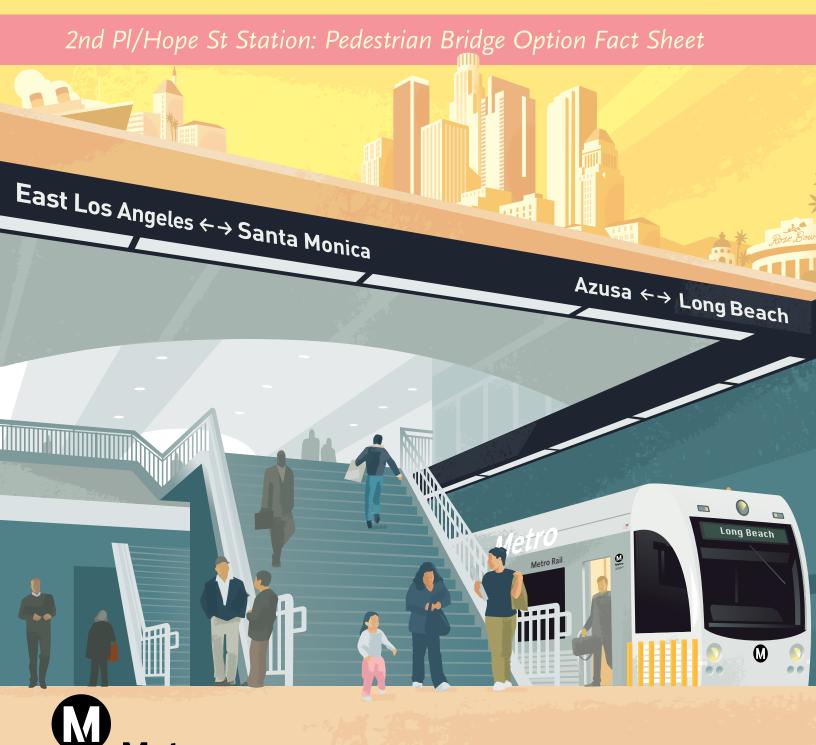
Regional Connector Transit Project

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Project Map



Project Overview

The Regional Connector is a vital rail connection project that completes a 1.9-mile gap between the Metro Blue Line and the Metro Gold Line. With three new stations planned for 1st St/Central Av (Little Tokyo/Arts District), 2nd St/ Broadway (Historic Core) and 2nd Pl/Hope St (Bunker Hill), it improves mobility through downtown Los Angeles, while bringing significant mobility improvements for transit commuters throughout Los Angeles County. The project will provide a one-seat, one-fare ride for commuters from Azusa to Long Beach and from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica without the need to transfer between rail lines for major east/west and north/south trips.

2nd Pl/ Hope St - Creating a Linkage to Upper Grand

The future 2nd Pl/Hope St Station will serve the many cultural attractions, educational sites and area businesses on Grand Av, including Disney Hall, The Colburn School, The Broad Museum and the Omni Los Angeles Hotel among others. The base design includes a one-story entrance located within a triangular parcel on the west side of Hope St. Access to Upper Grand Av would be accomplished by crossing Hope St and taking The Broad Museum's elevator at the rear of their parking structure up one level to the future Broad public plaza.



The new station will provide access to local community and cultural destinations. The base design is shown here.

At the request of members of the Regional Connector Community Leadership Council's (RCCLC) 2nd/ Hope Committee, an advisory group of area stakeholders, Metro developed an optional concept to the Base Design that would provide a direct connection to Upper Grand via a second level station entrance connected to a pedestrian bridge across Hope St to the Broad public plaza.

This proposed option, included in the Request for Proposals package, is not presently funded. It requires that private funding be secured prior to the contract being awarded in order to exercise the option to build a two-story station entrance with a pedestrian bridge. Area leaders, through the RCCLC, are examining funding options.



The 2nd/Hope Station Pedestrian Bridge Option would take pedestrians up one story, approximately 22 feet above Hope St. The bridge would connect to a new plaza currently under construction above General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way (GTK Way) furthering the connection to Upper Grand.

The 2nd Pl/Hope St Station will:

- > Facilitate access for residents living within the Bunker Hill community
- > Improve access to existing and expanding cultural and educational destinations within Bunker Hill
- > Provide an alternative transportation option to reach local businesses
- > Improve connectivity for riders using Metro Rail's Regional System, area municipal bus lines and other regional services
- > Optimize traffic mobility and accessibility at the intersection of 2nd Pl and Hope St

The 2nd Pl/Hope St Pedestrian Bridge Option will:

- > Enhance the pedestrian experience by improving accessibility to Upper Grand
- > Separate pedestrian flow from vehicular traffic on Hope St

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