

Metro Purple Line Extension

General Fact Sheet



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Overview

Metro is getting ready to break ground on the first section of the long-awaited extension of the Purple Line subway to the Westside of Los Angeles. The full nine-mile project will bring fast, reliable mass transit to some of LA's busiest destinations including Miracle Mile, Beverly Hills, Century City and Westwood. Once the subway extension is complete, commuters will travel entirely below ground in just 25 minutes between downtown Los Angeles and Westwood. 49,000 people are projected to board the train at one of the seven new stations. Even more new transit riders will board the growing Metro Rail system in other places to travel into the Westside. The Extension will also provide Westsiders with easy access to many destinations across the region.

Extensive and thorough planning, analysis and environmental review for the project occurred from 2007 to 2012. In April and May 2012, the Metro Board of Directors approved the project and certified its Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report. The Federal Transit Administration then issued a Record of Decision for the project signifying the end of the federal environmental review process. These combined actions signify the conclusion of all environmental reviews and approvals required for the project to proceed.

Construction of the Purple Line Extension is projected to generate 52,500 jobs within the region and cost \$6.3 billion based on the three-phase funding schedule shown. Approximately three-fourths of those funds are coming from Measure R — the local half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2008. Metro is seeking federal “New Starts” matching funds for the remainder.

**We're building fast,
reliable transit
to LA's congested
Westside.**



Attractions along the Purple Line Extension (clockwise from top left): Los Angeles County Museum of Art, UCLA, Rodeo Drive and Westwood Village.



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Schedule

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bids and selecting a contractor to build the project, conducting advanced utility relocations, constructing a 75-foot deep exploratory shaft to gather further information about the special ground conditions near the La Brea Tar Pits, and pursuing federal "New Starts" matching funds.

	Planned Schedule	Forecasted Schedule*	
	SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3
Length	3.9 miles	2.6 miles	2.9 miles
New Stations	Wilshire/La Brea Wilshire/Fairfax Wilshire La Cienega	Wilshire/Rodeo Century City	Westwood/UCLA Westwood/VA Hospital
Pre-Construction Activities	Current-2014	2017-2018	2025-2027
Construction	2014-2023	2019-2026	2027-2035
Operations	2023	2026	2035

* METRO IS PURSUING ALTERNATE FUNDING SCENARIOS THAT WOULD ACCELERATE SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION. THIS CHART WILL BE UPDATED AS NEW INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.


The Extension will transport you between Westwood and Downtown LA in 25 minutes.

What Happens Now

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Construction of the Purple Line Extension is expected to create 52,500 jobs.

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