Metro is making connections at LAX.

AIRPORT METRO CONNECTOR
96TH STREET TRANSIT STATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Los Angeles is making progress towards linking the regional transit system with Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Metro is planning a new rail station on the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line that is currently under construction. Located at Aviation Blvd and 96th St, this station will allow for an easy connection to LAX’s Central Terminal Area via an Automated People Mover (APM) that will be built and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the agency that operates LAX. The APM will provide dependable and frequent transportation not only to the Central Terminal Area, but also to a planned Intermodal Transportation Facility (ITF) and a Consolidated Rent-A-Car Facility (ConRAC) located outside of the airport that will also be built and operated by LAWA.

Metro is closely collaborating with LAWA to ensure that the interface between this new station and the APM is as convenient and seamless as possible. This ongoing partnership between Metro and LAWA will help ensure that together, the combined projects will deliver world-class transportation to and from LAX for travelers, visitors and employees alike.

This set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) provides an overview of the AMC project, including status and ways to obtain more information. The FAQs will continue to be updated as the project progresses.

Subjects discussed in these FAQs include:
> Project Overview
> Funding
> Station Operations and Design
> Schedule & Process
> Public Involvement

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

**What is the Airport Metro Connector 96th St transit station project?**

The Airport Metro Connector (AMC) project is a new rail station that, combined with LAWA’s Automated People Mover (APM), will connect LAX with the regional rail system.

**Where will the station be located?**

The station will be located at Aviation Blvd and 96th St in the City of Los Angeles. The station is near LAX, the 405 and 105 Freeways and the City of Inglewood.

**Has the project been fully approved?**

In June 2014, the Metro Board of Directors approved adding the AMC transit station to the Crenshaw/LAX Line, which is currently under construction. This new station needs environmental clearance and, in order to achieve that, Metro is currently preparing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Metro is also discussing with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the steps necessary to obtain federal environmental clearance.

**What is the status of the EIR development for the AMC Station?**

The effort kicked off in February 2015 with public scoping. The Draft EIR should be released late Spring 2016 for public review and comment, including a formal public hearing. Please go to metro.net/laxconnector to view materials from the 2015 Public Scoping Meeting and other project documents and information.

**Are there other airports that have access via “Rail to APM”?**

Other airports with “Rail to APM” connections can be found around the country at San Francisco, Oakland, New York (JFK), Newark, Miami, Dallas/Fort Worth and Phoenix.

**How will the project improve transportation going in and out of LAX?**

Passengers, visitors, and employees will have the option of using the regional transit system to access LAX and will have more options to not only getting to and from LAX, but also to enter and exit the airport without having to drive directly into the highly-congested Central Terminal Area (CTA). Passengers and employees will have access to LAWA’s APM from the transit station, taking them to the CTA for access to terminals and flights. The APM will provide free, convenient, 24-hour access to the CTA, with two- to three-minute wait times at each station. Additionally, 13 bus lines will be consolidated at the bus plaza that will be part of the station. This will provide for easy connections to the area’s business, retail and commercial center. The station may also have a bike hub which will provide bicycle parking to enhance first-/last-mile connections.

**FUNDING**

**What is the cost of the project and how is it being funded?**

The estimated cost is $581 million. Measure R is providing $200 million towards the cost of the project, which is currently being refined. Additional funding sources may include federal and state funds and a potential November ballot measure may help accelerate this project.

**What is Measure R?**

Measure R is the half-cent sales tax that was approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2008. The funds are being collected over 30 years for transportation purposes, including several new transit and highway projects around the county, as well as bus and rail operations. Measure R also provides funding to cities in Los Angeles County for transportation purposes. The AMC is one of the transit projects specifically included in Measure R.
What is “Metro’s Plan to Ease Traffic?”
On March 24, Metro released a draft expenditure plan for public input that could become part of a possible November ballot measure. The plan would generate a projected $120 billion dollars over 40 years for new transit and highway projects; commuter rail; transit operations and projects to keep buses, trains and facilities in good repair; pedestrian and cycling connections; and funding to keep fares affordable for students, seniors and the disabled. The plan would return some revenues to cities to spend on their own local transportation improvements. The potential ballot measure would ask voters to increase the countywide sales tax by a half-cent for 40 years and to continue the tax (Measure R) for an extra 18 years, meaning both would potentially run through 2057. There is also a 45-year and 50-year plan under consideration. Additional funding for the AMC Project could be secured and accelerated if any decisions are made to finalize the plan or go to the voters. Metro is seeking input from the public in Spring 2016 and you can learn more about the plan by visiting the website at: [metro.net/theplan](http://metro.net/theplan).

**STATION OPERATIONS AND DESIGN**

What lines will serve the AMC transit station and how often will the trains run?
The new station will be served by both the Crenshaw/LAX and Metro Green Lines, which will operate every five to 10 minutes during peak periods. LAWA indicates that their APM will operate every two to three minutes. It is anticipated that the AMC will serve approximately 13 different bus lines.

How will people be able to get to LAX once the transit station is built?
Metro passengers will easily transfer between the street-level AMC 96th St Transit Station and bus plaza and the elevated APM station. Metro and LAWA are working to make this transfer as easy and seamless as possible.

What will the station look like?
In coordination with the environmental analysis for the station, Metro is working with architectural and engineering consultants to design the AMC transit station. Conceptual designs for the station are currently being prepared.

What kinds of amenities will there be at the station?
The AMC transit station is currently in the early conceptual design phase. As currently envisioned, it may include:

- Light Rail Transit (LRT) station to be served by both the Metro Green and Crenshaw/LAX Lines
- Bus plaza for Metro and municipal buses
- Passenger pick-up, drop-off, pedestrian, and bicycle amenities
- A transit center/terminal facility that connects Metro’s transit station with LAWA’s APM station
- Retail, wifi, passenger information kiosks, public art, and wayfinding signage
How is Metro working together with LAWA on the AMC transit station?

While Metro develops the EIR for the AMC transit station, it is working closely with LAWA on their separate and independent environmental effort for the LAX Landside Access Modernization Program that is on a parallel schedule. Ongoing communication is geared toward ensuring that the two projects are aligned.

**SCHEDULE & PROCESS**

**When will the project be complete?**

The new station could be completed by 2024 if more funding becomes available. Metro is actively pursuing opportunities to accelerate the completion of the project by seeking additional funding.

**What are the next steps in the process before construction begins?**

The project is anticipated to complete environmental clearance for both CEQA and NEPA by early 2017. Metro is also working to identify and secure additional funding for the project, which would enable it to start construction.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

**How can I stay involved?**

Connect with us through our website and social media.

Sign up for email alerts on the project website, metro.net/laxconnector and follow us on Facebook and Twitter at facebook.com/laxconnector and twitter.com/laxconnector.

**Where can I provide input on the project?**

Metro invites you to stay involved throughout the project.

You can review public reports and information documents on our web site, metro.net/laxconnector. You can find information as the work progresses, leave comments, and let us know how to contact you so we can keep you informed of upcoming meetings and other milestones. To provide input on the project, please contact us at laxconnector@metro.net or 213.922.4484.

**Who do I contact for more information?**

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For more information on LAWA’s planning efforts, please visit lawa.org.

**Can I request a project briefing for my community organization?**

We would be happy to provide a briefing to your community organization. To schedule a presentation, please contact us at laxconnector@metro.net or 213.922.4484.