



We're expanding rail further east. Station 1: Project Overview

EASTSIDE TRANSIT CORRIDOR PHASE 2



Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Study Area

- > May 2024 - Metro Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a 9-mile extension of the Metro E Line
- > The project will be built in two phases and will connect the communities of East Los Angeles, Commerce, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, West Whittier-Los Nietos and the City of Whittier



Project Purpose and Benefits



- > **Transit-dependent Communities**
Within ½ mile of the stations, 119,759 people
- > **High-travel Demand Corridor**
- > **Ease Traffic Congestion**
Project to serve 15,000 average weekday
- > **Regional Connection**
Connect East Los Angeles and Gateway Cities, with rail services to Downtown Los Angeles, Santa Monica and key destinations
- > **1,600 new construction jobs** and **\$1 billion of economic activity** per year (estimated)

Project's Environmental Study History

Schedule

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2019
Reinitiated environmental process under CEQA and NEPA with public comment period and scoping meetings
Evaluated three (3) alternatives (SR 6o, Washington, Combined)

2020
Withdrawal of SR-6o and Combined Alternatives
Board directed staff to evaluate the Washington Alternative
Discontinued NEPA

2021-2022
Introduction of IOS Alternatives and Maintenance Storage Facility options
Draft EIR released for public review and held public hearings
Board selected LPA

2023
Completed rail tours
Initiated first/last mile planning efforts
Initiated Final EIR preparation

2024-2025
Certified Final EIR
Complete first/last mile planning efforts
Reinitiate NEPA for federal funding pursuit

CEQA PROCESS

NEPA PROCESS

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ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



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IOS: Initial Operating Segment
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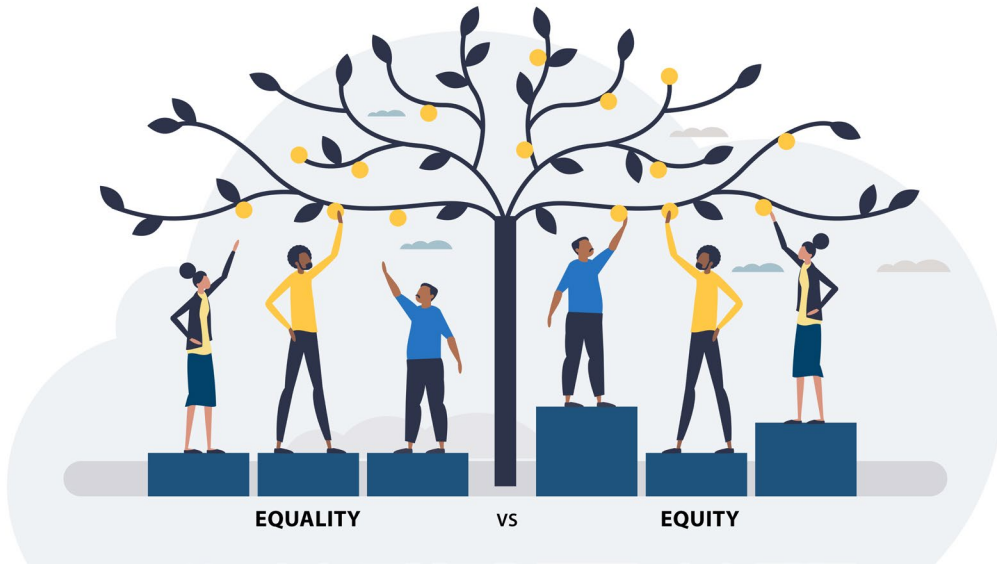


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Station 2: Community Engagement

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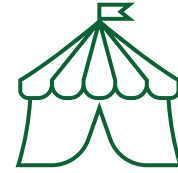


Community Engagement Approach



Equitable Approach

- > Listen and learn
- > Build trust
- > Develop partnerships



Virtual & In-person Outreach

- > The bilingual Spanish-speaking project team engages with local communities in-person and online



CBO Partnerships

- > Partnerships with local community-based organizations ensures wider community reach/engagement



Digital Outreach

- > Website: metro.net/eastsidephase2
- > Email: eastsidephase2@metro.net
- > Informational Line: 213.922.3012

Community Engagement Program

Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 project reached **25,000+ people**



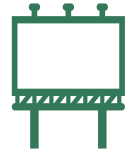
Door-to-door
distribution



Website



Email



Street banners



Community
events



CBO Roundtable Meetings
Briefings with key groups



Mail



Information
line



Text messages



Facebook
events
Nextdoor
posts



Transit intercepts



Public counter
drop-offs

Project Outreach – Prior to Metro Board’s Selection of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

- > **May 31, 2019** – Notice of Preparation (NOP) released for initiation of Supplemental/Recirculated Draft EIS/EIR
- > **June 2019** – 6 scoping meetings (573 participants)
- > **February 2020** – 3 post-scoping meetings (234 participants) and Metro Board meeting to approve recommendation for withdrawal of the SR 60 Alternative and Combined Alternative
- > **August–November 2021** – 6 outreach events (440 engagements)
- > **November 2021** – 4 community meetings (276 participants)
- > **January and March 2022** – 2 business meetings with the East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Whittier Merchants Association, and Via Care
- > **March 2022** – 4 community meetings (307 participants) on project status updates and station design efforts.
- > **July-August 2022** - 4 public hearings (total 164 attendees) following the June 30, 2022 release of the Recirculated EIR to receive public comments on the Recirculated Draft EIR
- > **November 9, 2022** - Virtual Community Meeting (total 60 participants) to share information on the staff recommended LPA prior to the November 2022 Metro Board Planning and Programming Committee meeting
- > **November 16, 2022** - Metro Planning and Programming Committee and the December 1, 2022 Metro Board meeting to receive public comment on staff recommendations for approving the full nine-mile project through CEQA and the LPA (IOS Greenwood) with design options

Ongoing Community Engagement

December 2022–April 2024

- > 4 rail tours
- > 6 community events and 7 pop-up events
- > 7 first/last mile (FLM) technical walk audits; 6 community walk and wheel audits; 2 community walk audits
- > FLM community survey
- > 75 stakeholder briefings

May 2024–December 2024

- > Over 50 stakeholder briefings, including:
 - Agency briefings
 - Elected briefings
 - Corridor city briefings
 - Phone calls to address public inquiries from property owners or tenants
 - Meetings with utility owners
 - Meetings with railroad companies (BNSF Railway and Union Pacific)



Next Steps

- > Continue coordinating with FTA on NEPA document for the LPA and state and federal funding pursuits
- > Continue to engage communities and project key stakeholders
- > Continue project engineering design for LPA
- > Continue soil sampling and utility potholing activities
- > Continue First/last mile planning efforts with five corridor cities
- > Ongoing coordination with corridor cities, utility owners, and railroad companies on design review and cooperative agreements

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Community Meetings



CITY, DATE, TIME	LOCATION
EAST LOS ANGELES Tuesday, January 28, 2025 5:30-7:00pm	East Los Angeles Library 4837 E. 3rd St. Los Angeles, CA 90022
COMMERCE Wednesday, January 29, 2025 6:00-7:30pm	Commerce Senior Center 2555 Commerce Way Commerce, CA 90040
MONTEBELLO Saturday, February 1, 2025 10:00-11:30am	Chet Holifield Community Center 1060 S. Greenwood Ave. Montebello CA 90640
VIRTUAL Monday, February 3, 2025 12:00 -1:00pm	Zoom tinyurl.com/ESP2MEETINGS For more details, visit: metro.net/eastsidephase2

Spanish language translation and a children's corner will be provided at all meetings

ADA accommodations, including ASL translation, are available by calling 213.922.3012 at least 72 hours in advance.



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Station 3: Partnering with Communities**

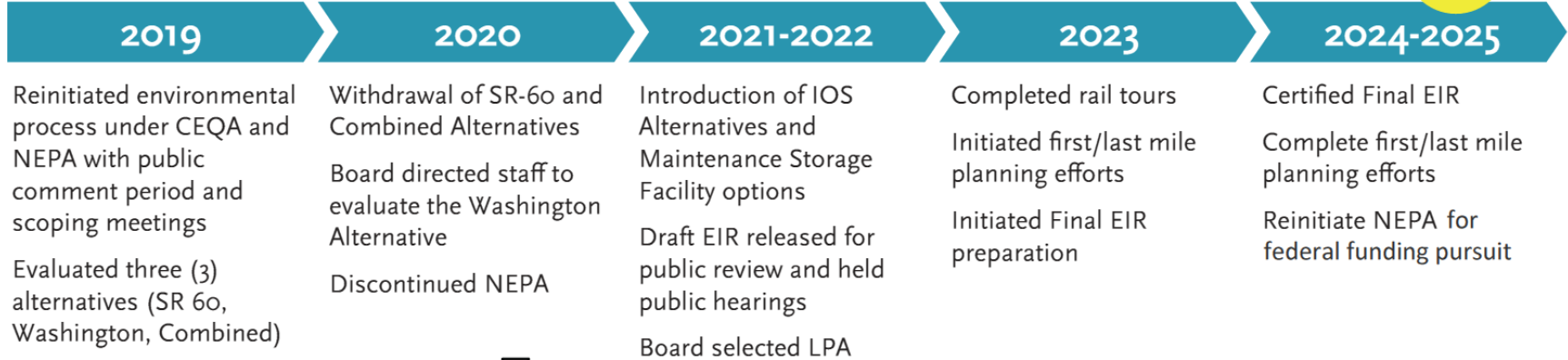
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Engagement Efforts Leading up to NEPA Phase

- > Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) released and certified in Spring 2024
- > Community walk audits and bicycle audits
- > Rail tours
- > Pop-up and information booths at activity centers
- > Community-Based Organization (CBO) Partnerships and roundtable meetings



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Metro's Equity Platform



Listen and learn. As part of the partnership process, Metro will **convene Roundtable meetings** to incorporate **Community-Based Organization feedback** on **outreach strategy and materials**.

Build trust. Establishing trust with communities based on the current relationships throughout the corridor. Our charge is to **explain the purpose of this project in a very clear, open, and accessible manner**.

Develop partnerships. **Partnerships with Community-Based Organizations** are a critical **gateway to reaching vulnerable populations**. To ensure that Metro has ample **reach throughout the corridor**, our team will enlist community organizations that are respected and trusted within each of the communities.



CBO Partner Responsibilities



- > Participate in CBO roundtable meetings
- > Provide recommendations for strengthening and/or supporting suggested engagement methods
- > Help the project establish more equitable engagement and involve a greater number of community members
- > Conduct outreach within the communities your organization serves as indicated in your scope of work
- > Provide proper documentation of outreach conducted (as indicated in scope of work and invoice instructions)
- > Engage in active communication with the project team










CBO Partnership Goals



- > Establish a ***consistent and equitable approach*** to partnering with CBOs.
- > Ensure ***greater outcomes in public participation***.
- > ***Reach additional communities and stakeholders*** not captured within the project database.
- > ***Provide project information to equity-focused communities (EFC) and other areas*** served by CBO partners, while being part of the process by providing feedback and receiving updates.
- > ***Cultivate trust with the community***.
- > ***Foster positive relationships with other CBOs***.

Notification Activities



-  Flyer Distribution
-  Door-to-door notices
-  Eblasts/e-newsletters
-  Notification Toolkit
-  SMS texts
-  Social media posts
-  Website/Announcements

Engagement Activities



-  Event information booths
-  Pop-up outreach booths
-  Transit-intercepts
-  Business Corridor Outreach
-  School Outreach
-  Other outreach efforts

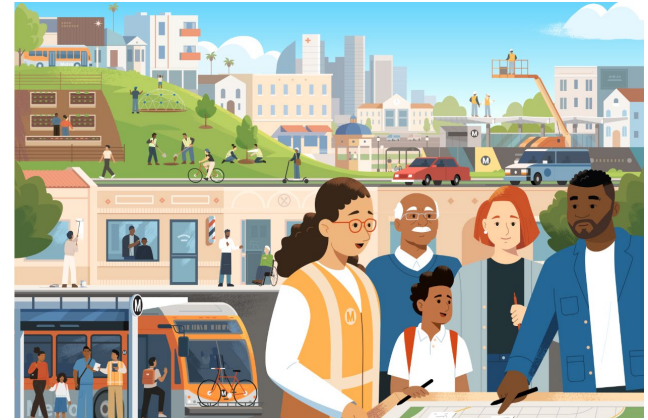


CBO Partnerships

ALL operating within Equity Focus Communities in the project area



1. Alma Family Services
2. BikeLA
3. Boys & Girls Club – Whittier | Pico Rivera
4. Breathe Southern California
5. Day One
6. Designated Exceptional Services for Independence (DESI)
7. Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center
8. Heart of Compassion
9. Helpline Youth Counseling
10. Los Angeles Economic Equity Accelerator & Fellowship (LEEAF (Cal State LA))
11. Mundo Maya Foundation
12. People for Mobility Justice (PMJ)
13. Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE)
14. Strength Based Community Change (SBCC)
15. Via Care Community Health Center



CBO Engagement Activities – Digital/Flyer Canvassing



> **CBOs are tasked with posting collateral materials onto their organization's:**

- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, X, etc.) (14 CBOs)
- E-blast/newsletter (13 CBOs)
- Website calendar (10 CBOs)



> **Seven CBOs have been tasked with business flyer drops:**

- 142 business counter drops within entire project area

CBO Engagement Activities - Pop Ups/Transit Intercepts



> 6 CBOs are tasked with sharing collateral materials at pop up events

- 3 in East LA
- 2 in Montebello
- 2 in Commerce

> 3 CBOs are tasked with sharing collateral materials at the following high-traffic stations:

- Rail: Atlantic Station
- Train: Montebello/Commerce Station
- Bus: Washington Blvd/Greenwood Ave



Get Involved!



Get informed!



Sign-up for updates



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Join us!



Community meetings

In-person, virtual, local viewing sites



Information booths

Local community events



Pop-ups at activity centers

Transit stations/stops, markets, other



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Station 4: Environmental Review

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Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Updates per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

2022

RECIRCULATED DRAFT EIR RELEASED

- 60-day public review/comment
- Four (4) public hearings
- Community events held

JUN

DEC

2024

NOA/FINAL EIR PUBLISHED

- NOA to agencies/organizations, property owners, Draft EIR commenters
- Available in-person (public libraries) and digitally
- Noticing/advertising efforts

APR

MAY

2025

TODAY

- Community Meetings
- NEPA

NOW

BOARD SELECTS LPA/IOS

- Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) / Initial Operating Segment (IOS) selected
- Decision based on community and stakeholder feedback

2022

2024

FINAL EIR CERTIFIED

- Metro Board certified Final EIR for full project (9 miles) and LPA/IOS to Greenwood

NOA: Notice of Availability

NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act



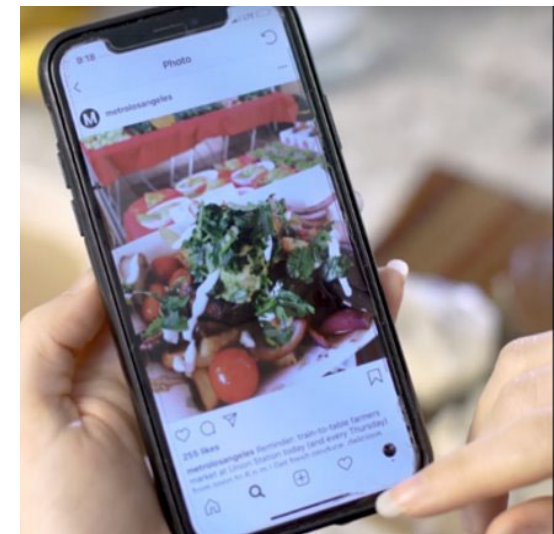
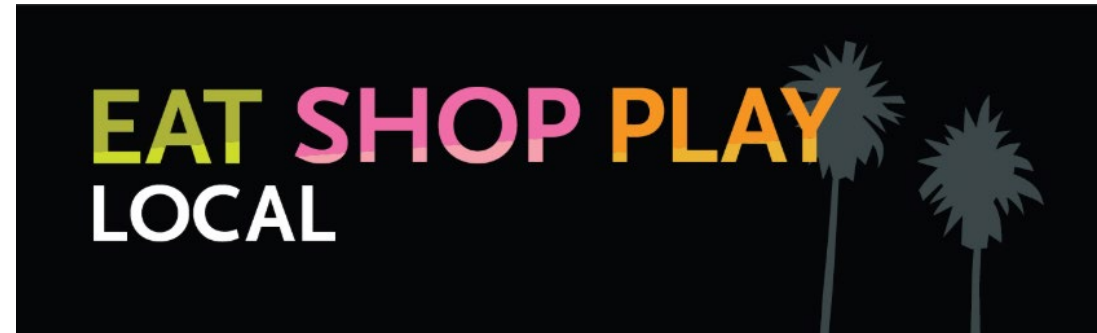
Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

> **Certified by the Metro Board in May 2024**

- Evaluated revisions to Project since the Recirculated Draft EIR in June 2022
- Responded to all public comments received on the Draft EIR
- Project has no residential displacements
- Metro has a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to reduce or avoid environmental impacts

Eat Shop Play Program

- > Metro's Eat Shop Play program supports local businesses as we build more rail for LA
- > Participation is free
- > Businesses located along Metro Rail construction projects or along specific transit corridors are eligible to sign up for marketing assistance
- > Benefits to local businesses include print/digital ads and email marketing
- > Program contact:
 - Learn more at: Metro.net/eatshopplay
 - Email: eatshopplay@metro.net



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Overview

Metro will coordinate with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to prepare an appropriate NEPA document (e.g., an Environmental Assessment) for the Project as joint Lead Agency with the FTA

> **Purpose of the NEPA document**

- Seek federal environmental approval to make Project eligible for federal funding
- Assess the Project's potential environmental effects

NEPA Schedule

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Early 2025

Summer 2025

Fall 2025

Early 2026

January/February
project update meetings

Initiate NEPA for federal
funding pursuit

FTA to release NEPA
document to public
and agencies for review
(30 days)

Public hearing(s)

Respond to public
comments

FTA NEPA decision
document*



ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Note: If NEPA/Environmental Assessment demonstrates that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, the process concludes with a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).*

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NEPA Environmental Study – Topics

Additional Studies in NEPA

- Section 4(f) Evaluation*
- Section 106 (historic properties)
- Environmental Justice**
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Economics and Fiscal Impacts
- Real Estate and Acquisitions

Notes:

**Park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites*

***Minority populations, low-income populations, and/or Indian tribes and indigenous communities*

****These topics were addressed in Certified EIR, but there are some differences in the specific issues addressed under NEPA.*

Topics included in Certified Final EIR***

- Air Quality
- Climate Change
- Community Impact Analysis, Park/Community Facilities, Utilities
- Construction
- Geotechnical/Subsurface/Seismic
- Ecosystems and Biological Resources
- Energy
- Hazardous Materials
- Historical/Archaeo/Paleo/Tribal Resources
- Land Use and Development
- Noise and Vibration
- Safety and Security
- Transportation and Traffic
- Visual and Aesthetics
- Water Resources
- Growth Inducing
- Cumulative Impacts



EIR: Environmental Impact Report

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Station 5: Station Concepts

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Underground Station Concept



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At-Grade/Street Level Station Concept



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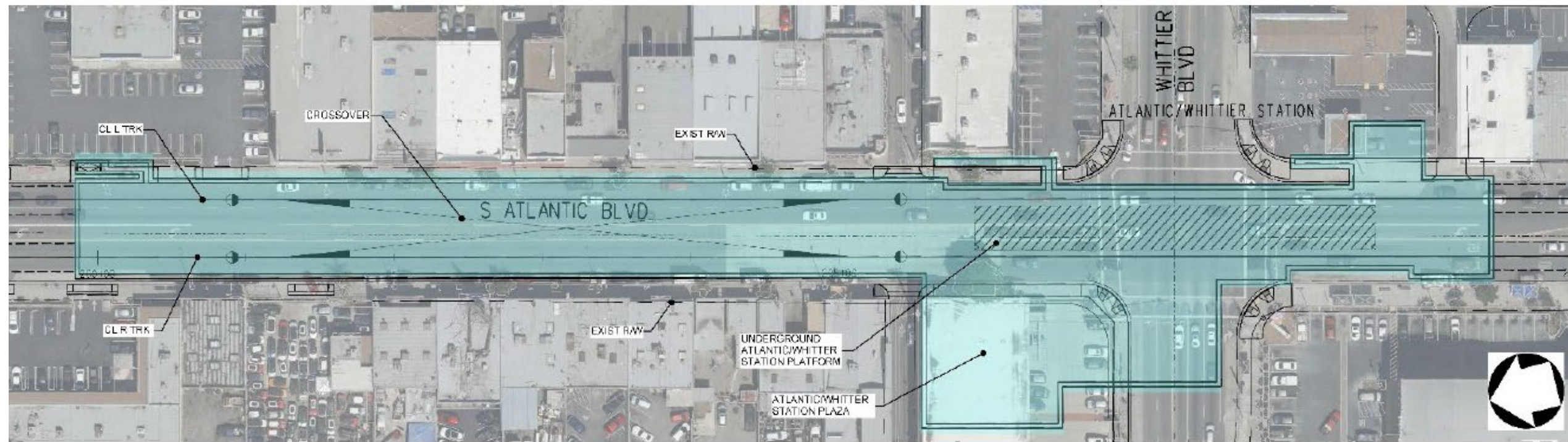


Atlantic/Pomona Station Preliminary Site Plan



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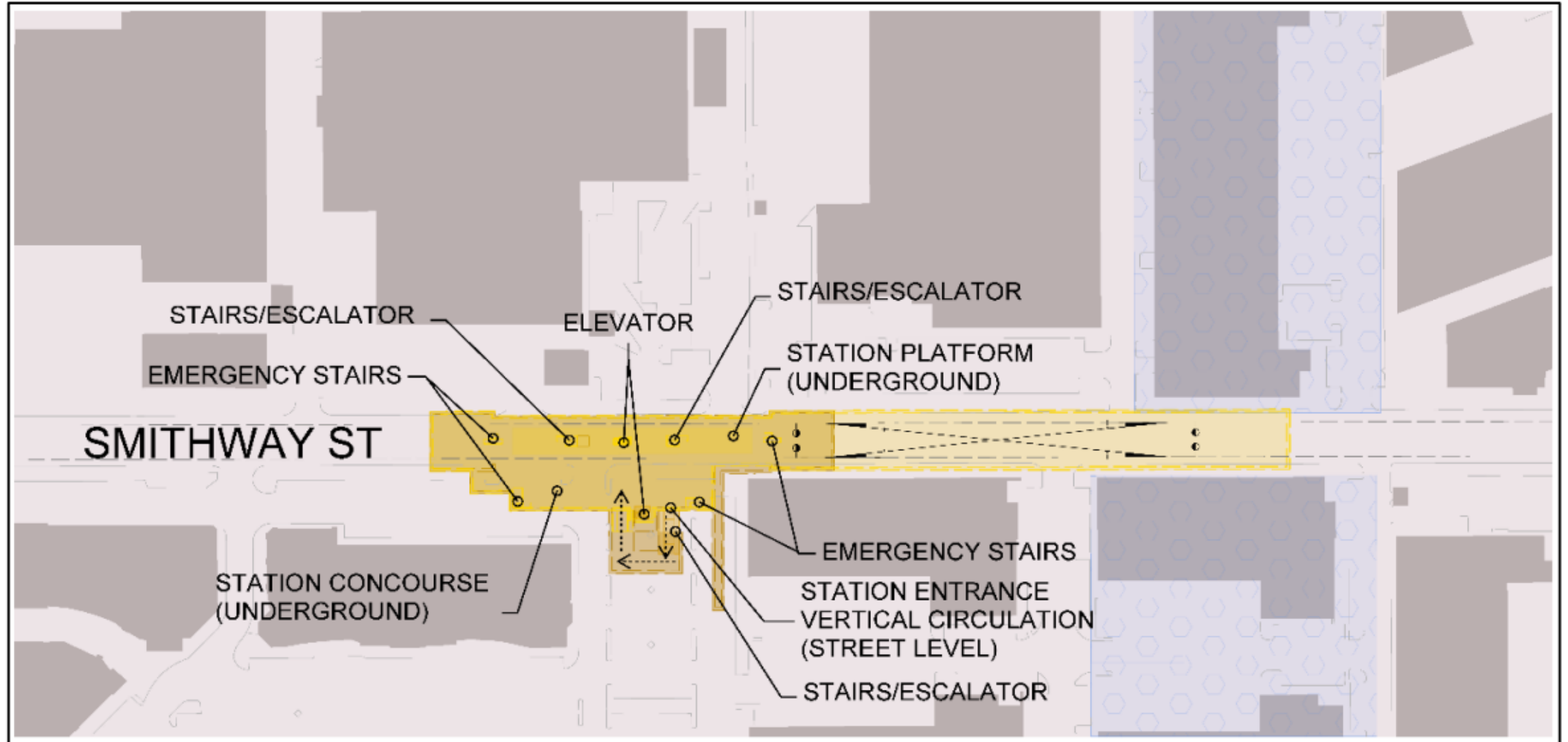
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Commerce Citadel Station

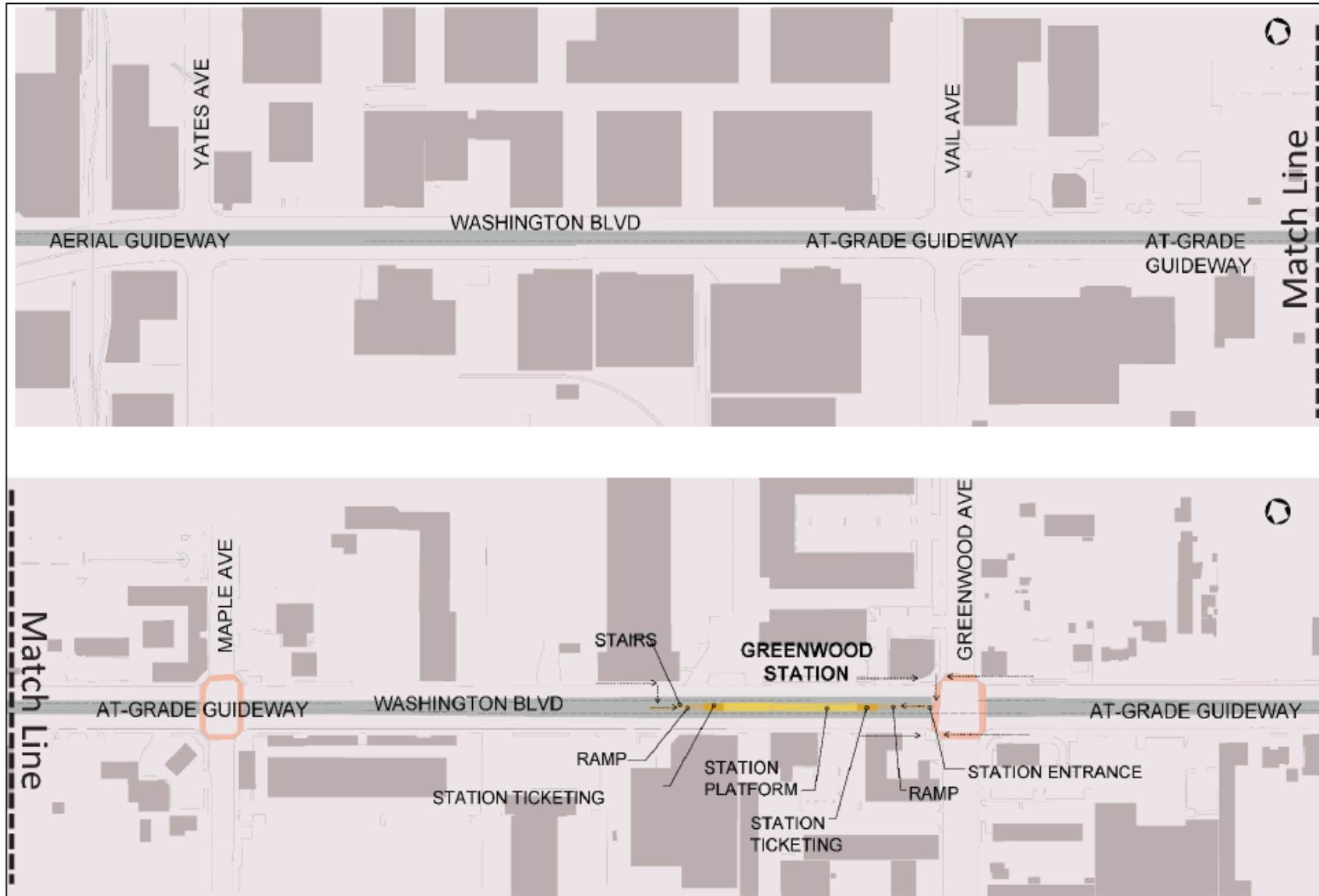
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Montebello Greenwood Station

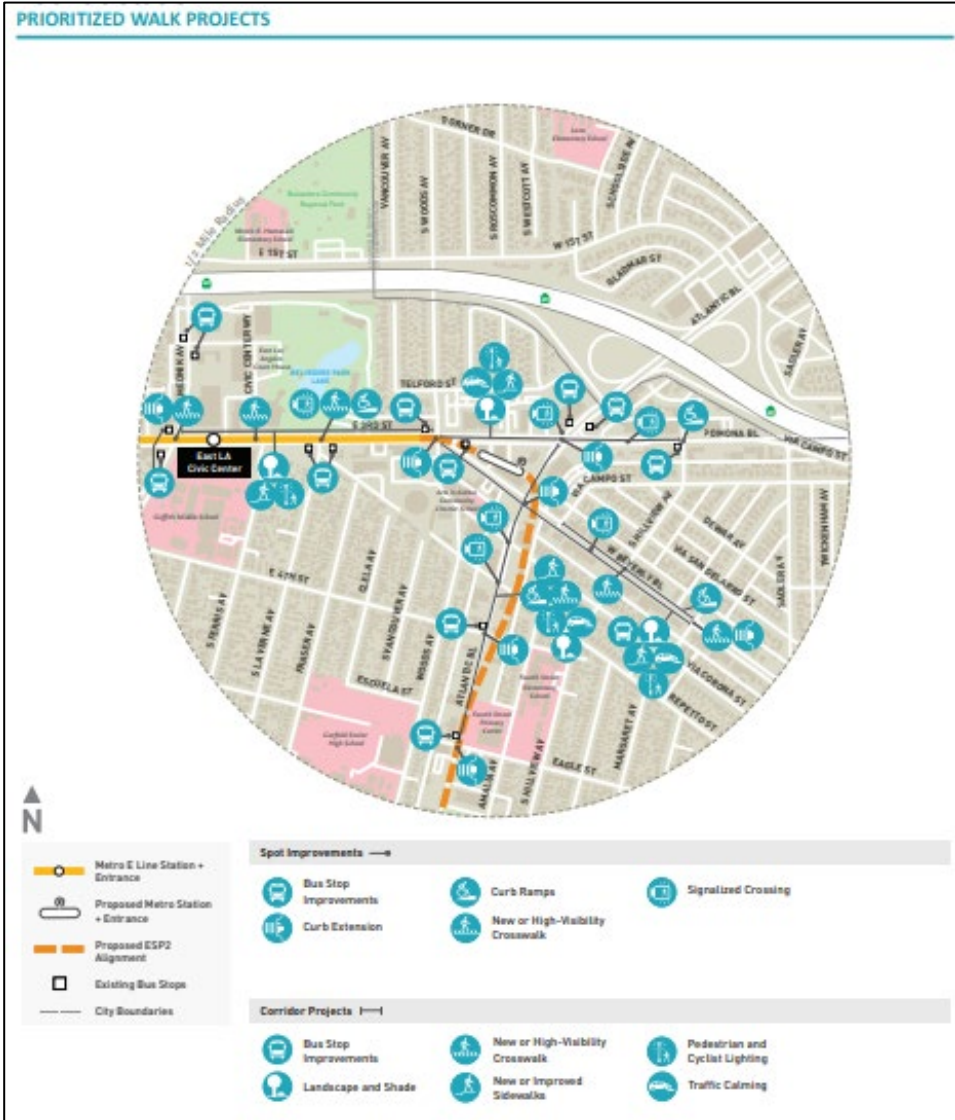
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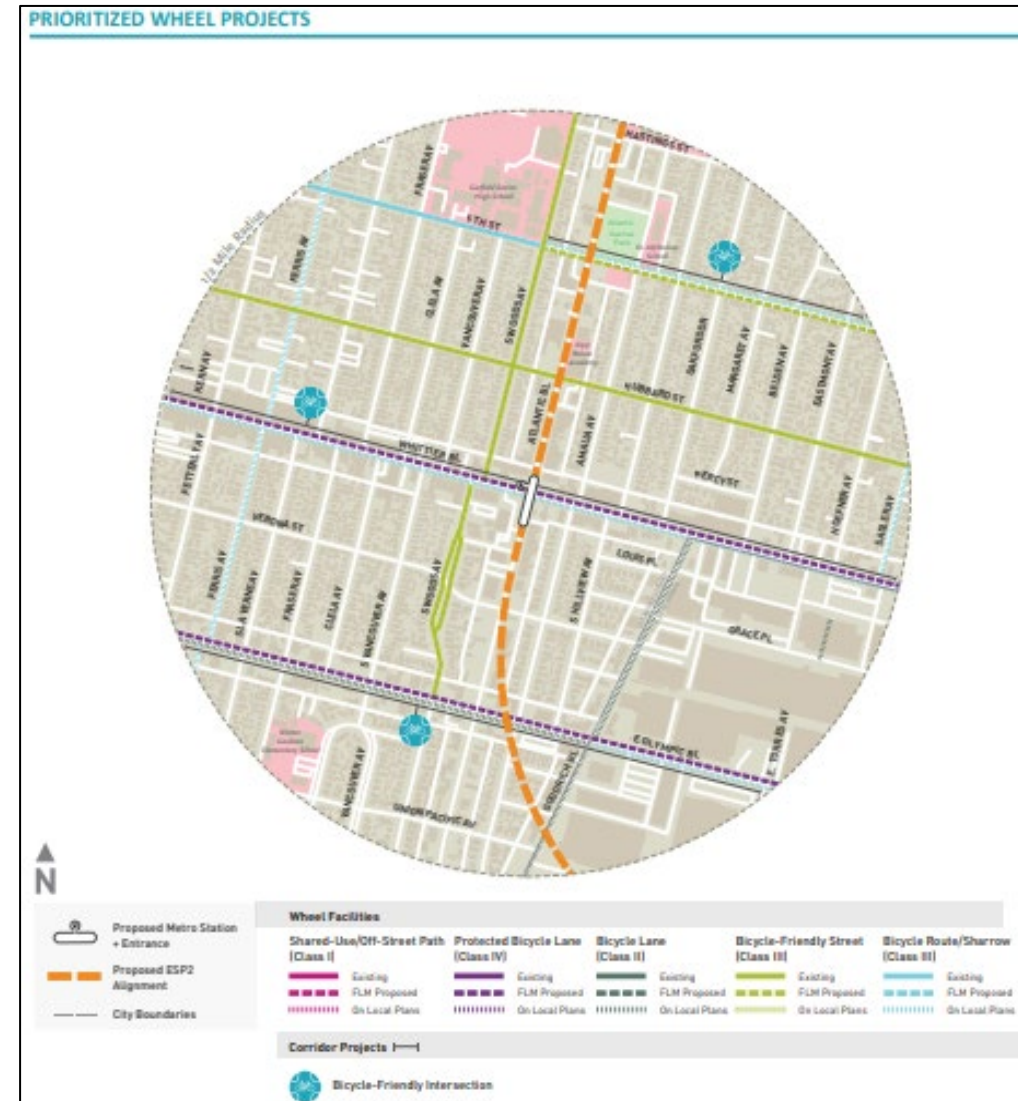
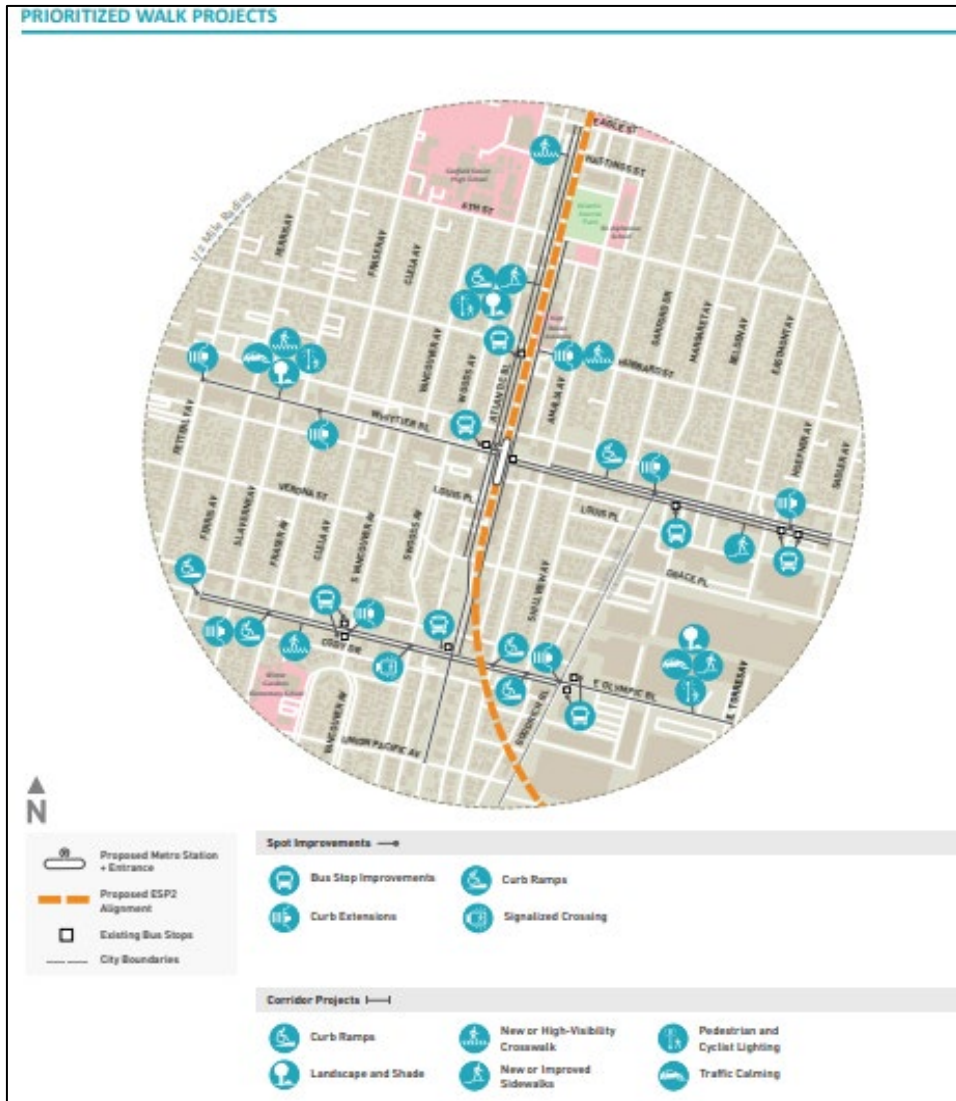
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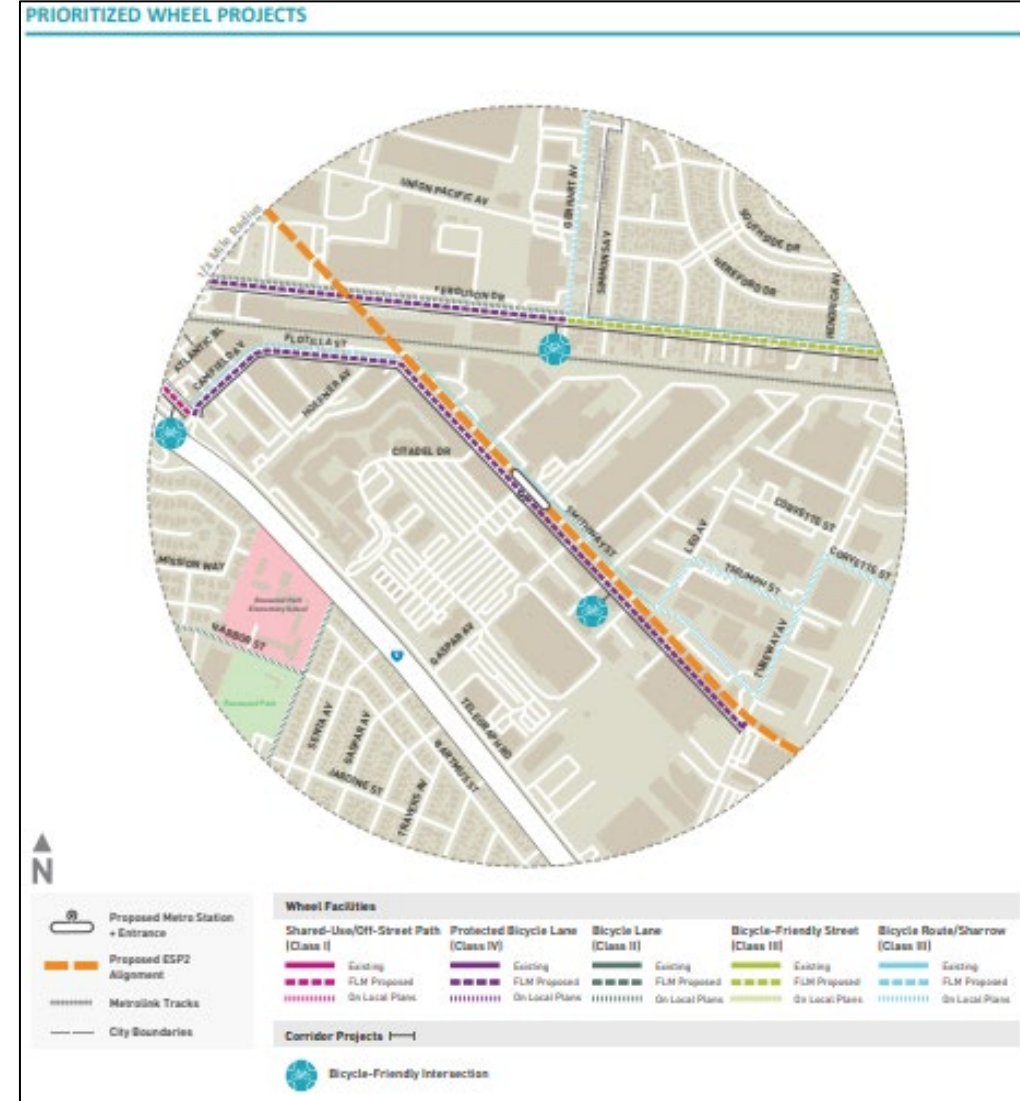
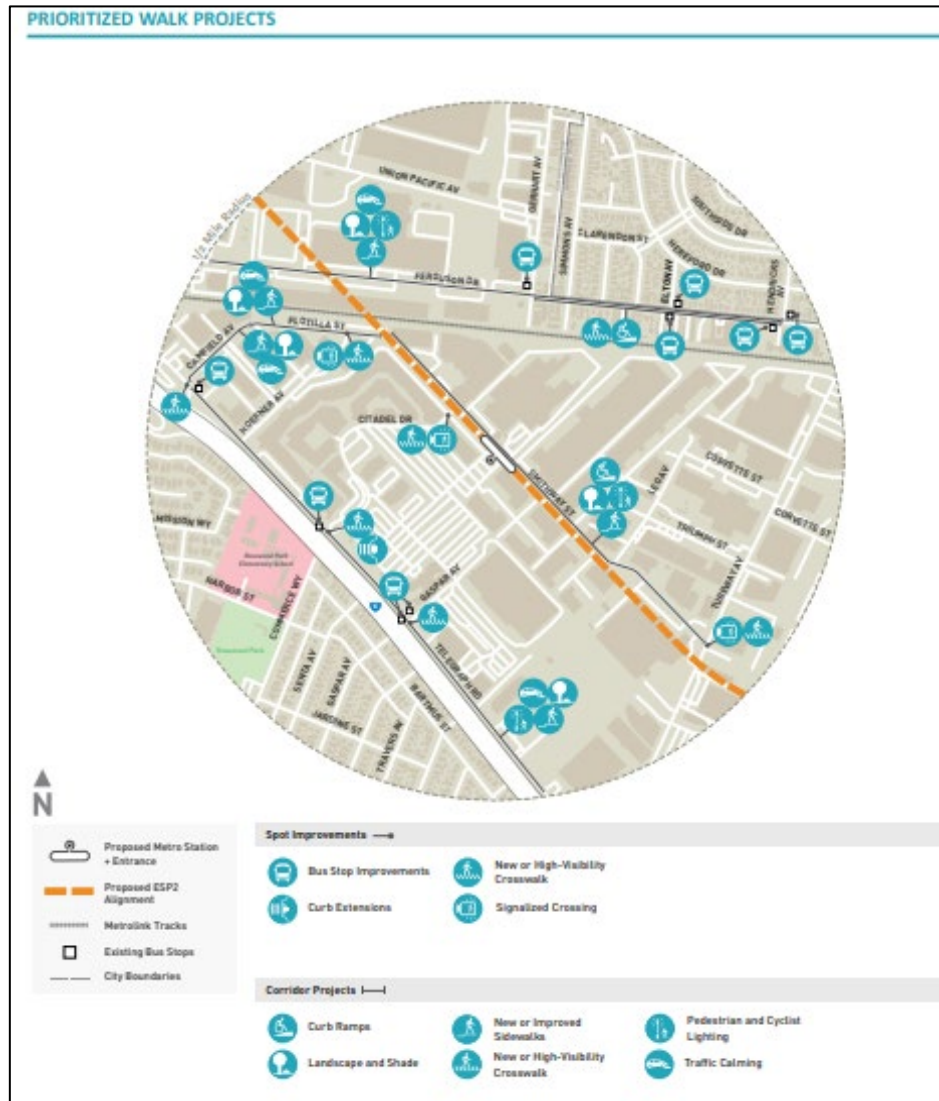
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