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EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

**Community Leadership Council Meeting
8/06/26**



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Code of Conduct

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 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
- Please address all comments to Metro staff and consultants – not to other attendees

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AND RIDER ALERTS



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EVENTS AND
MILESTONES



PROJECT UPDATES
ACROSS THE REGION



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HELP YOU PLAN
AHEAD

> Weekly Friday Email:

- <https://gometro.la/friday>

> Monthly Metro Newsletter

- <https://gometro.la/Newsletter>

Thank you for joining us!

Agenda Item	Presenter
Welcome Agenda Overview / CLC Member Introduction	Jesse Leon , Community Relations Manager, CLC Manager
Metro Art Update	Katie Norman , Senior Manager, Art + Community Enrichment
Project Update	Greg Gastelum , Senior Executive Officer, Project Manager
Contractor Construction 3rd Party Construction	Alex Gonzalez , Deputy Project Manager of Construction
Business Interruption Fund (BIF)	Angela Winston , Director, BIF & BSS
Eat Shop Play	Aurea Adao , Manager, Business Engagement & Mitigation Programs
Antelope Valley Line Improvements / San Fernando Valley / Pacoima Metrolink Station and Mobility Hub	Brian Gavidia , Director, Local Government
Q & A	Everyone

CLC Overview

CLC Member Introductions



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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. CLC members serve a [term of two years \(term ends April 2028\)](#). The CLC works with Metro by:

- participating in **quarterly** virtual or in-person meetings
- lightly reviewing materials in preparation for these advisory body meetings
- providing feedback on topics discussed at these advisory body meetings
- helping to identify ways to raise awareness on opportunities in the areas below

Community Engagement

- Activities within the Scope of Project
- Metro CBO Partnering Strategy
- Cultural Competency Plan
- Outreach about arts opportunities

Economic Development & Business Support

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



CLC Members (2026-2028)



Roberto Barragan



Sonya Blake



Zenia Chamorro



Quirino de la Cuesta



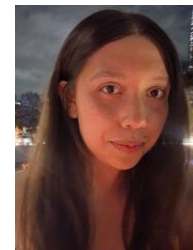
Cesar de la Cruz



Caesar Huerta



Anna Justice



Mailie Estupian



Brenda Morales



Luis Rodriguez



Rosa Ruiz



Kathy Schreiner



Marc Shouhed



Joseph Venzon



Damian Villagomez



Metro Art Update

Metro Art Background

- Began with first Metro Rail project
- 2nd largest transit art collection in country
- Over 1,000 artists & designers
- Internationally & nationally recognized (100+ awards)



Metro Art Program Policy

- The Metro Art Policy allocates 0.5% of transit construction costs for public art for the project
- All stations will include architecturally integrated, site-responsive artwork
- Artists are identified through an open competitive process



Metro Art Updates

- Call to Artists open July 14 – Sept 22, 2025
- Targeted local outreach included:
 - Sent in Metro Art emails reaching 32K people, Metro Community Relations weekly emails reaching 55K people and monthly newsletters reaching 199K people
 - Shared the Call to Artists with ESFV community arts organizations
 - 200K postcards distributed in the project area and on the Metro system in English and Spanish
 - Announcements on radio, social media, print and online publications in English and Spanish
- Artist Workshops held at:
 - Pacoima Beautiful, CSUN and Van Nuys Branch Library
 - Virtual Artist Workshop online (1,900 views)
- Media coverage:
 - *Los Angeles Magazine* and *San Fernando Sun*



CLC Engagement

- Provide recommendations for places to hold meetings and events with the future Metro-commissioned artists for ESFV
- Share information about Metro Art events
- Suggest places to distribute information about opportunities for artists and arts & culture organizations
- Encourage artists to sign up for the Metro Art email list so they will be notified about upcoming opportunities
- Help spread the word about future opportunities for artists and arts & culture orgs



Metro Art – Stay in Touch

Sign up for email updates at metro.net/art



East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project

Overview

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.



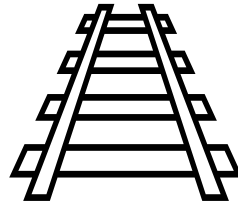
Where can we connect?



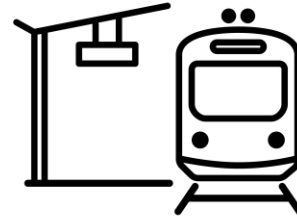
ESFV LRT Project Scope



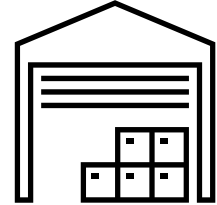
ESFV LRT Project



6.7 miles At-Grade
Double Track
Alignment



11
Center-Platform
Stations



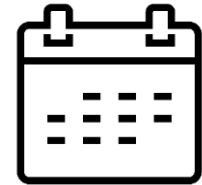
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Storage
Facility (MSF)



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Traction Power
Substations
(TPSS) Sites

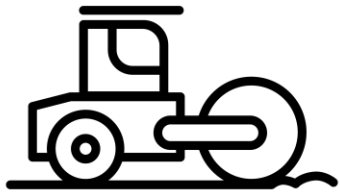
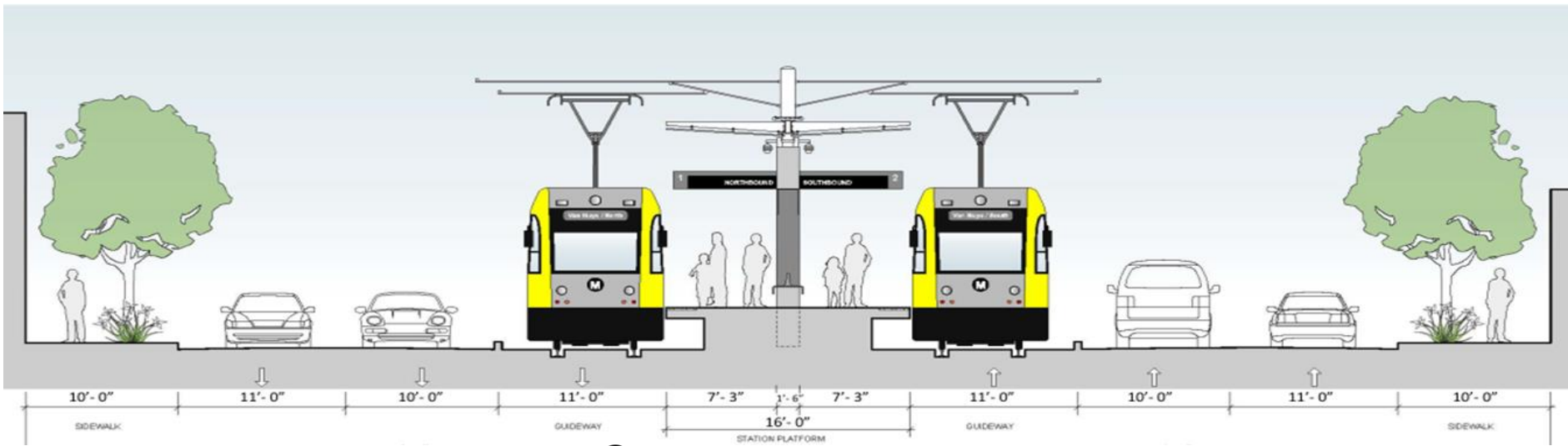


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(Federal /State/ Local)

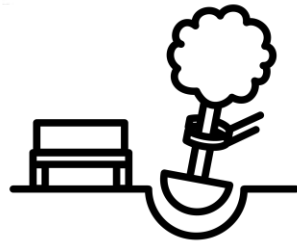


Project
Forecasted to
Open Late 2031

Van Nuys BI After Project Completion



Street & Sidewalk
Improvements



New Trees
2:1 Replacement



New Lighting

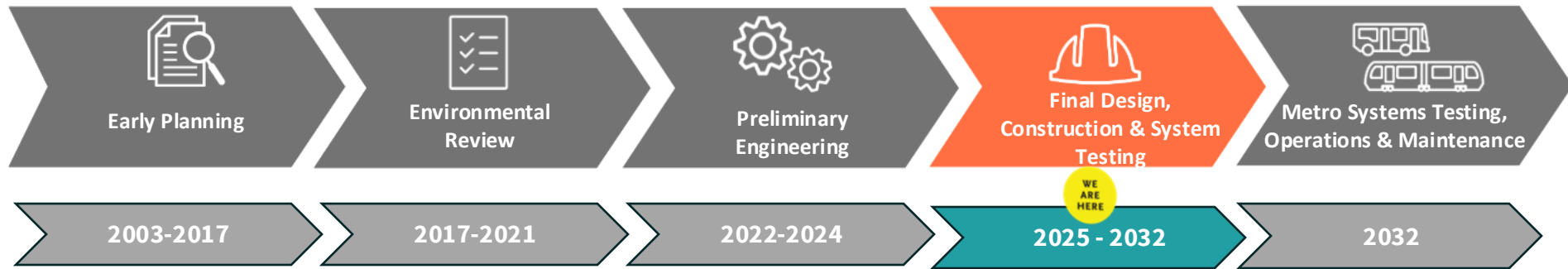


Parking
Removal



Bike Lane
Removal and
Relocation

Project Schedule



- Board established Life of Project Budget
- Proceed with construction (Phase 2) awarded on July 1 to San Fernando Transit Constructors
- Real estate acquisitions and relocations continue
- Continuing to complete Final Design

Construction Activities

Project Construction Schedule (Forecasted)

WE
ARE
HERE

2026

2027

2028

2029

2030

2031

2032

Utility Adjustments

- sewer, water line, gas line construction

Maintenance & Storage Facility

- Demolition & Construction

Phase 2 Construction

- tracks and overhead powerlines, stations, traction power substations
- Civil Improvements: curbs & gutters, sidewalks, street restoration, tree planting

Forecasted Project
Completion



Project Construction Photos



Utility work in Pacoima involving the installation of a water pipe



Work being performed to protect existing sewer lines in Panorama City



Work crews in Van Nuys conducting work for the Pacoima Wash box culvert reconstruction



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



Construction in Van Nuys



1) Advanced Utility Work: Van Nuys BL from Oxnard St to Valerio St

- **When:** Began June 2026 and will continue through Spring 2027.
- **Notable:** Work is taking place primarily at night, between 8pm and 6am, Monday through Friday. Day time hours may be used in the future. Work involves partial or full street closures of various side streets and directional street closures.

2) Pacoima Wash Box Culvert Replacement: Van Nuys BL from Valerio St to Covello St

- **When:** Began May 2026 and will continue through September 2026.
- **Notable:** Work is taking place day and night within the long-term concrete barrier area. To accommodate the work, the street has been reduced to one lane in each direction. Additional utility work is also being performed outside of the barriers at night to complete remaining utility relocation activities north of Covello St.

3) Building Demolition and Abatement for the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF)

- **When:** Began March 2026 and will continue through February 2027.
- **Notable:** Properties that Metro has acquired are being demolished to make way for temporary laydown yard and future MSF construction.

Construction in Panorama City and Arleta



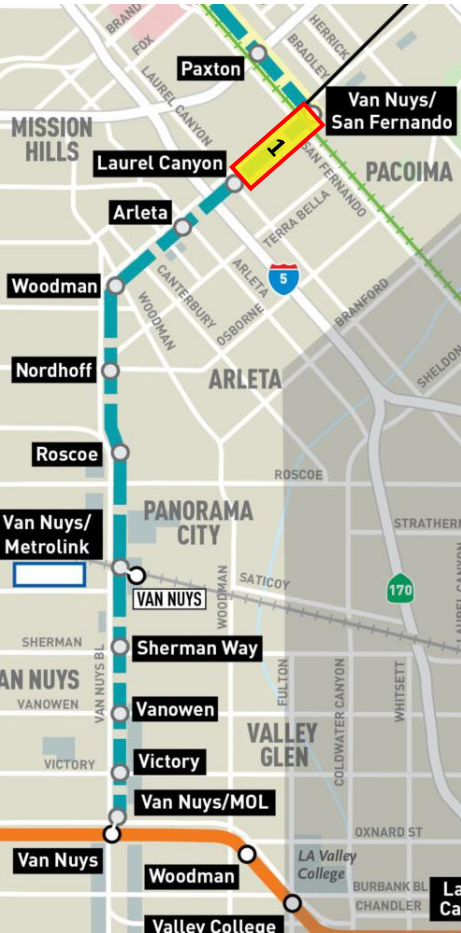
1) Sewer Line Encasement Work: Van Nuys Bl and Vesper Av

- **When:** Began July 2026 and will continue through Fall 2026.
- **Notable:** Work is taking place at night at Vesper Av, but traffic control items extend between Plummer St and Canterbury Av. Van Nuys Bl remains open with lane reductions and left turn restrictions.

2) Sewer Line Relocation & Encasement Work: Van Nuys Bl and Woodman AV

- **When:** Work is expected to begin August 19, 2026 and continue through early-Fall 2026
- **Notable:** Work will take place at night and involve different traffic control configurations. Van Nuys Bl will remain open with at least one lane in each direction at all times. During certain work activities, through traffic across Woodman Av will not be permitted, and drivers will be detoured.

Construction in Pacoima



1) Advance Utility Work: Van Nuys Bl from Remick Ave to San Fernando Rd

- **When:** Began January 2026 and will continue through early-Spring 2027.
- **Notable:** Work involves the installation of new waterlines and takes place primarily at night, from 8pm to 6am, Monday through Friday.
- Work is currently taking place on Van Nuys Bl from Remick Av to O'Melveny and from Telfair Av to San Fernando Rd.
- For all construction activities, parking restrictions may be in place during work shifts and vehicles must not park there or may be cited or removed.



Crews backfill a trench before placing a steel plate so the roadway can reopen outside of work hours

LADWP Improvement Project Work

(Did you know LADWP is constructing its own Project?)



THE FUTURE
OF POWER
IN LA

3-MILE UNDERGROUNDING VAN NUYS BLVD. – PARTHENIA ST. TO SAN FERNANDO RD.

Project Background

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will convert existing overhead power lines to underground along Van Nuys Blvd. between Parthenia St. and San Fernando Rd. This 3-mile undergrounding project aims to enhance power reliability, address forecasted capacity needs, and improve the overall aesthetics of the surrounding community.

Construction Details

Construction activities will include excavation, conduit and vault installations, and street restoration.

Construction Schedule

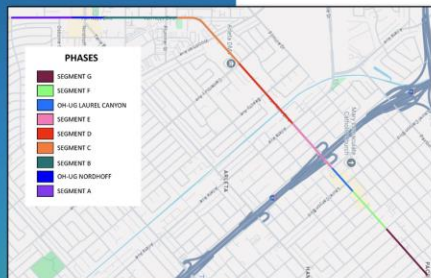
Construction activities for the first segment (Segment G) of the 3-mile undergrounding are anticipated to start mid-January 2025 and be completed by October 2025. Work hours will be 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Traffic Information

For the construction of Segment G, street closures along Kewen Ave., Cayuga Ave., Tamarack Ave., El Dorado Ave., Ilex Ave., and Pinney St. will be required. Lane closures and parking restrictions along Van Nuys Blvd. are expected. Temporary towaway or no parking signs will be posted as needed. Driveway access will be maintained unless notified in advance.

Project Benefits

- Improve power reliability and meet forecasted capacity needs.
- Reduce long-term maintenance and replacement costs.



- LADWP is conducting work on their own system to convert existing overhead power lines to underground.
- Construction for LADWP work involves excavation, conduit and vault installation, and street restoration.
- **Current LADWP work locations:**
 - Pacoima
 - June 2026 – October 2026: Van Nuys Bl from Rincon Av to Kewen Av
 - Arleta
 - March 2026 – December 2026: Van Nuys Bl from Vesper Av to Arleta Av
 - July 2026 – January 2027: Van Nuys Bl from Arleta Av to Remick Av
 - Panorama City
 - March 2026 – October 2026: Van Nuys Bl from Lanark St to Rayen St

Third-Party Project Construction (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power)

LADWP is continuing with activities supporting relocations for the ESVF LRT Project at various locations throughout the project corridor. This work is expected to continue through 2026.

- Work includes day shifts from 9am to 3pm and/or night shifts from 8pm to 6am.

- **Current work activities include:**

- Pacoima:

1. Cabling pulling on Van Nuys Bl from Haddon Av to Onieda Av
 - August 2026 - November 2026
2. Cabling pulling on Van Nuys Bl from Kewen Av to Telfair Av
 - April 2026 – December 2026
3. Shallow Ductbank Relocations at Van Nuys Bl and Kewen Av
 - June 2026 – December 2026

- Panorama City:

4. Utility Relocation Work on Van Nuys Bl from Lanark St to Rayen St
 - January 2026 – August 2026
5. Ductbank Construction and Install Power Poles on Van Nuys Bl from Plummer St to Vesper Av
 - August 2026 – September 2026



Upcoming Third-Party Project Construction (Southern California Gas)



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. All current and upcoming [gas line relocation work](#) noted below will be performed during nighttime hours (9 PM – 5 AM):

- 1) Van Nuys Bl & Wyandotte St (July 2026 to mid-September)
- 2) Noble & Raymer (late August to early-October)
- 3) Van Nuys Bl & East of Covello (late August to early-October)
- 4) Raymer & Kester (late August to early-October)
- 5) Van Nuys Bl from Lev to Bartee (late August to late-October)
- 6) Van Nuys Bl from Pacoima Bridge to Arleta Av (late August to October)
- 7) Van Nuys Bl from Remmick to Laurel Canyon (late August to mid-September)



Construction Mitigation Programs Community Feedback / Testimonials



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Community Feedback / Testimonials

Expressed appreciation that Metro is performing construction at night in Pacoima while working to maintain business operations and minimize construction noise. -- **Reueben Garcia, Pacoima Neighborhood Council**

“Good morning the ad looks great! ... We want to add the videos and pictures to our social media pages.”

– **Franciso Aceves, Roxy’s Pooch Parlour, Van Nuys, 8/1/2026**

“The BIF provided timely support that helped my business during construction impacts. I learned about the program through neighbors, and the application process was simple and easy to navigate. Bryan Miyamoto was very helpful. I encourage continued outreach, additional advertising and awareness efforts so more businesses can benefit from this important resource.”

--**Van Nuys Electric Supply LLC**

Noted that the Metro representative delivers project updates in a way that is helpful to the community and expressed appreciation that a CR staff assigned to the project is local to the area. --**Cynthia Becerra, Office of Congressmember Luz Rivas**

“...The copy looks great...We’re excited to be featured on the Eat Shop Play landing page—please let us know once the feature goes live!”

– **Nick Amini, Clinical Director, ProFizix Physical Therapy & Wellness, Van Nuys, 8/1/2026**

“The Business Interruption Fund (BIF) provided valuable support during a challenging time for my business. I learned about the program through outreach efforts before construction began, and the application process was smooth with helpful guidance throughout. Let me know when you’ll come to ESFV, I would love to meet you guys!”

--**Roxy’s Pooch Parlor**



Eat Shop Play

Eat Shop Play



Impacted businesses can receive:

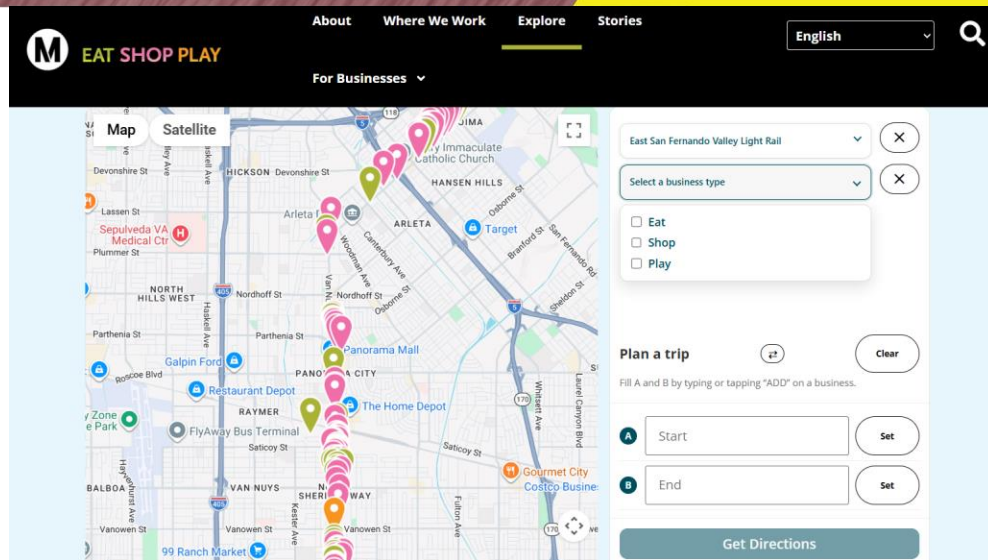
- **Promotional Support:** Opportunities to be featured in print and digital marketing campaigns like social media campaigns, bus and rail ads, email promotions, and editorial features online and more.
- **Visibility:** Access to signage, promotion on construction fencing banners, community and network meetups and other collateral to help keep businesses visible while construction is underway.
- **Marketing Assistance:** free virtual marketing webinars and coaching to help manage online presence and other marketing topics.



Learn more at metro.net/eatshopplay.



Come in
WE ARE
OPEN



A close-up photograph of three soft-shell tacos arranged on a white plate with a red border. The tacos are filled with a dark, shredded meat, likely beef or pork, and are topped with a generous amount of finely shredded white onions and fresh green cilantro leaves. The background is slightly blurred, showing a wooden surface.

Tacos Mexico



Wanna Smash



Mother's Nutritional Center



Ten Goose Coffee Co.

Sample Video #1



Sample Video #2



Business Interruption Fund

BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND (BIF)

Helping small “mom and pop” businesses continue to thrive throughout construction and post construction.

METRO'S CURRENT PROJECTS

**D Line:
1, 2,& 3**

**ESFV
LRT**

METRO'S PAST PROJECTS

- K-Line
- Little Tokyo Area- Regional Connector
- 2nd & Broadway Segment- Regional Connector



Metro's Business Interruption Fund (BIF) has provided financial assistance to small “mom & pop” businesses directly impacted by Metro transit rail construction projects since 2015.

The BIF works collaboratively with its Fund Administrator, Pacific Coast Regional (PCR) & New Economics for Women (NEW).

BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUND (BIF) Grant Activities



Data as of 7/24/2026

BIF Eligibility Requirements

Business must have 25 or fewer full-time employees.



Business must be located on the rail corridor for at least two years.



Business must be immediately adjacent to the construction impacts.



Grant amounts are based on business revenue loss directly due to the period of construction disruption up to \$60,000 per impact year.



Total Grant Amount (all projects)

\$57,103,430.65

\$16,094,826.72

• D Line 1

\$24,142,243.50

• K Line

\$8,843,701.21

• D Line 2

\$2,554,412.48

• Little Tokyo Area
Regional Connector
(LTRC)

\$1,332,356.00

• D Line 3

\$950,164.03

• 2nd/Broadway
Regional
Connector (2BRC)



2071 Total Grants
Awarded

East San Fernando Valley Grant Amount

\$3,185,726.71

Van Nuys/
MOL
2 Grants -
\$99,215.00

Van Nuys/ Victory
10 Grants -
\$300,192.68



Van Nuys/
Roscoe
17 Grants -
\$273,333.45

Van Nuys/
Woodman
2 Grants -
\$77,500.63



Van Nuys/
San Fernando
4 Grants -
\$45,915.84

Van Nuys/
Sherman Way
90 grants -
\$2,389,569.11



128 ESFV Grants
Awarded

ESFV LRT Project: BIF Outreach Activities



Data as of 7/24/26

Metro's BIF Team



Metro's BIF Team (l-r clockwise):
Hellen Carcamo, Angela Winston, Aaron Choi,
Nicholas Esmana

Outreach efforts are ongoing and led by Pacific Coast Regional (PCR) and New Economics for Women (NEW). Together, they help bring BIF awareness, information and application support to the ESFV small business community.

Businesses Engaged

- Van Nuys: 601 Businesses
- Panorama City: 455 Businesses
- Pacoima: 163 Businesses
- Arleta: 60 Businesses

OUTREACH: Door-to-door visits, community engagement events, brochures, follow up phone calls.

- **NEW** - distribution of informational material, application pick up/drop off and free bilingual application support.
- **PCR** – bilingual application support, informational material, site-visits, ESFV on-location workshops.

ASSISTANCE: Assistance is always **FREE** of charge and available in English/Spanish.



1,279 Total Businesses
Outreached To



436 Applications Received



Visit metro.net/bif for full application instructions and program information.
Digital resources are available 24/7

BIF Contact Information



Contact the Metro BIF Team:



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PCR BIF Team

- Vanessa Lagunas
- Max Ordonez
- Brian Lazo

Pacoima Metrolink Station & Mobility Hub



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Antelope Valley Line Improvements/San Fernando Valley/Pacoima Metrolink Station and Mobility Hub

Successor project to the East San Fernando Valley Shared Right of Way Study following Board direction in December 2025

- New Metrolink Station at Van Nuys Bl and San Fernando Rd.
- New Mobility Hub connecting the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project to the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line.
- Improves rail crossing safety at six (6) at-grade rail crossings along the 2.5-mile corridor of the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line (AVL) to Sylmar Station.

Metro Board of Directors voted in support of the Antelope Valley Line Improvements – San Fernando Valley/Pacoima Metrolink Station and Mobility Hub at the Board of Directors Meeting **on Thursday, July 23, 2026**, for approval of conceptual planning, environmental clearance, preliminary engineering, and community outreach for the Pacoima Metrolink Station and Mobility Hub.



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Questions ?



Thank You!