Our future stations will be sleek and modern, for a growing Metro system.
Integrated station elements make the ride more reliable and enjoyable.

With the passage of Measure M, LA County’s transit system is experiencing unprecedented growth. Many new rail stations are under construction and more are in the planning phase. With this growth comes the opportunity to establish a consistent, integrated systemwide design approach for all future Metro stations. Metro’s new standard station design reflects a safer, smarter, cleaner and greener future.

**Background**

Metro has developed systemwide station designs to improve the rider experience, while also streamlining the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the stations. The systemwide design uses a modular kit-of-parts approach that is adaptable, to accommodate varying site conditions, while allowing stations to be more cost-effective to design, construct and maintain. Metro’s Systemwide Station Design layouts provide for open plaza, concourse and platform designs, with streamlined integration of lighting, operational equipment, wayfinding and customer information, as well as prominent display of public art.

To create a unified vision for Metro’s stations, we began first by conducting a systemwide survey of existing transit facilities, cataloging architecture, materials, finishes and colors. The survey also took note of lessons learned with a particular emphasis on maintenance, operations and cost efficiency. We found that station architecture and finishes vary dramatically from station to station, with very little system continuity or consistent visual character. Existing varying materials and finishes have also made maintenance more difficult and costly. Metro’s systemwide approach to station design provides signature Metro architectural features and signage.

**Metro’s systemwide station design:**

- **Raises** the bar of station design, establishing a distinct unified identity for a world-class rail system
- **Improves** the visibility of Metro’s system through consistent, recognizable architecture and branding
- **Ensures** stations are open and spacious, making them more appealing, highly visible and easily accessible
- **Uses** quality materials for long-term durability and sustainability
- **Responds** to varying site conditions, reducing construction and maintenance costs
- **Enhances** the passenger experience through integration of station amenities, artwork and information
- **Allows** for easier integration with adjacent development and first/last mile connections to the station site
Innovative architecture reflects LA’s status as a leader in design.

The station design standards incorporate attractive, safe and highly durable materials. This design framework allows station components to be arranged in multiple ways to accommodate different conditions at station sites.

Station components include:

- A glass canopy for weather protection that allows for natural light to enter station platforms and interiors
- A signature three-tone concrete paving pattern for all station plazas
- Stainless steel finishes for the station entrance, as well as gates, fencing, furniture and equipment
- LED light fixtures providing sustainable and energy efficient lighting throughout the station
- Glass art panels integrated into the entrance structure, providing artwork that will vary at each underground station
- Customer information consistently integrated with station architecture to enhance passenger usability
Art program

Metro commissions artists to create engaging artworks, making the transit journey more inviting and pleasurable. Artwork is incorporated into all Metro stations. Artists are selected through a competitive process with community input, with all artworks created specifically for their transit sites.

Art program goals:

> Connects people, sites and neighborhoods through the prominent display of site-specific artworks
> Contributes to LA County’s artistic vibrancy and cultural legacy by championing contemporary artworks
> Creates artworks that are safe, durable and integrated into the transit environment

Stations will feature:

> Glass art panels at entry pavilions
> Glass, ceramic or mosaic tile on the concourses
> Porcelain enamel steel panels on the platforms

Unique artwork expresses LA’s diverse cultural vibrancy.
Sustainable station landscaping:

> **Serves** as a transitional gateway from the surrounding community to the station area
> **Contributes** to station identification and wayfinding for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians accessing the station
> **Provides** variation, integrating each station into the community
> **Establishes** Metro as a leader in sustainable landscape design by utilizing a drought-tolerant plant palette

Future Metro stations will have a consistent design, with integrated public art and sustainable landscaping providing unique design elements for each community.

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