Next stop: key rail connections.
Overview

The Crenshaw Northern Extension is a Metro project with the potential to create a reliable, high-performing regional north-south rail transit corridor. When combined with the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, currently under construction, the Crenshaw Northern Extension will connect the South Bay, LAX area, South Los Angeles, Inglewood and Crenshaw corridor to Mid-City, Central Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Hollywood, allowing for further connections to points north in the San Fernando Valley via the Metro Red Line. Further, the Project would link four Metro Rail lines (Green, Expo, Purple and Red).

The project study area is 17 square miles, including portions of the cities of Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Beverly Hills.

There are currently five potential alignments under review. Metro is conducting technical analysis and gathering public input to determine which alternative(s) will be studied further during a subsequent environmental review process.

Goals

The goals of this study are to:

> Inform the public about possible alignments.
> Collect public input to inform the screening study process, including community priorities, preferences and questions for the study to evaluate.
> Conduct further technical analysis to identify the most promising alignments to be studied further in a formal environmental review process.
> Provide information about project completion timelines based on current funding plans, as well as information about what would need to occur for the project to be completed sooner.

Project Alternatives and Updates

The Crenshaw Northern Extension Advanced Alternatives Screening Study is analyzing five route alternatives with public outreach scheduled to begin in Spring 2019.

Public comments will be collected during community meetings and other public engagement opportunities. This input will inform the study process and screening of alternatives.

Further information, including a full evaluation of all study alternatives, and recommendations on which alternatives to carry forward into the environmental review process will be shared with the public again in fall 2019.
Alignment Options

All alignments begin at the Metro Expo/Crenshaw Station and head north along Crenshaw Boulevard and then continue as follows:

> **A. San Vicente Alternative:** This option heads northwest on San Vicente Bl where it will connect with the future Metro Purple Line Wilshire/La Cienega Station and continue north up San Vicente Bl, and east on Santa Monica Bl, connecting to the Metro Red Line at Hollywood/Highland Station.

> **B. La Cienega Alternative:** This option heads northwest on San Vicente Bl where it will connect with the future Metro Purple Line Wilshire/La Cienega Station. From there, it continues on San Vicente Bl, turns north at La Cienega Bl and east on Santa Monica Bl, connecting to the Metro Red Line at Hollywood/Highland Station.

> **C. Fairfax Alternative:** This option heads northwest on San Vicente Bl and north on Fairfax Av, where it connects with the future Metro Purple Line Wilshire/Fairfax Station. It continues north on Fairfax Av and east on Santa Monica Bl, connecting to the Metro Red Line at Hollywood/Highland Station.

> **D. La Brea Alternative:** This option heads northwest on San Vicente Bl and north on La Brea Av, where it connects with the future Metro Purple Line Wilshire/La Brea Station. From there, it continues north on La Brea Av through West Hollywood to connect with the Metro Red Line at Hollywood/Highland Station.

> **E. Vermont Alternative:** This option heads east on Olympic Bl and north on Vermont Av, where it connects with the Metro Red/Purple Line at the Wilshire/Vermont Station.
Background, Funding and Timing

The Crenshaw Northern Extension project was one of several new rail projects identified in Measure M, a countywide ballot measure passed by Los Angeles County voters in November, 2016.

The Measure M Expenditure Plan identifies $2.24 billion for the project. This figure was determined in 2015 and was based on current dollar values.

Based on the current Measure M schedule, this project is planned to start construction in 2041 and begin operations in 2047. Metro is conducting this study now because there are efforts underway to identify funding to accelerate this schedule.

Study Schedule

Metro will be conducting this screening study through fall 2019. Information from this study will be used to inform which alignment options will be studied further in a formal environmental review process anticipated to begin in early 2020.

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