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Agenda

- > **Opening Remarks (5 min.)**
- > **Metro Presentation (25 min.)**
 - **Project Overview & Update**
 - **Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) Study**
 - **How to Provide Comments**
 - **Next Steps**
- > **Public Hearing – Receive Formal Verbal Comments (60 min.)**
- > **Closing Remarks**

Public Hearing Format



Court Reporter will document public verbal comments after the formal presentation



Simultaneous Spanish interpretation available

Public Hearing Guidelines

Metro is committed to ensuring that all participants can fairly and clearly share ideas, comments and concerns about this project.

To provide a safe and equitable process, we are asking for your help.

During this public hearing, please:

- > Respect the format of the meeting and allow everyone an opportunity to speak
- > Turn off cell phones and background noise when speaking
- > Treat fellow community members, agency representatives, Metro staff and others with respect, both during and after the hearing
- > Address all comments to Metro staff and consultants – not to other attendees
- > Maintain a conversational tone



Project Overview & Update



Metro

We're Creating LA'S Transportation Future

Recent Station Openings

- October 2022: K Line (Crenshaw/LAX)
- June 2023: Regional Connector
- June 2025: MTC Station at LAX
- September 2025: A Line Extension to Pomona
- May 2026: D Line Section 1 from Downtown LA to Mid-Wilshire, Miracle Mile, and Koreatown
- Spring 2027: D Line Section 2 to Beverly Hills and Century City
- Fall 2027: D Line Section 3 to Westwood/UCLA and VA Hospital



Source: Metro Short Range Transportation Plan (2025)

Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

> **May 2024:** Metro Board approved the Final EIR per CEQA for **9-mile Extension of the Metro E Line.**

Initial Phase

- Atlantic/Pomona Station in East Los Angeles to Greenwood/Washington Station in Montebello
- Connects the communities and cities of: East Los Angeles, Commerce, and Montebello

Future Extension

- Greenwood/Washington Station in Montebello to Lambert/Washington Station in Whittier
- Connects the communities and cities of: Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, West Whittier-Los Nietos, Whittier

> **May 27, 2026** – Metro/FTA released the **Federal Environmental Assessment** for the **Initial Phase.**



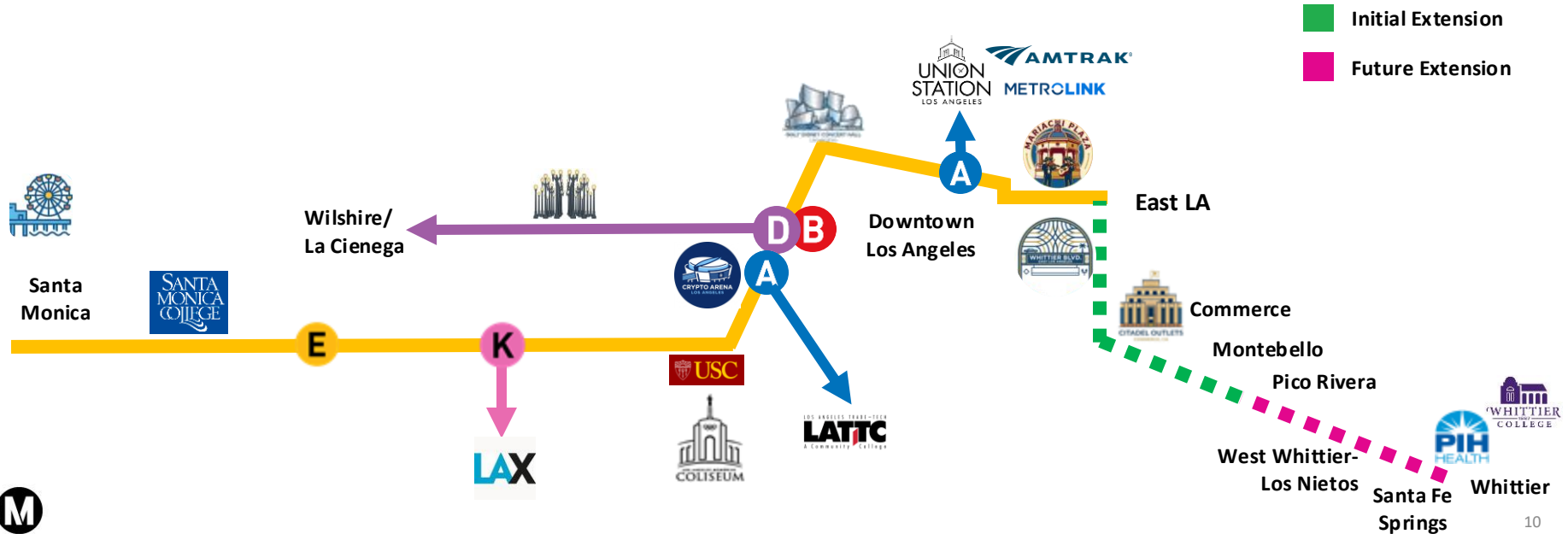
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E Line (in operation today)

- > 22 miles, 29 stations
- > 1-Seat Ride from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica
- > Connections to Metro Countywide Rail and Bus Network

E Line Extension Farther East

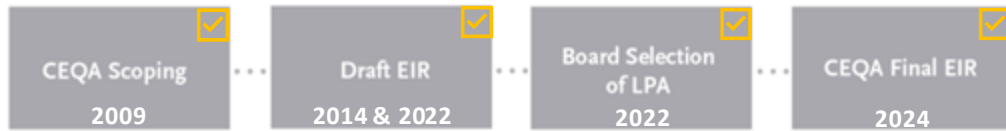
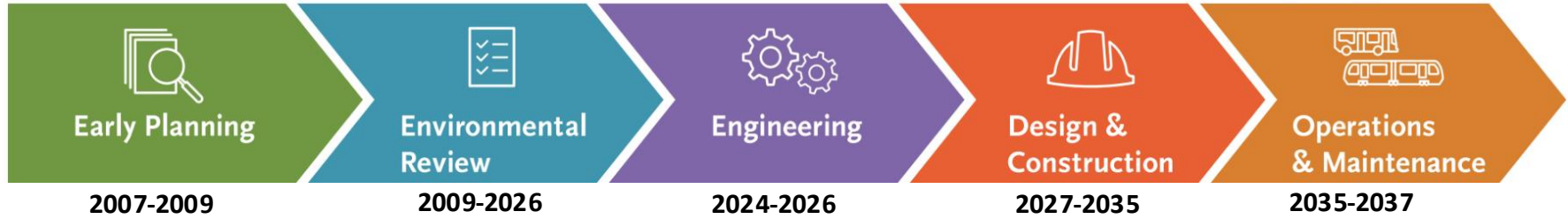
- > 9 miles, 7 stations (1 station relocation & 6 new stations)
- > Bridges more cultural, economic, and recreational hubs
- > Direct access to destinations (colleges, jobs, hospitals, sports)



NEPA Environment Assessment - Study Process



Stages of Project Development Since 2007



CEQA EIR COMPLETED

Environmentally cleared 9-mile corridor at state level in May 2024



NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- > Prerequisite for federal funding eligibility for Initial Phase to the City of Montebello
- > Informed decision-making
- > Public & agency transparency
- > Risk mitigation as it moves toward construction.

NEPA: *National Environmental Policy Act*

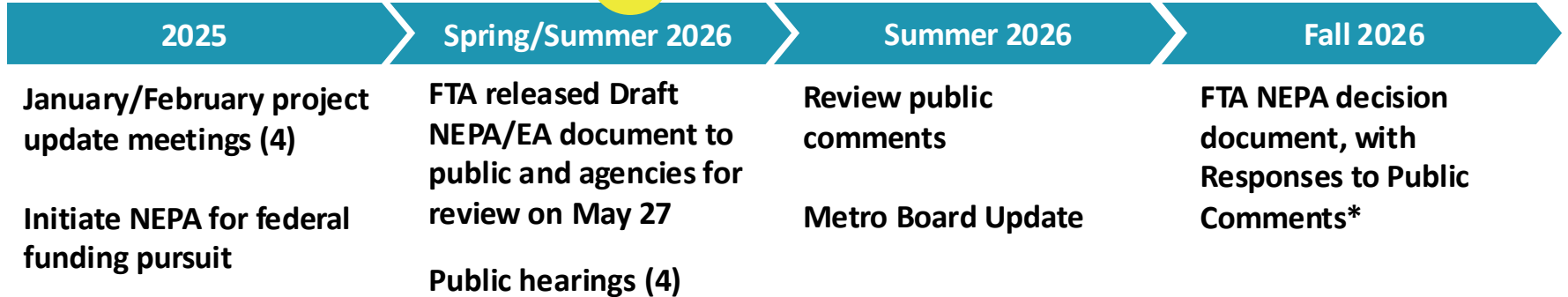
CEQA: *California Environmental Quality Act*

LPA: *Locally Preferred Alternative*



Federal Environmental Study for Initial Phase

WE
ARE
HERE



FTA: Federal Transit Administration
NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act
EA: Environmental Assessment



ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

***Note: Following public review of the NEPA Environmental Assessment, FTA will determine if this project may receive a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Completing the NEPA process is required for Metro to seek federal funding for construction of the project.**



Initial Phase under Federal Environmental Review

E Line Extension to Montebello Greenwood Station

> 4.7-mile E-Line Extension

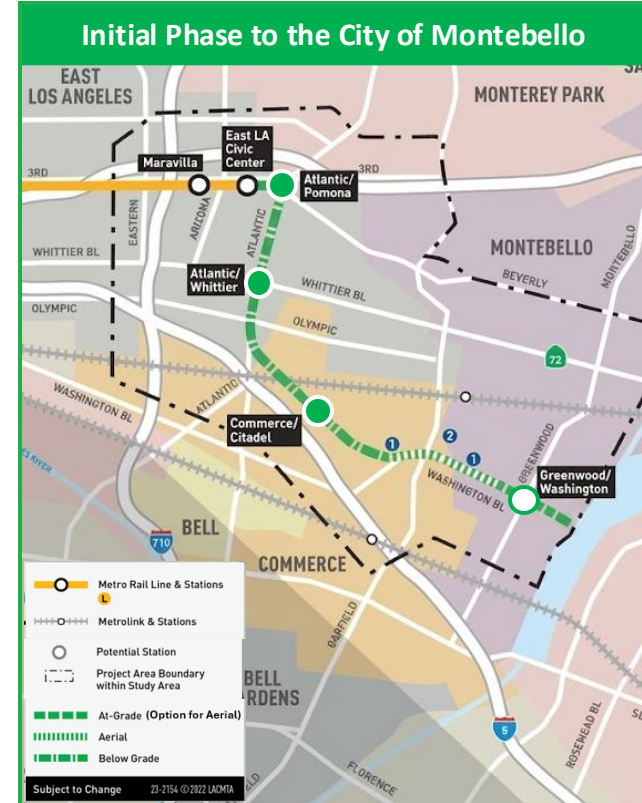
- 3.1 miles underground
- 0.9 miles aerial
- 0.7 miles at street level

> Four (4) New Stations

- Atlantic/Pomona Station (relocated/underground)
- Atlantic/Whittier Station (underground)
- Commerce/Citadel Station (underground)
- Greenwood/Washington Station (street level)

> Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF)

- 3 options: City of Commerce or City of Montebello (ongoing refinement study)



Project Benefits for Local and Regional Communities

Initial Phase to Montebello (4 stations)



Improved Multimodal Access & Connectivity

Direct/more frequent rail service connecting East LA Gateway Cities and other destinations



Serves Transit-dependent Communities

69,600 people within 0.5-mile radius of 4 stations



Provides Reliable and Affordable Travel

\$10.5 million/yr in passenger travel cost savings



Reduce Vehicle Emissions

Reduce 8,000 daily passenger vehicle miles traveled (VMT)



Eases Traffic Congestion

Reduce travel time by 50% – from 16+ min. by car to 8 min. by rail; 7,550 station boardings daily; 4.1 million passengers (opening year)



Economic Opportunities

11,600+ new jobs/local hiring; \$3.1 billions of additional economic activity for first 4 stations



Initial Phase – Cost Estimates, Funding, and Schedule

E Line Extension to Montebello Greenwood Station

> **Cost Estimates**

- \$7.9 billion (2022 estimates, 15% early design)
- Updated cost estimates pending final 30% design

> **Funding**

- Secured \$3.9 billion of local and state funds
- Seeking \$4 billion of other state and federal funding

> **Construction Schedule (Forecast*)**

- 2027: Utility adjustments and real estate acquisitions
- 2029: Groundbreaking for stations and guideway
- 2035-2037: Opening for revenue service

(pending availability for sufficient state and federal funding)*

> **Construction Relations and Mitigation Programs**



Community Meetings (January/February 2025)

> 2025 Community meetings (216 attendees)



3 in-person meetings
(East LA, Commerce, Montebello)



1 virtual meeting

> What We Heard



ADA accessibility: Ensure ADA compliance needs



Alignment: Clarity on how alignment was selected
(at grade vs underground), reduction in lanes



Construction: Schedule and where will it begin,
expediting construction. Impacts to schools
during construction.



Funding: based on recent federal changes.
Contingency plans if full funding is not secured



Maintenance & Storage Facility (MSF):
location and impacts to communities



Parking: details to parking or station,
multi-level parking, surface, including bicycle



Property acquisition: acquisition and
notification process to impacted owners



Safety: for riders; presence of security or not.
Concerns over safety during earthquakes
with underground stations.

Key Project Design Enhancements (Initial Phase)



Project New Design Enhancements for Initial Phase

Following January 2025 community meetings

Metro held routine, ongoing design coordination with corridor cities to continue design efforts for all 4 stations, with 3 special studies:



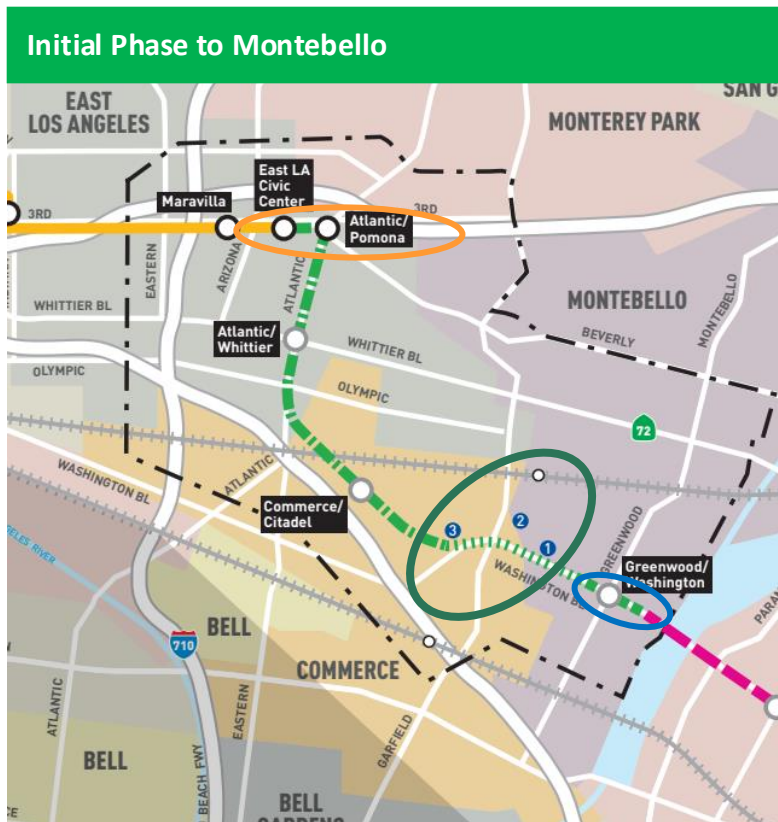
Maintenance & Storage Facility Refinement Study



3rd Street Design Study for Rail Extension and Safe Access



Montebello Station Area Traffic Design Refinements



Maintenance & Storage Facility (MSF) Refinement Study

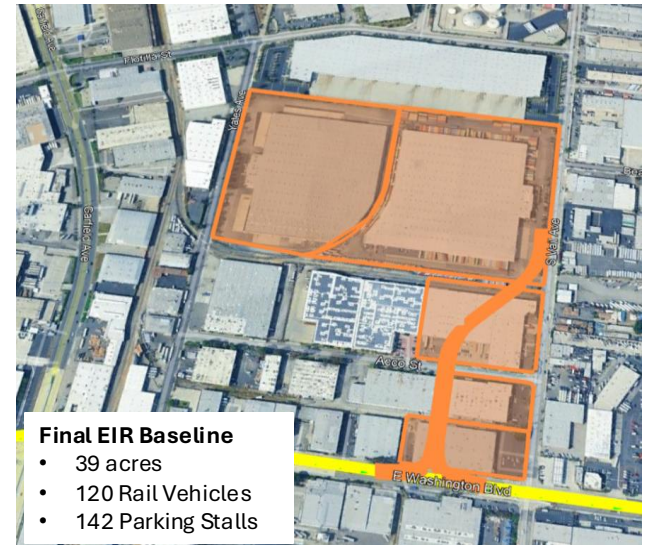
In May 2025, Metro started an MSF design refinement study to address concerns from the public and the City of Montebello for the 39-acre MSF site in Montebello from the 2024 Final EIR.

> **Purposes of MSF: storage and maintenance of light rail vehicles for Initial Phase and E Line system**

- Store rail cars off the main operating tracks
- Clean, maintain, and repair rail cars, tracks and other components
- Office space for rail operations
- Employs train operators, maintenance workers, security personnel, etc.
- Typically located in industrial areas, near the lines they serve

> **Metro is right-sizing the MSF, considering:**

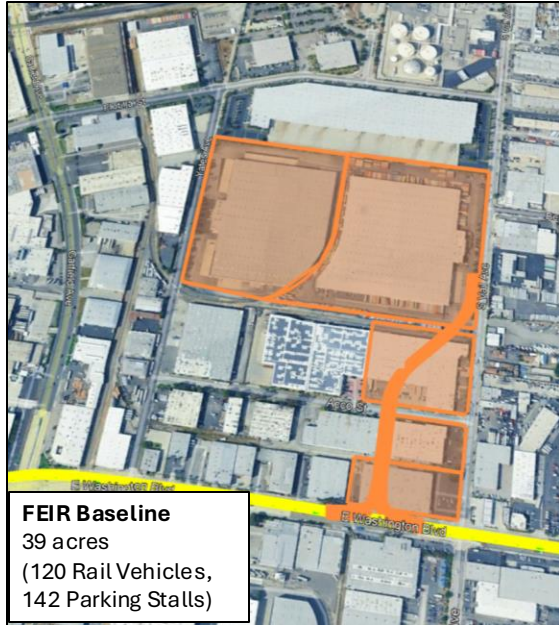
- Operational needs of the project
- Environmental impacts
- Construction timeline
- Cost savings
- Reduction to 3% local match
- Economic opportunities for new construction (jobs, retail)



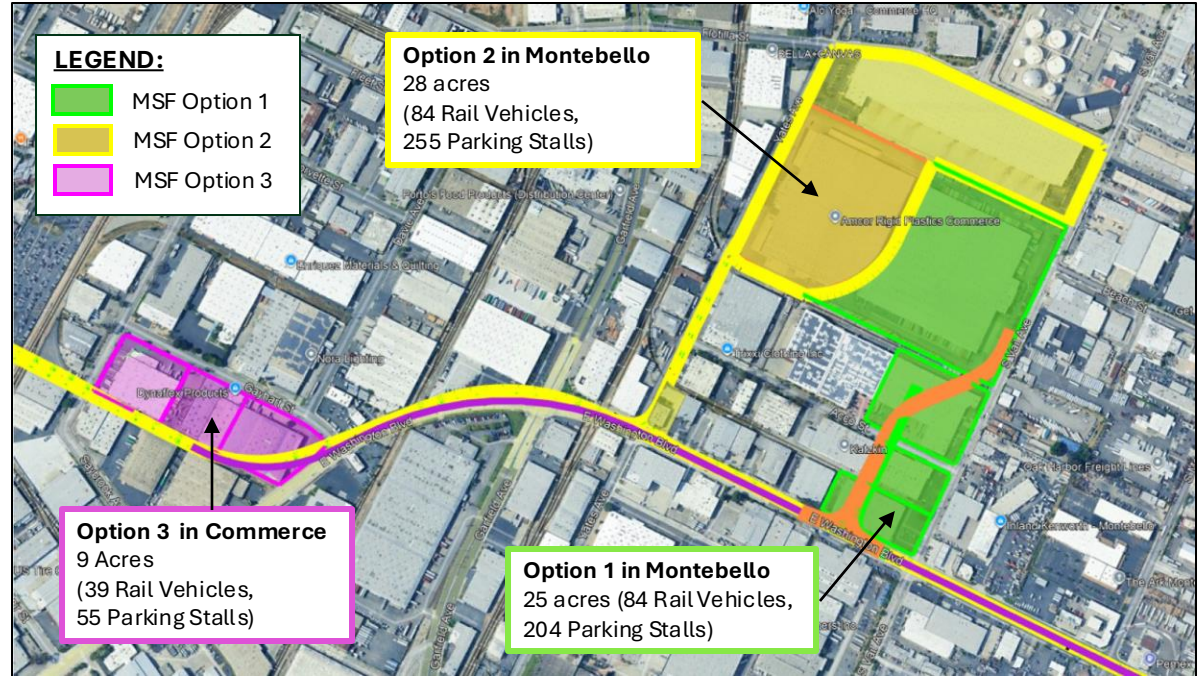
Source: Montebello MSF (2024 Final EIR)

Maintenance & Storage Facility (MSF) Refinement Study

Three New Options for Initial Phase in EA



Montebello MSF (2024 Final EIR)



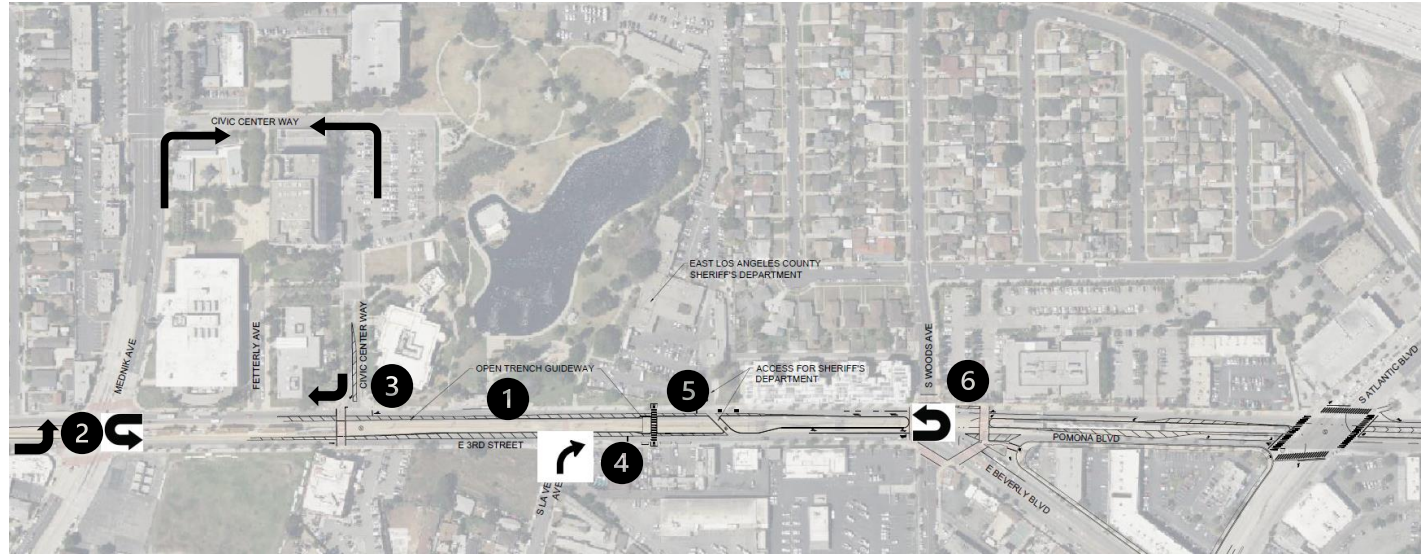
Three New MSF Options (May 2026 EA)

- *Option 1 and 2 require acquisition of new parcels for an MSF in Montebello.*
- *Option 3 proposes repurposing parcels identified in the certified Final EIR for construction staging for tunnel boring activities for an MSF in Commerce.*

Third Street Design Study for Rail Extension and Safe Access

East Los Angeles, from Mednik Ave to Atlantic Blvd

Metro is actively collaborating with L.A. County Departments, including the Sheriff's Department and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), aiming to improve emergency response time, enhance safety across all transportation modes, and reduce travel times for both rail and general traffic along 3rd Street.



1 New Train Tunnel:

E Line will transition from street level at Civic Center Station to an open guideway to connect to the relocated and fully underground Atlantic/Pomona Station.

2 3rd St/Mednik Av:

U-turn allowed

3 3rd St/Civic Center Way:

Right Turn Only for train and traffic safety.

4 3rd St/La Verne Av:

Right Turn Only; Existing pedestrian crossing to be shifted eastward

5 3rd St/Sheriff Building Driveway:

Left turns allowed, with new pedestrian crossing

6 3rd St/Woods Ave:

Eastbound U-turn allowed

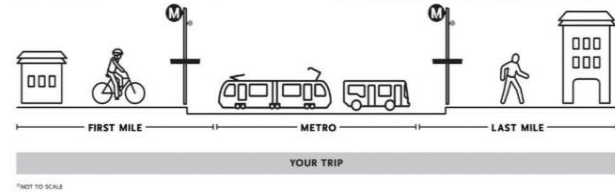


Montebello Station Area Traffic Design Study

(Washington Bl from Maple Av to Montebello Bl)

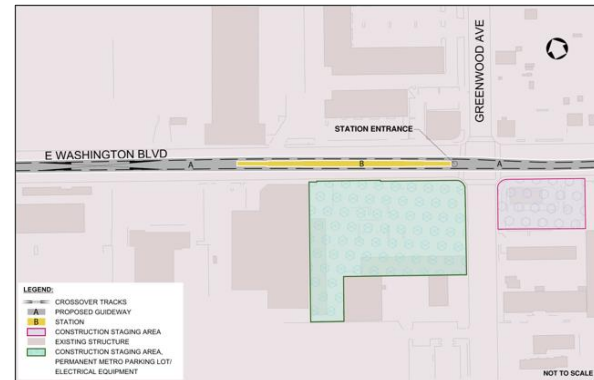
Metro has ongoing design coordination meetings with the City of Montebello for integrating the initial phase of the light rail extension with the Washington Boulevard Corridor, including:

- Utility protection and adjustment
- Pre-construction survey permits
- First/last mile access (e.g., ADA and bike lane)
- Transit-oriented and joint development opportunities



The NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated the following:

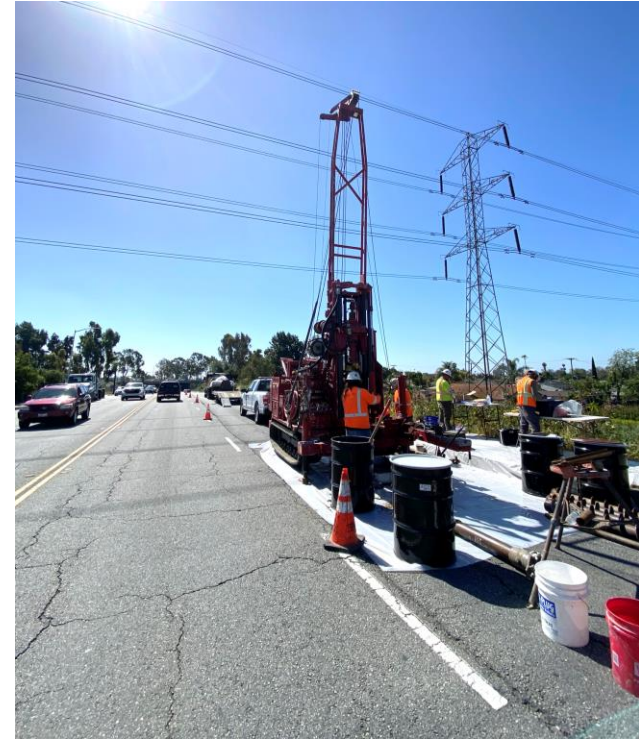
- Traffic engineering design refinement options (e.g., with or without left turn lanes)
- Construction Staging options (new acquisitions)



Pre-Construction Surveys in 2025-2026

Metro completed field surveys to confirm the anticipated locations of existing utilities, soil, and groundwater conditions to assist in engineering design and to minimize construction risks as much as possible.

- > **158 Soil Borings** completed for full 9-mile rail extension.
- > **177 Utility Potholes** completed for 4.7-mile initial rail extension.
- > **8,000+ flyers for door-to-door distribution** within 500 ft buffer around impacted locations.
- > **Eblasts** to cities, project database users, elected officials, municipal buses, emergency responders, and schools.



NEPA Environmental Assessment – Study Findings



NEPA Environmental Study – Topics

Additional Studies in May 2026 Federal NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA)^[1]

- > Section 4(f) Evaluation^[2]
- > Section 106 (historic and cultural resources)
- > Economics and Fiscal Impacts
- > Real Estate and Acquisitions

Notes:

1. *Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the lead agency for the Environmental Assessment for the Initial Phase to Montebello. Metro is the Project Sponsor. Several environmental topics were addressed in 2024 Certified FEIR, but there are some differences in the specific topics evaluated in the NEPA EA.*
2. *Section 4(f) Evaluation includes Park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites.*
3. *Climate Change and Cumulative Impacts are not required for the NEPA analysis.*

- > Air Quality
- > 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



Types of Environmental Effects



Beneficial Effect: The alternative would improve environmental resource value or quality as it exists prior to the alternative.



No Adverse Effect: The alternative could result in alterations to the environmental setting but would not negatively affect the environmental resource value or quality as it exists prior to the alternative.



No Adverse Effect with Mitigation: With implementation of mitigation measure(s), the alternative could result in alterations to the environmental setting but would not negatively affect the environmental resource value or quality as it exists prior to the alternative.

Summary of Potential Environmental Effects from EA

ENVIRONMENTAL TOPIC	NO ADVERSE EFFECT	
	NO MITIGATION NEEDED ¹	WITH MITIGATION ²
Acquisition and Relocation		●
Air Quality	●	
Biological Resources		●
Community Impacts		●
Economic Impacts ³ – Construction	●	
Geology, Seismic, Soils and Paleontological Resources		●
Hazardous Materials		●
Historic, Archeological, and Tribal Resources		●

The Initial Phase of the Project is not anticipated to have adverse environmental effects or residential displacement.

NEPA analysis determined:

- No mitigation is needed, or
- Adverse Effects are mitigable

Project would have a “Beneficial Effect” on Economic conditions.



Summary of Potential Environmental Effects from EA (cont'd)

ENVIRONMENTAL TOPIC	NO ADVERSE EFFECT	
	NO MITIGATION NEEDED ¹	WITH MITIGATION ²
Land Use and Development		●
Noise and Vibration		●
Safety and Security		●
Section 4(f)		●
Transportation		●
Visual Resources and Aesthetics		●
Water Resources		●

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Notes

¹ - **“No adverse effect”**: The alternative could result in alterations to the environmental setting but would not negatively affect the environmental resource value or quality as it exists prior to the alternative.

² - **“No Adverse Effect with Mitigation”**: With implementation of mitigation measure(s), the alternative could result in alterations to the environmental setting but would not negatively affect the environmental resource value or quality as it exists prior to the alternative.

³ - Regarding **“Economic Impacts”**, construction of the Build alternative would have **“No Adverse Effect”**. **Operations of the Build Alternative would have “Beneficial Effect” on Economic Conditions.**



Examples for Protection and Mitigation Measures

Environmental Assessment (EA)



BIOLOGY

Nesting Birds

Conducting nest surveys prior to construction activities



CULTURAL

Protect Resources

Provide vibration measurements for tunnel boring activities, pre-construction surveys and documentation to protect known sensitive resources (such as CVS Pharmacy/ Golden Gate Theater).



NOISE

Truck Staging

Contract requirement to not stage trucks in residential areas.



TRAFFIC

Traffic Management Plan (TMP)

Prepare a TMP to facilitate traffic flow in and around construction zones, including schedule construction-related travel (i.e., deliveries) during off-peak hours and maintain two-way traffic circulation along affected roadways during peak hours.



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Construction Best Management Practices

Compliance with federal and state agencies, as well as preparing a stormwater pollution prevention plan.

NEPA EA identifies the project's reasonably foreseeable environmental effects and provides protection measures and/or mitigation measures that would be implemented to address the project's permanent and temporary effects on the environment.

What's Next After Public Commenting Period

**Summer
2026**

- ✓ Review public and agency comments on the Environmental Assessment
- ✓ Update Metro Board

**Fall
2026**

- ✓ Prepare NEPA Decision Document with responses to comments
- ✓ Continue stakeholder and community engagement

How to Provide Comments



Public Comments on Environmental Assessment (EA)

Initial Phase from East Los Angeles to Montebello

30-Day Comment Period: May 27 to June 26, 2026



Project website: metro.net/eastside_phase2/

EA online version: us.planengage.com/eastsidetransitcorridorphase2



Hotline: 213.922.3012



Email: eastsidephase2@metro.net



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Public Hearings (June 2026)

Printed Draft EA is available at:

- > **Federal Transit Administration, Region 9 Southern California Office**
888 S Figueroa St Ste 440, Los Angeles, CA
- > **Metro HQ, Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library**
One Gateway Plaza, Fl 15, Los Angeles, CA
- > **East Los Angeles Library**
4837 E 3rd St, Los Angeles, CA
- > **Rosewood Neighborhood Library**
5655 Jillson St, Commerce, CA
- > **Chet Holifield County Library**
1060 S Greenwood Ave, Montebello, CA



Online Commenting Option via PlanEngage by June 26

Environmental Assessment (EA)

Metro Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

Welcome

Executive Summary

Resumen Ejecutivo

1.0 Purpose and Need

2.0 Description of Alternatives

3.0 Affected Environment and Consequences

4.0 Section 4(f) Properties

5.0 Public Involvement

Appendices

EA (PDF)

Notice of Availability

Welcome

Welcome to the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA and its appendices are also available for review as a [PDF here](#).

This EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to assess the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) are the lead agencies for this project.

Printed copies of the EA are available at the five locations listed below and [Summary – English](#) and [Resumen Ejecutivo – Español](#).

- Federal Transit Administration, Region 9 Southern California Office, 888 S Figueroa St Ste 440, Los Angeles, CA 90017
- Metro Headquarters, Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (please email library@metro.net to schedule an appointment)
- East Los Angeles Library, 4837 E 3rd Street, East Los Angeles, CA 90022
- Rosewood Neighborhood Library, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040
- Chet Holifield County Library, 1060 S Greenwood Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640

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Public Hearings – Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

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EAST LOS ANGELES

Saturday, June 6, 2026, 10am–12pm

East Los Angeles Library
4837 E 3rd St
Los Angeles, CA 90022

COMMERCE

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 6–8pm

Commerce Senior Citizens Center
2555 Commerce Wy
Commerce, CA 90040

MONTEBELLO

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 10am–12pm

Chet Holifield Park Community Center
1060 S Greenwood Av
Montebello, CA 90640

VIRTUAL

Monday, June 8, 2026, 11:30am–1pm

Zoom – English

Link: tinyurl.com/EastsideHearings

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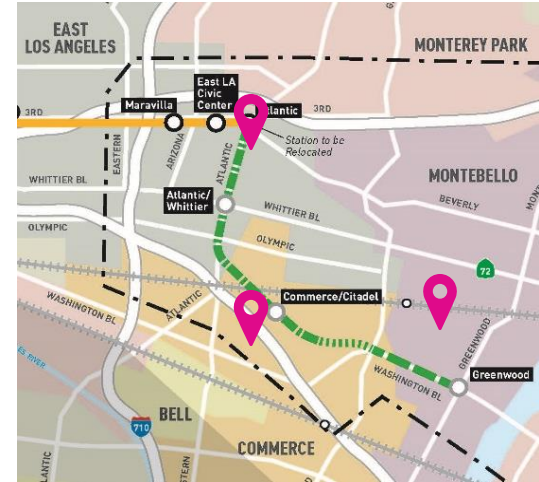
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Verbal Public Comment Protocol

This is a comment session only; responses will be provided in the final environmental document.



Via Zoom: Verbal comments can be submitted using the Raise Hand function.

- > Project staff will call on hands in the order they are received.
- > Please unmute your microphone when you are called upon.
- > Before providing your comment, please state your full name for the record (please spell if necessary).



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Public Comments

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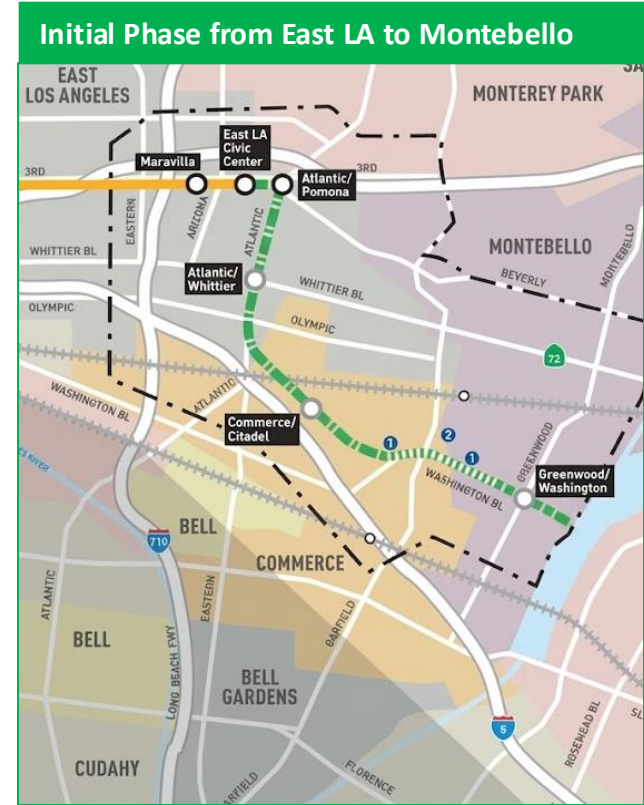
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- > Please start with your name & zip code.

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NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA)



Riding Metro is about to get even easier.

- > Regular fare riders can now tap a credit or debit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay to ride Metro.
- > Riders still receive two hours of free transfers and fare-capping benefits when using the same card or device.
- > TAP cards remain available and should still be used by Reduced Fare and GoPass riders.
- > Reduced Fare credit/debit payment is expected in 2027.



Metro Launches New Public Safety Hub and Dashboard

- > Metro's new Public Safety Hub brings safety information, data and rider resources into one centralized location.
- > The dashboard shares regularly updated safety metrics, including reported crime, security activity, ridership and other system trends.
- > The hub supports Metro's broader public safety strategy: more visible safety presence, better system access control and stronger partnerships to address issues affecting riders.



Metro Transit Security Officers

Transit Security Officers are trained Metro employees who understand the unique needs of our system and our riders. These officers enforce the code of conduct and fare payment across the transit system, ensuring compliance and maintaining order.

Metro Transit Security Officers focus on:

- Patrolling the system regularly.
- De-escalating situations and maintain order and lawfulness on the system.
- Enforcing the Metro code of conduct and issuing citations.
- Communicating incidents directly with Metro Operations Centers, law enforcement partners, and emergency service providers.
- Fare checks and enforcement.



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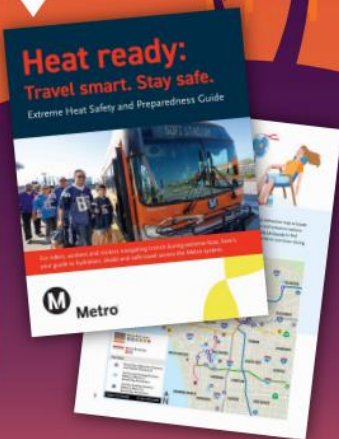


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 Cooling Stations

 Heat Safety Tips

 Hydration Resources



Metro is helping riders stay safe during extreme heat through the **Beat the Heat** campaign. Before your next trip, scan the QR code to access Metro's **Heat Awareness Guidebook**, where you can find cooling stations, hydration resources, heat safety tips and information about signing up for heat and weather alerts.

This guide is especially helpful if you are riding during the hottest part of the day, transferring between buses or trains, attending a major event or traveling with children, older adults or anyone more sensitive to heat. The information is available online and can be translated into multiple languages using the page's translation feature.

Take a minute before you travel: scan the code, review nearby cooling and hydration resources, sign up for alerts and plan your trip with heat safety in mind. Staying informed can help you ride Metro more comfortably and safely during hot weather.



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