Project Overview

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is proposing service improvements for its B Line (Red) and D Line (Purple) with the Division 20 Portal Widening and Turnback Facility Project. Collectively, the lines carry over 140,000 passengers daily, with ridership expected to increase by 49,000, following the Purple Line Extension to the VA Hospital Campus. Currently, these trains switch tracks before entering Union Station, resulting in back-up and service delay.

The project aims to address these service reliability and safety issues with three core improvements:

> Widening of the heavy rail tunnel south of U.S. Highway 101 (Portal Widening)

> Development of a new, surface-level turnback facility (Turnback Facility) in the existing Division 20 yard

> Reconfiguration of the surface-level rail storage tracks

The project site includes the existing rail yard, which is generally bounded by the Los Angeles River to the east, Santa Fe Av to the west, Ducommun St to the north, and 6th St Bridge to the south. The footprint of the proposed project also includes expansion of the existing rail yard boundaries, west toward Santa Fe Av and north toward Commercial St.

Background

In October 2018, the project’s Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was approved by the Metro Board of Directors. Shortly after, pre-construction efforts, such as demolition of existing structures, environmental remediation and site grading began. In December 2019, the Metro Board of Directors approved the Addendum to the FEIR, which addressed changes to the project and proposed revised mitigation measures. The project is now in construction and is expected to be completed in 2023.
PROJECT MAP

Note: Exact location of turnback tracks and yard tracks to be determined.
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