



Metro has started work on an Alternatives Analysis (AA) for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Study. This AA will analyze options for providing through-service between the Metro Blue Line, Gold Line, Gold Line Eastside Extension and Expo Line, and serve to link these rail corridors directly to Union Station. By more directly connecting existing rail lines, Metro aims to increase mobility, accessibility and ridership throughout the region.

The Metro Blue Line, with approximately 65,000 daily passengers, currently terminates in downtown Los Angeles at the 7th Street/Metro Center station. This station will also be the future terminus for the Metro Expo Line when it is completed in 2010. At present, passengers on the Metro Blue Line must transfer to the Metro Red Line to reach downtown destinations such as Disney Hall, the County Hall of Administration, County Court Houses, and City Hall before reaching Union Station. Those passengers wanting to continue to other north- or eastbound destinations must transfer again onto the Metro Gold Line.

Beginning as early as 1992, Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan addressed the need for a regional transit connector in downtown Los Angeles. In 2003, Metro's Short Range Transportation Plan called for exploring the feasibility of an alignment that would connect the Metro Gold, Blue, and Exposition Lines through downtown Los Angeles. A subsequent technical feasibility assessment, completed in 2004, found that connecting these key light rail transit lines would significantly increase utilization of all rail lines and improve mobility throughout the region.

Study Process

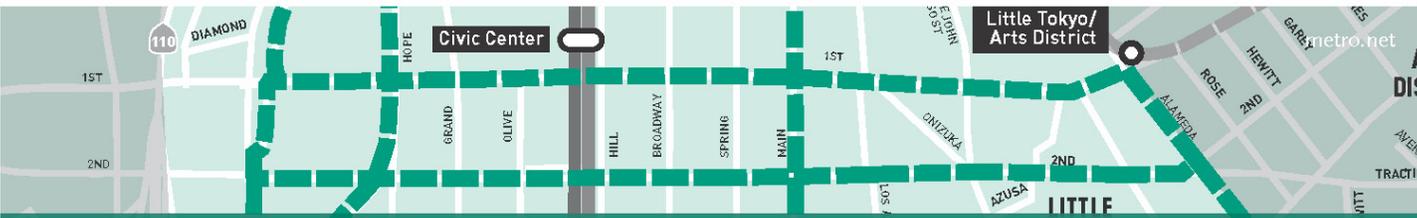
Metro's AA study is the first step in the project development process. Its purpose is to evaluate various transit modes, alignments, and station locations. Metro will also study possible underground, at-grade or aerial configurations as well as combinations of these alternatives. After the AA is completed, the Metro Board of Directors will determine whether to move the project forward with further environmental review.

Study Area

The study 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 Civic Center. It extends from the Metro Blue Line terminus at 7th Street and Wilshire Boulevard in downtown Los Angeles to the vicinity of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension station at 1st and Alameda Streets.

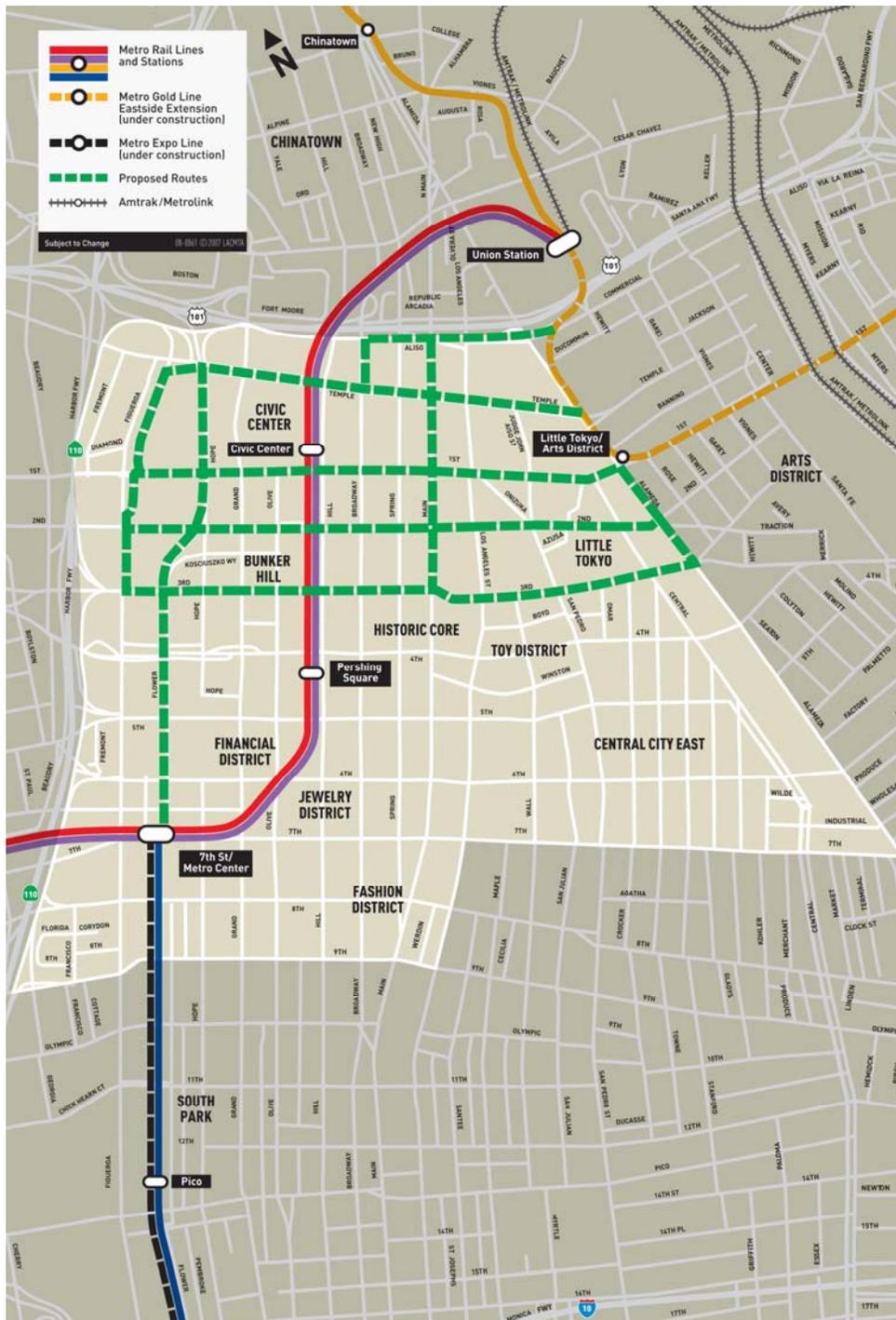
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Fact Sheet: Study Background



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