



EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

Community Leadership Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ Arleta First Assembly of God



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**Bienvenidos / Welcome** 

Simultaneous Spanish interpretation available

Interpretación simultánea disponible



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### During this meeting, please:

- Respect the format of the meeting and allow everyone an opportunity to comment
- Treat fellow community members, agency representatives, Metro staff and others with respect
- Address all comments to Metro staff and consultants – not to other attendees



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### **Meeting Agenda**

Welcome / Introductions CLC Overview & Accomplishments	Jesse Leon, Community Leadership Council Manager
Project Update	Greg Gastelum, Senior Executive Officer, Project Manager
Construction Activities Update	Alex Gonzalez, Deputy Project Manager, Construction
Tree Plan Update	<b>Lisa Karwoski,</b> Deputy Project Manager, Design
Business Interruption Fund (BIF) & Business Solutions Center (BSC) Updates	<b>Angela Winston</b> , Director, Business Interruption Fund and Business Solution Center
Eat Shop Play Update	Aurea Adao, Community Relations Manager, Business Engagement and Mitigation Programs
	<b>Leo Cablayan,</b> Business Development Lead (Consultant), Eat Shop Play
Q & A	All Metro Teams



## Community Leadership Council Overview

### **Community Leadership Council Overview**

The Community Leadership Council (CLC) promotes, fosters, and advances community-based dialogue and opportunities arising from the project and within the Project area. CLC members live, work, attend school, or own a business or commercial property in the Project area. They serve a <u>term of two years</u> (term ends October 2025). The CLC works with Metro by:

- participating in quarterly advisory body meetings
- lightly reviewing materials in preparation for these advisory body meetings
- providing feedback on topics discussed at these advisory body meetings
- helping identify ways to raise awareness on opportunities in the <u>areas below</u>

### **Community Engagement**

- Outreach about arts opportunities
- Station Naming
- Improvements within the Scope of Project
- Metro CBO Partnering Strategy

### Cultural Competency Plan

### **Economic Development & Business Support**

- Job Creation / Construction Careers
- Eat Shop Play
- Business Solution Center
- Business Interruption Fund
- Construction activity (timing, size, closures, small impacts, etc.)

### **CLC Members (2023-2025)**







Sonya Blake



Michael Fiore



Sergio Ibarra



Yvonne Mariajimenez



Jonathan B. Martinez



**Brenda Morales** 



Maria Nieto



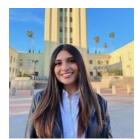
Sam Papoyan



Roxy Rivas



Maria Salgado



Sandra Sanchez



Kathy Schreiner



Marc Shouhed



Seth Wulkan



### **CLC Highlights & Accomplishments**

- Business Interruption Fund (BIF) extended to the ESFV LRT Project
- **Native Trees**
- LADWP Overhead Cable Undergrounding (not part of Project)
- Shared Right-of-Way Project Alternatives
- Refreshed Parking Study
- Project Partnerships
  - **Construction Careers Education**
  - Eat Shop Play Workshops
  - BIF Workshops
  - Metro Art Workshops













### **Transforming the Corridor**



Improve connections and access for commuters and travelers along the project corridor.



Address the needs of a large transit-dependent population and expected growth in ridership.



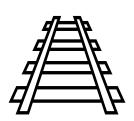
Provide easy access to Metrolink and G Line stations to encourage both local and regional travel.



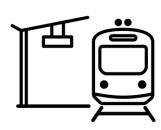


### East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project





6.7 miles At-Grade Double Track Alignment



11 Center-Platform Stations



1 Maintenance & Storage Facility (MSF)



10 Traction Power Substations (TPSS) Sites

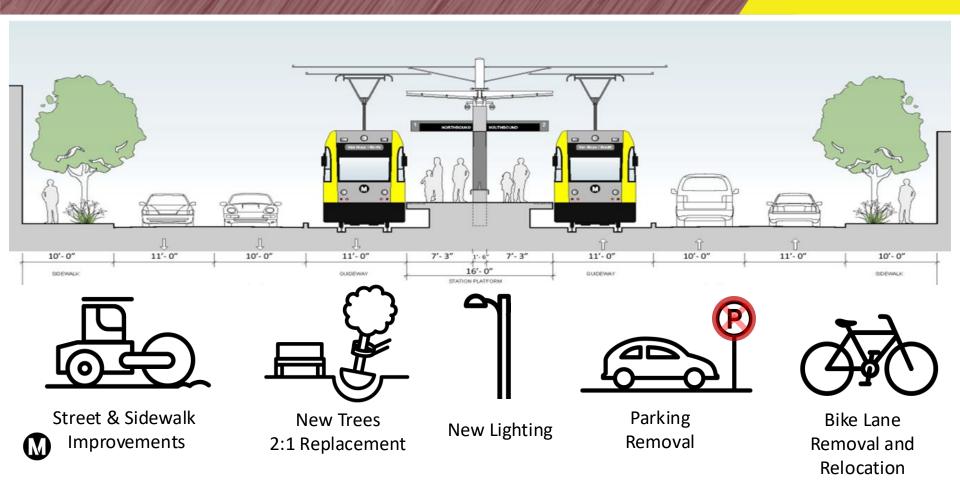


Project cost: \$3.573 Billion (Federal/State/Local funding)

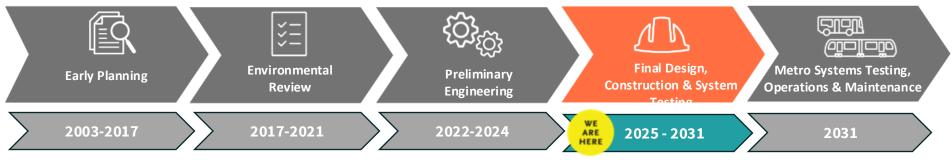


Project
Forecasted to
Open late-2031

### **Van Nuys Bl After Project Completion**



### **Project Schedule and Current Activities**



- Real Estate acquisitions and relocations continue
- Utility adjustment work continues
- Continuing to complete Final Design
- Anticipate to begin Phase
   2 Construction in 2026, to be carried out by San Fernando Transit Constructors (SFTC)



# **Construction Activities Update**

### **Current and Upcoming Third-Party Project Construction** (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power)

LA Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

- LADWP is continuing with activities supporting relocations throughout the project corridor. This work is expected to continue through 2026.
- Work includes day shifts from 9am to 3 pm and night shifts from 8pm to 6am.

**Upcoming Work:** Cable pull activities at Van Nuys Bl and Telfair Av.

When: TBD.

**Current Work:** Cable pull activities along Van Nuys Bl between Vose St and Vanowen St.

 When: Anticipated to complete in the next few weeks.





### **Upcoming Third-Party Project Construction** (Southern California Gas)

SoCalGas.

- The Southern California Gas Company (SCG) is conducting relocation and abandonments throughout the project corridor on behalf of the project.
- This work is expected to continue through 2026...
- Metro will provide a construction notice for all SCG project-related work.

Upcoming Work: Gas line relocation at Roscoe Bl.

- When: Expected to begin Fall 2025.
- Notable: Night work from 8pm to 6am and day work on Saturdays from 8am to 6pm.

Upcoming Work: Gas line relocation at Wyandotte St.

- When: Expected to begin Fall 2025.
- Notable: Night work, Monday through Saturday, from 9pm to 6am.

**Upcoming Work:** Gas line relocation at Sherman Way

- When: Expected to begin Fall 2025
- **Notable:** Night work 8pm to 6am and day work on Saturdays from 8am to 6pm.



### LADWP Improvement Project Work (Not Related to ESFV LRT Project)

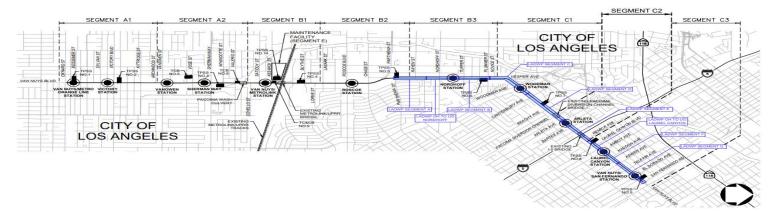


**Activity:** LADWP is continuing to work on their Improvement Project throughout the project corridor.

**Locations:** Various locations within the Project corridor.

### **Current Work Activities**

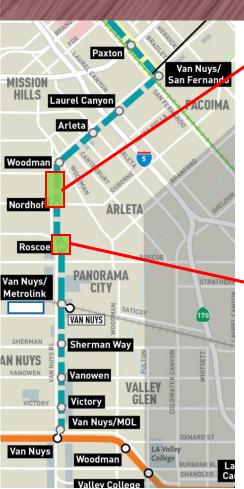
- Van Nuys Bl between Kewen Av and San Fernando Rd (Day and Night work)
- Van Nuys Bl between Telfair Av to San Fernando Rd (Day and Night work)
- Various side streets adjacent to Van Nuys Bl between south of Kewen Av to Rincon Av (Day work)
- LADWP Community Liaison: Michael Ventre (213) 367-1381 Michael. Ventre@ladwp.com
- Project Manager: Crystal Wu (213) 994-7803 Crystal.Wu@ladwp.com





### **Current Project Construction (SFTC)**





**Current Work:** Utility relocation work at Van Nuys Bl, between Vincennes St and Plummer St.

- When: Began February 2025 and will complete October 2025.
- Notable:
  - K-rail barriers have been removed following the completion of work inside them.
  - Construction will continue at the intersection of Van Nuys Bl and Plummer St at nights.

**Current Work:** Median removal work on Van Nuys Bl, between Roscoe Bl and Parthenia St.

- When: Anticipated to begin October and will complete late Fall 2025.
- Notable:
  - Day and night work hours on weekdays.
  - Work will require a 58-hour continuous weekend operation in the future to restore and re-stripe the street.

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### **Current Project Construction (SFTC)**





Current Work: Utility relocation work on Van Nuys Bl between Gault St and Arminta St.

When: Began April 2025 and will complete mid-2027 (20–24-month duration).

### Notable:

- K-rail barriers were installed from Gault St to just north of Valerio St, and crews are working both day and night, inside and outside the barriers.
- Additional K-rail barriers were installed north of Valerio St to Arminta St on
  October 10 through October 13. Crews are working both day and night, inside
  and outside the barriers.
- Work will require directional street closures and full street closures on Van Nuys Bl between Sherman Wy and Arminta St during the night on weekdays and during the day on weekends. The following closures are upcoming:
  - Saticoy St, just west of Van Nuys Bl, anticipated to begin Fall 2025.
  - Covello St, just east of Van Nuys Bl, anticipated to begin Fall 2025.
  - Blythe St, just west of Van Nuys Bl, anticipated to begin Fall 2025.

### **Upcoming Project Construction (SFTC)**





**Future Work:** Utility relocation work at Van Nuys Bl and Haddon Av.

- When: Anticipated to begin late-Fall 2025.
- Notable: Work will be conducted primarily during the night.

**Future Work:** Utility relocation work along Van Nuys Bl from Vesper Av to San Fernando Rd.

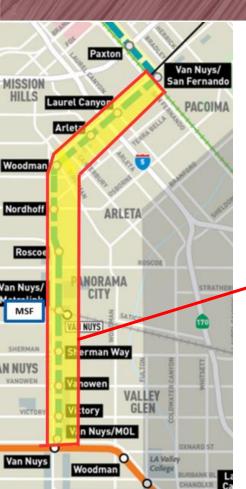
- When: Anticipated to begin Winter 2026.
- Notable: Work will be conducted primarily during the night.

Future Work: Utility relocation work at Van Nuys Bl and Blythe St.

- When: Beginning October 2025 and will complete Spring 2026.
- **Notable:** Night work involving full street closure of Blythe St and work in the intersection.

### **Upcoming Project Construction (SFTC)**





**Future Work:** Continued abatement and demolition work of properties acquired to construct the MSF.

- When: Work began February 2025 and is expected start again in late-Fall 2025.
- **Notable:** Work will continue as Metro acquires properties for the future MSF site and is expected to last through Fall 2026.

- **Future Work:** Tree replacement along the project corridor.
- When: Beginning October 2025.
- Notable:
  - This effort begins the replacement of trees removed for project construction, fulfilling the City's two-for-one requirement. Replanting will continue throughout project construction.

### **Project Construction Photos (SFTC)**









Scan the QR code to see the latest construction notices with full details on current work activities:







### **Tree Removal and Replacement Process**



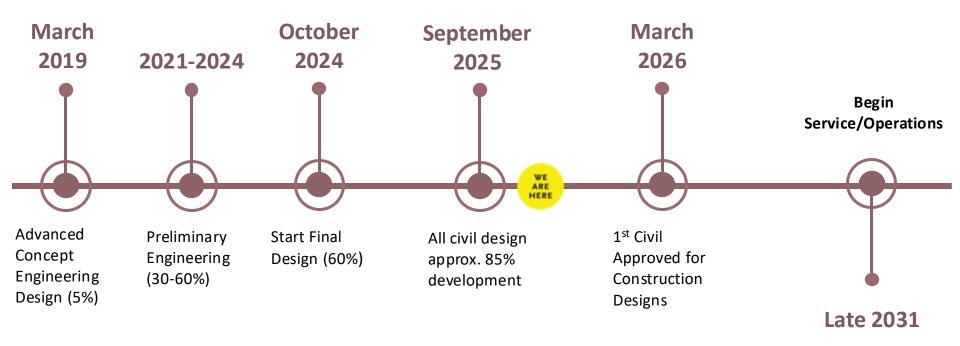
- Design and Tree Plan: Remove & Replant Trees
- Timeframe of Activities
- Trees Permit Process
- Tree Selection: Native Trees Process





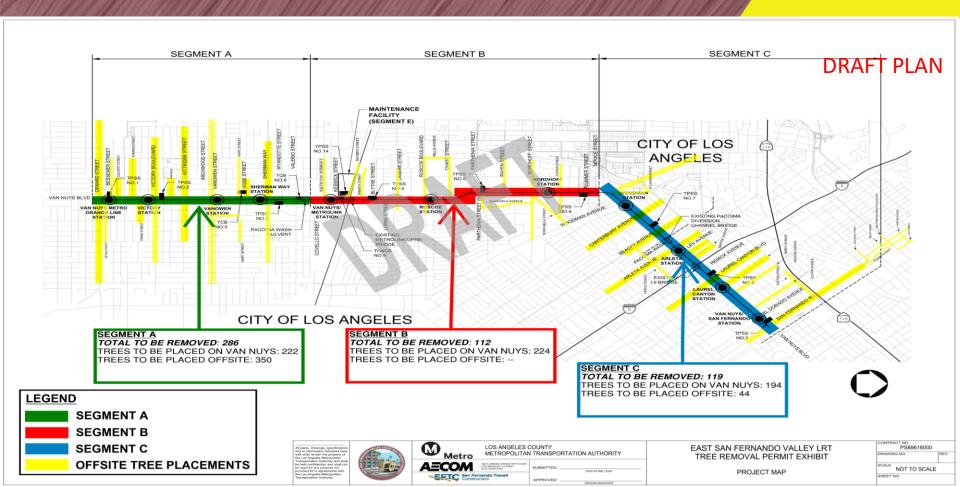


### **Project Design Schedule**





### **Project Map & Tree Plan Overlay**



### **Proposed Tree Palette**



Accent Tree 1: Pyrus Kawakamii/ Evergreen Pear

Accent Tree 2: Lagerstroemia Indica/Crape Myrtle

Street Tree Type 1 (Large Canopy): Chilopsis Linearis/ Desert Willow

Street Tree Type 2 (Medium CaNopy): Ginkgo Biloba/ Maidenhair Tree



The Western Redbud Cercis (parkway only)



Quercus Agri folia Coast Live Oak (parkway only)



### Business Interruption Fund & Business Solution Center Updates



### **Business Interruption Fund (BIF)**

- Metro's Business Interruption Fund (BIF) provides up to \$60,000 per impact year to support small "mom and pop" businesses affected by rail construction.
- Eligibility:
  - Located immediately next to the rail corridor for at least 2 years;
  - Directly impacted by adjacent construction;
  - Meet other eligibility requirements as applicable.
- Grant amounts are determined by business revenue loss directly related to the period of Metro construction disruption.
- As of October 17, 2025 Metro has awarded \$50,223,186.60 in BIF grants across seven major capital project areas.

Scan the QR code to learn how to apply for the BIF Program:







### **ESFV LRT Project BIF Activities**

• ESFV Community Outreach and Engagement is ongoing by Pacific Coast Regional (PCR) and New Economics for Women (NEW) to bring awareness and educate the business community about the BIF program.

### ESFV LRT Project Grants Awarded: \$756,633.57

BIF Business Eligibility Outreach 1003 Businesses

Pacoima: 145 Businesses

**Arleta: 63 Businesses** 

Panorama City: 332 Businesses

Van Nuys: 463 Businesses

**East San Fernando Valley Grants** 

Van Nuys/ Sherman Way \$696,633.57 (26 Grants) Van Nuys/ Woodman \$60,000 (1 Grant)

\*Data as of October 17, 2025.

- So far, 356 BIF applications have been received by PCR.
- Since October 2024, five BIF workshops have been held throughout the project corridor.
- Two virtual BIF workshops are being planned for November. One in English on
   Wednesday, November 12th, 12 noon-1:30 pm. and one in Spanish on Thursday, November 13th,
   12 noon 1:30 p.m. Zoom platform.



**BIF Workshop at Pacoima City Hall** 

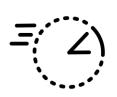


BIF Workshop at Valley Economic
Alliance

### **Business Solution Center (BSC)**



Metro's BSC provides hands-on business support services and technical assistance to small businesses impacted by rail and bus rapid transit construction projects.



The new model will feature a Regional Operator partnering with local community-based organizations to deliver business support services. The BSC is currently in a "black-out" period and the **contract award is anticipated in late Spring 2026.** 



Services will be provided at **no cost** in the form of one-on-one case management, advisory sessions, workshops, classes and presentations.



The BSC will first launch on the ESFV and G Line Improvements projects and will be physically located near both project corridors to allow easy access for local small business owners.

### Business Solution Center







### **BIF & BSC Contact Information**

### **Contact Us**

To reach Metro BIF & BSC program staff please contact:

Angela Winston, Director, BIF & BSC Email WinstonA@metro.net Call 213.922.7669

• If you would like to learn more about eligibility criteria and applying to BIF, please contact the Fund Administrator (PCR):

Bryan Miyamoto, Program Manager, BIF Email <a href="mailto:bryan.miyamoto@pcrcorp.org">bryan.miyamoto@pcrcorp.org</a> Call 213.640.4627.





### **Eat Shop Play**

- Marketing support is available to local businesses within ¼ mile of the project alignment.
- Participation is free.
- Local businesses can get:
  - 1. Access to free digital marketing workshops and coaching
  - 2. Additional promotion in Metro print and digital campaigns, as opportunities arise.

Learn more at metro.net/eatshopplay.





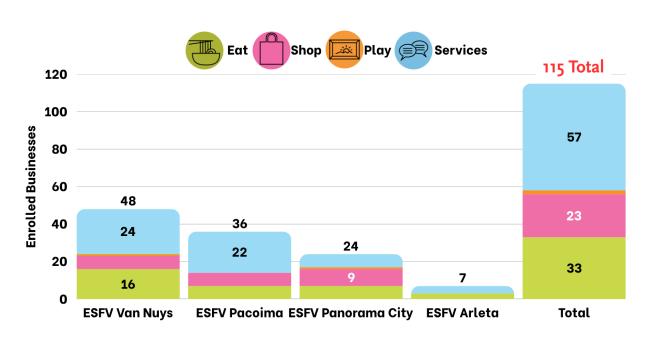








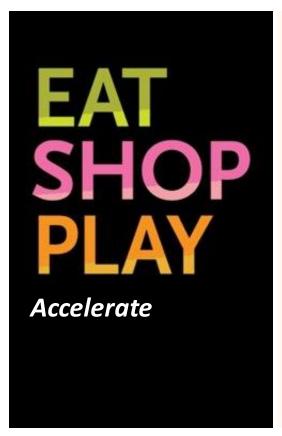
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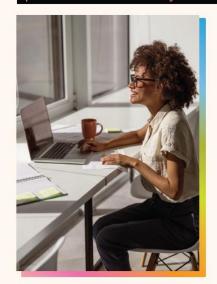


### EAT SHOP PLAY ACCELERATE



Digital Marketing Workshop Series

Spanish Translation will be available for all sessions.



### Session 1

WEBSITE FOUNDATIONS: BUILD OR IMPROVE WITH CONFIDENCE Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:00 - 3:15 PM

### Session

FROM BROWSERS TO BUYERS: TURN VISITORS INTO CUSTOMERS Tuesday, November 18, 2025 2:00 - 3:15 PM

### Session

GETTING STARTED WITH GOOGLE ANALYTICS FOR YOUR WEBSITE Tuesday, December 16, 2025 2:00 - 3:15 PM



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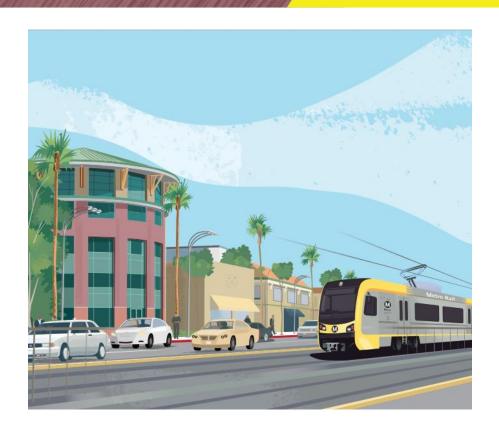
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