

Regional Connector Transit Corridor

Project Overview Fact Sheet



Background

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is studying alternatives to connect the 7th St Metro Center Station and Union Station, linking the Metro Gold, Blue, and future Expo Light Rail Transit (LRT) Lines through downtown Los Angeles. The Regional Connector allows a seamless “one seat ride” through downtown via two cross-regional lines in Los Angeles County:

- > A 50-mile North/South LRT line from Pasadena (and in the future from Azusa) to Long Beach; and,
- > A 25-mile East/West LRT line from East Los Angeles (and in the future from the vicinity of the 605 freeway) to Culver City and eventually Santa Monica.

By providing continuous through service between these lines, the Regional Connector improves access to both local and regional destinations – helping create a true transportation network for the region.

The Regional Connector project area encompasses approximately two square miles of downtown Los Angeles and includes the communities of Little Tokyo, the Arts District, the Historic Core, the Toy District, Bunker Hill, the Financial District, the Jewelry District, and the Civic Center.

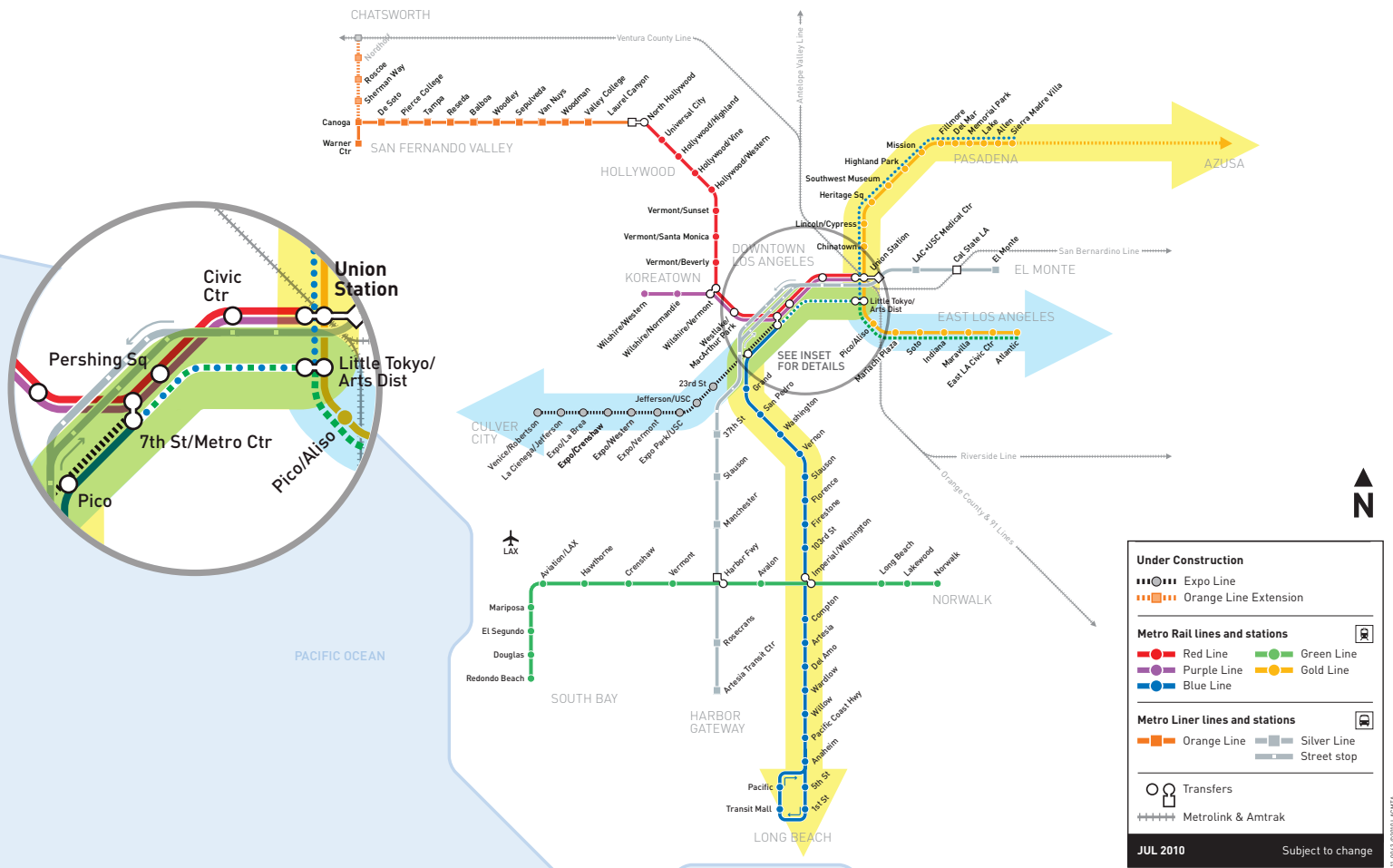
Project Benefits

By linking several LRT systems through downtown Los Angeles, the Regional Connector increases regional mobility by providing access to new destinations for transit riders. The Regional Connector also:

- > Enhances Metro Rail service by providing one continuous trip between the Metro Gold Line from Pasadena and Metro Blue Line, and between the Metro Gold Line from East LA and Metro Expo Line;
- > Saves time and money by reducing travel time and eliminating transfers;
- > Reduces station crowding, especially at peak hours;
- > Provides new access to downtown attractions as well as regional destinations.

The Regional Connector will enable all Los Angeles County rail and bus transit, as well as all intercity transit service, to operate more efficiently and attract higher ridership, thus reducing congestion, improving air quality and lessening our carbon footprint.

Regional Connector Map



The table below reflects the percentage of increased ridership on the following lines:

REGIONAL CONNECTOR IMPROVES RIDERSHIP	
Gold Line (Pico/Aliso Station to Atlantic Station)	18.4%
Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase 2	11.6%
Gold Line (Chinatown Station to Sierra Madre Villa Station)	10.0%
Blue Line (Pico Station to Long Beach)	10.9%
Expo Line (Pico Station to Santa Monica)	4.7%

Project Alternatives

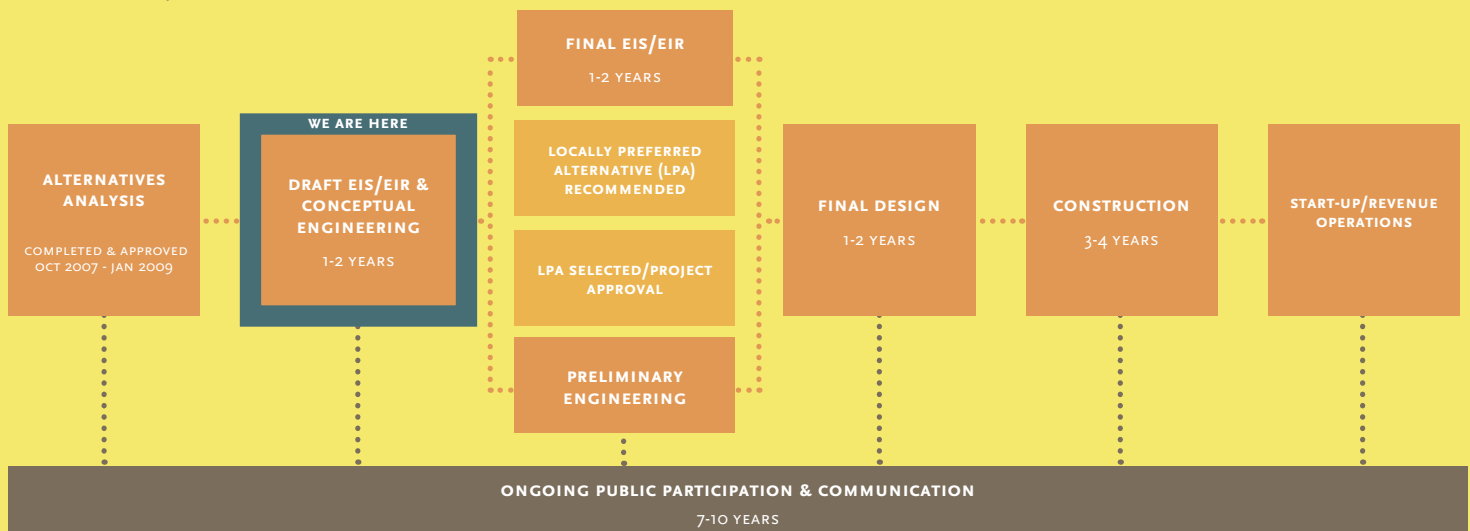
In 2007, Metro initiated an Alternatives Analysis (AA) study which identified and analyzed 36 routes for the Regional Connector. After technical analysis and extensive community input, the study yielded two “build” alternatives which utilize LRT technology as well as two required alternatives. In early 2009, these four alternatives were authorized by the Metro Board of Directors for further study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (Draft EIS/EIR). During this environmental phase, the Metro Board added a fifth alternative in response to community input. The alternatives currently under analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR include:

- > Fully Underground LRT
- > At-Grade Emphasis LRT
- > Underground Emphasis LRT
- > No Build
- > Transportation System Management (TSM)

All these alternatives will receive in-depth technical analysis during the Draft EIS/EIR process.

Project Development Process

The project development process is well defined by federal and state environmental requirements. The Regional Connector is currently in the Draft EIS/EIR phase. The following flow diagram charts the major milestones in the process, including its status at present.



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