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Central Los Angeles Area Projects Update Meeting

November 18, 2025

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Housekeeping

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Welcome and Agenda

Thank you for joining us!

Metro Agency Updates (Robyn Lopez)

Central LA Construction Project Team (Olga Arroyo)

Link Union Station – Early Work Activities (Raul Preciado)

Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility Project (Juan Solorio)

Regional Connector (Raul Preciado)

Central Los Angeles Area Team

Our Mission: *To serve the riders and stakeholders in LA County who use our system, or engage with Metro as it plans, builds and operates a world-class transportation system.*

Centralized communications approach with the community

Core community relations team

Serve as a conduit of community priorities within Metro

Oversee outreach programs for Metro projects in construction

Central Los Angeles Team

Construction Relations and Mitigation Programs

- Olga Arroyo, Community Relations Director
- Juan Solorio, Community Relations Manager
- Raul Preciado Rivera, Principal Community Relations Officer

Strategy & Programming

- Robyn Lopez, Principal Community Relations Officer
- Rene Torres, Community Relations Officer

Central Los Angeles Team

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- Alondra Lopez, Principal Community Relations Officer
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Central Los Angeles Area Communities

Downtown LA	Arts District, Bunker Hill, Chinatown, Civic Center, Echo Park, Elysian Park, Fashion District, Financial District, Historic Core, Industrial District, Little Tokyo, Skid Row, South Park
Central LA	Arlington Heights, Hancock Park, Harvard Heights, Koreatown, Larchmont, MacArthur Park, Mid-City, Mid-Wilshire, Pico-Union, Westlake
Eastside	Boyle Heights, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights
Northeast LA	Atwater Village, Cypress Park, Eagle Rock, Elysian Valley, Glassell Park, Highland Park, Montecito Heights, Mt. Washington, Monterey Hills
Hollywood	East Hollywood, Griffith Park, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, Silver Lake

TAP-to-Exit at Union Station

Tap to Exit Is Back!

- TAP-to-Exit resumed on Monday, Nov. 17 at Union Station (B and D Lines) and North Hollywood Station (B Line).
- TAP-to-Exit also launched at Pomona North Station on the A Line on the same day.

Link Union Station

Meet the Metro Team

Environmental Study Phase

Program Management

Carlos Montez

Community Relations

Kim Tachiki-Chin

Design and Construction (Phase A)

Program Management

Scott McConnell

Alice Hsu

Construction Relations

Olga Arroyo

Raul Preciado

Art & Design

Emily Sevier

Union Station and Future Rail Expansion

Future Rail Expansion and Increased Rail Service

- > Metrolink
- > LOSSAN
- > Amtrak
- > California High Speed Rail
- > Brightline

Los Angeles Union Station is the largest multi-modal hub in Southern California with commuter and intercity rail services across all six counties in SoCal and Amtrak rail service to Seattle, Chicago, New Orleans and beyond.

Los Angeles Union Station Today

Built in 1939 | Union Station is a stub end station and has not been modernized since it was built

Link US – Proposed Run-thru Structure

Link US – Phase A

Benefits

- Northbound and Southbound Run-thru service for LOSSAN and Metrolink
- One Seat Rides
- Reduced Dwell Times by as much as 20 Minutes
- Increased Rail Capacity
- Accommodates future California High Speed Rail

Project Updates: Milestones Achieved

April - Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC), FlatironDragados, approved by the Metro Board of Directors

July – CM/GC Notice to Proceed issued

June-October - LifeStorage building demolition, paving, and civil improvements completed

October – Construction Management Support Services (CMSS) contract, T.Y. Lin Inc, approved by the Metro Board of Directors

October - Supplemental EIS approved by Metro Board of Directors

Link Union Station (Link US) FEIR Certified

> The Metro Board unanimously certified the Link Union Station (Link US) Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR) on October 23, 2025 during the Board's General Meeting.

> The Metro Board also approved a motion committing Metro to continue to work towards resolution of priority outstanding issues with the City of Vernon and the BNSF Railroad.

Building Demolition (Thru 2025)

Before Demolition

After Demolition (Late 2025)

Building Demolition (Before Demolition)

Building Demolition (Before Demolition)

Building Demolition (During Demolition)

Building Demolition (During Demolition)

Building Demolition (During Demolition)

Building Demolition (After Demolition)

Building Demolition (After Demolition)

Tree Removal Application

- In preparation for future construction activities of the bridge over the 101 freeway, the Link Union Station (Link US) Project applied to the City of Los Angeles for a permit to remove 4 trees located at 728 E. Commercial St. Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- These trees will be replaced at a ratio of 2:1 by the Project

City of Los Angeles Tree Removal Process

Metro submitted tree removal permit application to the Streets LA/Urban Forestry Division (UFD). A public hearing on the permit at the Board of Public Works will be schedule at a later time.

Tree removal process (for 3 or more trees) requires 30-day posting period to allow for public comment.

To sign up for Tree removal notification system, visit http://bsspermits.lacity.org/treepostings/

Trees will be removed based on construction phasing and pending City of Los Angeles permit approval.

Link Union Station – Look Ahead

2025	November – California High Speed Rail Board, consider the NEPA Record of Decision
2026	LADWP Power undergrounding, Vista Switch
	Metro Board of Directors – Authorize Flatiron Dragados to perform construction, Early Work Packages

Link US – Outreach Tools

> To ensure timely and transparent communication during construction, Metro is using the following outreach strategies:

> Construction Notices
- Published on the project website: metro.net/linkus
- Distributed throughout the area surrounding active construction zones

> Stakeholder Coordination
- Ongoing collaboration with adjacent construction projects and property owners

> Targeted Community Outreach
- Engagement with local elected officials and community-based organizations in the Arts District and Little Tokyo, including:
  - Business associations
  - Business improvement districts
  - Advocacy groups and civic advisory councils

Project Webpage | Active Notices

Link Union Station

Link Union Station (Link US) Phase A | Early Activities

Street Closure and Life Storage Building Demolition

Summary: The Link Union Station (Link US) Project began demolition of the LifeStorage building located at 801 Eat Commercial St. This work will allow for the future construction of the bridge over the U.S. 101 freeway. When completed, the Project will provide new run-through tracks to improve and expand regional rail capacity at Los Angeles Union Station.

Date and Work Hours: Demolition of the building began on Monday January 6, 2025 and will take approximately 6 months to be completed. Work hours are Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 4:00pm, weather permitting. Select activities will require weekend shifts.

Locations: Northeast corner of Commercial St and Center St

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Next stop: improving rail service.

DIVISION 20 PORTAL WIDENING AND TURNBACK FACILITY

Construction Update

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Meet the Team

Project Management:

- Albert Soliz

Community Relations:

- Raul Preciado
- Juan Solorio

Design-Builder:

- Tutor Perini Corporation

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Project Overview

> Anticipated opening: 2026

> Improvements to Metro's Division 20 Rail Yard will provide faster and more frequent service on the Metro B and D lines

> Improvements include
- Widening of heavy rail portal
- New turnback facility
- Expansion, reconfiguration of rail storage tracks

Division 20 Portal Widening & Turnback Facility

Exact location of turnback tracks and storage tracks to be determined.

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West side Widening Portal Area

Before Construction

During Construction*

*Delineations on the image are not to scale.

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Current Work: Portal Area

Portal Widening

Once the wider portals are complete, the turnaround time for subway cars from the rail yard to Union Station will shrink.

The portal demolition began November 2022. West portal complete, east portal closer to Los Angeles River demo began November 2025.

Part of the West Portal has already been handed off to Metro Rail Operations. Blankets protect workers from flying objects during demolition of the East Portal.

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West side Portal Widening

Demolition of West portal – looking Northwest direction

Demolition of West portal – looking in the Northeast direction

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West side Portal Widening

New Westside track & older Eastside portal – looking in Northwest direction.

New Westside track & emergency staircase – looking in Northwest direction.

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East side Portal Widening

Demolition of Eastside portal retaining wall – looking in Southwest direction.

Demolition of Eastside portal retaining wall – looking in Southwest direction.

North Yard Progress

North Storage Yard- manholes & duct banks installation.

Current new North yard.

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New South Yard Track Progress

Besides bringing more tracks online, workers add and move utilities to support finishing the entire project.

These utilities include:

- Fire water lines
- Lighting duct banks
- Main storm drain

Undergoing system testing such as

- Comms
- Electrical
- Train control

South Yard looking southeast.

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Upcoming Work:

**Work is subject to change*

ACTIVITY	DURATION| WORK HOURS| LOCATION	ACCESS
New sewer line installation and manhole modifications	• Scheduled November 21-24 2025, may require a second weekend • Time: 7pm-6:00am Friday to Sunday, • Center St between Temple St and Commercial St	• Center St alternating half road closure • Alternating one way traffic will remain in place with the assistance of flaggers

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Construction Mitigations

Noise and Dust Mitigation Best Practices

- **Strategic Equipment Placement**
  Position construction equipment and staging areas away from noise-sensitive locations whenever feasible. Incorporate noise barriers when appropriate.
- **Low-Impact Tools and Methods**
  - > Limit use of high-impact equipment such as jackhammers and hoe rams
  - > Prioritize quieter alternatives like concrete crushers and pavement saws
- **Idle-Free Operations**
  Avoid unnecessary idling of construction equipment to reduce emissions and noise
- **Dust Control Measures**
  Conduct regular watering of work areas to minimize airborne dust and maintain air quality

Watering truck east of One Santa Fe reduces dust.

Workers monitor noise as excavation in the south yard continues.

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Regional Connector: Safety Security & Architectural Enhancements Project

Project Background

- 3 underground stations
  - Little Tokyo/Arts District
  - Historic Broadway
  - Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill
- Opened to revenue service June 2023
- Requests for enhancements since opening
- Funding secured for “Clean-up” construction contract

Safety Enhancements

Installation of emergency walkway ramps at hazards

Installation of handrails with LED lighting (Grand Av Arts)

Security Enhancements (Completed)

Installation of additional bollards at station plazas

Fence replacement at Grand Av Arts hillside

Architectural Enhancements

Fire sprinkler coverings (Little Tokyo/Arts District)

Supplemental shading canopies (Little Tokyo/Arts District)

Civil Enhancements (Completed)

Push button installation at 5th and Flower streets, south-west corner

Push button relocation between 5th and 4th streets mid-crossing along Flower Street

Look Ahead Schedule

ACTIVITY	DURATION| WORK HOURS| LOCATION	ACCESS
Station Plaza Enhancements: This includes the installation of bollards on the station's plaza, canopy for ticket vending machine and other station enhancements	• Scheduled through November 2025 • Daytime: 9am-3:30pm, Mon-Fri, • A & E Line Little Tokyo/ Arts District Station & Plaza	• Station remains open during construction
Utility Adjustment	• Anticipated to start Winter 2025 • Work hours: 9:00pm – 6:00am, Mon-Sun • Will take approximately four to six weeks to complete • On Alameda St at Commercial St	• Thru access will be maintained during most phases of work. • A directional closure of northbound Alameda St will be needed temporarily. • Traffic will be detoured at Temple St, to Vignes St, to Commercial St, back to Alameda St. Signs will direct motorists. • The work area will be secured with barriers. • Pedestrian access will be maintained outside the area.

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