

Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report
Agency Scoping Meeting

February 18, 2010



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Purpose of Today's Meeting

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➤ **Initiate Draft EIS/EIR through Scoping Meetings**

- Define purpose and goals of project
- Describe project alternatives proposed for environmental evaluation
- Describe environmental process and elements used for evaluation
- Solicit public input



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SAFETEA-LU Section 6002

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- **Creates a new status of “Participating Agency” to enhance and streamline the planning/environmental process with federal, state, and local agencies**
- **Any agency with an “interest” in the project may be invited**
- **Objective is to help project sponsors make better decisions**



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Agency Roles

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- **Metro will send Coordination Plan to all invitees at this meeting to discuss roles of lead, participating and cooperating agencies**
- **Major role of participating agencies is to provide input to:**
 - **Define purpose and need for project**
 - **Determine range of alternatives**
 - **Impact assessment methodologies and level of detail in your agency's area of expertise**
 - **Coordination of meetings, conference calls, and joint field reviews you may be asked to attend**



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What if Agency Does Not Respond?

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- **Federal agencies are considered to be participating unless they officially decline in writing and indicate they have:**
 - **No jurisdiction or authority**
 - **No relevant expertise or information**
 - **No intention to submit comments**

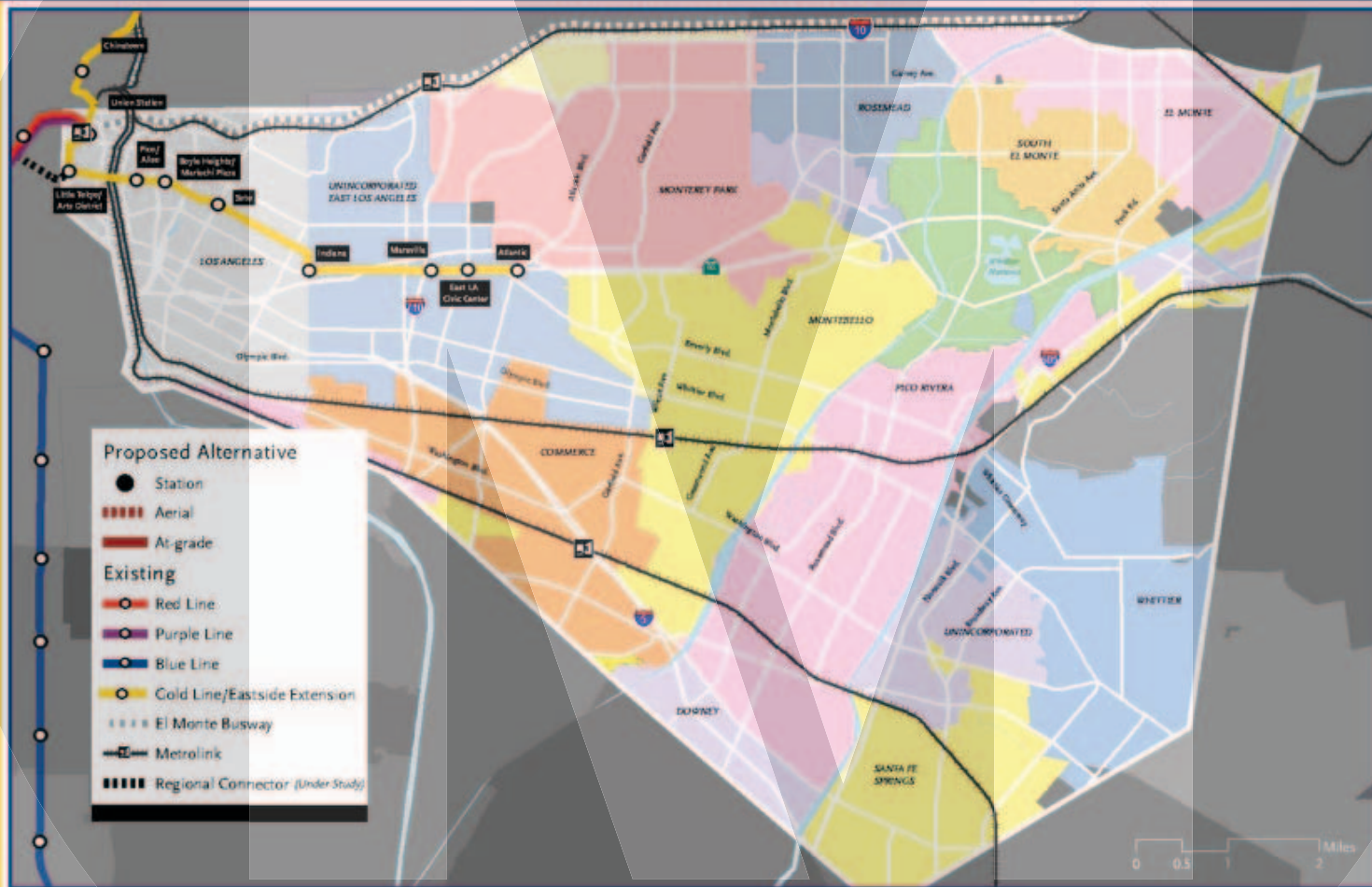
- **All other agencies will no longer be considered as a participating agency.**
 - **Must accept invitation by April 14, 2010 to be considered a participating agency**



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Study Area

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Project Goal and Purpose

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- **Improve the region's public transit service and mobility by providing a connection to the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension**
 - Improve mobility, accessibility and connectivity to the Metro regional transit system
 - Respond to community needs and support
 - Support local land use objectives
 - Provide a cost effective and financially feasible project
 - Plan for projected growth in a sustainable manner
 - Meet the needs of the transit dependent



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How We Got Here

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- 2007 - 2009: Alternatives Analysis (AA)
- Significant public participation
- Considered 47 alternatives including:

Technologies

- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- Transportation System Management (TSM)
- No-Build

Configurations

- At-Grade
- Elevated
- Tunnel

Routes

- East/West Corridors
- North/South Connections

- October 2009: Metro Board approved 2 LRT alternatives plus No-Build and TSM for Draft EIS/EIR Study



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Other Alternatives Required for Further Study

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➤ **No Build**

- Service improvements to existing bus lines by 2035
- Assumes new rail lines with identified funding through 2035
- Measure R Expenditure Plan and Metro Long Range Transportation Plan

➤ **Transportation Systems Management (TSM)**

- Transit service in the project area would be improved by increasing service frequencies on existing bus lines.



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Evaluation Criteria Used in AA

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- Cost
- Ridership
- Mobility improvement
- Cost effectiveness
- Transit supportive land use policies
- Public acceptability
- Environmental considerations
- Security and safety
- Reliability



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Results from AA

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	SR-60 LRT	Beverly LRT	Beverly/Whittier LRT (via Montebello Blvd)	Beverly/Whittier LRT (via Rosemead Blvd)	Washington LRT
Travel Time (minutes)	12.5	24.0	24.9	23.3	17.5
Total Capital Cost (billions)	\$1.8	\$1.5	\$1.6	\$1.5	\$2.2
Ridership (average weekday daily)	12,270	12,780	12,700	12,410	15,660
Length (miles)	6.9	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.3

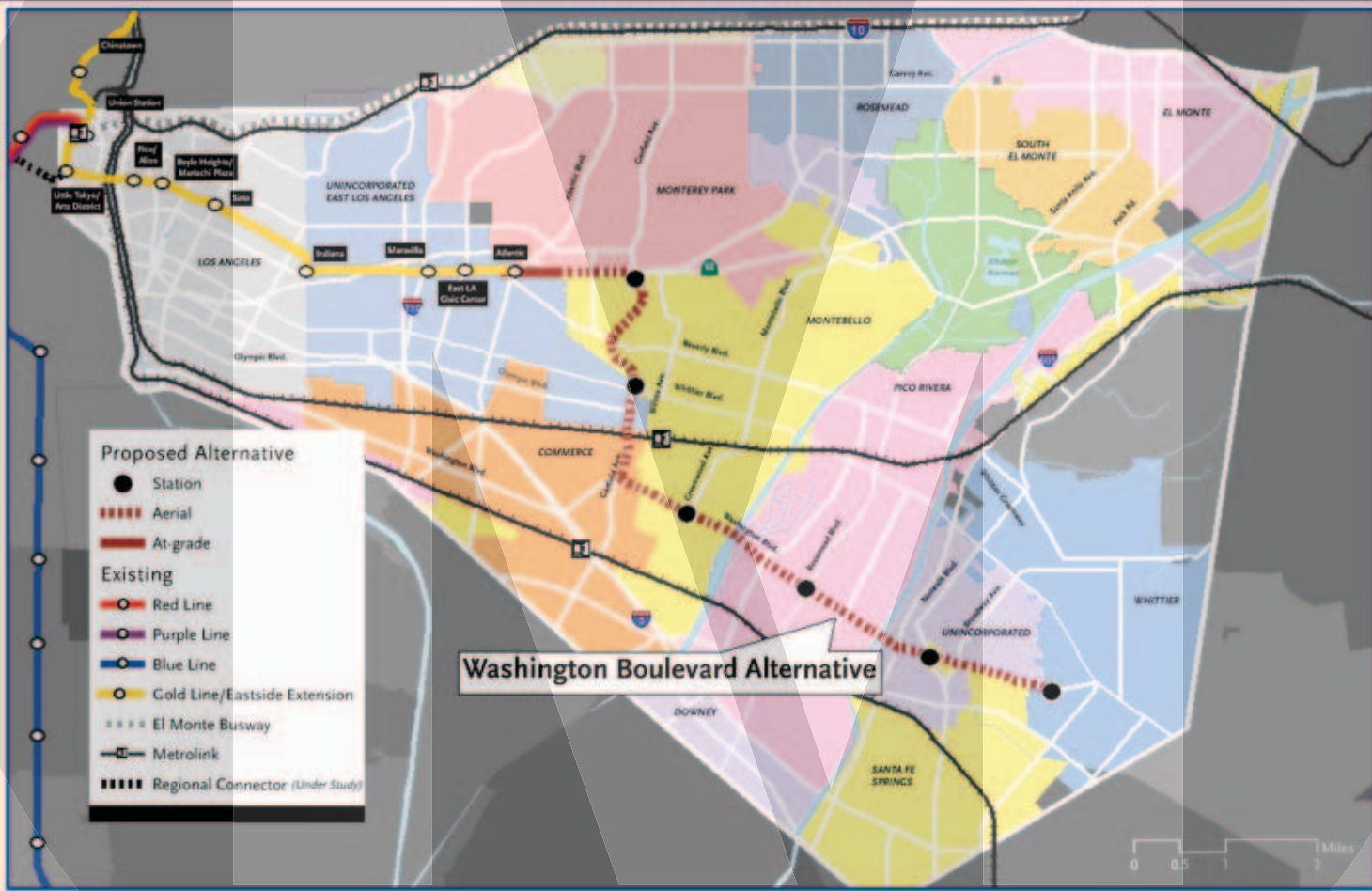


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Washington Boulevard – Light Rail Transit

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Project Development Process

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Draft EIS/EIR

- Identify and focus on possible significant environmental impacts of a proposed project.
- Process:
 - *Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation
 - *Technical Studies
 - *Administrative Draft EIS/EIR
 - *FTA Review of Draft EIS/EIR
 - *Public Review of Draft EIS/EIR
 - *Prepare Concept Drawings
 - *Locally Preferred Alternative Identified

Public
Involvement



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Purpose of the Draft EIS/EIR

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- Study potential effects of construction & operation
- Identify mitigation measures to avoid or minimize adverse impacts of the project
- Further refine alternatives
- Inform and solicit input from stakeholders on project impacts
- Recommend Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)



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Recommended Environmental Criteria

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➤ Traffic, Transit, Bike, Pedestrian & Parking

➤ Visual & Aesthetics

➤ Air Quality

➤ Cultural/Historic Resources

➤ Safety & Security

➤ Geology & Soils (Subsurface & Seismic)

➤ Water Resources

➤ Biological Resources

➤ Noise & Vibration

➤ Energy Use

➤ Hazardous Materials

➤ Parks & Other Community Facilities

➤ Cumulative Impacts

➤ Land Use

➤ Displacement/Relocation of Uses

➤ Community Impacts

➤ Economic Development

➤ Fiscal Impacts

➤ Environmental Justice

➤ Growth Inducing Impacts



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Engineering Considerations

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- **Station Location Decisions**
 - Refining stations along SR-60 and Washington Boulevard Alternatives
 - Define location-specific details
 - Station design
 - Park and Ride
- **Alignment Decisions**
 - Define alignment-specific details
- **Light Rail Maintenance Facility**
 - Consider location and operational needs



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Funding Considerations

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- Project cost from AA (Year 2008 Dollars)
 - SR-60: \$1.8 Billion
 - Washington Boulevard: \$2.2 Billion
- Measure R (Estimated \$40 Billion over 30 years)
 - \$1.27 Billion for Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2
- Other sources
 - Federal reauthorization
 - State funding
 - Local funding
 - Public/Private partnerships



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Public Involvement

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- Scoping meetings
- Urban design working group
- Stakeholder briefings
- Elected official briefings
- Public review hearings
- Direct mail, e-mail bulletins, collateral materials
- Project website, helpline and social media

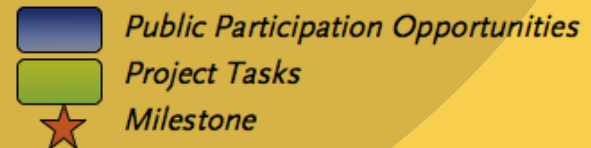
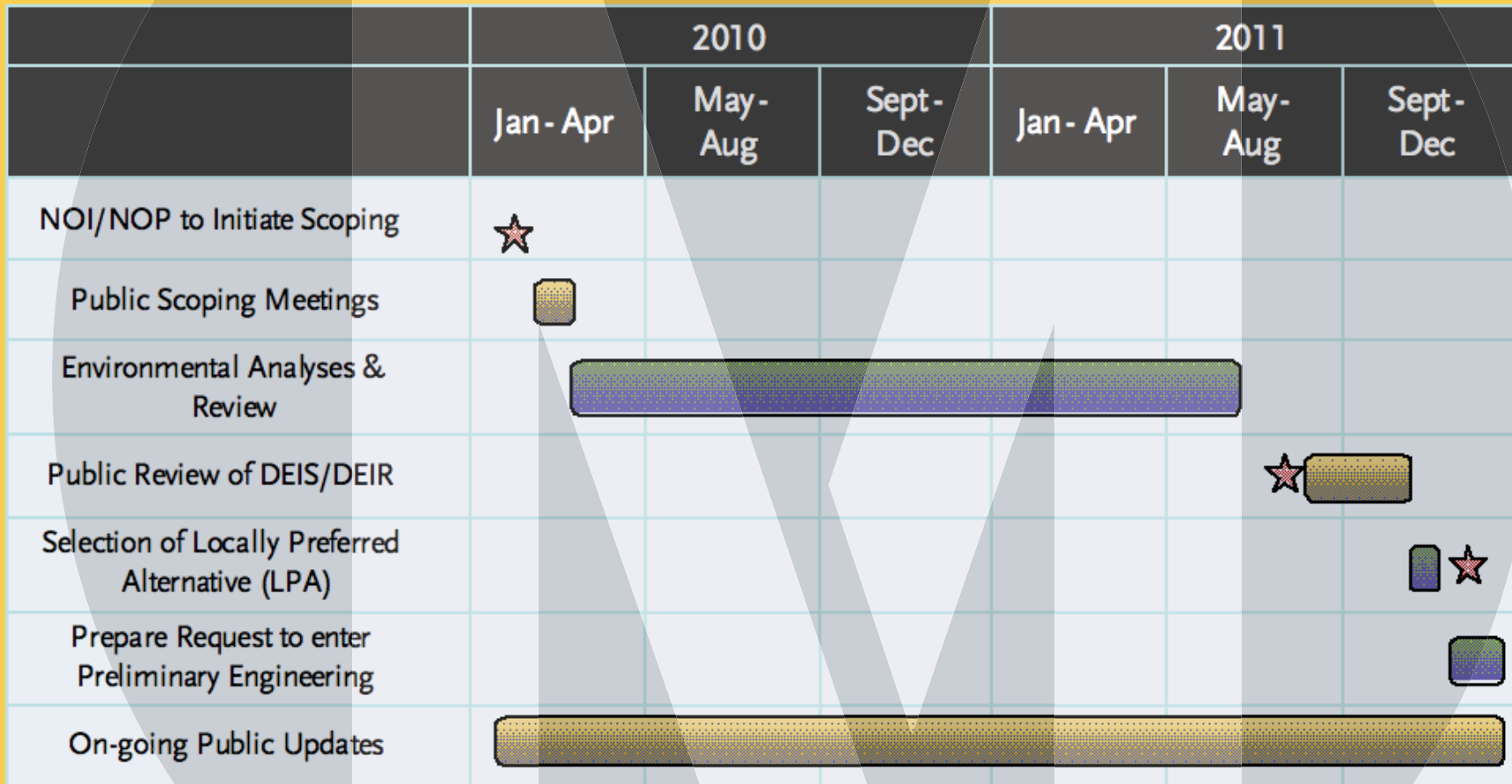


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Schedule for Draft EIS/EIR and Beyond

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Scoping Meeting Dates

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Monday, February 22, 2010, 6 – 8 pm
Pio Pico Women's Center
9214 Mines Avenue
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 6 – 8 pm
South El Monte Senior Center/Dining Room
1556 Central Avenue
South El Monte, CA 91733

Thursday, February 25, 2010, 6 – 8 pm
Senior Center at City Park - South Wing
115 S. Taylor Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640

Saturday, February 27, 2010, 10 – 12 pm
The Salvation Army Santa Fe Springs -
Studio 12000
12000 E. Washington Blvd
Whittier, CA 90066



Public Scoping Comments

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- Scoping Comments Due by April 14, 2010
- How to comment during scoping process:
 - Verbally at Scoping meeting (via court reporter)
 - Hand in written comment form today
 - Mail in comment form or letter to:
Kimberly Yu
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1 Gateway Plaza, MS 99-22-2
Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Email to yuki@metro.net



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Staying Involved

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