Next stop: new rail to southeast LA County.

WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR



Community Information Session #2
Traffic, Noise, and Safety

August 21, 2021

Meeting Format

- Meeting will be recorded.
- Simultaneous Spanish interpretation is available
  - *Por teléfono en español:* +1 (646) 749-3335
  - *Contraseña:* 269-638-485
- Webcams will **remain off** during entire presentation
- Mics will **remain off** during the formal presentation
- Use the "raise hand" feature to ask questions (up to 2 minutes)
- Participant questions will be answered following the formal presentation
- **For technical support, call 909.497.6339**

Our Expectation

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Why a Focused Information Session?

- Provide an opportunity for a focused dialogue, specifically on:
  1. Traffic
  2. 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*

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WSAB Project Video

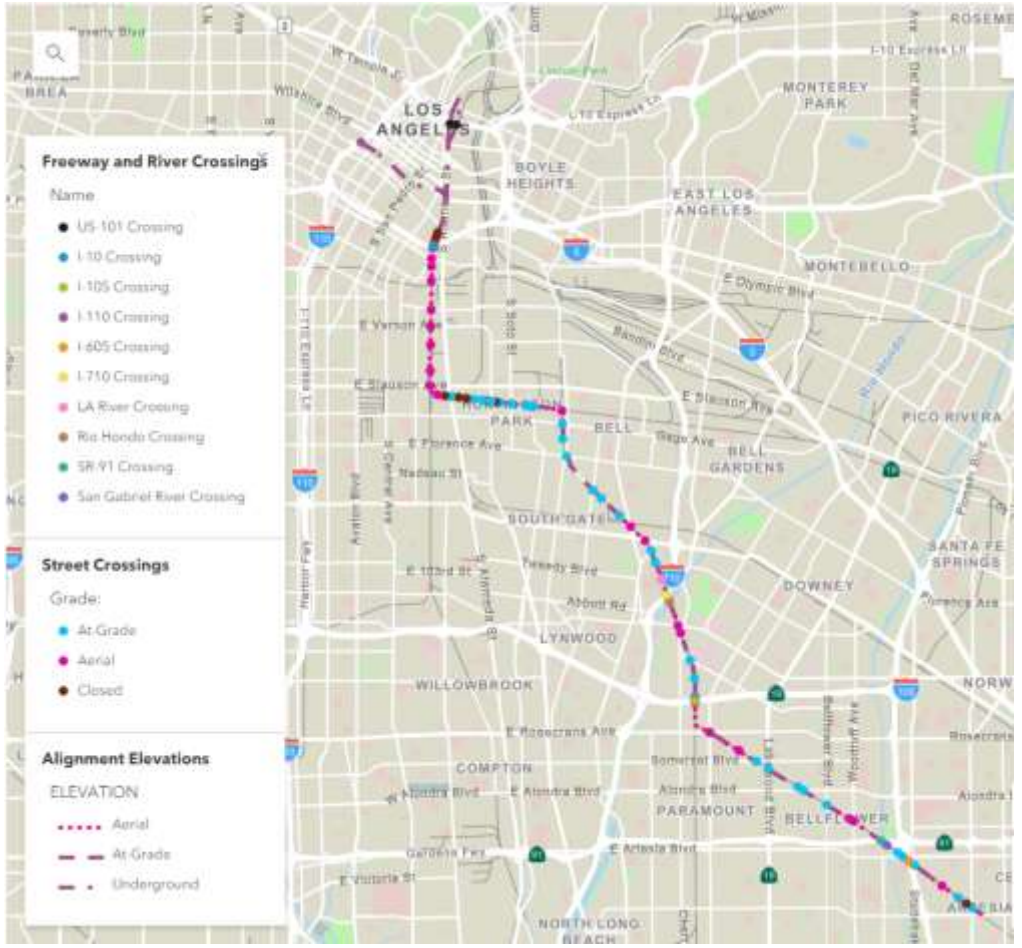


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TRAFFIC
Proposed Crossings

	Alt 1: LA Union Station to Pioneer	Alt 2: 7th 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*)

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1 TRAFFIC
Proposed Aerial Street Crossing

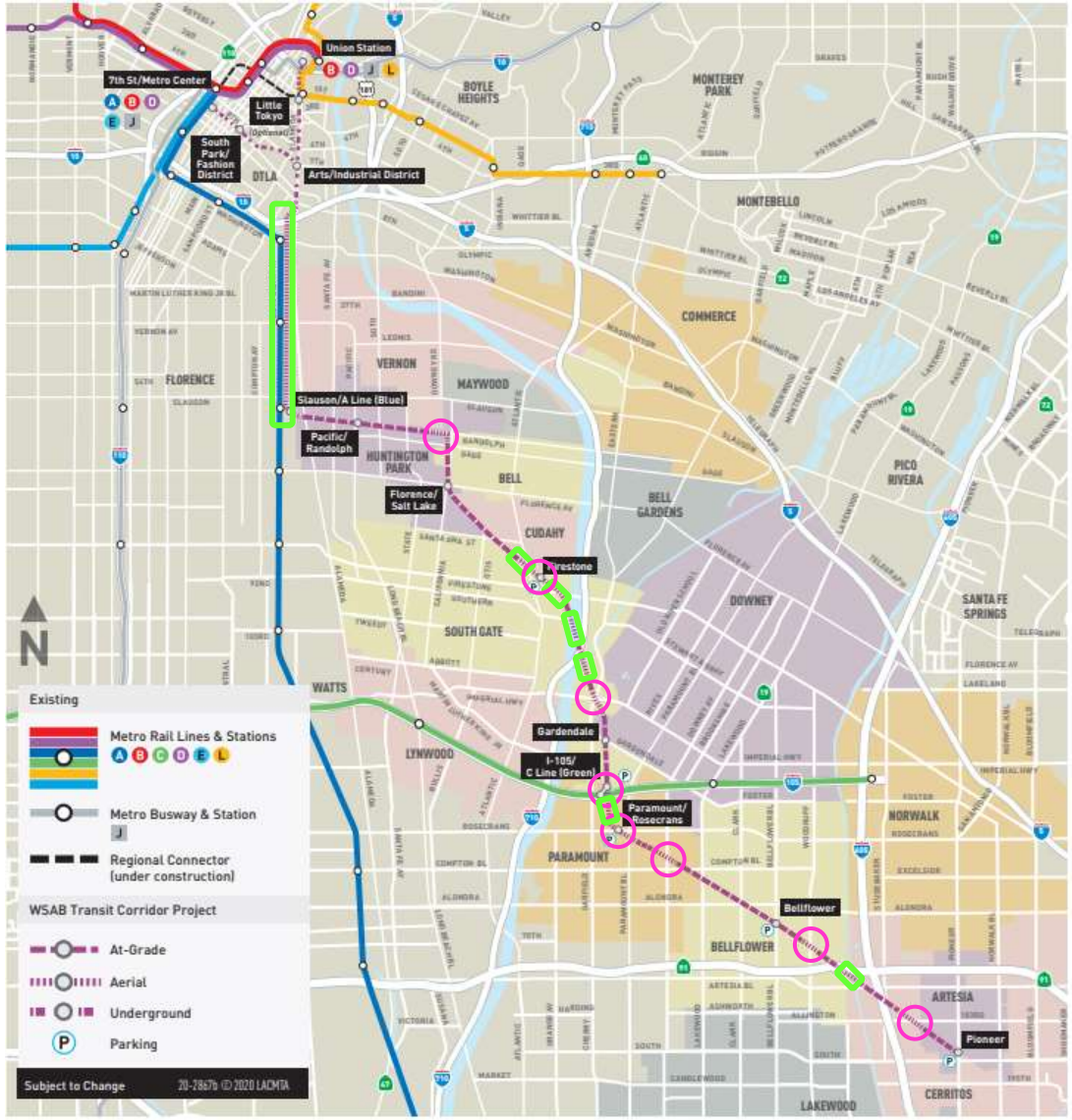
Metro Grade Separation Policy:

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)

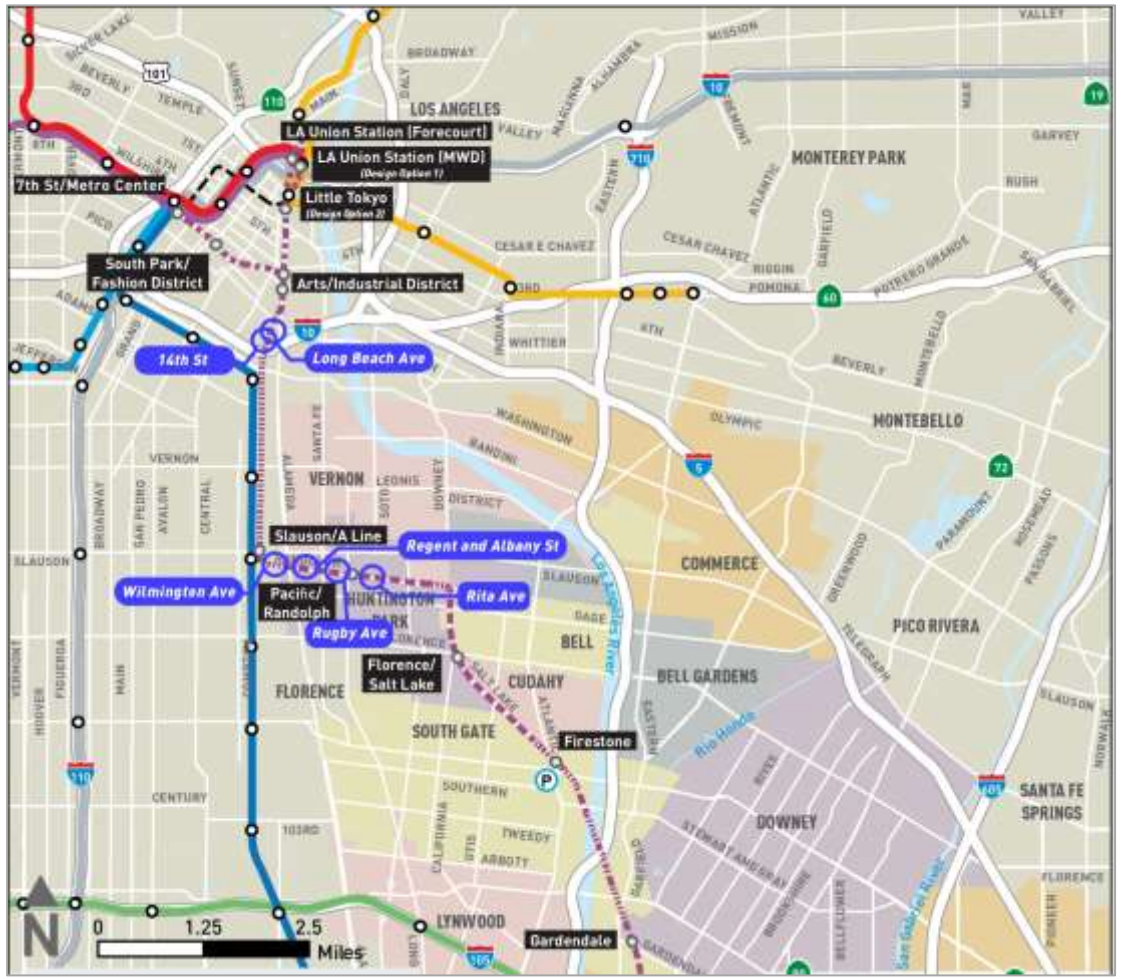


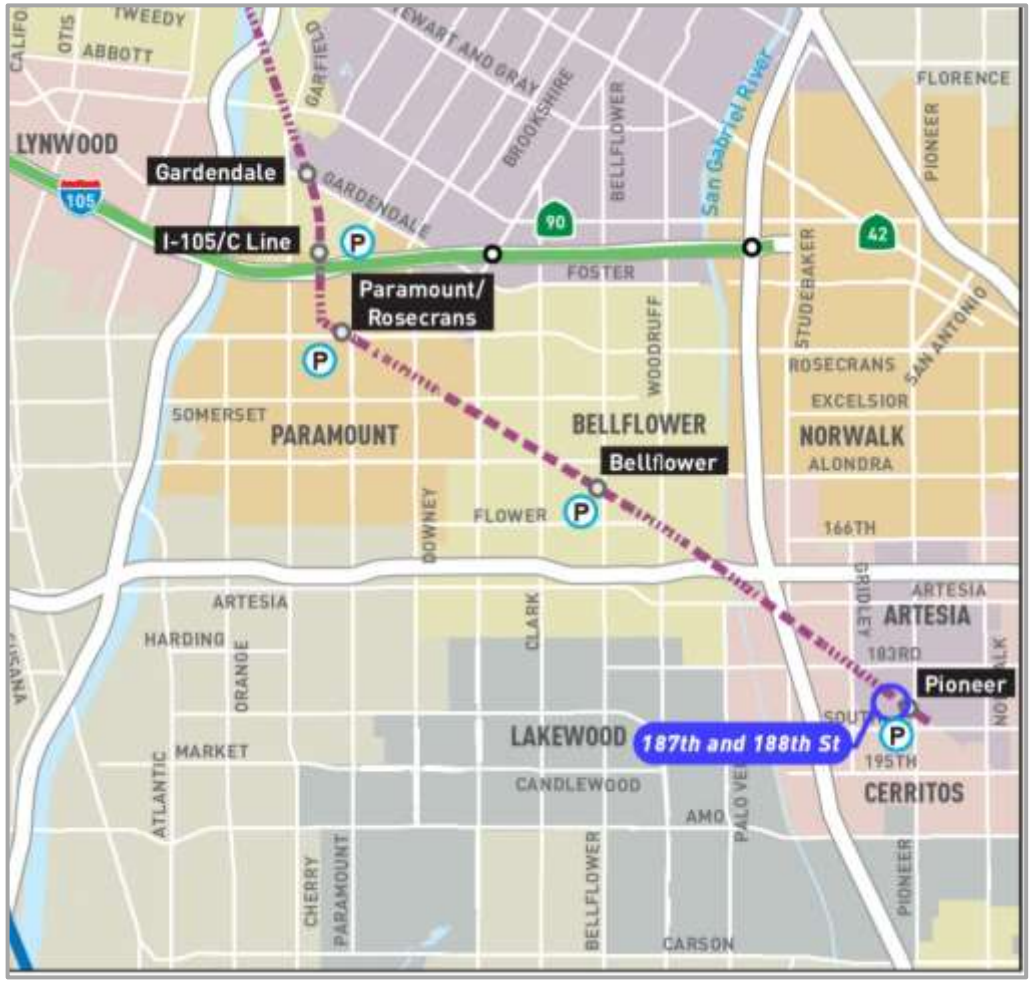
LRT Aerial Structures (see green highlights on map)



1 TRAFFIC
Proposed Street Closures

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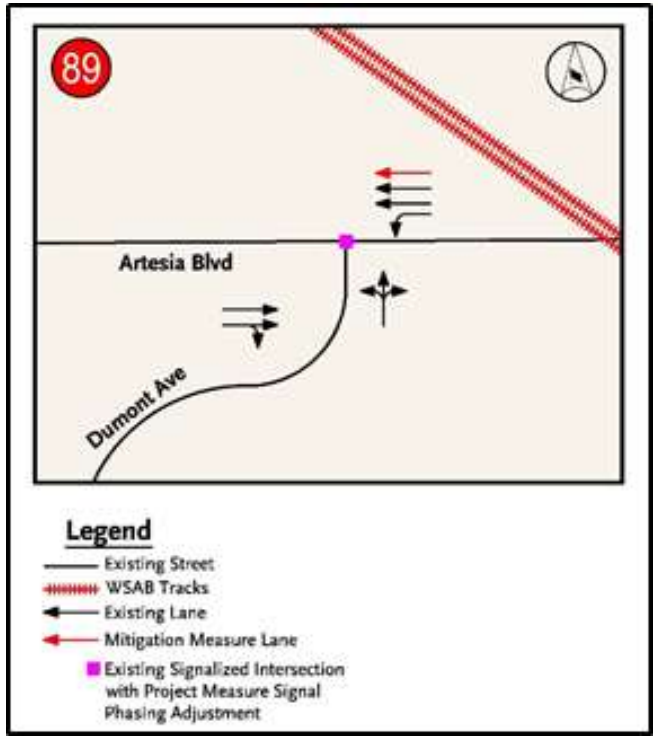
(see blue circles on maps)

1 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

  } can include any combination of these

- **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



Intersection Modification Example

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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

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2 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)



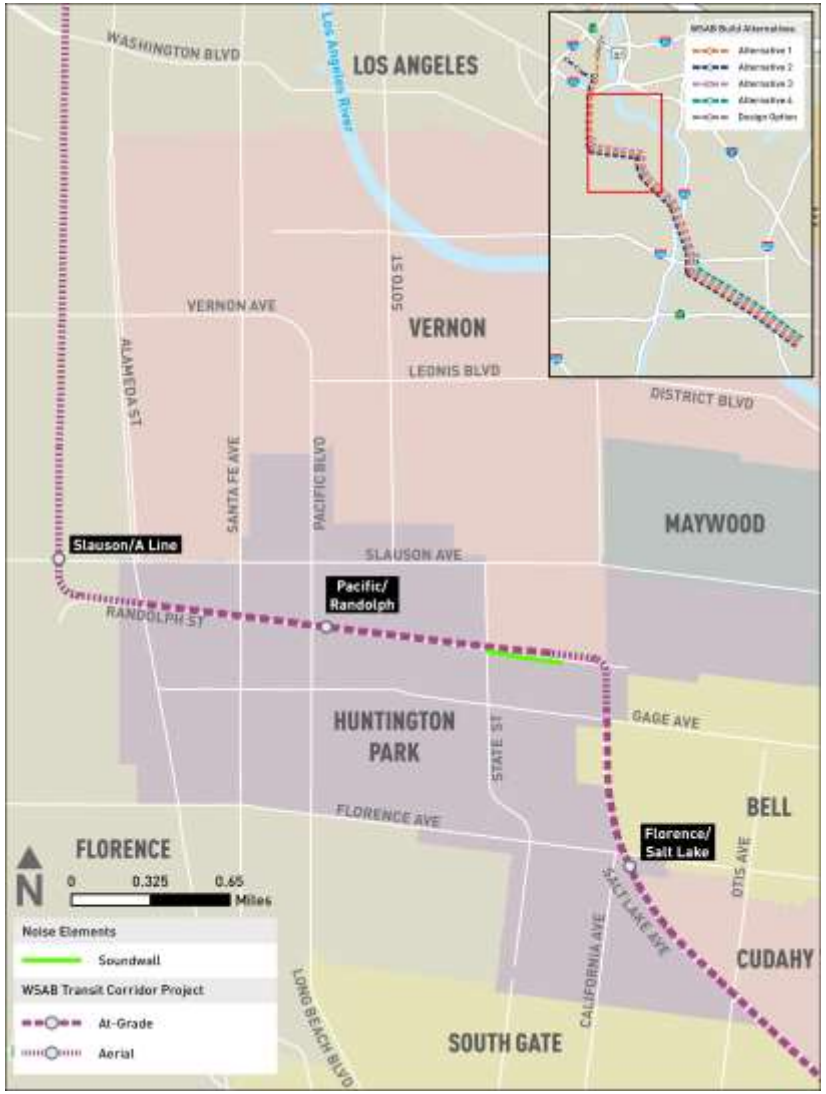




2 NOISE

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

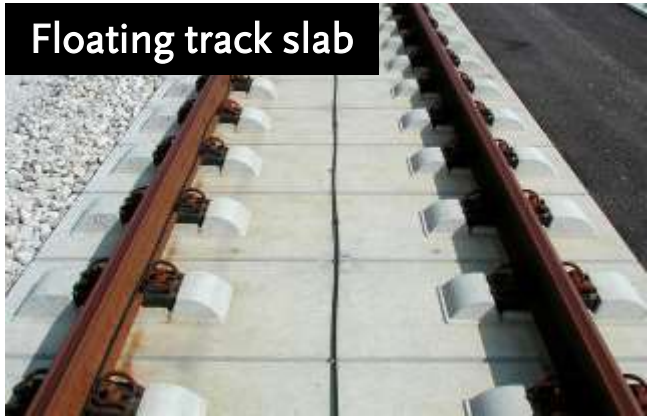


Operations Noise Mitigation









> Special trackwork to reduce noise and vibration impacts

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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

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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



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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









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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

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Comment Submittal & Public Participation

How to comment on the Draft Environmental document

> **Comment Submittal options**

- **Mail:** Meghna Khanna, Project Manager
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  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, 2021

> **Virtual Public Hearings:**

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

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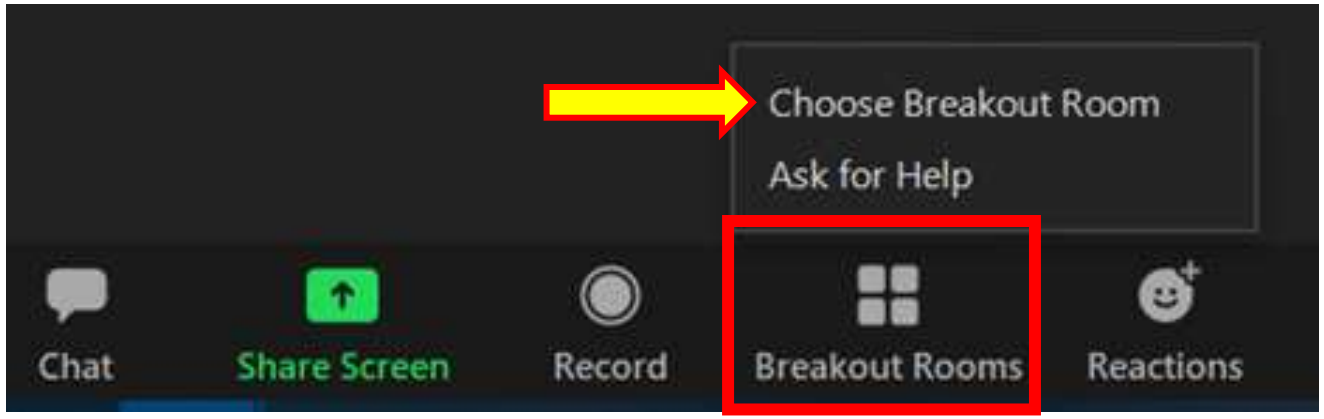
#3 Saturday, August 28, 2021 – 10am-12pm

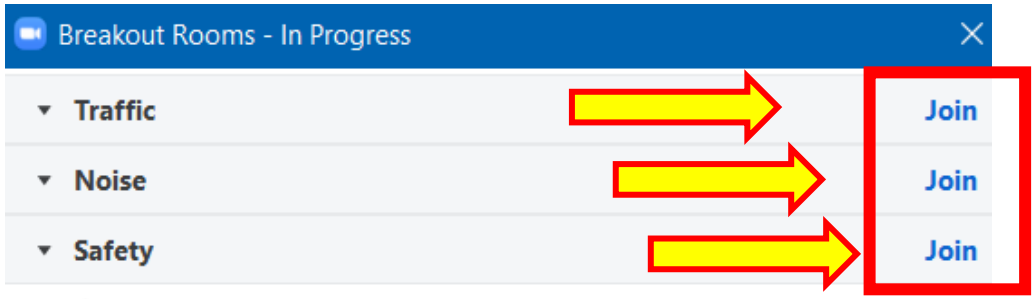
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Breakout Room Session to Answer Your Questions

> Three breakout rooms facilitated by the Metro project team (organized by topic to have focused discussions and answer questions): **1) Traffic, 2) Noise, 3) Safety**

> Participants will have the option to "self-select" a breakout room based on topic of interest





> If you have issues and need assistance moving into a breakout room, please follow instructions below:

- Zoom users: Send a chat message to the host with the room you want to enter. They will manually move you to that room
- Call-in users: Dial *9 to orally state the room you want to be moved to

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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 909.497.6339

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Questions / Discussion

For technical support, use Q&A function or call 909.497.6339

2 minutes per speaker to ask questions

To request to speak:

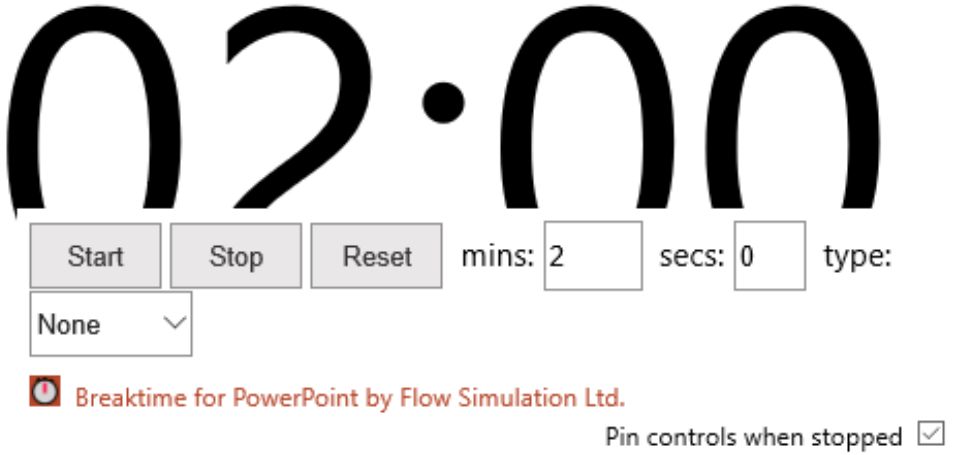
> Zoom app users: Raise Hand Feature

> 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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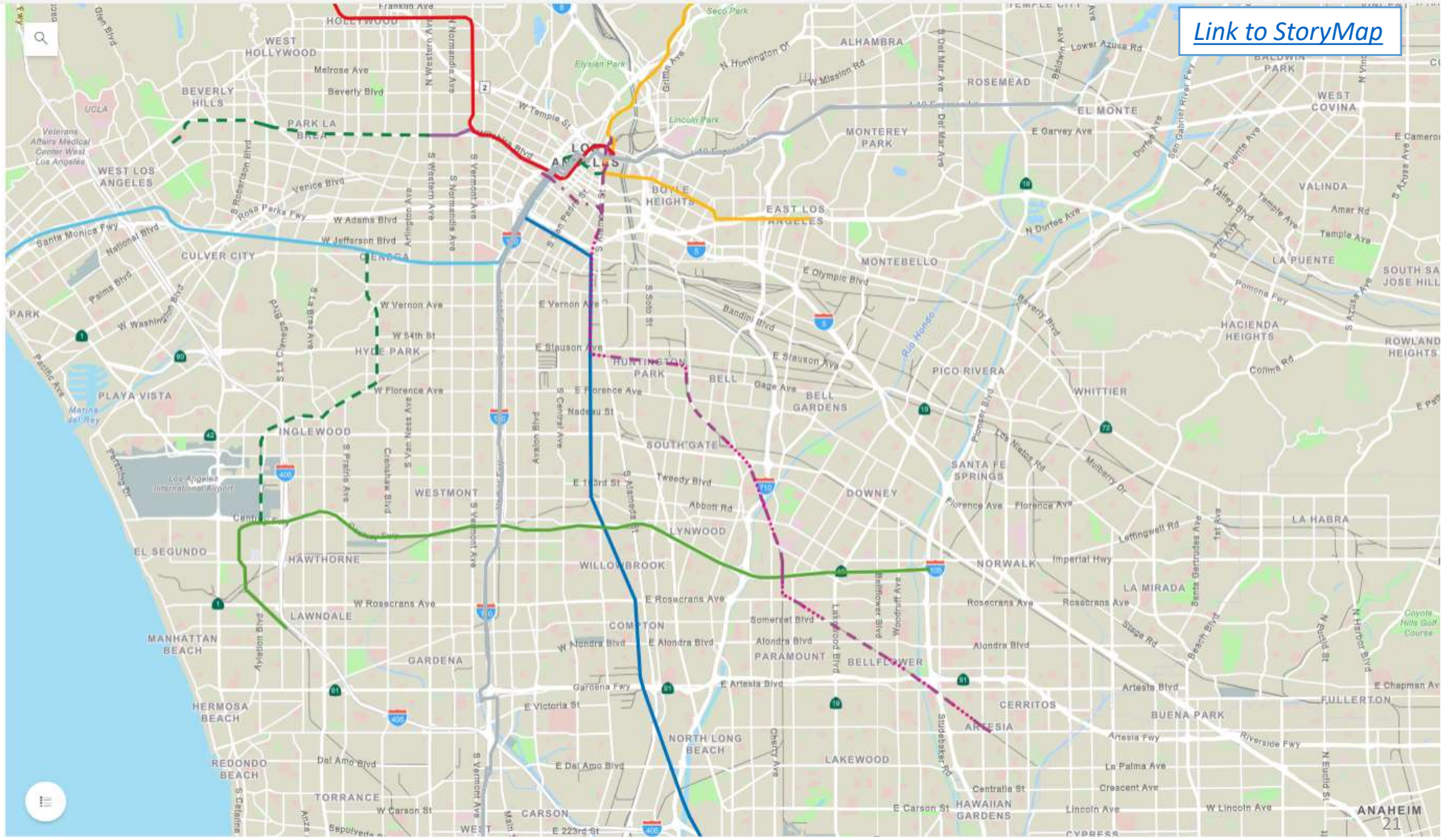
Interactive StoryMap (MetroWSAB.com)

Draft EIS/EIR: Key Findings

This interactive map was developed to enhance your understanding of key project features (e.g. stations, grade separations, corridor alignment/elevations, etc.) and Draft EIS/EIR findings of most public interest (e.g. property impacts/acquisitions, maintenance and storage facility options, park-and-ride locations, etc.). Please click on the layers to activate information on the areas that are of most interest to you. For complete details on each section, please visit each respective chapter of the Draft EIS/EIR, as outlined below:

Click on the legend icon on the bottom left corner of the interactive map for a definition of each of the shown lines and attributes on the map

- Stations
- Station Parking
- Crossings: Freeways, Rivers, and Streets
- Property Impacts / Acquisitions
- Soundwalls
- Maintenance & Storage Facilities



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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

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Community Information Sessions

Three virtual community information sessions have 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	Monday, August 16, 2021 5 – 7pm
Session 2: **Traffic, Noise and Safety**	**Saturday, August 21, 2021** **10am – 12pm**
Session 3: **Property Acquisitions, Relocation Process & Timing**	**Thursday, August 26, 2021** **10am – 12pm**

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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

> Pop-up locations will be announced by late August 2021

> Visit *MetroWSAB.com* or call 909-497-6339 for updates

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

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