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## **Notice of Availability**

### **Draft Environmental Impact Report Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (Project). The Draft EIR evaluates the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Project and provides mitigation measures where required. This notice is being provided to announce availability of and solicit input on the Draft EIR.

#### **PROJECT LOCATION**

The Project includes a high-capacity fixed-guideway transit system connecting the San Fernando Valley to the Westside of Los Angeles (Westside) using either heavy-rail transit (HRT) or monorail transit (MRT) technology. The Project Study Area includes the communities of Mar Vista, Westwood, West Los Angeles, Brentwood, Bel Air, Beverly Crest, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Van Nuys, Valley Glen, and Panorama City within the City of Los Angeles, as well as portions of the City of Santa Monica and unincorporated Los Angeles County. The Project Study Area generally extends one mile from each alternative alignment, as shown on Figures 1 through 5.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project would have a northern terminus with a connection to the Van Nuys Metrolink/Amtrak Station and a southern terminus with a connection to the Metro E Line. There are five project alternatives in addition to a No Project Alternative under consideration in the Draft EIR:

- Alternative 1: Monorail with aerial alignment in the I-405 corridor and an electric bus connection to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- Alternative 3: Monorail with aerial alignment in the I-405 corridor and underground alignment south of the Getty Center through UCLA and Westwood
- Alternative 4: Heavy rail with underground alignment south of Ventura Boulevard and aerial alignment generally along Sepulveda Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley
- Alternative 5: Heavy rail with underground alignment including along Sepulveda Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley
- Alternative 6 (Proposed Project): Heavy rail with underground alignment including along Van Nuys Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley and a southern terminus station on Bundy Drive.

Alternatives 1, 3, 4, and 5 would have a southern terminus at the Metro E Line Expo/Sepulveda Station, and Alternative 6 would have a southern terminus at the Metro E Line Expo/Bundy Station. The project alternatives are shown in Figure 1 through Figure 5. There are two maintenance and storage facility (MSF) site options under consideration for Alternatives 1 and 3, the MSF Base Design and MSF Design Option 1. Construction and operation of one or both design options are considered and evaluated for Alternative 1 and Alternative 3. Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 each have one proposed MSF location.

Among the five project alternatives described in the Draft EIR, the Proposed Project is Alternative 6. Alternative 6 is consistent with the description of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project as presented to the public when Measure M was passed. In addition, the proposed design, construction, and operation of Alternative 6 are familiar to the Metro Board of Directors and the public, as they would be similar to Metro's existing heavy rail transit lines. In the Draft EIR, all alternatives, including the Proposed Project, are evaluated equally to provide a comprehensive analysis of potential environmental impacts.

Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(d), the Proposed Project provides a stable basis upon which to evaluate the comparative merits of all of the alternatives. The Metro Board of Directors has the discretion to identify an alternative other than Alternative 6 as the locally preferred alternative (LPA). In making its decision, the Board may take into account the Draft EIR, public comments received during the comment period, technical analyses, stakeholder input, and other policy considerations, such as project objectives, cost, and ridership. Identification of the LPA does not determine the final Project; the final decision on the Project will be made after completion of the Final EIR. Because all alternatives have been evaluated in equal detail, identifying Alternative 6 as the Proposed Project ensures a stable and finite project description while allowing the Metro Board flexibility to select the most suitable alternative for implementation.

### **SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

The Draft EIR describes the alternatives studied and each alternative's associated potential environmental impacts and identifies measures that would avoid, minimize, or mitigate for potential adverse effects during construction and operations of the project. Potential areas of impact include aesthetics; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources (historic resources, archaeological resources, human remains); energy resources; geology, soils, seismicity, and paleontological resources; greenhouse gas emissions; hazardous and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning; noise and vibration; population, housing, and growth; public services; recreation; transportation; tribal cultural resources; utilities and service systems; wildfire; and cumulative impacts. The information contained in the document, along with other factors, will be used by the Metro Board of Directors to decide whether to implement the Project and to identify an LPA from among the alternatives and alignment options under consideration.

As described in the Draft EIR, some of the alternatives could result in significant and unavoidable impacts after implementation of proposed mitigation measures in the following categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Land Use and Planning, Cultural Resources, Noise, Paleontological Resources, Utilities, and Cumulative Impacts. In addition, some of the alternatives cross sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites).

### **PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD**

The Draft EIR is being made available for public review for a 90-day comment period, commencing on **Monday, June 2, 2025**, and concluding on **Saturday, August 30, 2025**. The Draft EIR, along with other project information, is available for review and download online at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority website at [metro.net/sepulvedacorridor](https://metro.net/sepulvedacorridor).

A printed copy of the Draft EIR is available for public review at Metro Headquarters in the Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Electronic copies of the Draft EIR and supporting technical reports are also available for public review at the following repositories. Please check hours of operations at the repositories listed before visiting.

1. Metro Headquarters, Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012
2. Mid-Valley Regional Library, 16244 Nordhoff Street, North Hills, CA 91343
3. Panorama City Branch Library, 14345 Roscoe Boulevard, Panorama City, CA 91402
4. Van Nuys Branch Library, 6250 Sylmar Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91401
5. Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library, 14245 Moorpark Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
6. Westwood Branch Library, 1246 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024
7. West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90025
8. Palms-Rancho Park Library, 2920 Overland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064

- 9. Pico Branch Library (Santa Monica), 2201 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405
- 10. Fairview Branch Library (Santa Monica), 2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405
- 11. Powell Library (UCLA), 10740 Dickson Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Please join Metro at one virtual and four in-person public hearings for the Project. Metro is conducting these public hearings to present key findings on the Draft EIR and offer opportunities for the public to submit oral comments. A court reporter will be present at each hearing. Note that comments and questions will not receive a response during the hearings but will be addressed within the Final EIR. All hearings will feature the same information.

Public Hearing #1 (Virtual)	Public Hearing #2 (In-Person)	Public Hearing #3 (In-Person)	Public Hearing #4 (In-Person)	Public Hearing #5 (In-Person)
Wednesday, August 6, 2025 11:30am–1pm Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/STC-Aug6">https://bit.ly/STC-Aug6</a> Call-in: 213.338.8477 Webinar ID: 827 5651 8473	Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:30pm–7:30pm Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90024	Saturday, August 9, 2025 10:00am–12:00pm Westfield Topanga Community Center 21710 Vanowen St Canoga Park, CA 91303	Tuesday, August 12, 2025 5:30pm–7:30pm Culver City Veterans Memorial Building Rotunda Room 4117 Overland Ave Culver City, CA 90230	Monday, August 18, 2025 5:30pm–7:30pm Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center 5056 Van Nuys Blvd, Building B Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

All public hearings will offer simultaneous Spanish interpretation. Additionally, a video recording of the virtual meeting will be made available on the project website.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUIREMENTS**

Upon request, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats, and other accommodations are available to the public for Metro-sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations, interpretation services, and materials in other languages must be made at least three working days (72 hours) prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please submit requests by calling (323) 466-3876 between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Our Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) line is (800) 252-9040. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may use California Relay Service 711 + Metro phone number.

**COMMENT SUBMITTAL**

Please submit comments on the Draft EIR in writing to the address or email address below. All submitted comments concerning the Draft EIR must be received **no later than 5:00pm Saturday, August 30, 2025**.

- By Email            [sepulvedatransit@metro.net](mailto:sepulvedatransit@metro.net)
- By Web Form      [metro.net/sepulvedacorridor](https://metro.net/sepulvedacorridor)
- By Phone          213.922.7375
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All comments received during the Draft EIR public review period will be compiled and responded to as part of the Final EIR.

Figure 1. Alternative 1

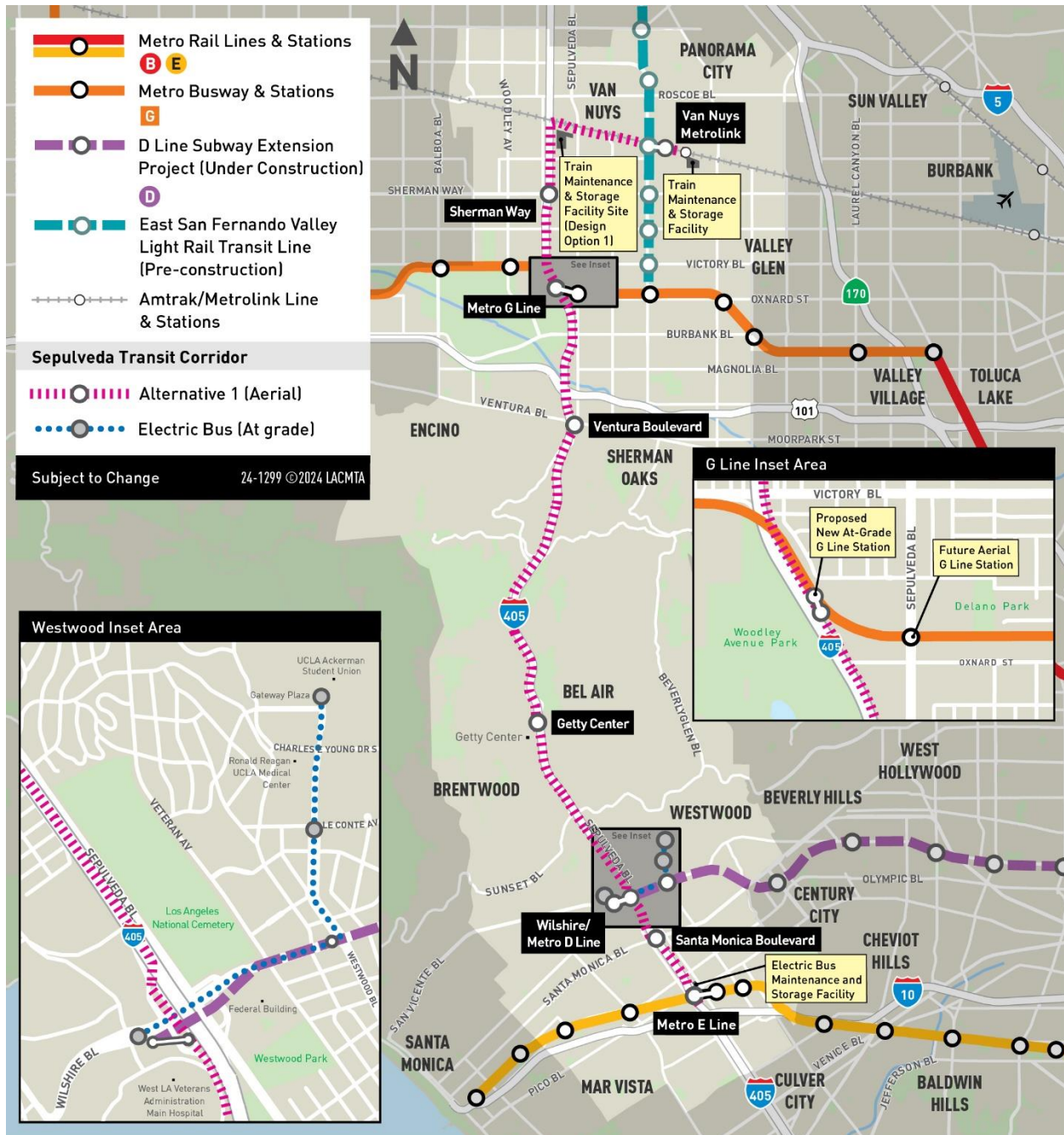


Figure 2. Alternative 3



Figure 3. Alternative 4



Figure 4. Alternative 5



Figure 5. Alternative 6

