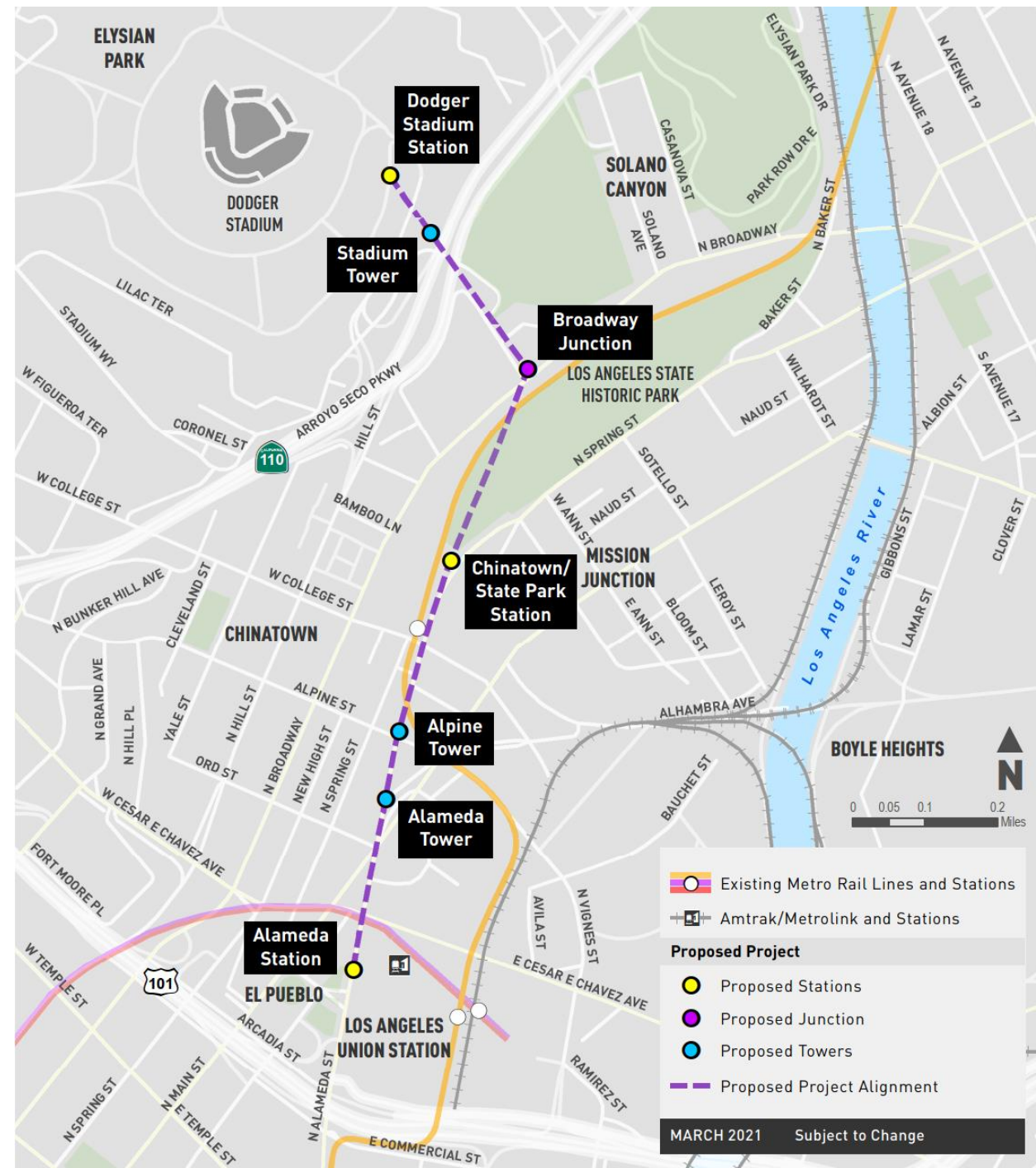
Project Overview

- Provide a permanent transit connection from Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) to the Dodger Stadium property via a 1.2-mile aerial gondola system
 - Travel time from LAUS to Dodger Stadium would be approximately 7 minutes
- Capacity of approximately 5,000 people per hour per direction
- Operate daily to serve existing residents, workers, park users, and visitors to Los Angeles
- Provide access to the Los Angeles State Historic Park and surrounding communities via the intermediate Chinatown/State Park Station
- Zero emission, environmentally friendly rapid transit that would reduce GHG emissions as a result of reduced vehicle trips in and around Dodger Stadium and on neighborhood streets, arterial roadways, and freeways



Project Location and Alignment

- The Project would commence adjacent to LAUS and El Pueblo and terminate at Dodger Stadium, with an intermediate station at the southernmost entrance to the Los Angeles State Historic Park
- Connect surrounding communities of Chinatown, Mission Junction, Elysian Park, Echo Park, and Solano Canyon to the regional transit system accessible at Union Station
- The proposed Project alignment maximizes alignment along the public ROW and publicly owned property and minimizes aerial rights over private properties, taking into account existing and future adjacent land uses



Precedent for Aerial Transit Systems

- Aerial transit technology has been used for over 100 years
- Modern systems are a feasible mode of urban transit and are currently operating in numerous cities around the world
- Established gondola transit systems worldwide – such as La Paz, Bolivia and Mexico City, Mexico – are being used as rapid transit for the urban populations that they service
- Similar to the systems used in Koblenz, Germany, Phu Quoc, Vietnam, and Toulouse, France, the proposed Project is a “3S” gondola
 - Cabins will carry approximately 30 to 40 passengers
 - System will provide a smooth, stable ride



Portland, Oregon



Roosevelt Island, New York



La Paz, Bolivia



Mexico City, Mexico



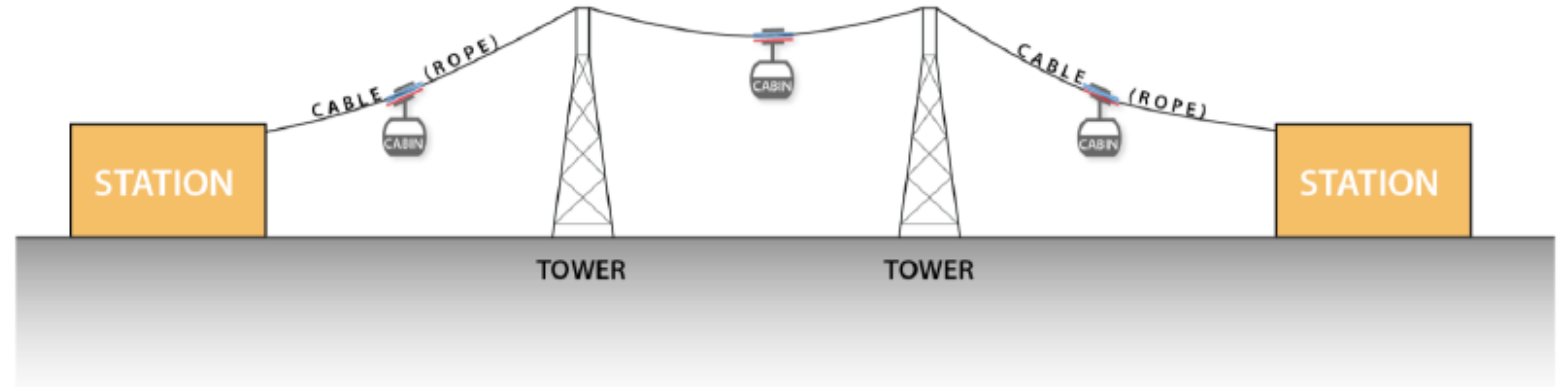
Toulouse, France



Medellín, Colombia

Cables and Ropeway Technology

LA ART system proposes passenger stations, a non-passenger junction, and towers to support the aerial cables that carry the gondola cabins, which can each carry 30 - 40 passengers



- High passenger capacity: detachable cabins with “3S” system
 - “3S” system includes three cables: two “track ropes” for stability and a third “haul rope” to circulate the cabins
 - Capacity to move approximately 5,000 people per hour per direction with quiet, safe, environmentally friendly system
- Cabins detach from continuously circulating haul rope and slow down upon entering a station for passenger exit and entry, then reattach to haul rope
- Cabins allow for sitting or standing, are fully ADA accessible, and provide room for baby strollers and bicycles



Koblenz, Germany

How to Comment on Draft EIR

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Public Hearing

Downtown Los Angeles

Saturday, December 10
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Los Angeles Union Station
Ticket Concourse
800 N. Alameda Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, December 13
5:00 – 7:00 pm
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for details



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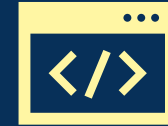
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Upcoming Meetings

Pre-DEIR Release Community Information Session

In-Person – Downtown LA/Chinatown

Saturday, October 15, 2022, 10am – 12pm

Los Angeles Union Station Ticket Concourse
800 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

More info:

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**Additional
In-Person Meeting
Before DEIR Release**

**Same Content
as Today's
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During DEIR Public Review

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