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Metro

Community Information Session #4:
Property Acquisitions, Relocation Process &
Timing, Traffic, Noise and Safety

September 15, 2021

Meeting Format



Meeting will be recorded



Simultaneous Spanish interpretation is available

- *Por teléfono en español: 646.749.3335*
- *Contraseña: 159-029-069*



Webcams will **remain off** during entire presentation



Mics will **remain off** during the formal presentation



Use the Reactions feature and "raise hand" button to ask questions (up to 2 minutes)



Participant questions will be answered following the formal presentation



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

Why a Focused Information Session?

- > Provide an opportunity for a focused dialogue, specifically on:
 - 1 Property Acquisitions, Relocation Process, Timing
 - 2 Traffic & Noise
 - 3 Safety & Security
- > Facilitate one-on-one dialogue and answer general questions
 - Virtual breakout rooms
- > Formal comment submittal methods will be shared later in the presentation
 - *Note: Official public comments will not be collected at this meeting*

WSAB Project Video



Light Rail Transit – System Elements



Overhead Catenary System Poles



Soundwall



Station Platform (middle of street)



Aerial Structure



At-grade Crossing



Crossing gates



Traction Power Substation



Parking Facilities

1 Why is Property Needed?

Permanent property needs

- > **Light rail transit (LRT) elevations and system elements** – aerial structures, columns, tunnel, at-grade track, station platforms (middle of street), station entrances (underground stations only), soundwalls
- > **Maintenance and storage facility (MSF) sites**
- > **Parking facilities**
- > Grade crossings (sidewalk improvements and crossing gates)
- > Train control and grade crossing houses
- > Traction power substation (TPSS) sites
- > 20 feet horizontal clearance between freight & light rail tracks
- > Construction laydown

Temporary construction staging

- > Including staging space, equipment/material storage, construction vehicle parking, etc.

Below or above ground easements

- > Underground right-of-way, utility relocation, aerial LRT structure and other facilities



Construction laydown



Soundwall



TPSS

1 Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) Site Options

- > **Two MSF site options evaluated** in the Draft EIS/EIR
- > To support the Build Alternatives, **only one site option is needed**
- > Paramount MSF: Requires lead tracks
 - 22 acres; currently consist of the Paramount Swap Meet, Paramount Drive-in Theatre, parking, and industrial properties
- > Bellflower MSF: adjacent to alignment
 - 21 acres; owned by City with a long term-lease with the Hollywood Sports Paintball, Airsoft Park and Bellflower BMX



1 Existing MSF Example: E Line (Expo) Division 14



1 WSAB Proposed Park & Ride Facilities

Proposed park & ride facilities:

Station (City)	# of Parking Spaces*
Firestone (South Gate)	600
I-105/C Line (Green) (South Gate)	326
Paramount/Rosecrans (Paramount)	490
Bellflower (Bellflower)	263
Pioneer** (Artesia)	1,100

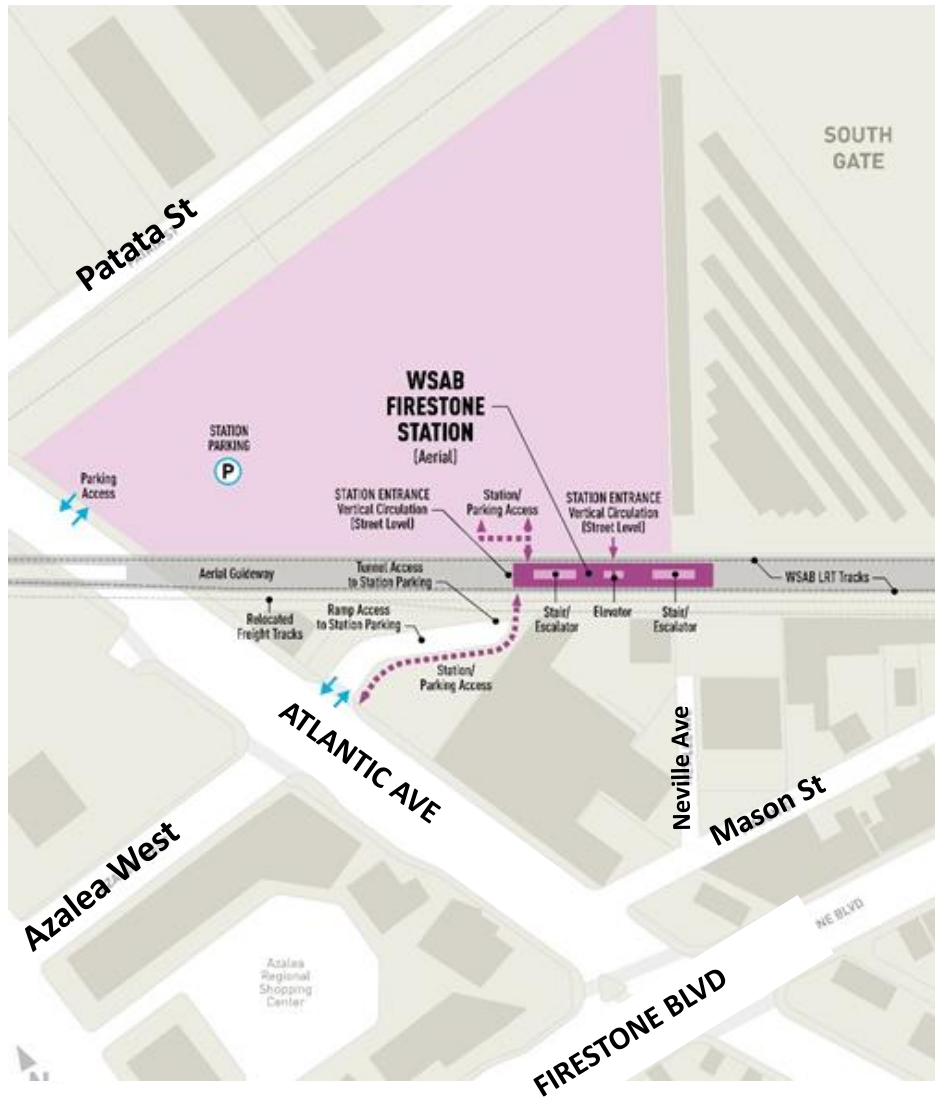
*Parking lot sizes are under review and may change

** Parking Structure



1 Parking Facilities

Firestone Station Surface Parking Lot



Paramount/Rosecrans Station Surface Parking Lot



I-105/C Line Station Surface Parking Lot

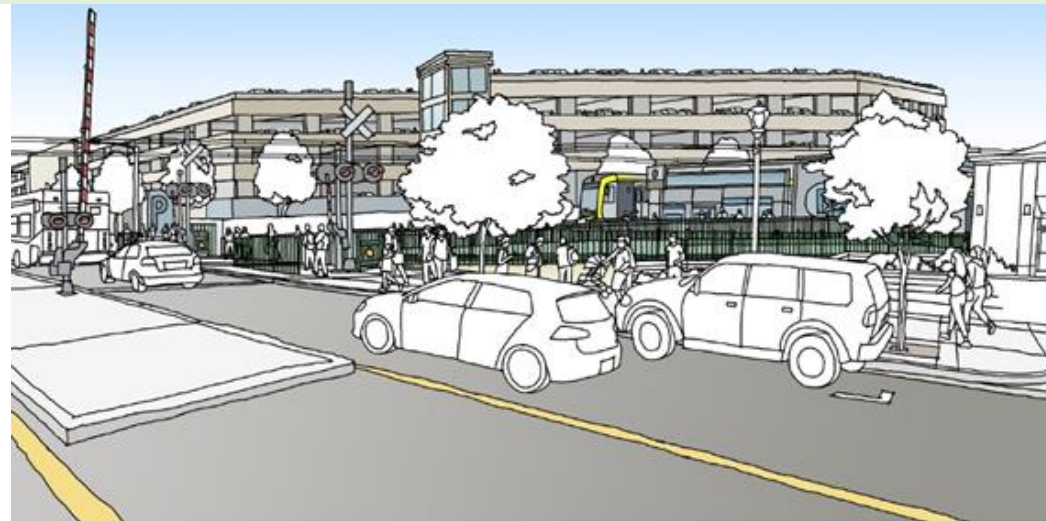


1 Parking Facilities

Bellflower Station Surface Parking Lot



Pioneer Station Parking Structure



Conceptual rendering of Pioneer Station Parking Structure

1 Key Real Estate Acquisition Term

> Uniform Relocation Act and the State Act:

- Provide guidelines for the uniform, fair and equitable treatment of persons or businesses affected by a federally or state funded project



1 Acquisition and Negotiation Process

Appraisal

- Appraisal of Real Property
- Appraisal of furniture, fixtures & equipment (if needed)
- Required for government acquisition of all interests in real property.

Acquisition

- Offers are made to property owners
- Negotiation process
- Escrow

Relocation

- A person or business displaced as a result of an acquisition or other project impacts is eligible for Relocation Assistance
- Property owners(s) and tenants(s) – “Displacees”

Time for acquisition process is about 2 years

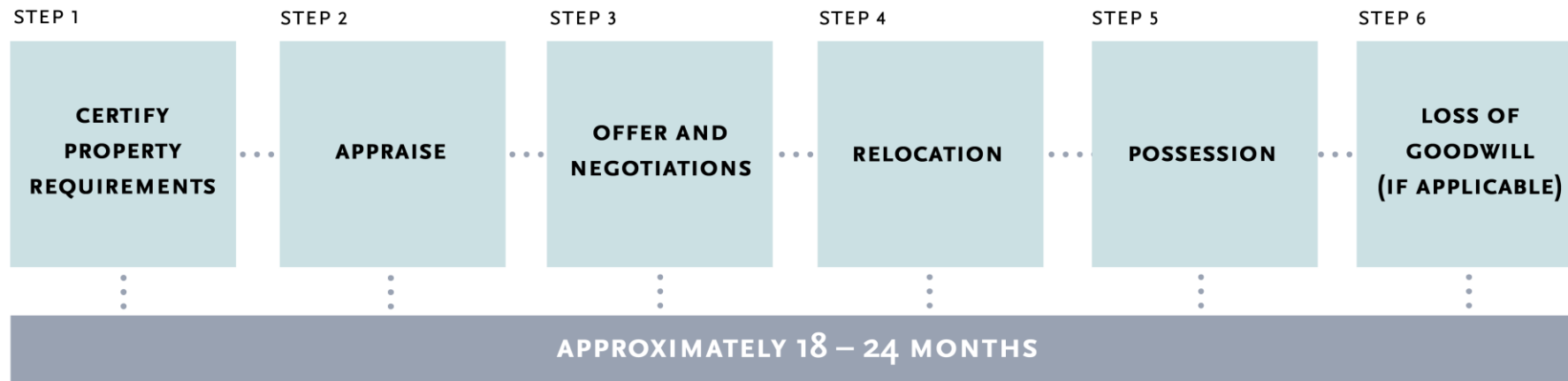
1 Pre-Acquisition Activities

- > Property Owner/Tenant contact
- > Notice of Intent to Appraise
- > Phase 1/Lead & Asbestos testing and
Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (if required)
- > Relocation coordination

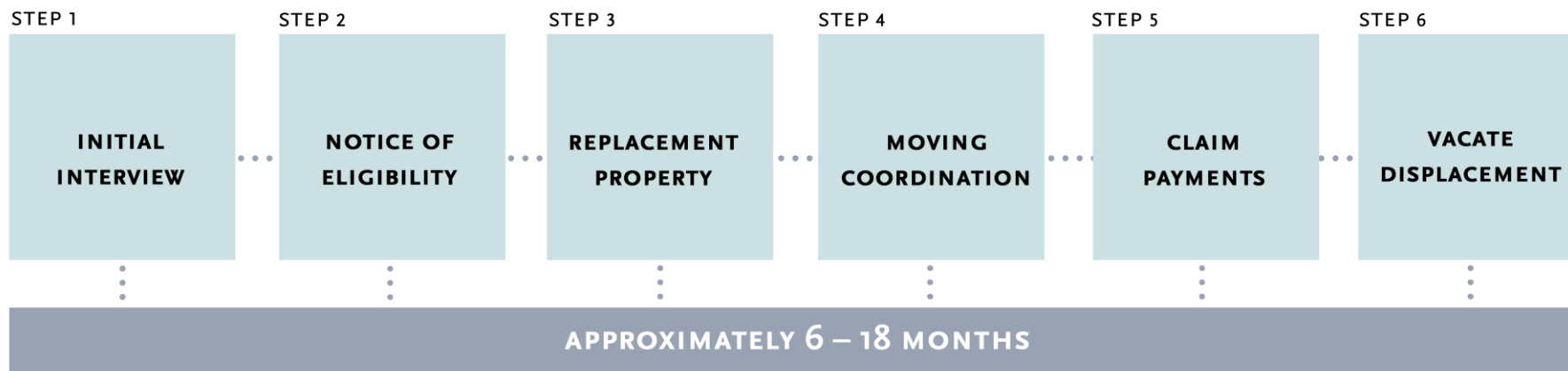
1 Overall Proposed Acquisition and Relocation Processes

- > The acquisition process typically begins after the environmental process is completed

Acquisitions and Negotiation Process



Relocation Process

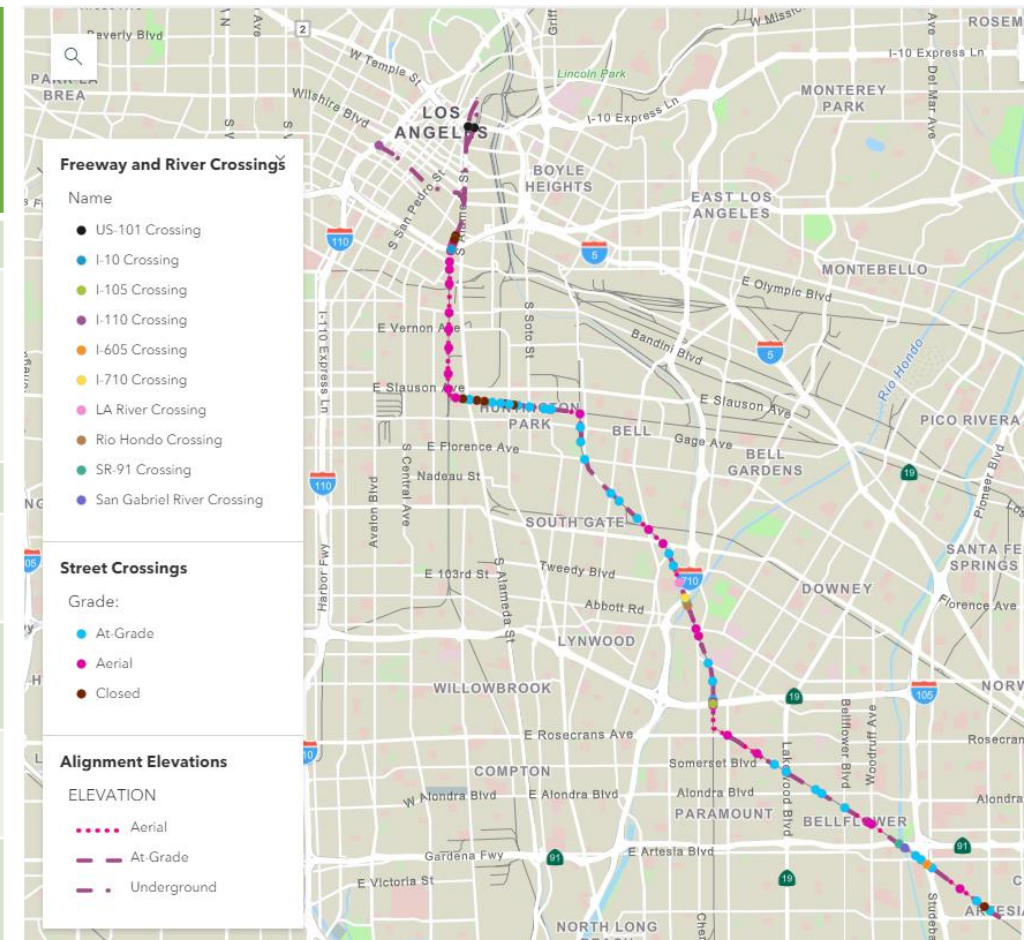


1 Typical Relocation Schedule

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Prepare relocation plan> General information notices> Interview potential displaces> Provide advisory services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Provide a Notice of Eligibility> Provide a 90-day Informational Notice> Provide a 30-day Notice to Vacate> Process relocation claims |
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2 TRAFFIC Proposed Crossings

	Alt 1: LA Union Station to Pioneer	Alt 2: 7 th St/Metro Center to Pioneer	Alt 3: Slauson/A Line (Blue) to Pioneer	Alt 4: I-105/C Line (Green) to Pioneer
Length (miles)	19.3	19.3	14.8	6.6
At-grade	12.3	12.3	12.2	5.6
Aerial	4.7	4.7	2.6	1.0
Underground	2.3	2.3	-	-
No. of Crossings	75	75	62	24
At-grade street crossings	31	31	31	11
Aerial street crossings	25	25	15	7
Freight crossings	10	10	9	2
Freeway crossings	6	6	4	3



> To view in greater detail, please use the interactive StoryMap (MetroWSAB.com)

2 TRAFFIC Proposed Aerial Street Crossing

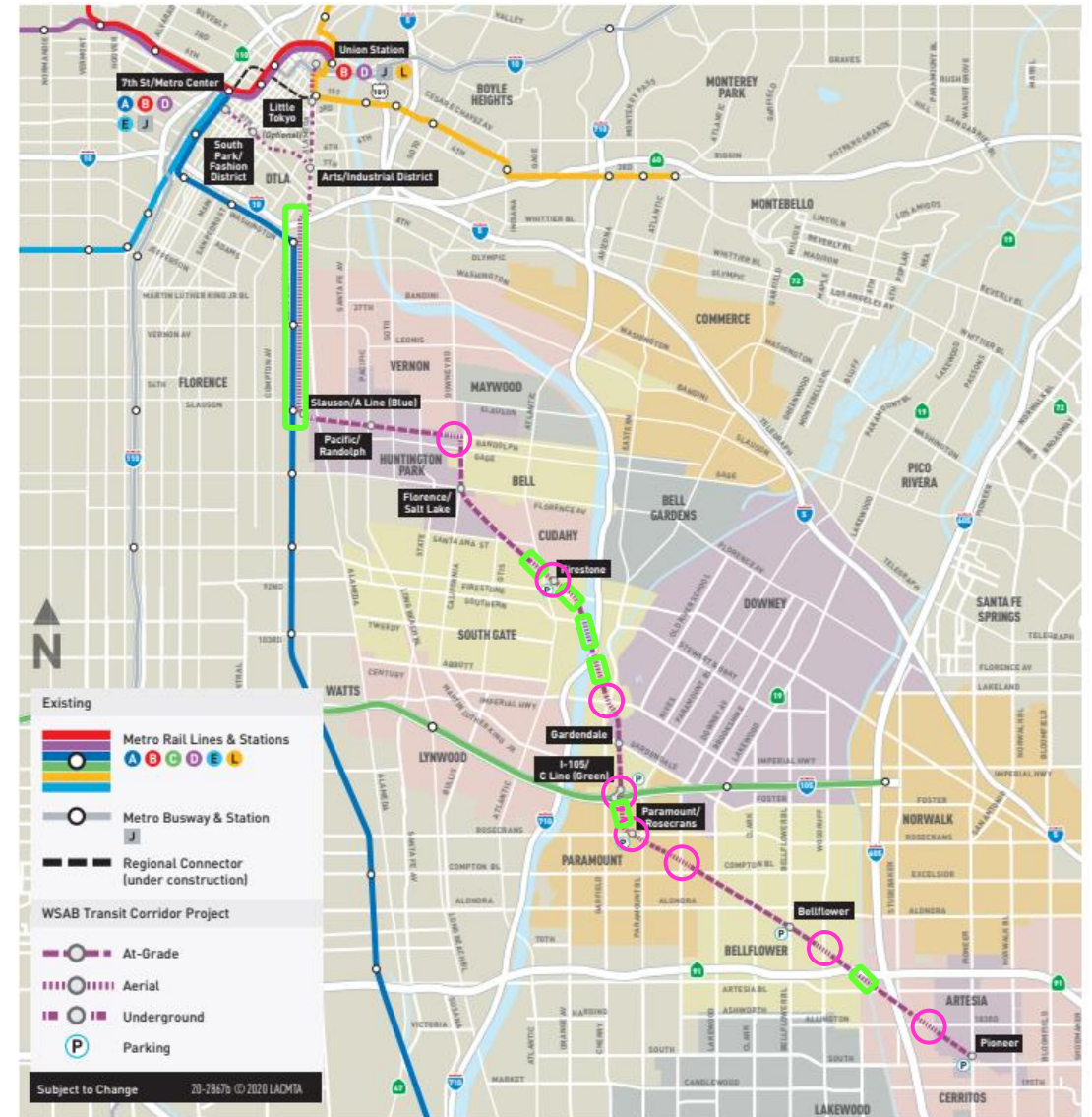
Metro Grade Separation Policy:

Grade Separation Locations (magenta circles on map)

- > 183rd St/Gridley Rd (Cerritos)
- > Woodruff Av/Flower St (Bellflower)
- > Downey Av (Paramount)
- > Rosecrans Bl/Paramount Bl (Paramount)
- > I-105/Somerset Ranch Rd (Paramount)
- > Imperial Hwy/Garfield Av (South Gate)
- > Firestone Bl (South Gate)
- > Randolph Av (Huntington Park)

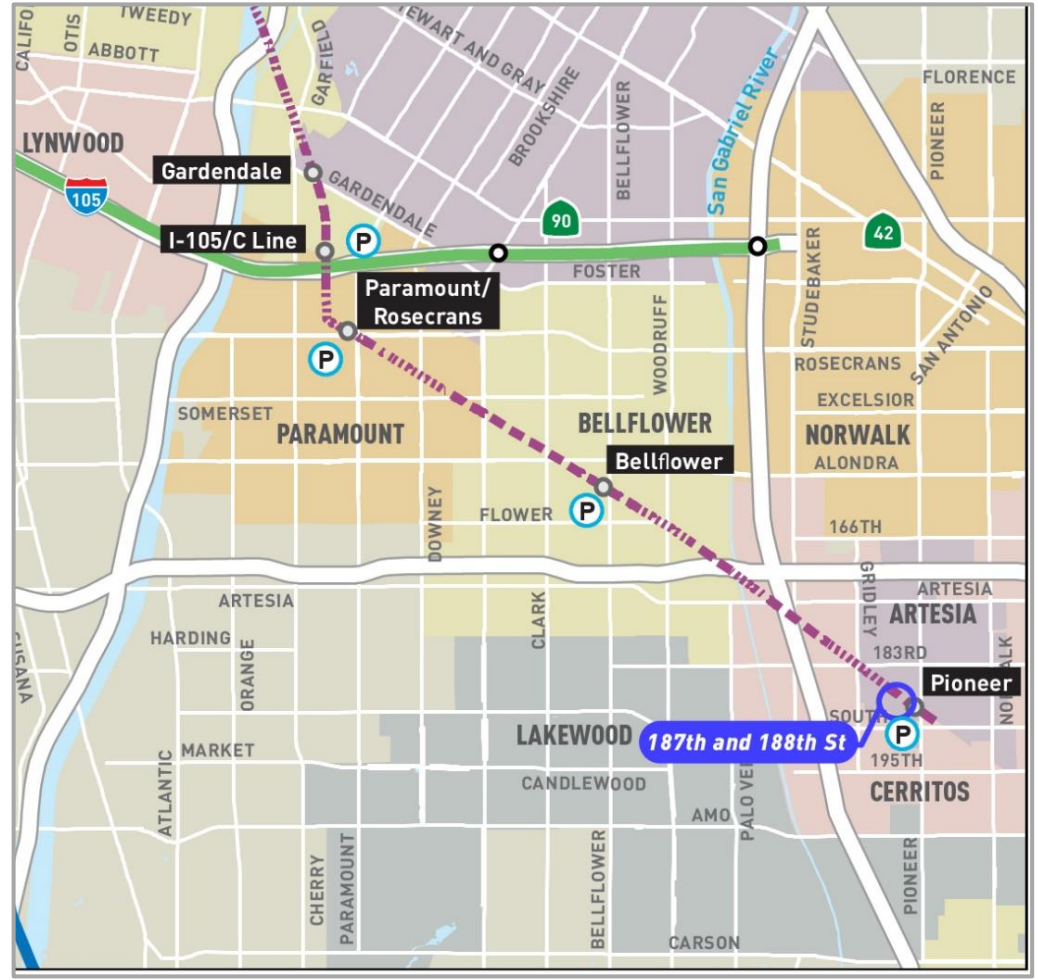
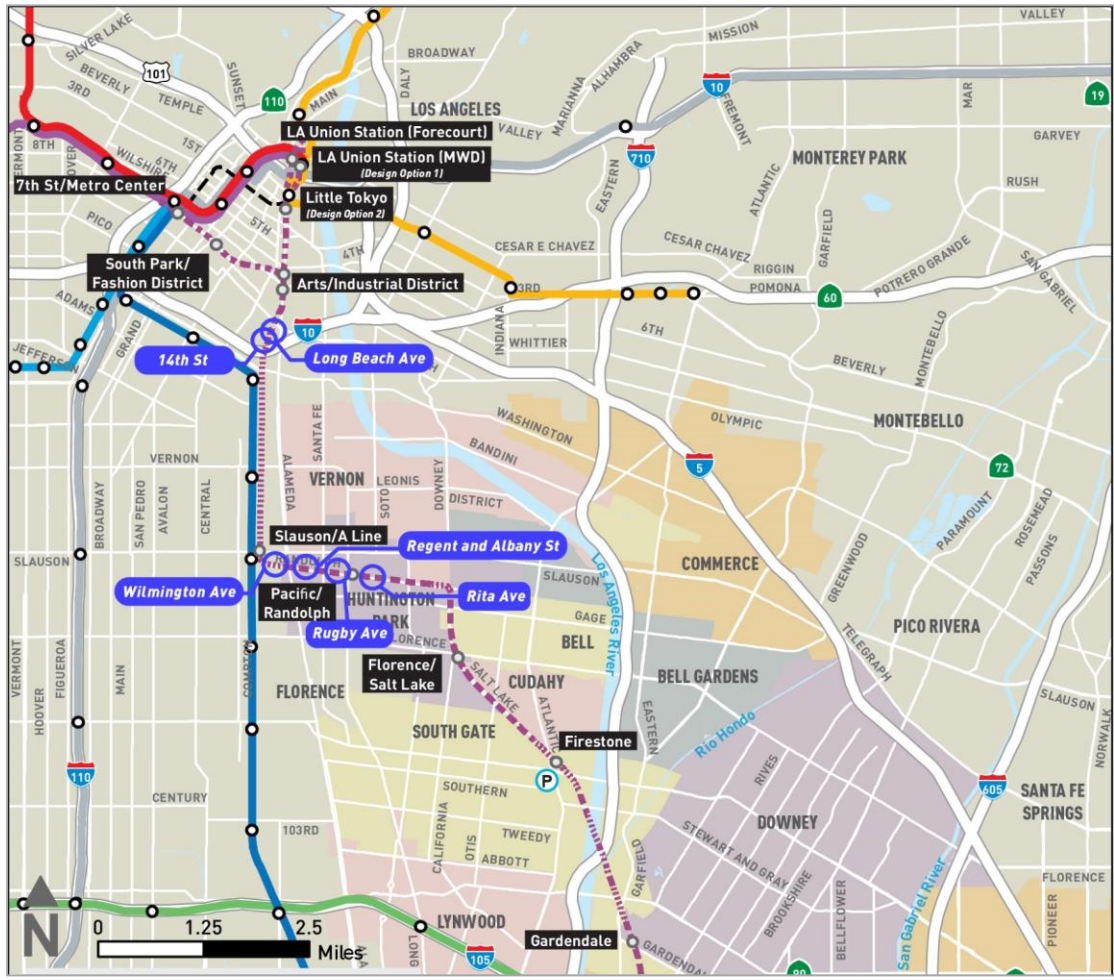


LRT Aerial Structures (see green highlights on map)



2 TRAFFIC Proposed Street Closures

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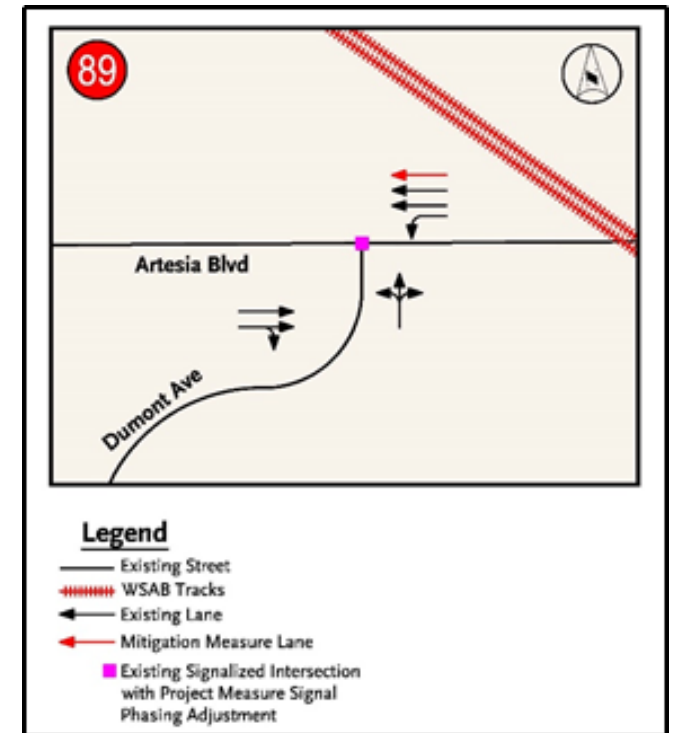


(see blue circles on maps)

2 TRAFFIC Proposed Mitigations

- > **Intersection improvements** consist of:
 - Adding signals to intersections
 - Adding lanes in 1 or more directions
 - Extending turn lanes in 1 or more directions
- > **Transportation Management Plan** to manage construction closures, detours, etc.
- > **Parking Monitoring** to assess parking usage near stations and modify parking if needed, after opening
- > **Parking Mitigation Program** to adjust parking in areas where parking is needed

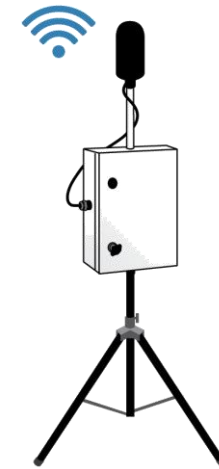
} can include any combination of these



Intersection Modification Example

2 NOISE

- > Potential for noise impacts is analyzed using a series of steps provided in the federal guidance
- > Noise monitoring is analyzed at sensitive receptors - residential, recording studios, hospitals, hotels, schools, libraries, churches

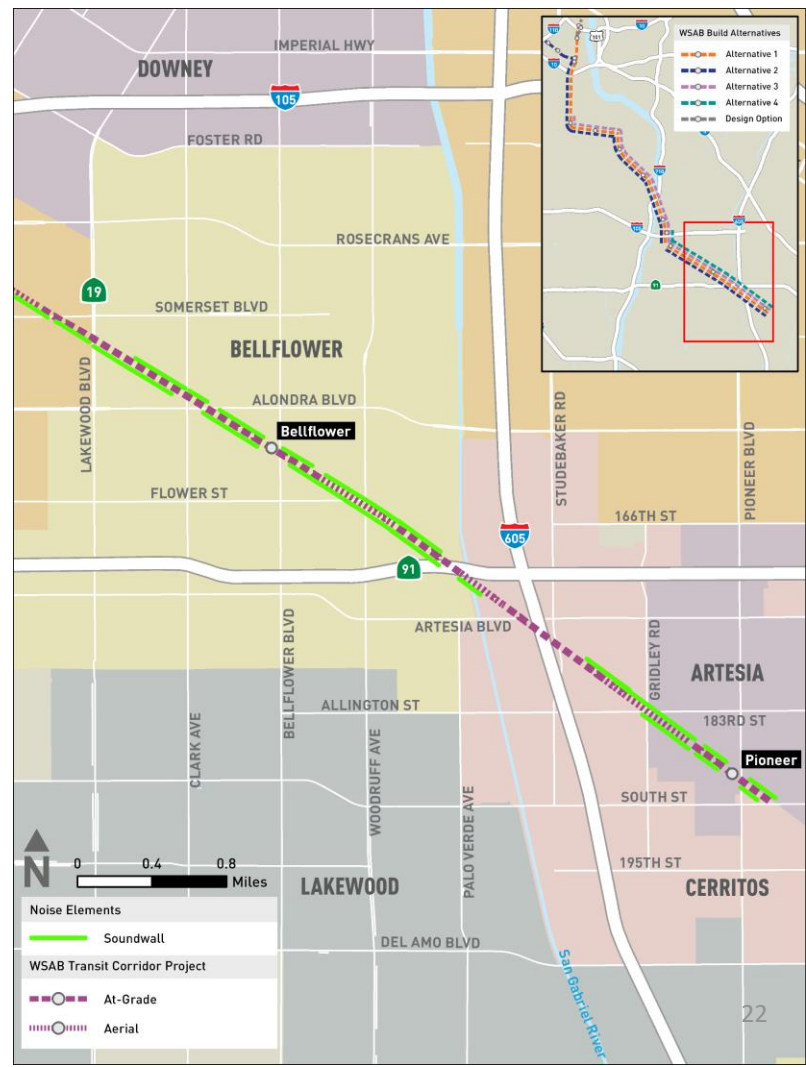
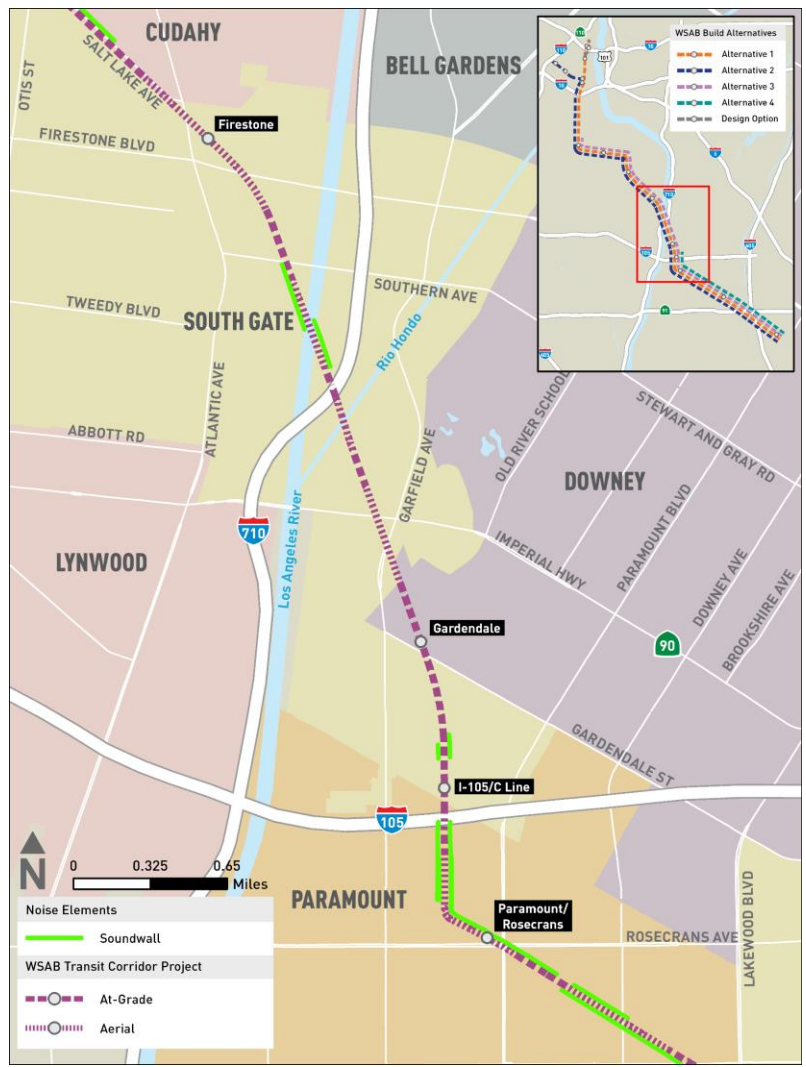
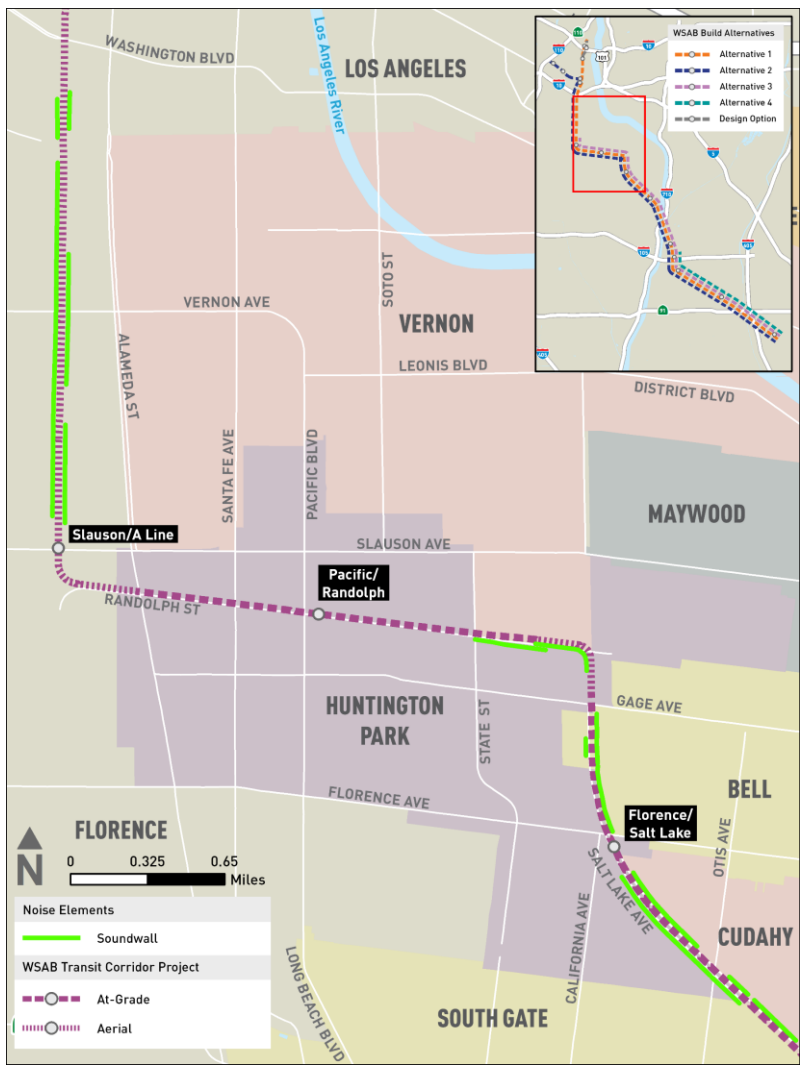


Noise receptor

NOISE

Proposed Mitigations - Soundwalls for LRT Operations

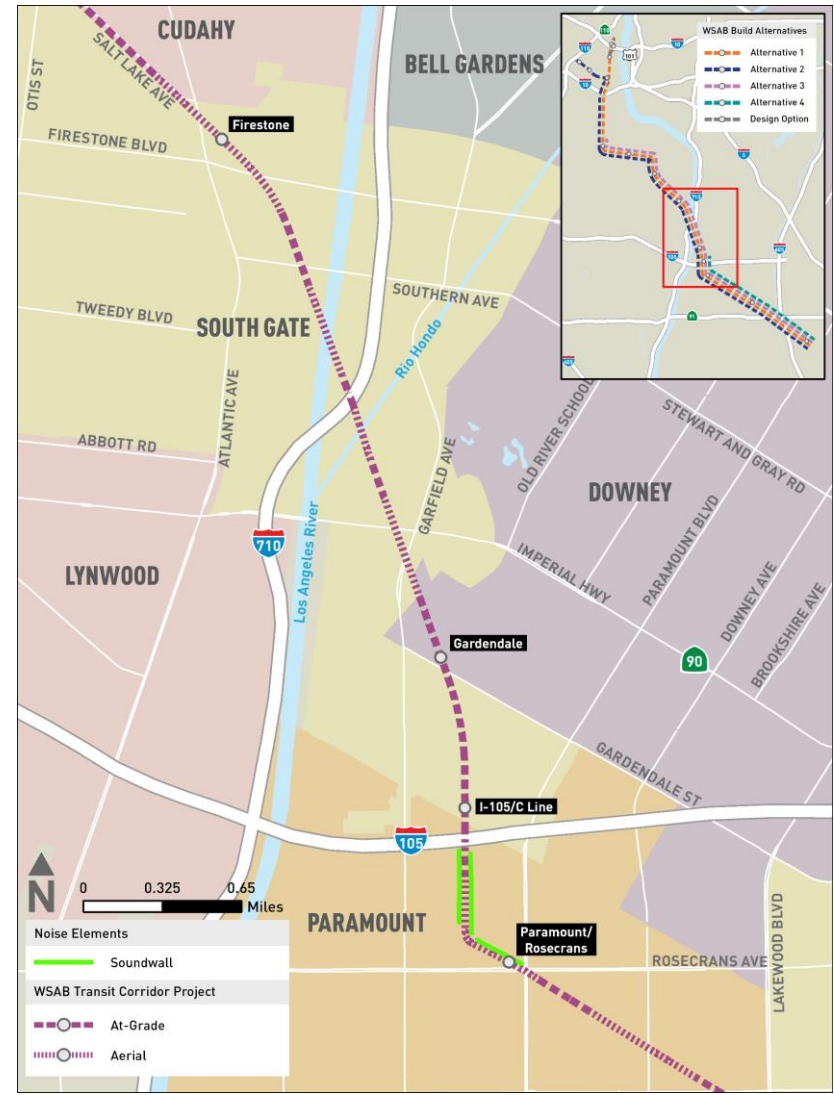
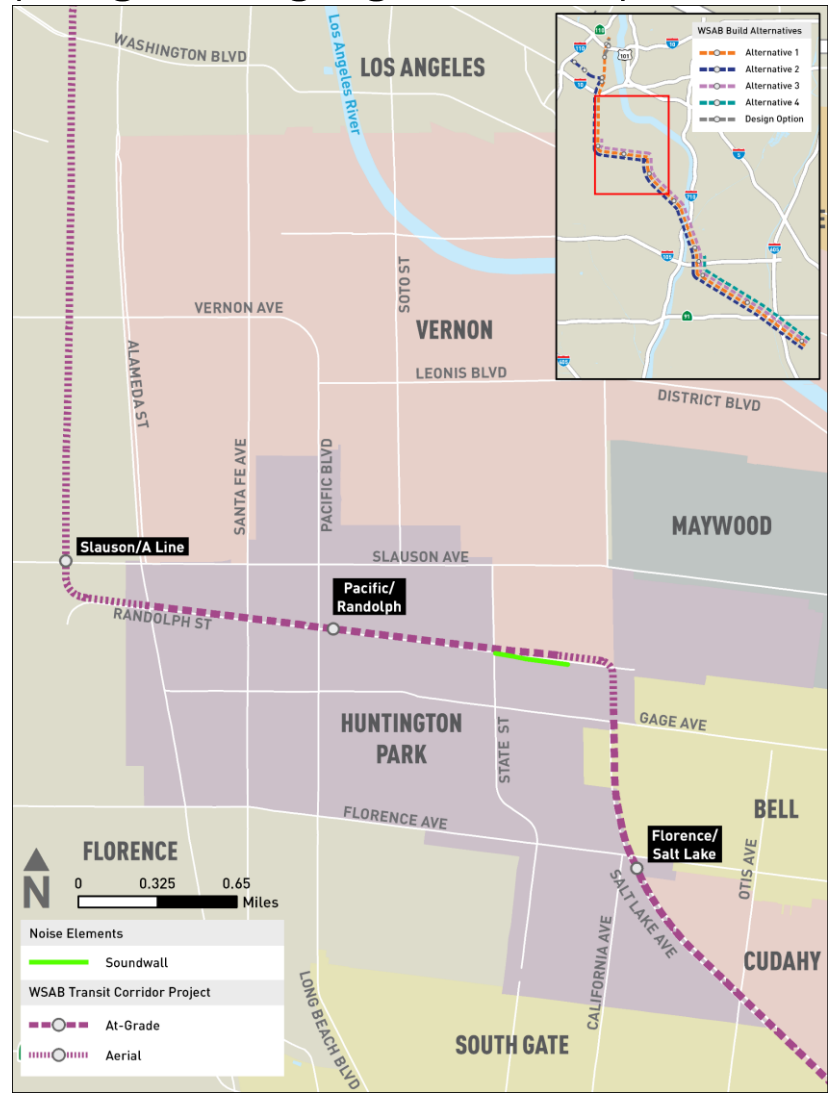
> Proposed soundwalls adjacent to LRT alignment to reduce noise impacts generated by project operations (see green highlighted areas)



NOISE

Proposed Mitigation - Soundwalls for Realigned Freight Tracks

> Soundwalls are proposed adjacent to realigned freight tracks where noise impacts would occur (see green highlighted areas)



2 NOISE Other Mitigation Examples

Construction Noise Mitigation



Operations Noise Mitigation



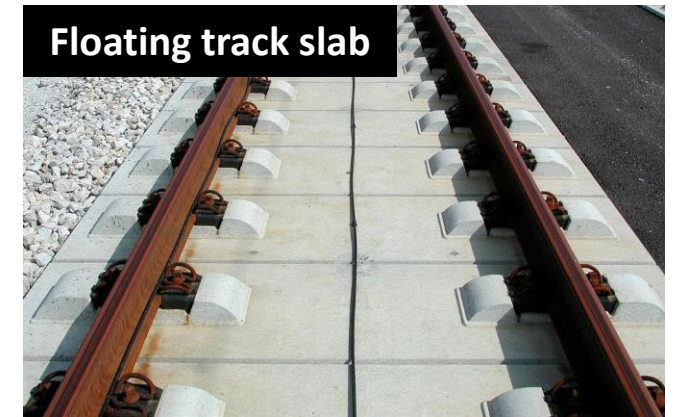
Frogs



Rail dampers



Floating track slab



Floating track slab

- > Special trackwork to reduce noise and vibration impacts

3 SAFETY LRT Operation



Guided by Metro rail design criteria and CPUC

- > Safety signals
- > Protective barriers
- > Gates
- > Signage
- > Crosswalks for pedestrian and traffic safety
- > Coordination with first responders

3 SAFETY

Community Education Team

- > Increasing transit safety awareness
- > Providing education to residents of LA County
- > Safety focused on Metro's rail lines, buses, bicycles
- > Transit safety efforts
 - Community presentations
 - Rail Safety Orientation Tours
 - Participation at community events
 - Onboard Rail Safety Ambassadors
 - Outreach to the older adult community



Transit Safety Programs

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3 SECURITY on the Metro System

- > Metro utilizes multiple resources to keep patrons safe throughout the system, including:
 - Closed Circuit TV (CCTV)
 - Emergency Call Box (on platforms & inside rail cars)
 - Metro Transit Watch app
 - Metro Transit Security, as well as partnerships with law enforcement and private security
 - Metro Homeless Task Force



Schedule

Milestone/Review	Schedule
Federal Register Publication, Draft EIS/EIR Release	July 30, 2021
Public Comment Period	July 30 to September 13, 2021* *Extended to September 28, 2021 (45 days to 60 days)
Compilation of Public Comments for Metro Board Consideration	October/November 2021
Board Selects LPA	December 2021
Final EIR Certification/Record of Decision	Summer 2022

Comment Submittal & Public Participation

How to comment on the Draft Environmental document

> Comment Submittal options

- **Mail:** Meghna Khanna, Project Manager
Metro
One Gateway Plaza, MS 99-22-7
Los Angeles, CA 90012
- **Online Comment Form:** tinyurl.com/wsabcomments
- **Interactive StoryMap:** MetroWSAB.com

Submit your comments by
September 28

> Virtual Public Hearings:

#1 Thu., August 19, 2021 – 6-8pm (Completed)

#2 Tue., August 24, 2021 – 12-2pm (Completed)

#3 Sat., August 28, 2021 – 10am-12pm (Completed)

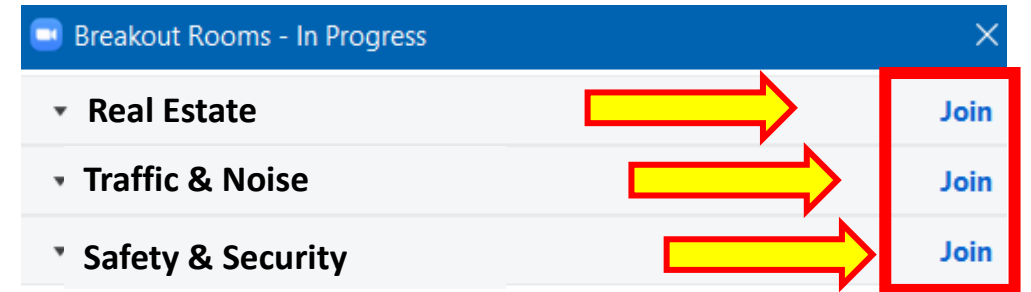
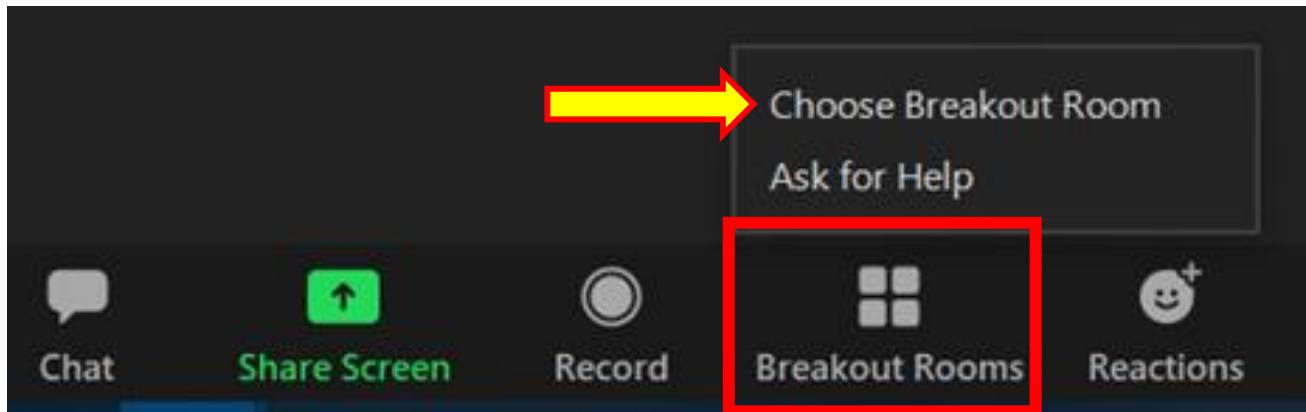
#4 Mon., September 20, 2021 – 12 – 1:30pm

Tech Booths

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- Paramount Park, 14400 Paramount Bl, Paramount, CA 90723







Breakout Room Session to Answer Your Questions

- > Three breakout rooms facilitated by the Metro project team: **1) Real Estate, 2) Traffic & Noise, 3) Safety & Security**
- > Participants can "self-select" a breakout room based on topic of interest



- > If you need assistance moving into a breakout room:
 - Zoom users: Send a chat message with the room you want to enter. Host will manually move you
 - Call-in users: Dial *9 to orally state the room you want to be moved to

Breakout Room Format

-  Breakout rooms will be recorded
-  Consecutive interpretation can be made available upon request
-  Webcams may be **enabled**
-  Use the "raise hand" feature to be unmuted and ask questions (up to 2 minutes). Phone callers can press ***9** to request to be unmuted
-  Chat will be **enabled**
-  For technical support, call **909.600.2126**

Our Expectation

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



2 minutes per speaker to ask questions



To request to speak:

- > Zoom app users: Raise Hand Feature
- > Call-in users: Dial *9 to raise your hand



When it is your turn to speak:

- > Zoom app users: You will be unmuted
- > Call-in users: Dial *6 to unmute your mic when you hear your number announced



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Do you have additional questions before submitting your formal comments?

If so, please fill out the following form to request a follow-up discussion with WSAB staff

tinyurl.com/WSABdiscussions

Community Information Sessions

One additional virtual community information session has been added

- > Purpose: provide an opportunity for a focused dialogue to specific topics
- > Formal comments will not be accepted

Session 1: Property Acquisitions, Relocation Process & Timing, Mon., August 16, 2021, 5 – 7pm (COMPLETED)

Session 2: Traffic, Noise and Safety, Sat., August 21, 2021, 10am – 12pm (COMPLETED)

Session 3: Property Acquisitions, Relocation Process & Timing, Thu., August 26, 2021, 10am – 12pm (COMPLETED)

Session 4: Property Acquisitions, Relocation Process & Timing, Traffic, Noise and Safety, Wed., September 15, 2021
12– 1:30pm

- **Tech Booths**

- Nishihongwanji Temple, 815 E 1st St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Huntington Park Farmer’s Market at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E Florence Av, Huntington Park, CA 90255

Ongoing Pop-up Opportunities (in-person)

Local events and destinations throughout the corridor during the comment period

- > Purpose: provide an opportunity to learn about the project, access and review the Draft EIS/EIR
- > Formal oral comments will not be accepted
- > Completed pop-up events to date: 9
- > Upcoming: 10 pop-up events through Mon., Sept. 27
- > Visit MetroWSAB.com or call 909-497-6339 for complete list of events

Date	Time	Location
Every Sunday through Sept. 26, 2021	9am – 3pm	Historic Downtown Farmers Market 209 W 5th St, Los Angeles, CA 90013
Wed., September 15, 2021	10am – 1:30pm	Huntington Park Farmers Market 3401 E Florence Av, Huntington Park, CA 90255
Sat., September 18 and 25, 2021	12 – 2pm	Dog Park Paw Pups Arts District Park 501 S Hewitt St, Los Angeles, CA 90013
Sat., September 18, 2021	8am - 11am	Cudahy Swap Meet at Clara Street Park 4835 Clara St, Cudahy, CA 90201
Wed., September 22, 2021	4pm – 7pm	Northgate 6801 Atlantic Av, Bell, CA 90201
Thu., September 23, 2021	11am – 2pm	Los Cerritos Center 239 Los Cerritos Center, Cerritos, CA 90703
Mon., September 27, 2021	10am – 1pm	Bellflower Farmers Market Simms Park 16614 Clark Av, Bellflower, CA 90706

Note: Events are subject to change and/or cancellation based on changing COVID-19 safety regulations

Stay Connected



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