



Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Initiative



*Virtual Community Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2026*



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- > Treat fellow community members, agency representatives, Metro staff and others with respect
- > Address all comments to Metro staff and consultants – not to other attendees
- > Maintain a conversational tone



Metro Announcements

Metro LIFE Program

- > Qualifying LA County residents can enjoy 20 free rides every month on Metro or a discounted pass on another participating transit agency.
- > Learn more and sign up online at:
<https://www.metro.net/fares/life/>



Metro Announcements

Metro Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)



PSAC Recruitment NOW OPEN

Help us reach riders with diverse experiences and perspectives by sharing this opportunity with your communities and professional networks.



Applications close
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026



Application available at
psac@metro.net

OR

at the QR code below



Metro Announcements

Join the Metro Youth Council

- > The goal of the Metro Youth Council is to develop young people's capacity to share their ideas and perspectives about Metro's projects and initiatives.

Apply from September 8 to September 29

How to Qualify & Apply

- > Live in LA County and be 14- to 17-years-old
- > Learn more and sign up online at:
<https://www.metro.net/about/youth-council/>



Thanks for joining us!

Agenda

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| 6:00-6:05pm | Welcome |
| 6:05-6:10pm | Purpose and Overview |
| 6:10-6:15pm | Program Scope |
| 6:15-6:45pm | Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">> <i>Carson</i>> <i>Florence Avenue (Unincorporated LA County, Huntington Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Downey)</i>> <i>Norwalk</i> |
| 6:45-7:00pm | Mobility Hubs |
| 7:00-7:25pm | Questions and Answers |
| 7:30pm | Next Steps |



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Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around LA. It includes creating access to opportunity by improving how people walk, bike, and reach transit. This project works to reconnect communities, improve access to jobs and services, and create safer, more reliable transportation for everyone.



Purpose & Overview

What is it?

The Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Initiative will expedite legacy transportation projects to benefit LA County and support the **2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games**.



Goal: Improve connectivity and equity in LA County's transportation, focusing on disadvantaged communities.



Impact: Increase access to jobs, affordable housing and better health.



Collaboration: Work with 13 partners to deliver projects.



Acceleration: Expedite projects to benefit the region and support the 2028 Games by the Federal Transit Administration.



Funding: \$161.5 M in total investment (\$139 M from the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Program awarded by the Federal Transit Administration + \$22 M in local matching funds.)



Program Scope

- > **Spans 11 cities and 4 unincorporated areas**
 - 30 miles of bus improvements
 - 5 mobility hubs
 - 3 first/last mile locations
- > **Expands the Metro Bike Share network**
 - 60 new bikeshare stations to connect Central, West and South LA communities
- > **Extends the GoPass Program for 5 years through 2030.**
- > **Provides funding for Open Street events in 2028 connecting to North Hollywood, El Monte and Willow Stations.**



Project Updates



Carson



First Last Mile Improvements: Avalon Blvd.

> Project Area Improvements

- 1 mile between Del Amo Blvd. and 184th St
 - Class IV separated bikeway
 - Pedestrian improvements including high-visibility crosswalks and curb ramps
 - New street trees and landscaping



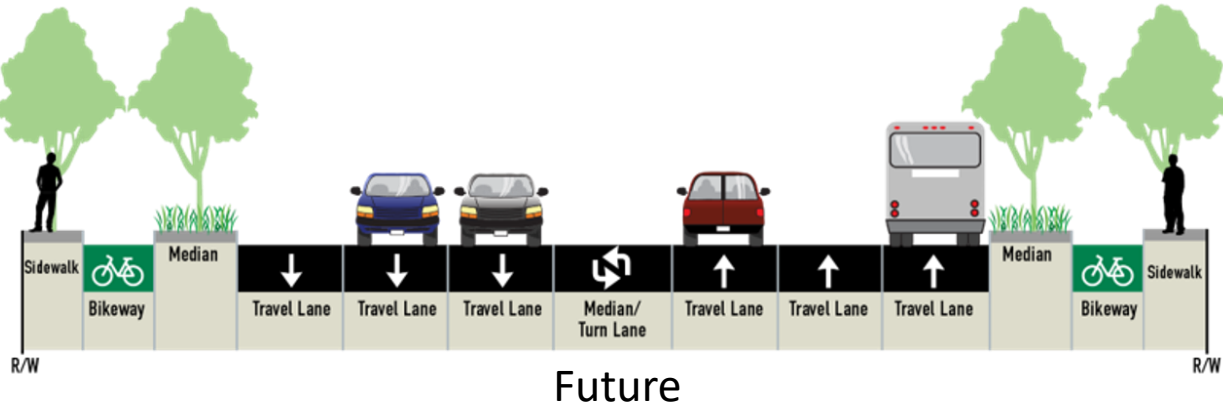
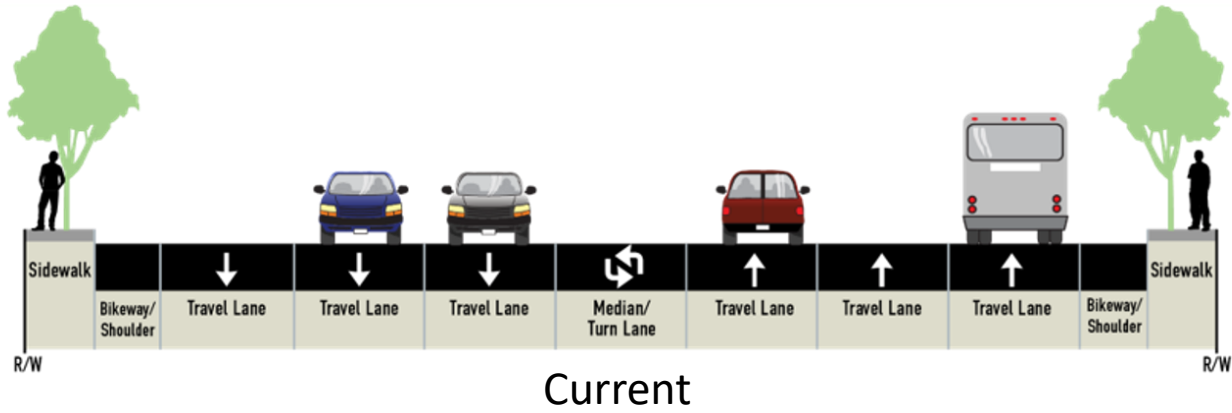
First Last Mile Improvements: Avalon Blvd.

> Goals and Objectives

- Promote and facilitate first-last mile connections to key destinations including:
 - Del Amo A Line Station
 - Dignity Health Sports Park
 - Cal State University, Dominguez Hills
- Improve access around transit stations and stops
- Improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety along Avalon Blvd.



First Last Mile Improvements: *Avalon Blvd. Proposed Cross Section (Del Amo Blvd. to 184th St.)*



First Last Mile Improvements: *Avalon Blvd. at Elsmere Dr. looking North*



Existing Conditions



Conceptual Rendering (subject to change)





Florence Avenue Corridor

(Unincorporated LA County & Cities of Huntington Park, Bell, Bell Gardens and Downey)



Bus Corridor Enhancements: Florence Ave. Corridor

> Project Area

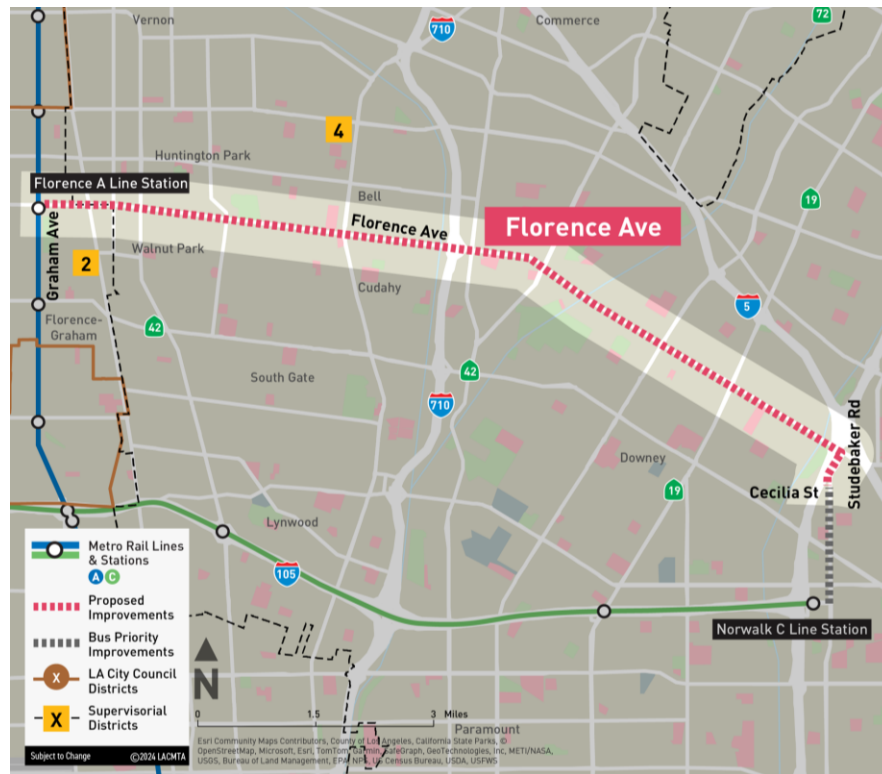
- Florence Ave. between Bell Ave. and Lakewood Blvd. (7.4 miles)

> Coordinating Jurisdictions

- Cities of Huntington Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Downey
- County of Los Angeles (Florence-Graham)

> Improvements

- 22 bus stop locations
 - Approx. 6 Bus Bulbs, 8 Bus Pads, 6 Curb Ramps
 - Approx. 22 bus shelters & digital element enhancements
 - Approx. 40 to 60 new infill street trees
 - Transit Signal Priority improvements (4 locations)



Bus Corridor Enhancements: Florence Ave. Corridor

Community	Section of Florence	Improvements	Bus Stop Locations
LA County (Unincorporated)	Graham to Bell	1 bus stop location 1 tree 1 Bus Bulb 1 Bus Pad	Eastbound Bell – Near Side
Huntington Park	Alameda to Bissell	8 bus stop locations 11 trees 5 Bus Bulbs 6 Bus Pads	Westbound Alameda – Near Side Westbound Santa Fe – Far Side Westbound Rugby – Near Side Eastbound Pacific – Far Side Westbound Rita – Near Side Westbound Stafford – Far Side Westbound Mountain View – Near Side Eastbound Mission – Near Side



Bus Corridor Enhancements: Florence Ave. Corridor

Community	Section of Florence	Improvements	Bus Stop Locations
Bell	Salt Lake to Walker	1 bus stop location 23 trees	Westbound California – Near Side
Bell Gardens	Eastern to Emil	3 bus stop locations 14 trees 1 Bus Pad	Eastbound Eastern – Far Side Westbound Emil – Near Side Eastbound Emil – Near Side
Downey – Florence/Studebaker	Emil to Studebaker Florence to Cecilia	4 Transit Signal Priority locations 9 bus stop locations 8 trees	Westbound Tecum – Far Side Eastbound Old River School Rd – Far Side Westbound Wiley Burke Ave – Near Side Westbound Rives – Near Side Eastbound Rives – Far Side Westbound Paramount – Near Side Eastbound Paramount – Far Side Westbound Lakewood – Near Side Eastbound Lakewood – Far Side



Bus Corridor Enhancements: Florence Ave. Corridor

Bus bulbs extend the sidewalk at bus stops and stations

- > Improve accessibility and makes boarding easier for passengers
- > Reduce delays for buses and passengers
- > Improve safety
 - Shorter crossings for pedestrians
 - Reduces the chances of accidents with vehicles and cyclists
- > Lower impact to existing on-street parking spaces



Conceptual Rendering (subject to change)



Bus Pad Rendering Example



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Norwalk



First Last Mile Improvements: Hoxie Avenue

- > 0.9 miles Downey Norwalk Rd to Foster Rd
 - Class I Multi-use path (Downey Norwalk Rd to Imperial Hwy)
 - Class IV Separated bikeway (Imperial Hwy to Norwalk Station)
- > Imperial Hwy to Downey Norwalk Rd: 11' travel lanes
- > Multi-use path ends at Downey Norwalk Rd to minimize CPUC approvals
- > Widened Costco driveways to allow for acceptable truck turning movements



First Last Mile Improvements: Hoxie Ave

> Goals and Objectives

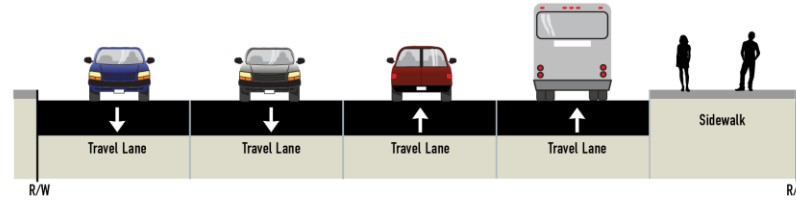
- Promote and facilitate first-last mile connections to Norwalk C Line Station
- Improve access around transit stations and stops
- Improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety along Hoxie Av



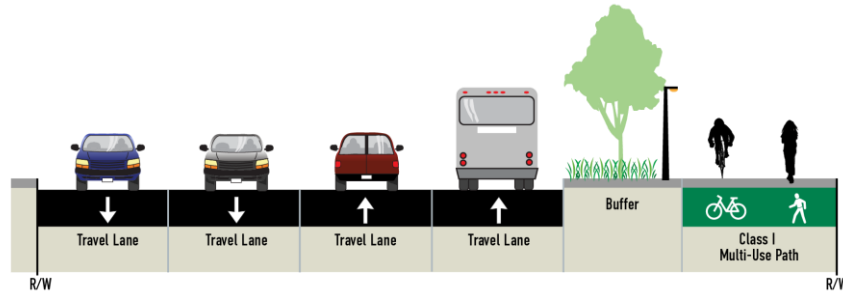
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Conceptual Cross Sections

Imperial Hwy to Downey-Norwalk Rd



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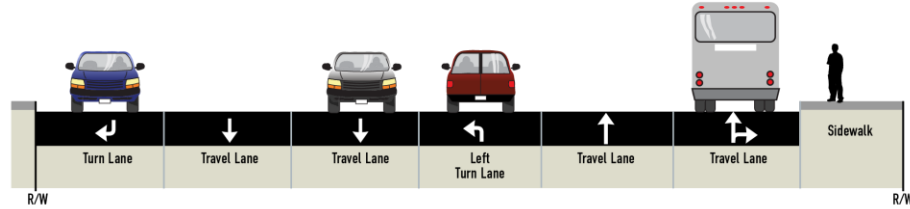
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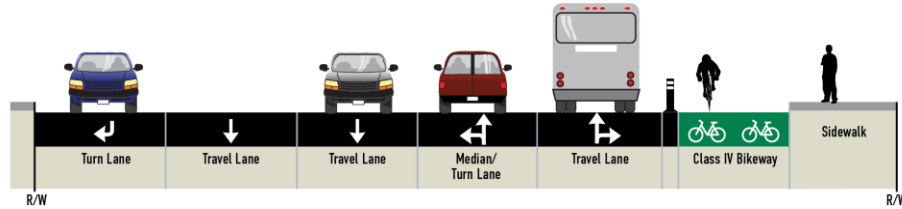
First-Last Mile Improvements: Hoxie Ave.

Conceptual Cross-Section

Imperial Hwy to Norwalk Transit Center



Current



Future



First-Last Mile Improvements: Hoxie Av

- > Hoxie Av from Norwalk Station to Imperial Hwy



Existing Conditions



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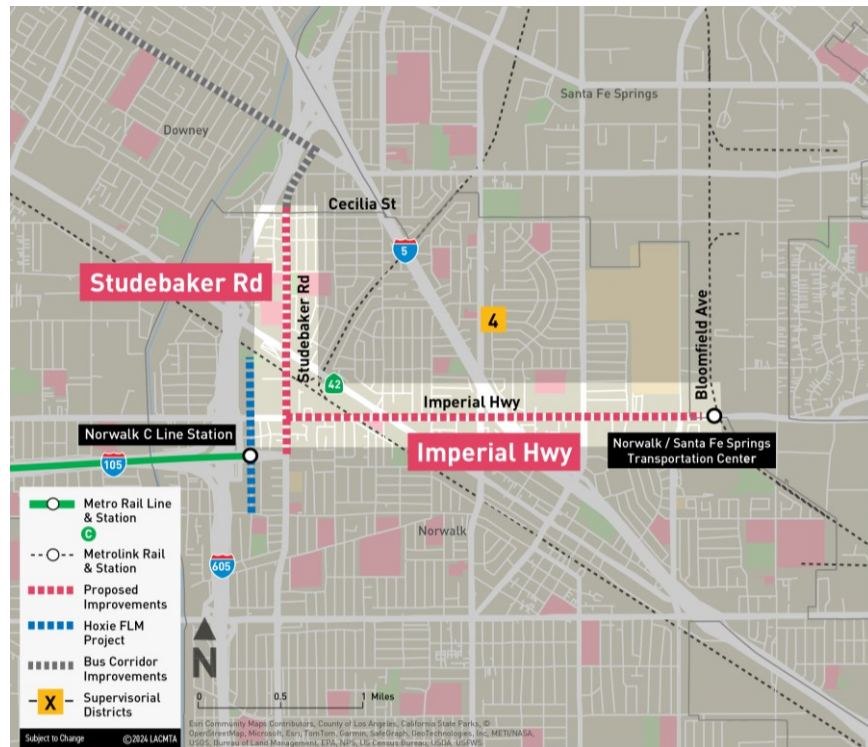
Bus Corridor Enhancements: Imperial Hwy./Studebaker Rd.

> Studebaker Improvements

- 0.9 miles between Lyndora St. and Kenney S.t
- Transit signal priority
- 1 Bus Pad
- 5 bus shelters
 - Firestone BI (Northbound and Southbound)
 - Kenney St (Northbound and Southbound)
 - Imperial (Northbound)

> Imperial Hwy Improvements

- 2.1 miles between Studebaker Rd and the Metrolink Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Station
- Transit signal priority
- 2 Bus shelters
 - Firestone (Westbound and Eastbound)



Mobility Hubs



Mobility Hubs

What is a Mobility Hub?

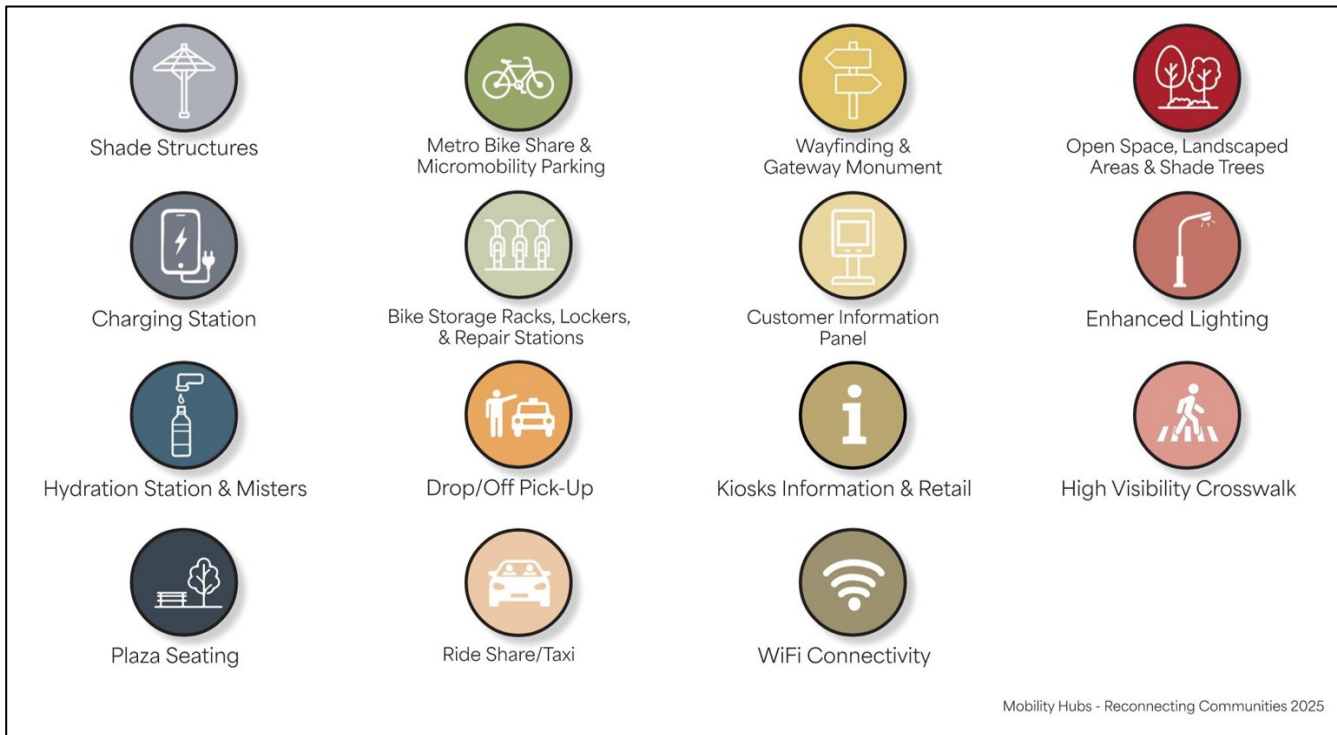


- > A place where people can connect with multiple modes of transportation: bus/rail, active transportation, micromobility, and automobiles.
- > A place for people to access services, gather and connect.
- > A place to experience the excitement of events like the 2028 Games.



Mobility Hubs Elements

Each Mobility Hub will include a variation of the elements listed dependent on funding source, funding amount, and existing conditions.



Mobility Hubs - Reconnecting Communities 2025

Norwalk Mobility Hub

> Project Area

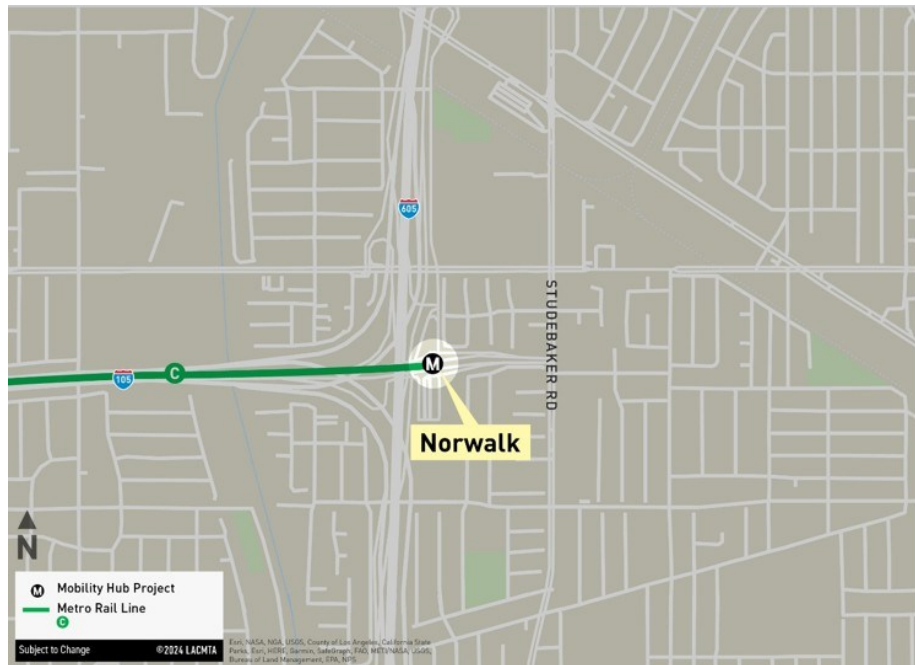
- Norwalk C Line Park & Ride Station at 12901 Hoxie Av, Norwalk, CA 90650

> Coordinating Jurisdictions

- Cities of Norwalk, Caltrans, Bus Operators (i.e., Metro, LBT, Norwalk Transit, etc.)

> Improvements

- High-visibility crossings and curb ramps/extensions, new ADA parking stalls, shade canopies, bike storage, additional lighting, updated wayfinding, and landscaping improvements



Harbor Gateway Transit Center Mobility Hub

> Project Area

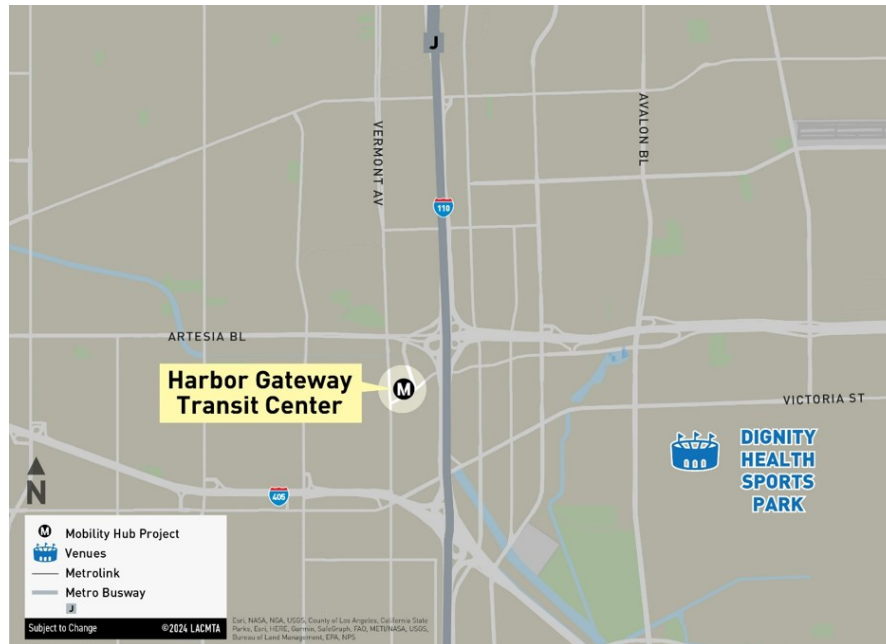
- Harbor Gateway Transit Center at 731 W 182nd St, Gardena, CA

> Coordinating Jurisdictions

- Caltrans, City of LA, City of Carson, Bus Operators (i.e., Metro, Torrance Transit, GTrans, etc.)

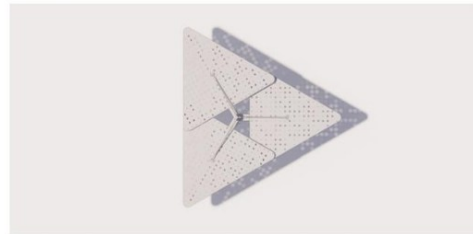
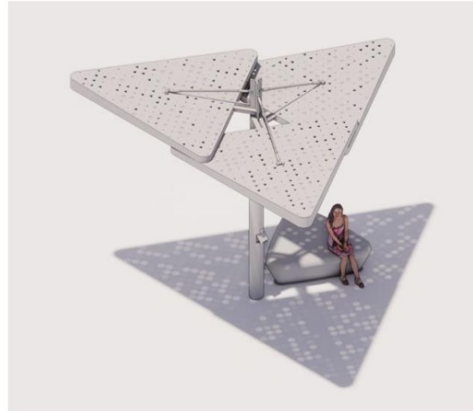
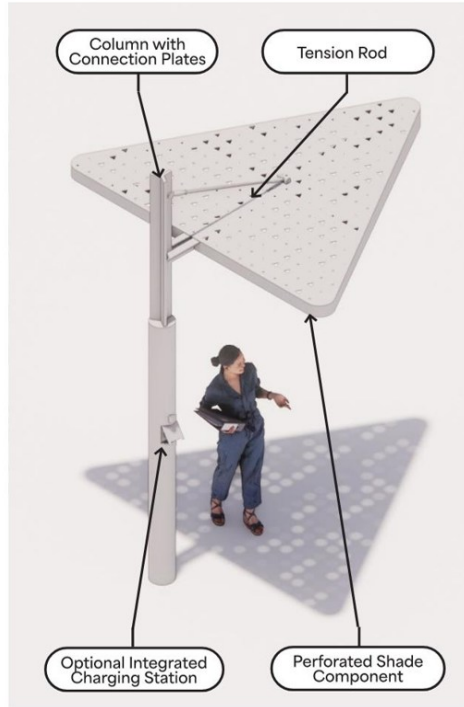
> Improvements

- Pedestrian improvements, new shade panels, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, lighting, bike storage, seating and public amenities, upgraded customer information and wayfinding, and landscaping and potted trees

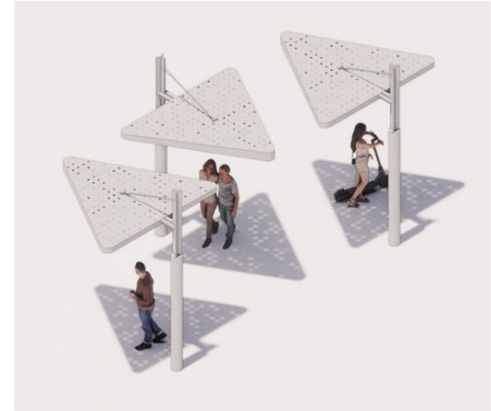


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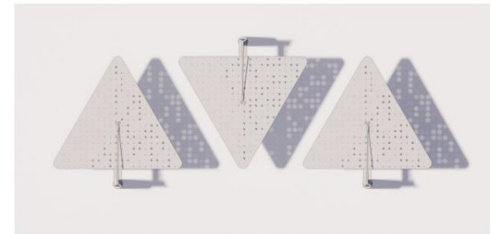
Design Standards: Shade Structures



Cluster Configuration



Linear Configuration

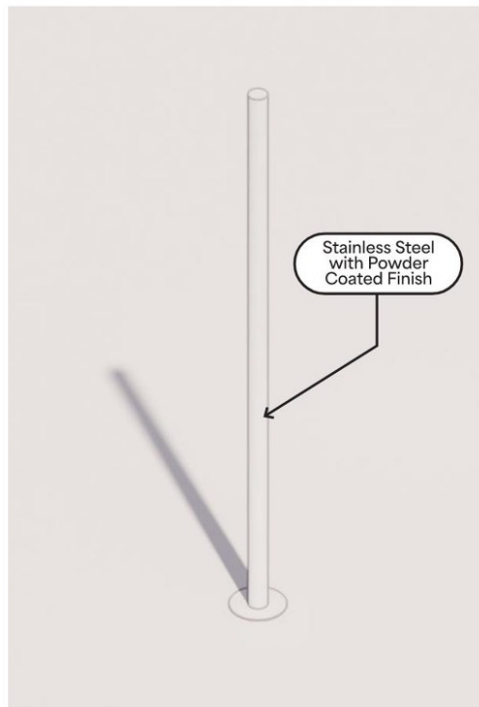


Mobility Hubs Elements

Design Standards: Hydration Stations, Misters and Plaza Seating



Hydration Station



Mister



Plaza Seating



Mobility Hubs Elements

Design Standards: Bike Lockers, Trees and Lighting



Secure Bike Storage



Potted/In Ground Shade Trees



Enhanced Lighting

Project Timeline



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RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE



MOBILITY HUBS



Community Engagement Strategy



Community Engagement Strategy

Objectives:

- > Educate the public, Metro transit riders, and stakeholders about the design phase of the project
- > Prepare the community for an accelerated design and construction timeline

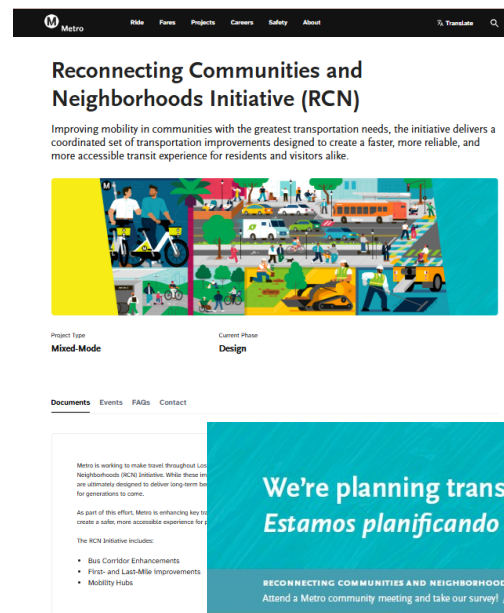
Engagement Tactics

- > Virtual Community Meeting
- > Metro Service Council Meeting Updates
- > Community Survey
- > Transit Rider Outreach
- > Community Event Outreach
- > Elected Official Briefings



Community Engagement Strategy

- > Project Webpage
- > Project Materials
 - Fact Sheet
- > Notification
 - Postcard Mailing
 - Meeting Flyer distribution
 - Digital
 - Metro Eblast Messages
 - Metro Newsletters
 - Social Media Toolkit



Overview

Metro is advancing the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Initiative to improve how people move throughout Los Angeles County. This federally funded program focuses on enhancing transit, walking, and biking connections, especially in communities that have historically faced barriers to mobility. Through a combination of bus improvements, first and last mile connections, and upgraded transit facilities, Metro is working to make travel safer, more reliable, and more accessible for everyone.

These improvements include features such as bus priority treatments, upgraded bus stops, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible infrastructure, and enhanced mobility hubs with ride amenities. Together, these investments help reduce travel times, improve reliability, and expand access to jobs, schools, and essential services, creating lasting benefits for communities and supporting a more connected region for years to come.

Project Description

The RCN Initiative delivers a coordinated set of transportation improvements across Los Angeles County to increase and enhance mobility in health, social, and economic communities.

How it Works

- > Invests in 31 miles of bus priority enhancements to improve travel times and service reliability
- > Expands access with 64 Metro Bike Share stations and five first and last mile corridors
- > Enhances connectivity and supportive transportation strategies through six mobility hubs including Chatsworth, El Monte, Expo Crenshaw, Harbor Gateway, North Hollywood, and Willow
- > Increases mode choice and expands access to high-quality transit in historically underserved communities

Benefits

- > Reduce travel times and improves reliability for transit riders
- > Expands access to jobs, education, healthcare, and essential services
- > Improves safety for walkers, riders and rollers
- > Increases mobility options in neighborhoods and communities where transportation needs are the greatest

activity and equitable access beyond the 2028 Olympic



Community Engagement: Pop-up Events

- > **Southeast Los Angeles Open Streets** (Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Maywood): Saturday, June 20
- > **Ube Festival** (Norwalk): Saturday, June 27
- > **Bell Gardens Police Department National Night Out:** Tuesday, August 4
- > **City of Norwalk National Night Out:** Wednesday, August 5
- > **City of Carson Sheriff's Department National Night Out** Wednesday, August 5
- > **G.O.O.D. Backpack Giveaway** (Downey): Saturday, August 8
- > **33rd District PTA Conference** (Torrance): Saturday, August 15



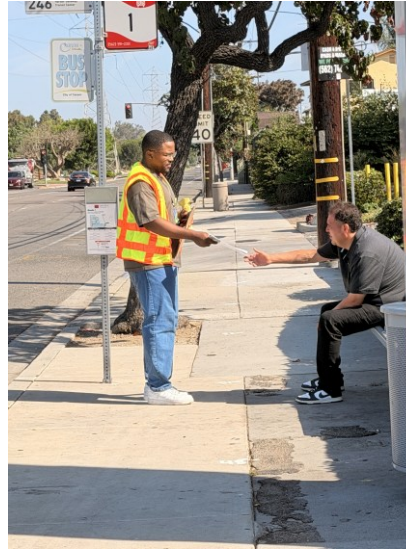
Community Engagement: Transit Rider Outreach

> Rail Stations

- Del Amo A Line Station
- Norwalk C Line Station

> Bus Stops

- Imperial / Studebaker (Norwalk)
- Del Amo / Avalon (Carson)



Take Our Survey by Friday, September 11!



<https://sur-vey.typeform.com/Metro-RCN>



Next Steps



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> **Future Metro Service Council Updates:**

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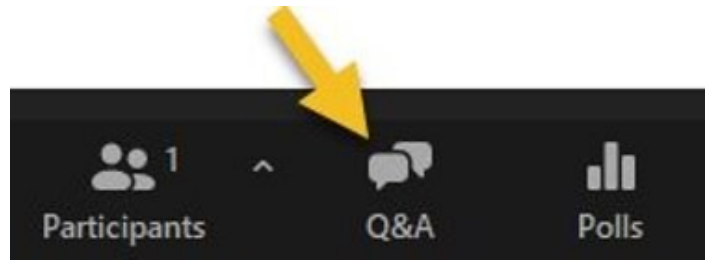


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