What's Next

With Project approval now in place, Metro will advance the K Line Extension to Torrance into the next phase of design. Upcoming activities include:

> Field investigations to gather information on existing conditions,

> Refining engineering and design to a 30% level, including value engineering and updates to cost estimates,

> Coordinating with corridor cities and partner agencies on design review and future permit approvals,

> Conducting additional environmental analysis, as needed, to support agency approvals,

> Advancing First/Last Mile Planning to improve station access and connectivity,

> Pursuing additional funding opportunities to support future construction,

> Exploring phasing concepts and identifying early works construction activities to tackle high risk areas and manage cost and schedule.

The Project team will gather additional data about existing site conditions along the alignment to support engineering and construction. This could include potholing (digging holes to confirm exact utility locations), borings, and trenches to characterize precise soil conditions.

Metro will continue working closely with local jurisdictions, stakeholders, and the community as the Project moves forward.

To view the Final EIR and learn more about the Project, visit ***metro.net/KLET*** or scan the QR code.

The public will have other opportunities to provide input as ongoing community involvement is vital throughout the design, engineering and construction process. Please visit the Project StoryMap for additional information at ***bit.ly/kletstorymap*** or scan the code.

Project Timeline

We Are Here

WINTER 2021	EARLY 2023 - SUMMER 2025	WINTER 2026	2026 - 2028	2029-2036
CEQA Process Started	Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports	Certification of Final EIR & Project Approval	Preliminary Engineering, Field Investigations and First/Last Mile Planning and Procurement	Final Design and Construction; Revenue Service in Late 2036, Pending Funding Availability

ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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K LINE EXTENSION TO TORRANCE
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On January 22, 2026, the Metro Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approved the K Line Extension to Torrance Project (previously called the C [Green] Line Extension to Torrance Project), marking a major milestone in advancing light rail service to the South Bay. As part of this action, the Metro Board approved the Hawthorne Option as the Project alignment, which will extend light rail along portions of Interstate 405 (I-405), down the center of Hawthorne Boulevard in an elevated configuration, and along portions of Metro/BNSF shared right-of-way.

Project Benefits

By providing a fast, frequent, and reliable transit option to the South Bay, the Project will improve environmental and economic outcomes across LA County and:

> Expand access to opportunities with over 4.9 million Project boardings per year.

> Attract over 1.7 million annual new riders to the Metro system.

> Generate over 15,000 jobs (8,600 construction and 6,400 non-construction).

> Support economic development by generating $16.2B in regional gross domestic product (GDP) growth over a 20-year operating period.

> Connect to the Metro C and E Lines on the expanding rail network and the Torrance Transit Center, a regional bus hub.

> Help address climate change by shifting drivers to transit and reducing auto travel, greenhouse gas emissions and regional energy use.

> Reduce travel times across the region with a 19-minute trip from the Torrance Transit Center to LAX.

Overview

Metro has plans to connect more of the South Bay by extending the K Line from the Redondo Beach (Marine) Station to the new Torrance Transit Center, which will bring light rail to the area. This extension will operate as the southern part of the K Line with direct access to LAX. The Project is funded by Measure M and R, as well as a state grant through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), SB1 funds, and 3% local match contributions.

Project at a Glance

The 4.7-mile K Line Extension to Torrance will travel through Lawndale, Redondo Beach, and Torrance and add two new light rail stations, including the South Bay Galleria Station and Torrance Transit Center.

Environmental Review Process

Prior to certification of the Final EIR, Metro prepared a Draft EIR to evaluate the proposed K Line Extension to Torrance Project. The Draft EIR analyzed Project alternatives, environmental considerations, and potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures. The Draft EIR was made available for a 61-day public review and comment period in January 2023. Throughout the environmental review process, Metro held extensive community engagement with community meetings, neighborhood walks, open houses, pop-up events, interactive websites, videos, and other community touchpoints. In September 2025, Metro published the Final EIR, which incorporates design refinements, additional technical analysis, responses to public comments received during the Draft EIR review period, and other clarifications and revisions made throughout the environmental review process. As part of the Metro Board's action to certify the Final EIR and approve the Project, the Metro Board approved the Hawthorne Option as the final route.

Project Description

The Project alignment extends the K Line south of the existing Redondo Beach (Marine) Station. It leaves the Metro/BNSF shared right-of-way (ROW) to run along Interstate 405 (I-405), then turns onto Hawthorne Boulevard near 162nd Street to travel in the center median of the street before rejoining the Metro/BNSF shared ROW south of 190th Street. The Project alignment will be fully grade-separated from all roadways. A station will be located in the median of Hawthorne Boulevard, adjacent to the South Bay Galleria. South of 190th Street, the alignment turns southeast to run in the Metro/BNSF shared ROW, terminating with a station next to the Torrance Transit Center.

Metro prepared a high-level construction schedule based on early engineering (15% design) for the EIR with a projected opening in late 2036, pending funding availability. Metro will update the construction schedule and explore Project delivery strategies as part of the preliminary engineering phase of work.

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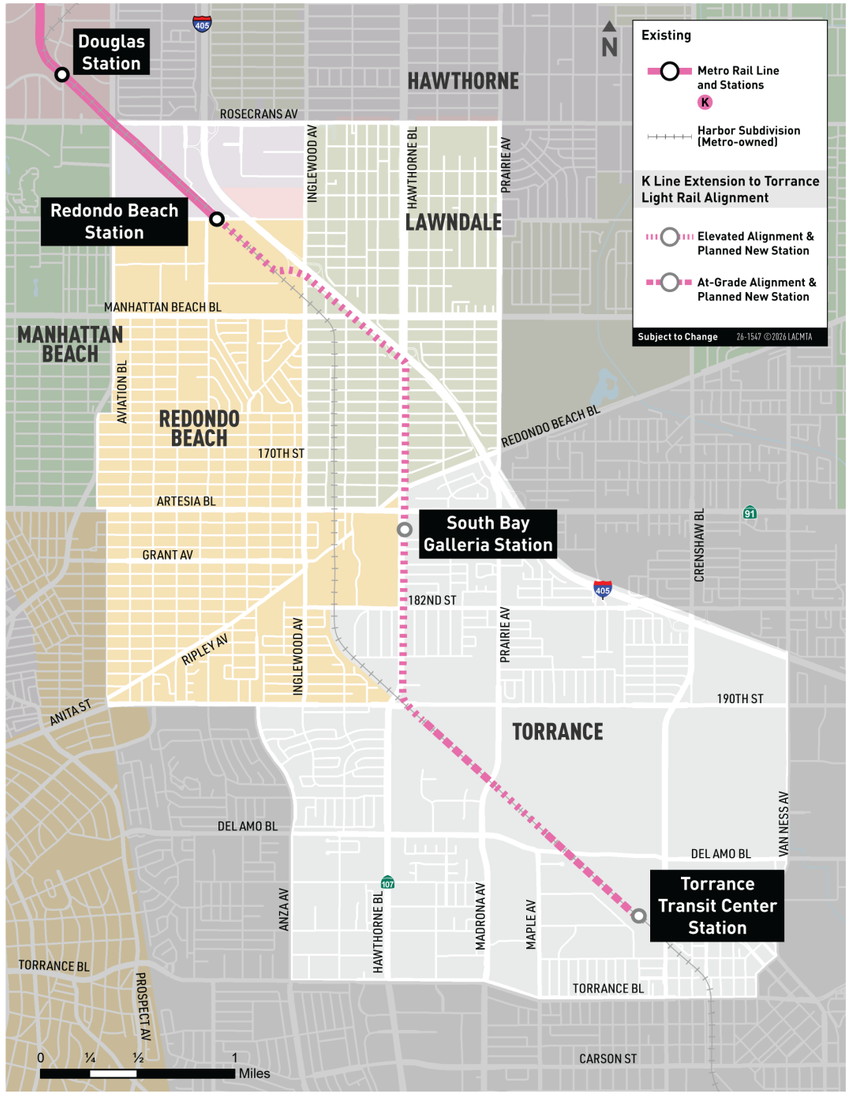
Project Alignment