Project Status

- Metro Board certified the Final EIS/EIR and approved Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
  - 1.9 mile underground connection
  - Connects Metro Gold (Pasadena and Eastside), Blue and Expo Lines
  - 3 Stations: 1st/Central, 2nd/Broadway, 2nd/Hope

> Refinements to the LPA
  - Enhanced Flower Street pedestrian walkway
  - Relocated the Little Tokyo/Arts District station to reduce impacts to properties
Project Cost & Benefits

- Project Cost: $1.366B
- Closes gap in the LRT system
  - 88,000 passengers would access the Regional Connector daily
  - Eliminates transfers
  - Reduces travel time by 30%
  - Reduces overall fare cost to riders
  - Improves headways
- Cost effectiveness under $13.00
  - One of the most cost effective projects nationally
Project Benefits

> Regional Connector creates two cross-regional lines for Los Angeles County
  > North to South LRT line (≈50 miles)
  > East to West LRT line (≈25 miles)

> Regional Connector improves ridership across the region
  > Gold Line (1st/Utah to Pomona/Atlantic) 18.4%
  > Gold Line Eastside Phase 2 11.6%
  > Gold Line (Chinatown to Sierra Madre Villa) 10.0%
  > Blue Line (Pico/Flower to Long Beach) 10.9%
  > Expo Line (Pico/Flower to Santa Monica) 4.7%
Additional Mitigations

Financial District Stakeholders:

> Expressed concern with Cut and Cover on Flower Street as described in the Final EIS/EIR

> Alignment refinements were reviewed to reduce the length of cut and cover by extending tunnels south on Flower Street

Japanese Village Plaza:

> New construction /operational noise, and vibration, parking, future development of property

> Alignment refinement made to have slightly deeper tunnels towards west end of the property
Next Steps

> File Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and State of California Clearinghouse

> Perform cost analysis of additional mitigations and return to Board in 60-days with recommendations

> Work with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to issue a Record of Decision (ROD)

> Continue dialog with property owners to identify concerns and develop solutions