



Crenshaw Northern Extension Advanced Alternatives Screening Study

FAQ- Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is the Crenshaw Northern Extension?

The Crenshaw Northern Extension is a rail transit project that was identified in Measure M. When combined with the Crenshaw/LAX line currently under construction, the Crenshaw Northern Extension will connect the South Bay, LAX area, Inglewood, South LA and Crenshaw District to Mid-City, Central Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Hollywood as well as points north in the San Fernando Valley via the Metro Red Line.

2. What is Measure M?

Measure M is a half-cent sales tax that was approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2016. The funds are being collected for designated transportation purposes including several new transit and highway projects around the County, as well as bus and rail operations. Measure M also provides funding to cities in Los Angeles County for local transportation purposes.

3. What is the purpose of this Crenshaw Northern Extension Advanced Alternatives Screening Study?

The purpose of this study is to inform and educate the public as well as solicit public input on the various proposed routes for this project to determine which alternatives can move on to the environmental review process.

The goals of this study are to:

- Inform the public about possible alignments and grade separations along with financial and timing implications of these alternatives.
- Collect public input to inform this screening study process including community priorities, preferences and questions for this project.
- Provide realistic timelines to the public on the completion of this project based on currently planned funding as well as what would need to occur for the project to be completed sooner.

4. When is this study taking place and what happens after this screening study?

Metro will be conducting this screening study during the spring, summer and fall of 2019. Information from this study will be used to identify the alignment option(s) that will be studied in a formal environmental review process that will begin in early 2020.

5. What are the route options currently under consideration?

There are currently five major route options that are being explored. Beginning from northern terminus of the Crenshaw/LAX line at Crenshaw/Expo they all follow Crenshaw Boulevard north to San Vicente and then proceed as follows:

- San Vicente Alternative: This option heads northwest on San Vicente Bl where it will connect with the future Metro Purple Line station at Wilshire/La Cienega and continue north up San Vicente Boulevard, and east on Santa Monica Boulevard, connecting to the Metro Red Line at Hollywood/Highland.
- La Cienega Alternative: This option heads northwest on San Vicente Bl where it will connect with the future Metro Purple Line station at Wilshire/La Cienega. From there, it continues on San Vicente, turns north at La Cienega Boulevard, and east on Santa Monica Boulevard, connecting to the Metro Red Line at Hollywood/Highland.
- Fairfax Alternative: This option heads northwest on San Vicente BL and north on Fairfax where it will connect with the future Metro Purple Line station and Wilshire/ Fairfax. It continues north on Fairfax Avenue and east on Santa Monica Boulevard, connecting to the Metro Red Line at Hollywood/Highland.
- La Brea Alternative: This option heads northwest on San Vicente Bl and north on La Brea where it will connect with the future Metro Purple Line station at Wilshire/La Brea. From there it continues north on La Brea Avenue through West Hollywood to connect with the Metro Red Line at Hollywood/Highland.
- Vermont Alternative: This option continues north on Crenshaw past San Vicente to Olympic where it heads east to Vermont and then north where it connects with the Metro Red/Purple Line at the Wilshire/Vermont station.

6. Is this project a subway, an above-ground railway or a rail project that runs on the street?

This decision has not yet been made however, whichever route is chosen, it is likely to include segments that are subway (known as below-ground or below-grade), above ground (aerial), and that run on the street (at-grade). A variety of factors will go into making this determination including existing street width and infrastructure. This will be evaluated as a part of this study and the future environmental analysis.

7. Where are the stations going to be located?

The Feasibility Study identifies general station locations, including connection points with other Metro Rail lines like Crenshaw/LAX, Expo, Purple and Red Lines. Specific stations along the various routes will be studied during the formal environmental review process.

8. How many people will use this rail line on a daily basis?

Depending on the route chosen, the project is anticipated to serve between 77,700 and 90,800 daily boardings.

9. How much will the Crenshaw Northern Extension project cost?

This project is estimated to cost between \$2.4 billion and \$4.7 billion dollars depending on the route chosen as well as how much of the project is below-ground subway, above-ground (aerial) or at street-level. Below-ground subway is currently estimated to cost roughly \$700 million per-mile, above-ground (aerial) is estimated at roughly \$300 million per-mile and street-level at roughly \$150 million per-mile or less.

10. When is this project slated to begin?

Based on the current funding schedule, this project would break ground in 2041 and begin operations in 2047. Metro is conducting this study now since there are efforts underway to try and accelerate this schedule.

11. Can this project timeline be moved up?

The City of West Hollywood is currently leading efforts to explore additional funding sources and mechanisms that would accelerate the timeline of this project.

12. How can I be involved in providing public input on the proposed routes?

Metro will conduct two rounds of community meetings in the study area during 2019. We will also be in your community at farmer's markets, grocery stores, events, along transit lines and through social media platforms to allow for extensive public input into this process. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Project and event information can be found here at metro.net/crenshawnorth.