

Westside Subway Extension Draft EIS/EIR

Update to
Westside/Central Governance Council
May 13, 2009



Where We've Been – The AA Study

- July 2007: Began Alternatives Analysis (AA)
- Significant public involvement
- Determined transit improvement IS needed
- Evaluated range of alternatives
- Identified 2 subway alternatives for further evaluation in Draft EIS/EIR

**January 2009:
Approved by Metro Board**



Wilshire Subway (Alternative #1)



Progress Since AA Inception

Three Requirements for Any New Project

Requirement	Alternatives Analysis	Draft EIS/EIR
<i>Environmental Review & Approval</i>	Completed	Underway
<i>Secure Funding</i>	Funding Not Known	Partial Funding Provided by Measure R
<i>Inclusion in LRTP</i>	Under Consideration	

Draft EIS/EIR Process

- Further refine alternatives
- Assess impacts of alternatives
 - During construction
 - Once in operation
- Identify possible mitigation measures
- Recommend Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)



Further Refining the Alternatives

- **Station Location Decisions:**
 - Decide about optional Crenshaw Station
 - Choose between multiple station locations
 - Westwood, Century City, West Hollywood
 - Define location-specific details
 - Identify station entrance location(s)
 - Engineering related items
 - Station design
 - Parking
- **Alignment Decisions:**
 - Choose between multiple alignments
 - Define alignment-specific details
- **Downtown Los Angeles Maintenance Facility**



Purpose of the Draft EIS/EIR

Study potential effects of construction & operation, and evaluate measures to avoid, minimize & mitigate adverse impacts of the project.

Examples of Impacts to be Studied:

- Operation and construction
- Traffic and parking
- Land use and developments
- Displacement and relocations
- Community and neighborhood impacts
- Visual and aesthetics
- Air quality
- Noise and vibration
- Ecosystems and biological resources
- Geotechnical, seismic & hazardous materials
- Hydrology and water quality
- Energy
- Climate change
- Historic, archaeological & paleontological impacts
- Parklands
- Economic and fiscal impacts
- Safety and security
- Growth inducing impacts
- Environmental justice
- Cost and financial analysis

Assessing the Construction Impacts

While Preparing the EIS/EIR

- Explain, evaluate and identify
 - Tunnel and station construction processes
 - Hauling and other traffic considerations
 - Construction staging and earth removal locations
 - Air, noise, other
 - Possible mitigations



Future Update Meeting to Focus on This Topic

Funding Considerations

- Potential range of project costs from AA (\$2008)
 - Wilshire Subway - \$6.1 Billion
 - Wilshire/West Hollywood Subway - \$9.0 Billion
 - Costs to be updated in Draft EIS/EIR
- Measure R (Estimated \$40 Billion over 30 years)
 - \$4.1 Billion for Westside Subway
- Other sources
 - Federal reauthorization
 - State funding
 - Local funding
 - Public/Private partnerships



Westside Subway Segments Proposed for Evaluation



Criteria: Constructability, Funding, and Measurable Benefits

MOS 1: Purple Line to Fairfax Avenue



MOS 2: Purple Line to Century City



MOS 3: Purple Line to Near the I-405



MOS 4: Purple Line to I-405 plus West Hollywood Line



MOS = Minimum Operable Segment

Full Length Alternative: Wilshire Subway



Full Length Alternative: Wilshire/West Hollywood Subway

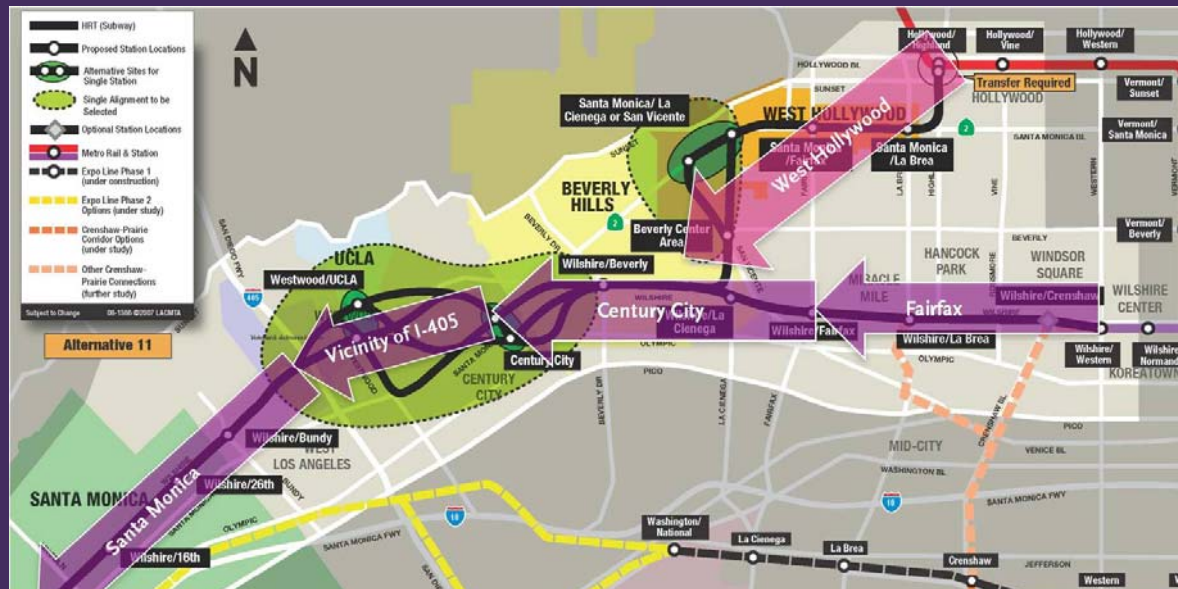


Please let us know what you think!



Define Locally Preferred Alternative

- Define initial Wilshire segment(s)
- Define future segment(s)
- Specify stations and alignments details
- Identify cost-effectiveness of segments
- Propose implementation plan
 - Funding
 - Timing



Opportunities for “Formal” Public Involvement

- **Quarterly public update meetings**
 - Results from previous meetings
 - Report on additional refinements and analysis
- **First update (summer)**
 - What we heard in Scoping
 - Construction
 - Refinement of alternatives
- **Summer 2010: Public Hearings on Draft EIS/EIR**
 - Study recommendations
- **Station area planning meetings**
 - Focused meetings
 - Schedule to be determined
 - Watch for meeting notices

Scoping – April '09

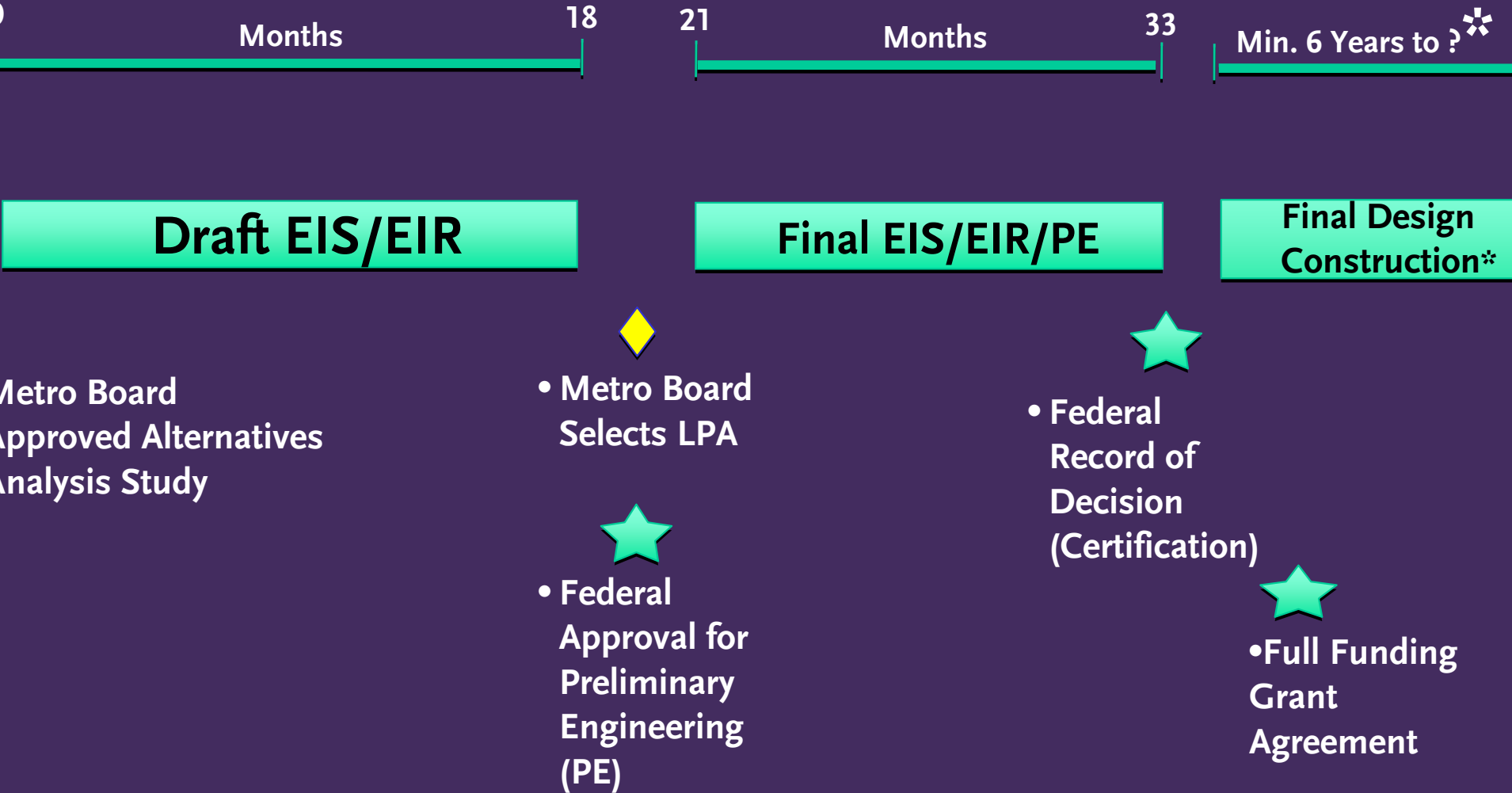
Update – Summer

Update – Fall/Winter

Update – Winter/Spring

Public Hearings – Summer '10

Possible Schedule for EIS/EIR & Beyond



Work You May Start Seeing

- **Metro contractors beginning soil boring operations**
 - To determine soil and geological conditions
 - Soil samples will be sent to lab for testing and analysis
- **Samples will be gathered at about 70 locations throughout study area**
 - 1-3 days at any single location
 - 8-10 weeks for entire effort
- **Communities will be notified of activities in their area**



Recent Scoping Activity

- **Held 6 Community Meetings, April 13-23**
 - 334 people attended
 - 91 people spoke
 - Coverage from print, broadcast & online media
- **May 7: Scoping Comment Period Closed**



Staying Involved

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