



We're planning a new way to ride on Vermont.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS – SUMMER 2026

VERMONT TRANSIT CORRIDOR BRT PROJECT

Welcome!

We're excited to continue our journey together and create a transit corridor that serves the needs of our communities for generations to come.



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Code of Conduct

During this meeting, please:

- Respect the format of the meeting presentation
- Turn off cell phones
- Maintain a conversational tone
- Treat fellow attendees, community members, agency representatives, and Metro staff with respect
- We invite you to ask questions at the end of the presentation
 - Please use question cards



Today's Agenda

1. News & Updates
2. Purpose & Need for Project
3. Corridor Overview
4. BRT Project Summary
5. Activities Over Past Year
6. Most Recent Project Updates
 - Left-turn & Parking Update
 - Station Design Update
 - Metro Art
7. Project Schedule
8. Construction Updates
9. Next Steps



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.



Summer Meeting Series

Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around LA

- Join Metro in person or virtually at any of the following events
- All events will offer the same information

- Monday, August 10, at 6 PM (in person) – Exposition Park
- Tuesday, August 11, at 12:00 PM (virtual meeting via Zoom)
- Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 PM (virtual meeting via Zoom)
- Thursday, August 13, at 6 PM (in-person) - LA City College, Student Union
- Saturday, August 15th at 10AM (in-person) – Metro Talent Hub



Purpose of Meeting

- To re-engage with you all and let you know about the significant work completed to date on the Project
- To provide an update on any new and/or modifications to the Project elements
- To inform you of any upcoming construction activities and the construction schedule



Purpose & Need for the Project

1

Growing Travel Market:

High level of transit trips on corridor projected to grow over time; transit use is higher than County average

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Deteriorating Traffic Conditions:

Constrained right-of-way along segments of corridor results in increased operating conflicts, inefficient movement of people, decreased safety

3

Degrading Transit Reliability:

Transit travel times, service quality and reliability are significantly impacted by traffic congestion all day; causes unreliable travel times and decreases rider confidence in service

4

Increasing Transit Dependency:

Corridor has disproportionately high proportion of transit-dependent riders

5

Poor Safety and Customer Experience Conditions:

Poor conditions around transit stops can discourage riders; facilities often absent, in poor condition contributing to unsafe or uncomfortable waiting conditions and negative experiences or interactions

Project Development



EARLY PLANNING

2017-2021

- BRT Technical Study (Feb 2017)
- Rail Conversion Feasibility Study (Feb 2019)
- Pre-Environmental Community Partnership Program & Community Outreach (Jan 2021)



PROJECT APPROVAL

2023-2025

- Conducted Environmental Study in support of BRT
- Project is an all-day, end-to-end side-running BRT with enhanced safe stations and improved crosswalks
- Project was approved with extensive supportive comments from the community and stakeholders (March 2025)



DESIGN

2025-2026

- Completed early Preliminary Design in coordination with City and County of LA (Dec 2025)
- Currently in Final Design, focusing on early delivery of bus lanes (late 2027) and BRT stations by mid 2028



CONSTRUCTION

2027-2028

- Construction activities include pavement repair and striping of bus lanes
- Construction and installation of the BRT stations and other pedestrian and ADA improvements



BRT OPENING

2028

- Strong community support drove the Board approval, locking in delivery of the BRT Project by early 2028

Corridor Overview

Extends approximately 12.4 miles from Sunset Bl. to 120th St.

Busiest bus corridor in LA County with 38,000 daily boardings.

Connects to 4 Metro rail lines and several other bus lines for improved regional mobility and connection to one of the main 2028 Games venue.



Serves many key activity centers including several health, educational (88 schools/52 of those are GO Pass schools), cultural, and faith-based (375) institutions.

Heavily congested with varying ROW widths (55 ft to 160 ft curb-to-curb). Segments most congested have the highest ridership.

Densely populated, diverse and highly transit dependent corridor.

Summary of Community Engagement



Community Partnership Program

40 CBO/FBO partnerships helped to expand outreach and gather insight for the BRT Project



Elected Official & Institutional Briefings

30 briefings completed



Neighborhood Council Presentations

22 Neighborhood Council presentations to further expand outreach and project efforts



Community Events

Participated in over 35 community and cultural events



Workshops, Community Meetings, Conversations

- 3 Cultural Needs & Equity Analysis Workshops
- 7 Interactive Station Design Workshops
- 371 Transit Rider Intercept Surveys (10 key stops)



SB 922 Public Meetings

Meetings to gather public input on reports required for SB922 CEQA environmental clearance

- 325 attendees (combined in-person and virtual)
- 270 site visits to virtual open house on project findings

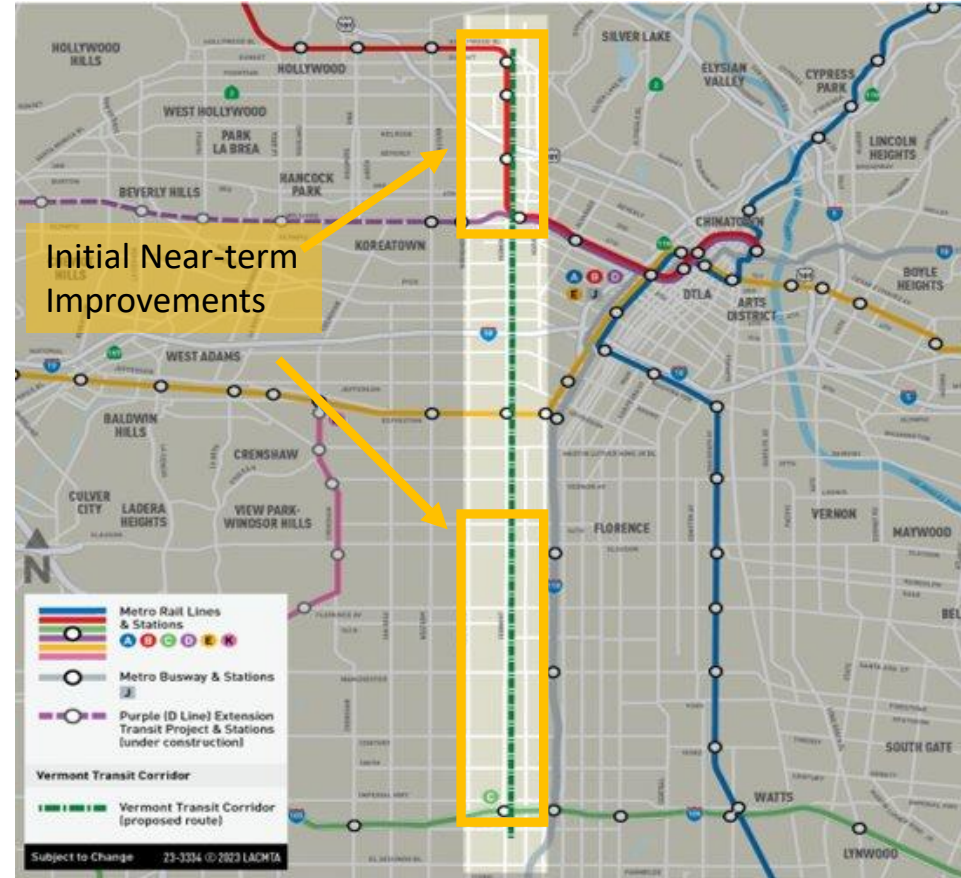
VERMONT TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

Engaged over **26,000** individuals through outreach activities



We Heard You

- Work will focus on early delivery of full-time bus lanes
- All-day bus lanes to be opened by late 2027
- Avoids the need to stripe multiple bus lane configurations
- Local buses can use bus lanes once installed
- Bus lanes will facilitate efficient station construction
- BRT stations to be completed by mid 2028 in time for 2028 Summer Olympics/Paralympics



Key BRT Elements



- Converts travel lane next to curbside parking to bus-only lane
- Includes approx. 12 miles of all-day dedicated side-running bus lanes
- 26 enhanced stations at 13 intersection locations with nice shelters and several passenger amenities including:
 - Enhanced lighting for improved safety and security
 - Transit information (next bus displays, maps)
 - Bus benches, trash receptacles, public art
 - Other potential safety elements, such as emergency call buttons
- Other improvements include enhanced crosswalks for higher visibility and improved safety for pedestrians
- Bus bulb-outs at most stations to extend pedestrian area and shorten crossings for pedestrians for safer crossings
- Restriping and/or bus lane pavement repair

Metro Activities Since Dec 2024

March 28, 2025

- Metro Board approved CEQA SB922 and 12.4-mile side-running BRT as LPA

November 13, 2025

- Received Categorical Exclusion (CE) for NEPA environmental clearance

December 1, 2025

- Completed 30% Preliminary Engineering Design

February 26, 2026

- Awarded contract for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)

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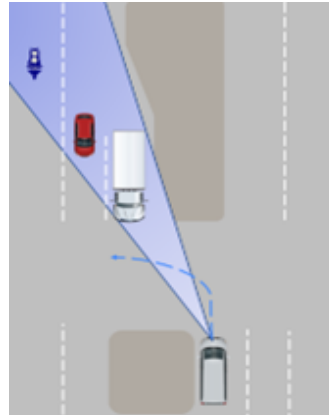
- Final design construction documents in coordination with City and County of LA
- Pre-construction activities



Improved Safety and Traffic Operations With Bus Lanes

In response to the community's request for enhanced safety on Vermont, in addition to continental crosswalks (improves visibility of pedestrians) and station bulb outs (reduces the distance required for pedestrians to cross the street), the Project now includes addition of new left turn (LT) pockets, extension of some existing LT pockets, and instituting all-day LT restrictions at unsignalized locations between Gage Av & Wilshire Bl (both directions) to further **improve safety and traffic operations**

- Prevents left-turning vehicles from blocking general thru traffic lane
- Reduces likelihood that vehicles will enter adjacent bus lane to avoid stopped traffic
- Improves pedestrian and vehicle safety by concentrating left turns where there are signals or pockets
- Total of 13 new and 10 extended LT pockets; 48 LT movements restricted at unsignalized locations (LT movements onto Vermont will remain)



Treatment Type	NB	SB	Total
New LT Pockets (Proposed)	6	7	13
Existing LT Pocket Extensions	4	6	10
LT Restrictions	21	27	48

Example of New LT Pocket

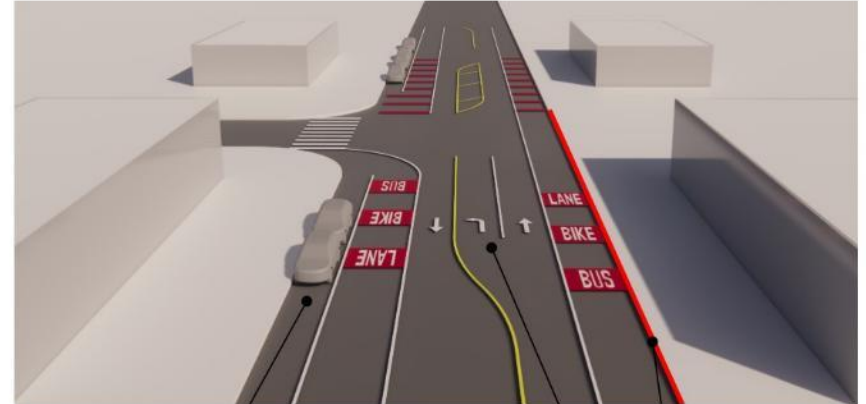
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Time Restricted Parking

Unrestricted Parking

Future Condition



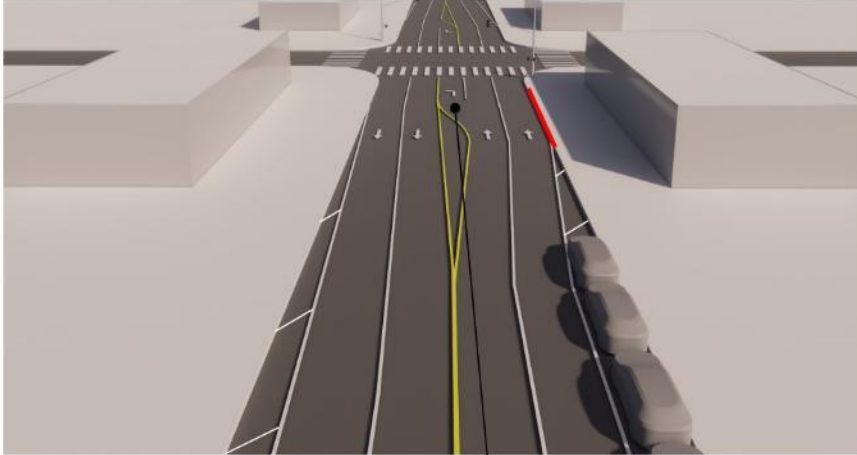
Unrestricted Parking

New Left Turn Pocket

Tow Away, No Parking Zone
with Red Curb

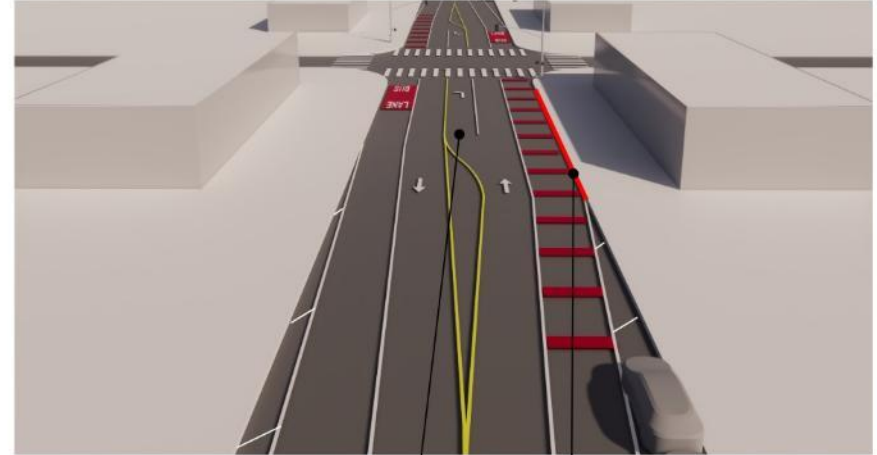
Example of Existing LT Pocket Extension

Existing Condition



Existing Turn Pocket

Future Condition



Extended Left Turn Pocket

Tow Away, No Parking Zone
with Red Curb

Example of New LT Restriction

Existing Condition



No Impacts to Existing Parking

Future Condition



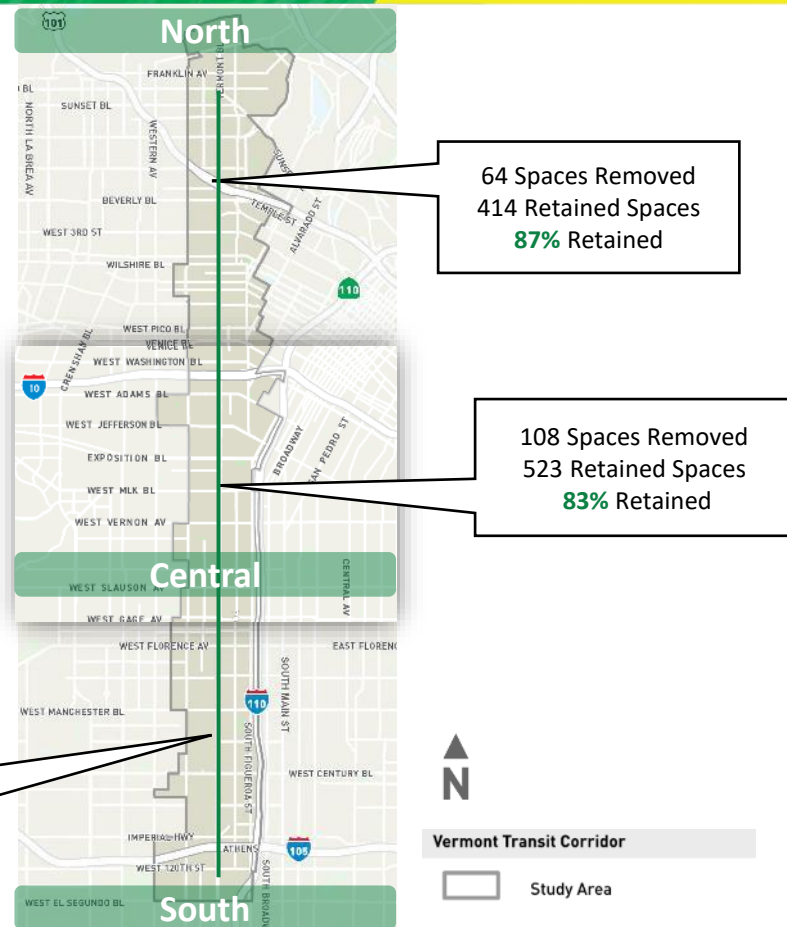
New No Left Turn Sign

Parking Analysis

The recommended modifications preserve **92%** of on-street parking on Vermont, a 2% change.

On-Street Parking Spaces

	Existing No. of Spaces	Original Estimated No. Spaces Affected	Original Estimated % Spaces Remaining	Updated Estimated No. Spaces Affected	Updated Estimated % Spaces Remaining
North	478	63	87%	64	87%
Central	631	72	89%	108	83%
South	1,157	11	99%	11	99%
Total	2,266	146	94%	183	92%

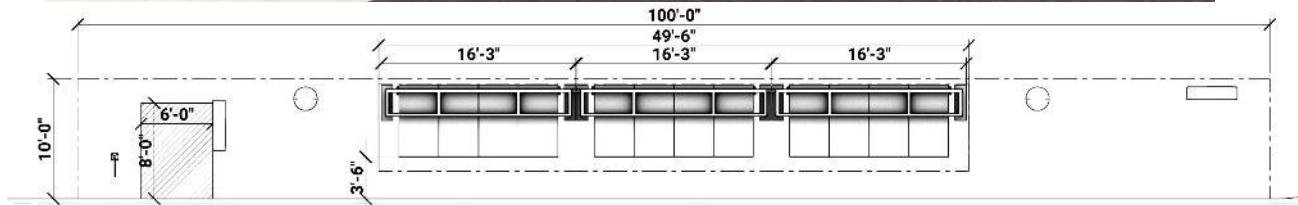


Enhanced Station Design

- May/June 2024 – Conducted several station design workshops to solicit feedback on the proposed BRT stations and station amenities
- Safety was one of the top concerns from the community; therefore, enhanced lighting at stations was important for better visibility and safety at night
- Other amenities requested included bus benches, trash receptacles, transit information (next bus displays, maps), public art, and other potential safety elements
- Based on the input received, we have been working towards a more refined station



Enhanced Station Experience – Wilshire



- Station canopies
- Seating
- Digital Screens
- Enhanced lighting
- Real Time Transit information
- Public art
- Trash receptacles

Enhanced Station Experience – Century



- Station canopies
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Project Schedule

We
Are
Here

Early
2026

Spring
2026

Summer
2026

Fall
2026

Spring
2028

- Awarded General Contractor
 - Construction Drawing Development
 - Agency Coordination
 - Geotechnical Investigation
 - Underground Investigation
- Pre-construction Activities
 - Completed Geotechnical Investigation
 - Construction Drawings Advancement
- Community Update Meetings
 - Continued Pre-construction Activities
 - Utility Investigation
- Complete Utility Investigation
 - Construction Begins
- Construction Complete prior to the 2028 Olympic Games

Upcoming Construction Activity

COMPLETED

Ground Penetrating Radar Survey
Geotechnical Investigation

IN PROGRESS

Utility Investigations: Consists of boring a hole through the roadway to locate underground utilities. Once an underground utility is located, the hole is filled back in.

UPCOMING ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION

Improve Bus Lane Pavement
Modify Striping: Applying painted lines to pavement to guide traffic
Utility relocations: Improving underground infrastructure
LADWP miscellaneous utility work



Upcoming Construction Impacts



Traffic control will be in place during construction

Local Businesses to be notified prior to construction

Access to sidewalks, crosswalks, and businesses will be maintained wherever possible.

Temporary parking restrictions will be posted in the immediate work area.

Nightwork will be necessary for certain work scopes.

Metro bus stops may be relocated or lines could be impacted. For information on changes to Metro service, please call **323.GoMetro**



Community Engagement During Construction

- Regular community engagement for construction progress updates
- Continue engagement through CBO/FBO partners
- Continued notification of construction activities
 - Door-to-Door Noticing
 - E-blasts
 - Pop-up events
 - One-on-one construction coordination
 - Business support (Eat Shop Play)



Business Engagement & Mitigation Programs



- Marketing support is available to local businesses with a ¼-mile of the project alignment
- Participation is free
- Benefits to local businesses:
 1. Access to free digital marketing webinars and coaching
 2. May be eligible for additional promotion in Metro print and digital campaigns



Cravings



Fight 2 Finish



Fresh Corn Grill



Lamonica's NY Pizza



Pinches Tacos

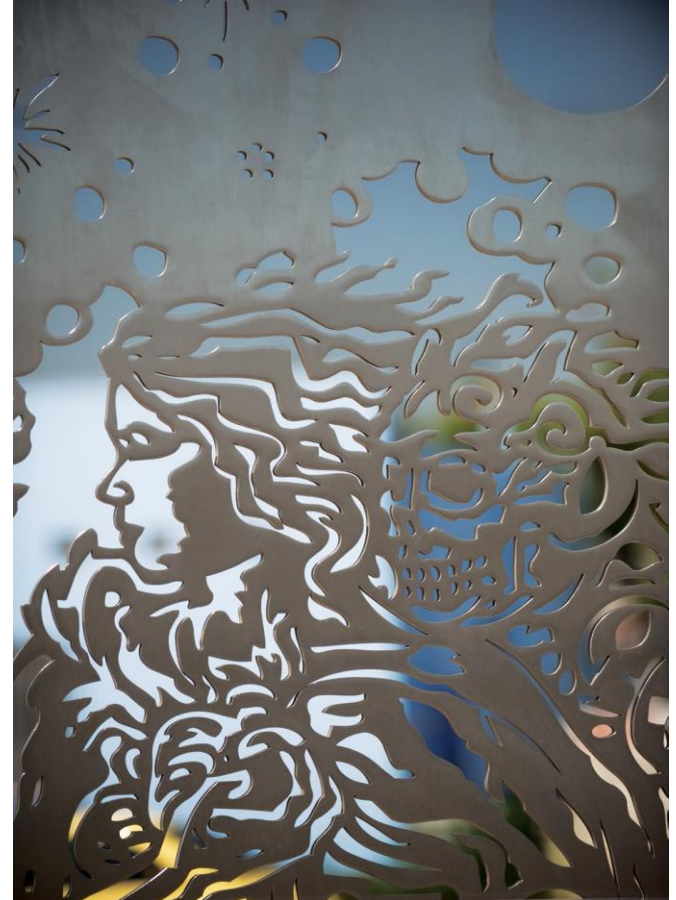


The French Way

Learn more at metro.net/eatshopplay.

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
- Opportunities
 - Metro.net/art
 - [Subscribe at https://art.metro.net/art-opportunities/main/](https://art.metro.net/art-opportunities/main/)



Q&A Session



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THANK YOU!

Stay Connected To This Project

For project-related questions/comments:



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