



Metro Joint Development

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Greetings Metro Joint Development stakeholders! We have a lot of exciting updates:

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Joint Development Project Highlights

Boyle Heights Projects

1st/Soto

Metro and a joint venture between Bridge Housing and East LA Community Corporation (Bridge/ELACC) have extended their existing ENA for the development of Metro's 1st/Soto station site in accordance with Metro Board authority received in December 2018. Information on the extension is available in the [1st/Soto November 2018 Board report](#).

The extension will allow Bridge/ELACC to complete the project's entitlement process with the City of Los Angeles, including a review of its environmental impact under the California Environmental Quality Act. It will also allow Metro and Bridge/ELACC to further refine the project's scope and design, consistent with prior community input.

As currently planned, the project proposes 64 apartments (43 of which will be affordable to families earning between 30%-50% of the Area Median Income and 20 of which will be permanent supportive housing), 4,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space and a community room on the station site. Bridge/ELACC also plans to restore the Peabody-Werden House situated on the small parcel across Soto Street to provide community services from this space.

For more information on this project, please contact Greg Angelo at angelog@metro.net.

Expo/Crenshaw Station

At their September 2018 meetings, the Metro Board of Directors and County Board of Supervisors approved entering into a long term ENA with Watt Companies. Information can be found in the [Metro meeting recap](#), and the [County Board of Supervisors statement of proceedings](#).

In the past few months, Watt and their development partner West Angeles Community Development Corporation continued stakeholder engagement by hosting a series of Coffee Klatches, providing updates to neighborhood leaders, participating in local community events, and circulating a survey to gather additional input on the project features. Please visit Watt's project [website](#) to stay up to date on upcoming events, and provide input and feedback via their [online survey](#). For more information on this project, please contact Nicole V. Avitia at AvitiaN@metro.net.

Division 6 – Venice

On February 20, 2019, at Westminster Elementary, Metro held an open house to preview recommendations for the Development Guidelines to ensure they reflect a shared vision for the site's long-term development. To gather additional community feedback, a similar event was also held at the Venice Farmer's Market on March 1, 2019. Metro continues to craft the Development Guidelines and plans to release a draft for public review in the Spring of 2019.

For more information, contact Olivia Segura at segurao@metro.net.

Little Tokyo/Arts District Station

Proposals for the [Little Tokyo/Arts District Station Joint Development](#) Opportunity were received in January 2019 and are currently under evaluation. Any questions or comments related to the RFI/Q must be submitted to Gina Romo, Principal Contract Administrator at romog@metro.net or 213.922.7558.

Vermont/Santa Monica Station

In January 2017, Metro received an Unsolicited Joint Development Proposal from

Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) Community Development Corporation, which proposed development of the Metro-owned properties and adjacent privately-owned properties at the Vermont/Santa Monica Red Line Station. After completing a two-phased review of the proposal in accordance with Metro's [Joint Development Unsolicited Proposal Policy](#), Metro decided to move forward with LTSC's proposal. In March 2018, the Metro Board of Directors approved entering into an 18-month Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with LTSC. Additional details on the process can be found in the [Board Report](#).

LTSC's current proposal contemplates approximately 190 affordable residential units for low-income households, with approximately half of those units reserved for families and individuals with special needs. The development proposal also includes approximately 20,000 square feet of ground floor retail and on-site supportive services for residents. Overall, the proposed development offers opportunities to make improvements to the Metro plaza, enhance the pedestrian experience and improve transit connectivity. Over the last year LTSC has conducted community outreach to gather community input on the project. During the ENA phase, Metro and LTSC will negotiate the financial terms of the project, with the goal of returning to the Metro Board in 2020 for approval to enter into a Joint Development Agreement and any other agreements necessary to complete the project. For more information on this project, please contact Nicole V. Avitia at AvitiaN@metro.net.

Taylor Yard

Lot 2B: Metro and the master developer of the 17.75-acre Taylor Yard community (a McCormack Baron Salazar development entity), have extended their existing Joint Development Agreement for the development of Taylor Yard Lot 2A in accordance with Metro Board authority received in December 2018. (Information regarding the extension is available in the [Taylor Yard November 2018 Board report](#).) The extension will allow McCormack Baron Salazar to secure financing for this already entitled project. It will also allow Metro and McCormack Baron Salazar to further refine the project's scope and design.

Lot 2A: L.A. Urban Homes has completed and sold the final, 54 units in the **RiverPark condominium project** at Taylor Yard.

Lot 5 Retail Space Still Available for Lease: The 8,300 square feet of commercial space in the **Taylor Yard Senior Housing project** remains available for lease and the developer, McCormack Baron Salazar, is seeking suitable commercial tenants. Interested parties should contact Daniel Falcon, Jr. at McCormack Baron Salazar at 213.236.2680 or at daniel.falcon@mccormackbaron.com for leasing information.

Lot 9: Metro and McCormack Baron Salazar are planning to amend an existing ground lease for Taylor Yard Lot 9. The amendment contemplates changing the scope of development for this lot to an approximately 56 unit affordable housing project (from the existing 16,690 square foot retail project), and extending the ground

lease term and the deadline for construction commencement. The amendment will be considered by the Metro Board's Planning & Programming Committee on March 20, 2019 and by the full Metro Board on March 28, 2019. (More information on the proposed amendment will be available in the Taylor Yard Lot 9 March 2019 Board Report, 72 hours prior to the [March 2019 Board Meeting](#).)

El Monte Transit Center

Coming in mid-2019, look out for an RFP for a joint development partner at the El Monte Transit Center. Metro currently operates a transit center, a bus division, an office building and 1,800 parking spaces on land owned by Metro and Caltrans. Metro will look to the development community to help find the best ways to add transit-oriented development to the site. The developer partner will be selected based on their qualifications and overall vision for the site, as opposed to a specific development proposal. Once selected, the developer partner will perform additional due diligence and work alongside Metro to create a development plan that is responsive to Metro, City and community priorities and as well as prevailing market conditions. Contact Marie Sullivan at sullivanma@metro.net if you are interested in receiving the RFP.

Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy

In June 2018, the Metro Board of Directors approved the Transit Oriented Communities Policy, developed by TOC staff alongside a working group of the Measure M Policy Advisory Committee (PAC).

Continuing work on the TOC Policy, Metro and the PAC working group has kicked off development of a TOC Implementation Plan and Performance measures.

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The Metro Joint Development Team

About Metro Joint Development

Joint Development is the real estate development program through which Metro collaborates with qualified developers to build transit-oriented developments on Metro-owned properties. Metro's Joint Development sites are a gateway to the Metro transit system and hold unique potential to advance community development goals while attracting new riders to the Metro system.



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