



VERMONT TRANSIT CORRIDOR — FACT SHEET

We're planning a new way to ride along Vermont Av

Metro is planning a better way to travel along Vermont Av that doesn't rely solely on a car.

As the busiest bus corridor in Los Angeles County, transit riders deserve improvements to bus service that can be implemented on an accelerated timeline. Metro is developing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system that offers faster and more reliable service by reducing the amount of time buses spend stuck in traffic. These high-quality transit improvements are being provided to communities with the greatest transportation needs.

The Vermont Transit Corridor (VTC), served by Lines 204 and 754, stretches approximately 12.4 miles from Sunset Bl to 120 St. As one of the oldest transit corridors, it partially follows the path of a historic Los Angeles streetcar route. Today, it serves several densely populated, diverse, and transit-dependent neighborhoods, with over 38,000 daily boardings. The VTC also connects to several rail lines (B, C, D, and E), over 20 east-west bus routes, and major destinations like Kaiser Permanente and Children's Hospital Los Angeles at Vermont/Sunset.

The corridor is also home to a host of educational institutions including Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles City College, American Career College, West Coast University, the Braille Institute, and the University of Southern California (USC). Many of its regional community assets include Exposition Park, museums, sports venues, several public facilities, and many faith-based institutions.

Previous Studies

We heard you! Metro completed two studies in 2017 and 2019 that explored potential BRT and rail alternatives for the corridor. In June 2022, Metro collaborated with several community groups to gather feedback on transit options. Based on this input, Metro is advancing the BRT which is anticipated to be completed by mid-2028 and the exploration of rail options, pending future funding.

Project Overview

By 2028, a high-quality BRT will offer significant benefits to the communities it serves, including:

- > 12.4 miles of all-day, side-running BRT bus lanes
- > 26 enhanced stations at 13 intersection locations
- > Enhanced crosswalks at stations for higher visibility and improved safety
- > Enhanced lighting for improved safety and security
- > Improved on-time performance and reduced wait times
- > Restriping and/or bus lane pavement repair

The BRT project aims to provide a premium north-south transit service that links to key destinations, improving access to jobs, education, and essential services. It will also strengthen connections to the regional transportation network and help meet the area's growing transportation needs.

Traveling along the VTC

Based on community feedback received, Metro is planning a side-running BRT, which requires taking the travel lane adjacent to the parking lane in each direction, thereby preserving most of the existing parking.

Key features of BRT include:

- > Converts rightmost travel lane to bus-only lanes
- > 12.4 miles of all-day dedicated side-running bus lanes from Sunset Bl to 120 St
- > Enhanced stations with seating, shelters, ADA elements, lighting for improved safety and security, trash bins, real-time bus information displays, and emergency call buttons
- > Even more frequent, safer, and dependable service
- > Transit signal priority
- > All-door boarding for faster passenger loading
- > Bus bulbs at most stations to extend station/pedestrian area and shorter crossings for improved safety
- > Improved pedestrian and bicycle access

Image shows a side-running BRT lane adjacent to on-street parking



Building a Better Future Together

The Vermont Transit Corridor project is a vital step toward a more equitable and sustainable transportation system in Los Angeles. Together, we can create a future where public transit empowers communities.



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