

Next stop: a better Blue Line.

NEW BLUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT Fact Sheet

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- > Major improvements are underway for Metro's oldest light rail line.
- > Work begins on January 26 and continues through September 2019.



OVERVIEW

Work to modernize the Blue Line has been ongoing since 2014 with a series of safety and operational improvements. Metro will begin another round of significant construction and maintenance projects in January 2019. Through these improvements, Metro will invest \$350 million to enhance safety, increase reliability and improve the customer experience.

The nature of the work will require portions of the Blue Line to be closed for two extended four-month closures. The work will consist of:

Train control improvements

- > Construct four additional crossover tracks/switches to reduce service interruptions
- > Upgrade existing train control signals system
- > Modernize Blue Line yard train control system

Track improvements

- > Replace tracks in certain segments
- > Replace track elements at 7th St/Metro Center and Blue/Expo Line junction

SERVICE INFORMATION

SOUTH CLOSURE: January – Late May 2019

- > Rail service will be closed from Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station to the Downtown Long Beach Station
- > The Blue Line will continue running between 7th St/Metro Center and 103rd St/Watts Towers Station
- > The Blue Line Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station will be closed
- > Connection to the Green Line remains open
- > Three levels of bus shuttle service will be provided

Overhead power improvements

- > Upgrade and replace the overhead power system for the entire 22 miles of the Blue Line

Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station improvements

- > Blue Line platform mezzanine improvements
 - Platform and mezzanine extension
 - New station amenities and canopy
 - New southern pedestrian entry
- > New customer amenities and services
 - Metro Customer Service Center
 - Metro Bike Hub
 - Metro Transit Security Center
 - Community plaza
 - Renovated Park & Ride lot
 - New pick-up and drop-off zone

Station area improvements

- > New digital displays
- > New station signage
- > Repainted stations
- > New landscaping*

**Select stations*

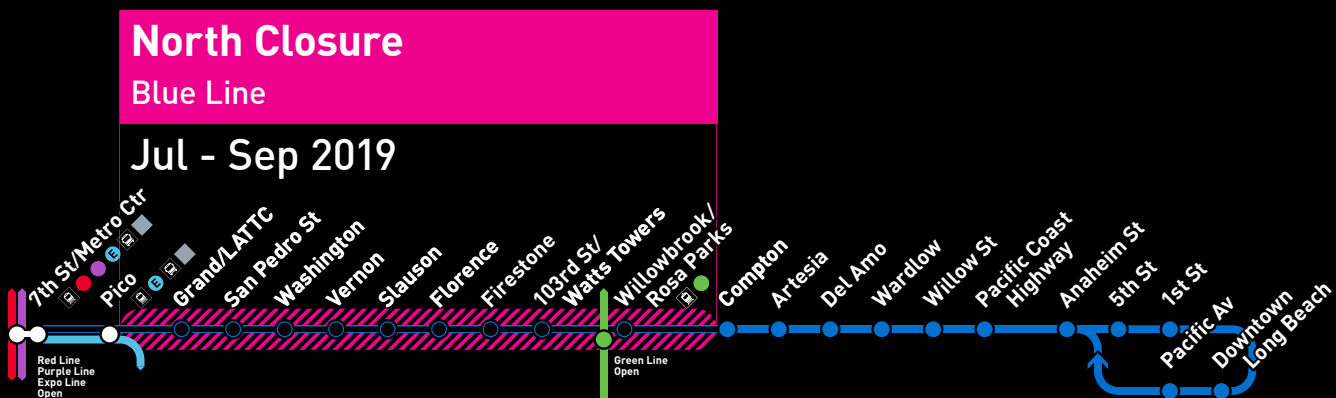
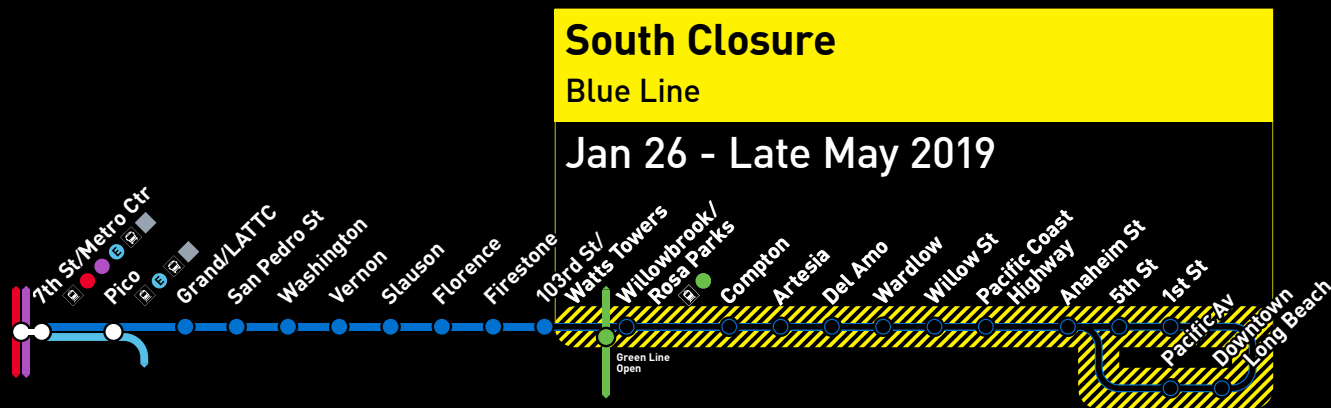
NORTH CLOSURE: Late May – September 2019

- > Rail service will be suspended from Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station to 7th St/Metro Center
- > Blue Line will run between Compton Station and Downtown Long Beach Station
- > The Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station will be closed
- > Connection to the Green Line remains open
- > Three levels of bus shuttle service will be provided

EXPO LINE SERVICE

- > Rail service will be suspended at the Blue/Expo Line junction from 7th St/Metro Center to Pico Stations for 45 days
- > Red/Purple Lines remain open
- > Bus shuttle service will be provided

Blue Line stations closure timeline:





Construction is a dynamic process and information is subject to change without notice.

Please note dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date details, visit metro.net/newblue.

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