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EASTSIDE TRANSIT CORRIDOR PHASE 2

Fact Sheet



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Overview

Metro has a plan to create better access to jobs, schools and more for the eastside communities. Among these is the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 project (project), an approximately nine-mile extension of the Metro E Line farther east from its current terminus at Atlantic Bl/Pomona Bl in East Los Angeles to the City of Whittier, as well as providing regional access and connecting to the Metro and countywide transit network.

In December 2022, the Metro Board of Directors selected the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) as the Initial Operating Segment (IOS) from the existing Atlantic Bl/Pomona Bl Station to the Greenwood Station and a 39-acre maintenance and storage facility in the City of Montebello, while designating Lambert Station in the City of Whittier as the final eastern terminus for the project. Metro is committed to delivering the full nine-mile E Line extension to Whittier; however, due to the state and federal funding constraints, the project will be constructed in phases. The initial phase of the project will extend the existing E Line from East Los Angeles to Montebello.

Once the extension to Lambert Station (terminus) in the City of Whittier is complete, the line will provide essential public transit for the cities of Commerce, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier, and the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles and West Whittier-Los Nietos.

Project Status

Metro has committed over \$3 billion of Measure M and R sales tax revenues and some state grants, but still needs to secure additional funding for this project. Metro is currently seeking federal funding for the IOS to the City of Montebello through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Construction is expected to start in 2029, as programmed under Measure M. For a full project history, visit the Project Hub at metro.net/eastsidephase2.

California Environmental Quality Act

Since 2019, Metro has continued the environmental process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to update the 2014 Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The environmental process included robust public engagement and opportunities for commenting. The CEQA process was officially completed in May 2024 with the Metro Board of Directors' certification of the Final EIR and the state's issuance of a Notice of Determination. This clears the approach for a two-phased extension of the E Line, beginning with an IOS that extends service from its current terminus at Atlantic Bl/Pomona Bl in East Los Angeles to Montebello's Greenwood Station.

National Environmental Policy Act

In February 2022, the Metro Board directed staff to reinitiate the NEPA environmental clearance process to pursue federal funding opportunities for the project. After completing the CEQA process, Metro obtained FTA's, the lead federal agency, concurrence in May 2025 for starting the one-year NEPA process to make the project IOS eligible for federal funding.

Metro held four public meetings and partnered with community-based organizations (CBOs) in January and February 2025 to provide project updates and notify the public of the NEPA process. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to federally clear the project's IOS to the City of Montebello and the locally preferred Maintenance & Storage Facility (MSF) option. **To minimize the project's potential environmental effects and costs, Metro has identified three design options for a smaller MSF for the project's initial phase, including two sites of 25-29 acres in Montebello and a nine-acre site in Commerce.** The EA will include three MSF options and will be released in May 2026 for public review with a 30-day comment period, public hearings and other outreach events. Only a single MSF site will be selected pending public comments received during the NEPA process and future Metro Board decision in summer 2026. **To view the NEPA/EA document, please visit the interactive tool at metro.net/eastsidephase2.** If the EA demonstrates that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, the process concludes with a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). Once this process is completed, the project will be eligible to pursue federal funding opportunities.

NEPA Schedule



ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Next Steps

Metro expects to complete the NEPA process by fall 2026 to allow the project to seek federal funding opportunities for the IOS to the City of Montebello. Throughout this phase, the team will engage with corridor communities to promote public meetings, including public hearings planned in spring/summer 2026. Coordination will continue with corridor cities, property owners, third-party utility owners and other key local, state and federal agency stakeholders during the NEPA process.

Pre-Construction and Utilities Coordination

To facilitate future construction, the project team will continue coordinating potholing, soil sampling, utilities and other underground activities throughout the project corridor. The project website will be updated 72 hours prior to any activity and email notifications will be disseminated to individuals who sign up to receive project updates on the website at metro.net/eastsidephase2.

Equity

Metro is committed to equity, transparency and maximizing public participation, and will provide information to allow corridor stakeholders to be educated, informed and provide valuable input at key milestones.

Metro is interested in genuinely engaging impacted communities during this environmental process. This includes historically underrepresented populations, those with limited income, limited English proficiency and persons living with disabilities. Metro will continue its partnership with community-based organizations to ensure it reaches all of the segments of our communities.

All project information materials are provided in English and Spanish. Please be sure to visit the project website to sign up to receive project updates, including details for other engagement opportunities.

CONTACT US

Please use the following contact tools to access more project information, sign up for updates and ask a question or provide comments:

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