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Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Impact Report LA River Path Project

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), serving as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the LA River Path Project. This notice is intended to inform the public, responsible agencies, and other interested stakeholders with a summary of the proposed project and its alternatives, along with details regarding the availability of the Draft EIR.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Project is a walking and bicycling path along an approximately 8-mile stretch of the LA River between Elysian Valley in Los Angeles and the City of Maywood, through downtown Los Angeles and the City of Vernon. The Project would start at Riverside Drive in Los Angeles, connecting with the LA River Greenway Trail, at the northern end, to Atlantic Boulevard in Maywood, connecting with the existing LA River Trail, which continues to Long Beach. The primary objective of the project is to develop a safe, active transportation corridor along the LA River. This facility, which is physically separated from vehicular traffic, aims to enhance recreational opportunities, support regional and local mobility, and improve quality of life by offering a safe, comfortable, and accessible path for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

The Draft EIR evaluates seven alternatives, which are shown in Figures 1 through 7:

- **Proposed Project:** Would close the entire 8-mile gap (from Riverside Drive to Atlantic Boulevard) The design includes 7 new bridges and 9 new access points (5 on the east bank and 4 on the west bank)
- **Option 1:** Similar to Proposed Project, this alternative closes the entire 8-mile gap, but includes 6 new bridges and 11 new access points (5 on east bank and 6 on west bank)
- **Option 2:** Also similar to Proposed Project, this alternative closes the entire 8-mile gap and includes 7 new bridges and 9 new access points (5 on east bank and 4 on west bank)
- **Mostly-East Bank:** Similar to the Proposed Project, closing the entire 8-mile gap, but prioritizes access mostly on the east bank. The design includes 5 new bridges and 9 new access points, 6 of which are on the east bank.

- **Mostly-West Bank:** Similar to the Proposed Project, closing the entire 8-mile gap, but prioritizes access mostly on the west bank. The design includes 6 new bridges and 10 new access points, 6 of which are on the west bank.
- **Shortened Northern Path:** A shortened segment of the Proposed Project, which would close approximately 3.2 miles of the gap between the northern terminus at Riverside Drive and Sixth Street. The design includes 4 new bridges and 5 new access points (3 on east bank and 2 on west bank)
- **Shortened Southern Path:** A shortened segment of the Proposed Project, would close approximately 5 miles of the gap between the southern terminus at Atlantic Boulevard and First Street. The design includes 4 new bridges and 6 new access points (3 on east bank and 3 on west bank)

Each alternative has a number of design variations and includes a combination of path types, river crossings, and access points. Access points are areas where users can enter and exit the LA River Path, connecting them to nearby neighborhoods, job centers, schools, transit, parks, and businesses.

The term “Proposed Project” does not imply a preference or recommendation. The Metro Board of Directors (Board) retains full discretion to select any alternative, or a combination thereof, as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). In reaching its decision, the Board may consider the Draft EIR, public comments, technical evaluations, stakeholder input, and broader policy factors such as project goals and project cost. The Board also reserves the option to implement the project in phases, aligned with available funding.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft EIR describes the project alternatives, including construction, operation, and an assessment of each environmental topic identified in the CEQA Guidelines. The Draft EIR analyzes existing conditions and potential environmental impacts for the following impact areas: Aesthetics (including Visual Resources); Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Energy; Geology (including Soils, and Paleontological Resources); Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning, Noise and Vibration; Population and Housing; Public Services/Safety and Security; Recreation; Transportation; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities and Service Systems; and Wildfire. The Draft EIR also identifies mitigation measures to avoid or reduce potential significant impacts where found. Based on the Draft EIR, the Project would have significant and unavoidable impacts related to paleontological resources and noise and vibration, during construction. However, when the Project is complete, there will be no permanent significant or unavoidable impacts.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft EIR is being made available for public review for a 47-day comment period, commencing on **Thursday, December 18, 2025**, and concluding on **Monday, February 02,**

2026. The Draft EIR, along with other project information, is available for review and download online at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority website at <https://www.metro.net/projects/lariverpath/>

A printed copy of the Draft EIR is available for public review at Metro Headquarters in the Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Electronic copies of the Draft EIR and supporting technical reports are also available for public review at the following repositories. Please check hours of operations at the repositories listed before visiting.

- Cypress Park Branch Library, 1150 Cypress Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90065
- Lincoln Heights Branch Library, 2530 Workman St, Los Angeles, CA 90031
- Chinatown Branch Library, 639 N Hill St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Little Tokyo Branch Library, 203 S Los Angeles St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Boyle Heights Recreation Center, 933 S Mott St, Los Angeles, CA 90023
- Vernon City Hall, 4305 S Santa Fe Ave, Vernon, CA 90058
- Maywood City Hall, 4319 E Slauson Ave, Maywood, CA 90270

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Please join Metro at three in-person and one virtual public hearings for the Project. Metro is conducting these public hearings to present key findings on the Draft EIR and offer opportunities for the public to submit oral comments. A court reporter will be present at each hearing. Note that comments and questions will not receive a response during the hearings, but will be addressed within the Final EIR. All hearings will feature the same information.

Public Hearing #1 (in-person)	Public Hearing #2 (in-person)	Public Hearing #3 (virtual)	Public Hearing #4 (in-person)
January 21, 2026, Wednesday, Lincoln Heights Senior Center, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	January 27, 2026, Tuesday, Maywood Center for Enriched Studies, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	January 29, 2026, Thursday, Webinar Link: https://bit.ly/larp_deir Webinar ID: 833 2236 2142 Call in Number: 833 548 0276 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	January 31, 2026, Saturday, Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez Senior High School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

All public hearings will offer simultaneous Spanish interpretation. Additionally, a video recording of the virtual meeting will be made available on the project website.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUIREMENTS

Upon request, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats, and other accommodations are available to the public for Metro-sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations, interpretation services, and materials in other languages must be made at least three working days (72 hours) prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please submit requests by calling (323) 466-3876 between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Our Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) line is (800) 252-9040. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may use California Relay Service 711 + Metro phone number.

COMMENT SUBMITTAL

Please submit comments on the Draft EIR in writing to the address or email address below. All submitted comments concerning the Draft EIR must be received **no later than Monday, February 02, 2026**.

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By Web Form	https://www.metro.net/projects/lariverpath/
By Phone	213.922.7001
By Mail	Ms. Mitali Gupta Project Manager Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-22-32 Los Angeles, CA 90012

All comments received during the Draft EIR public review period will be compiled and responded to as part of the Final EIR.

Figure 1. Proposed Project Alignment

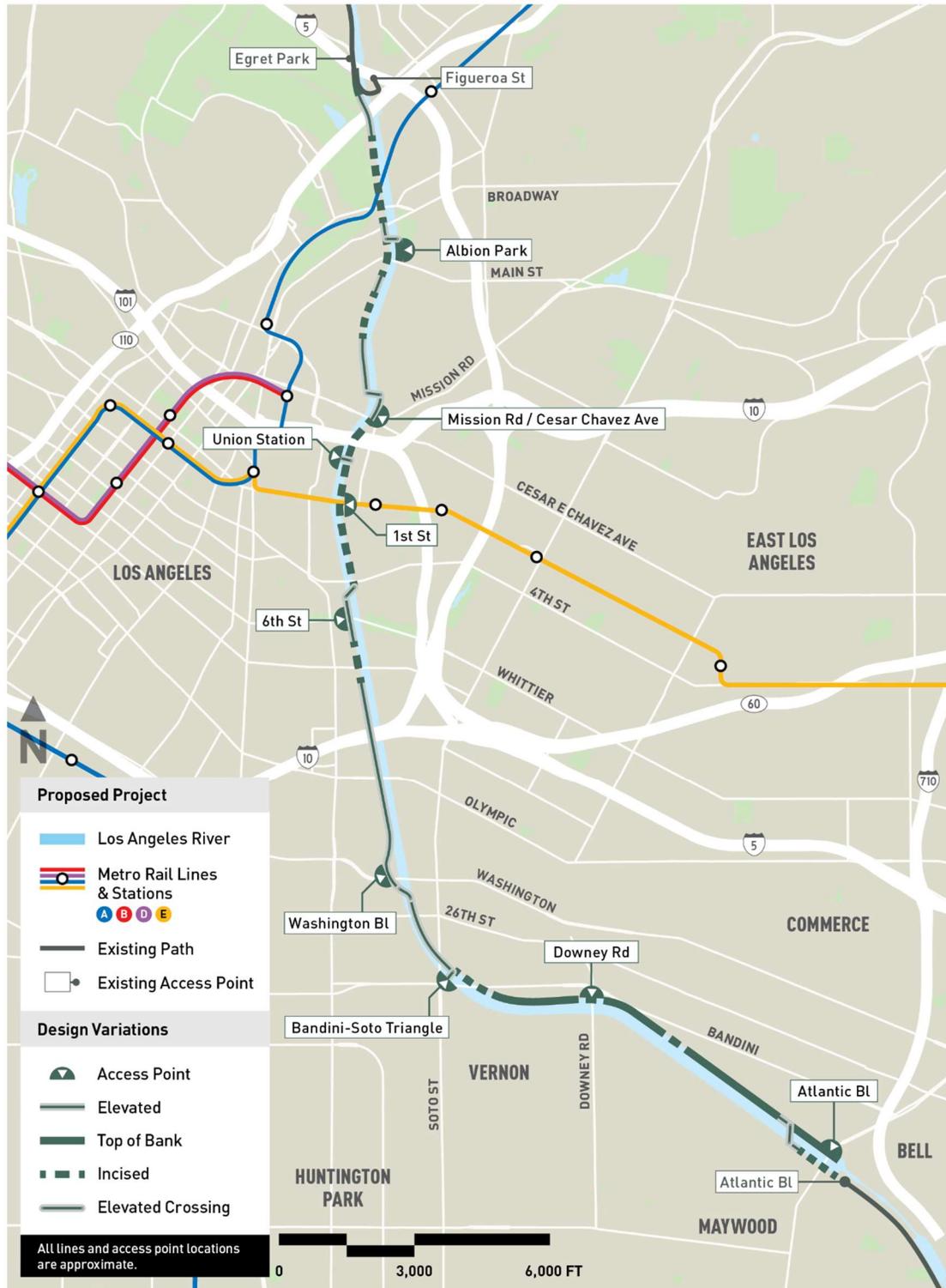


Figure 2. Option 1 Alignment



Figure 3. Option 2 Alignment



Figure 4. Mostly-East Bank Alternative Alignment

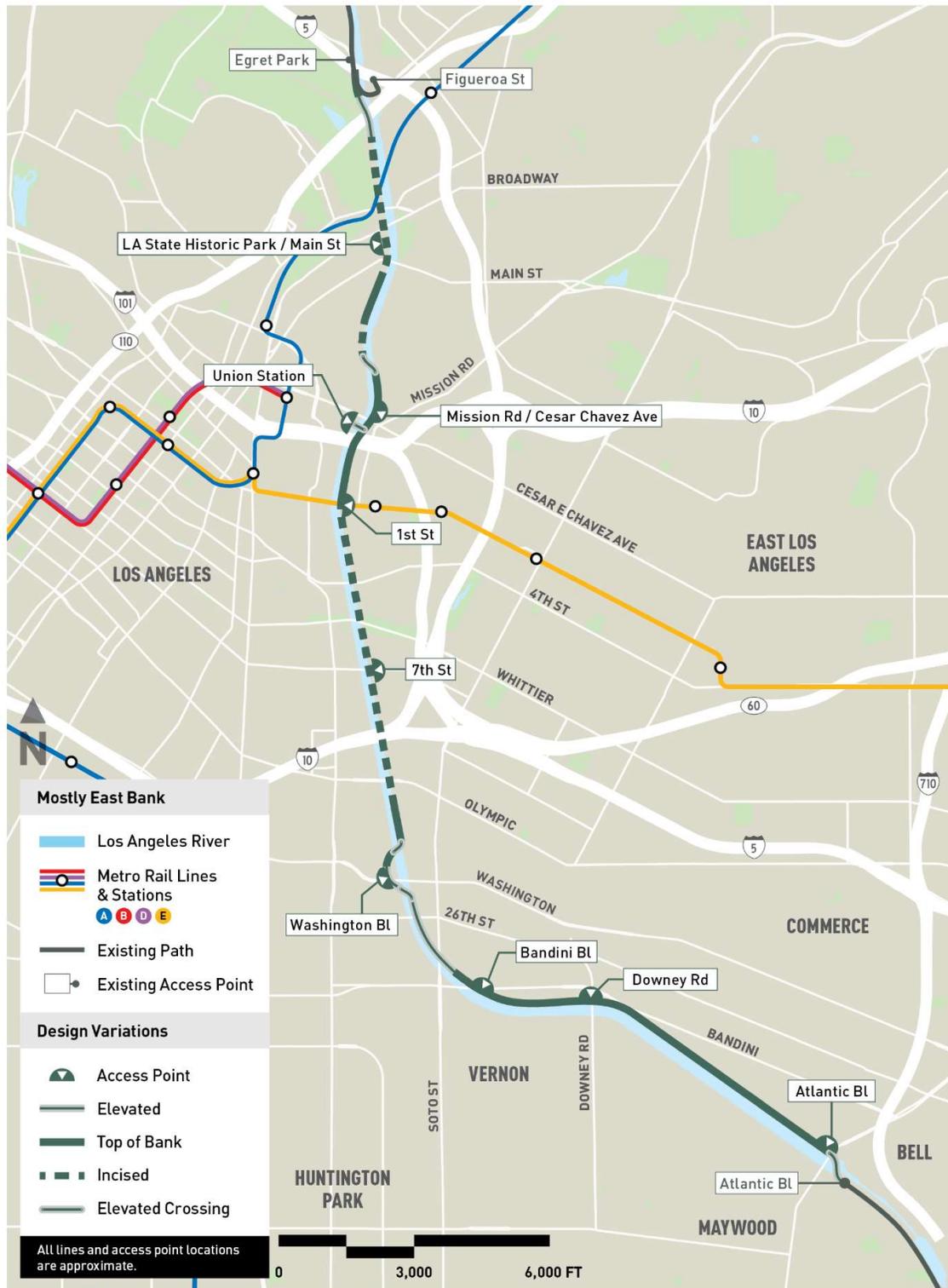


Figure 5. Mostly-West Bank Alternative Alignment

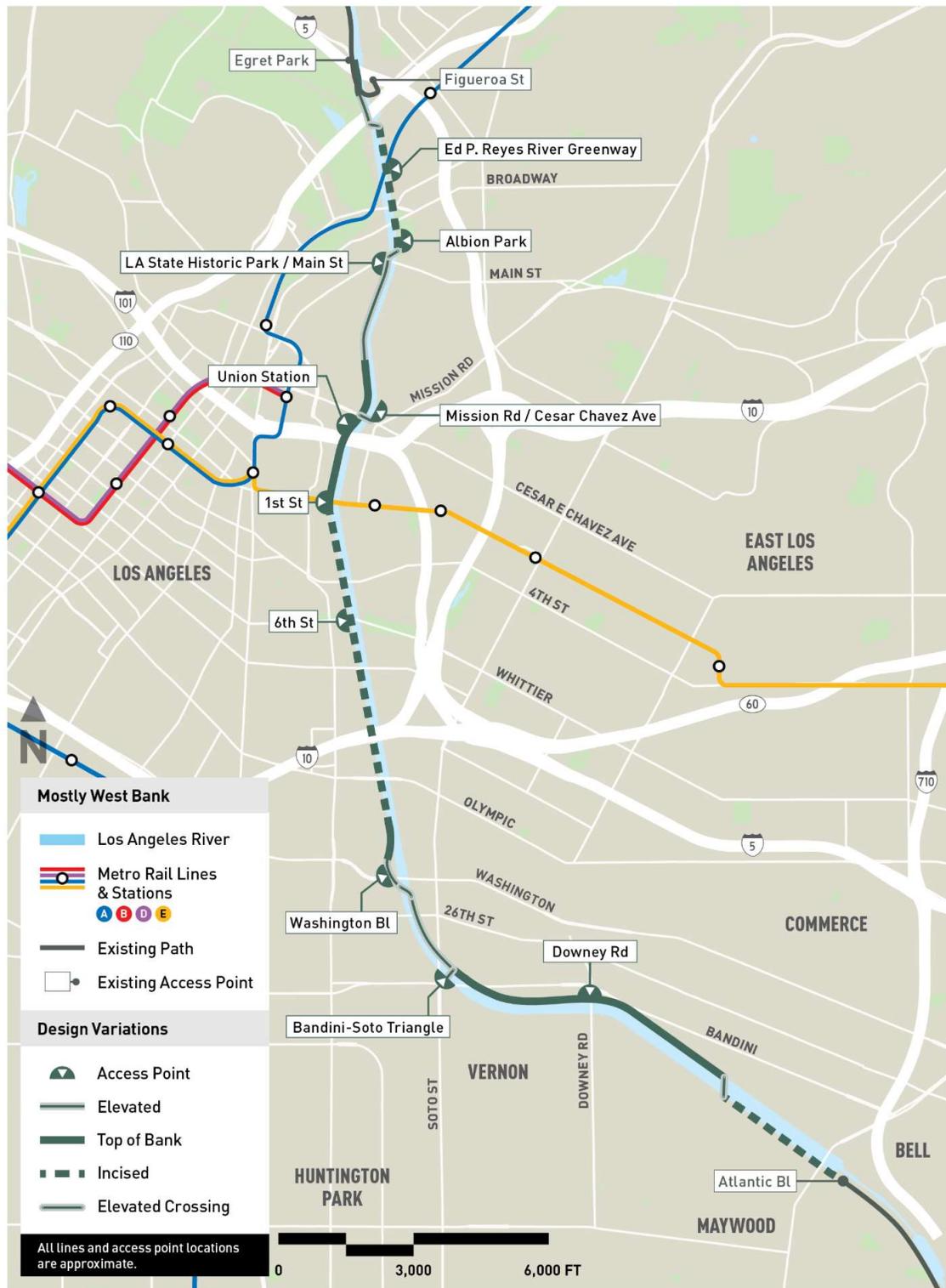


Figure 6. Shortened Northern Path Alternative Alignment

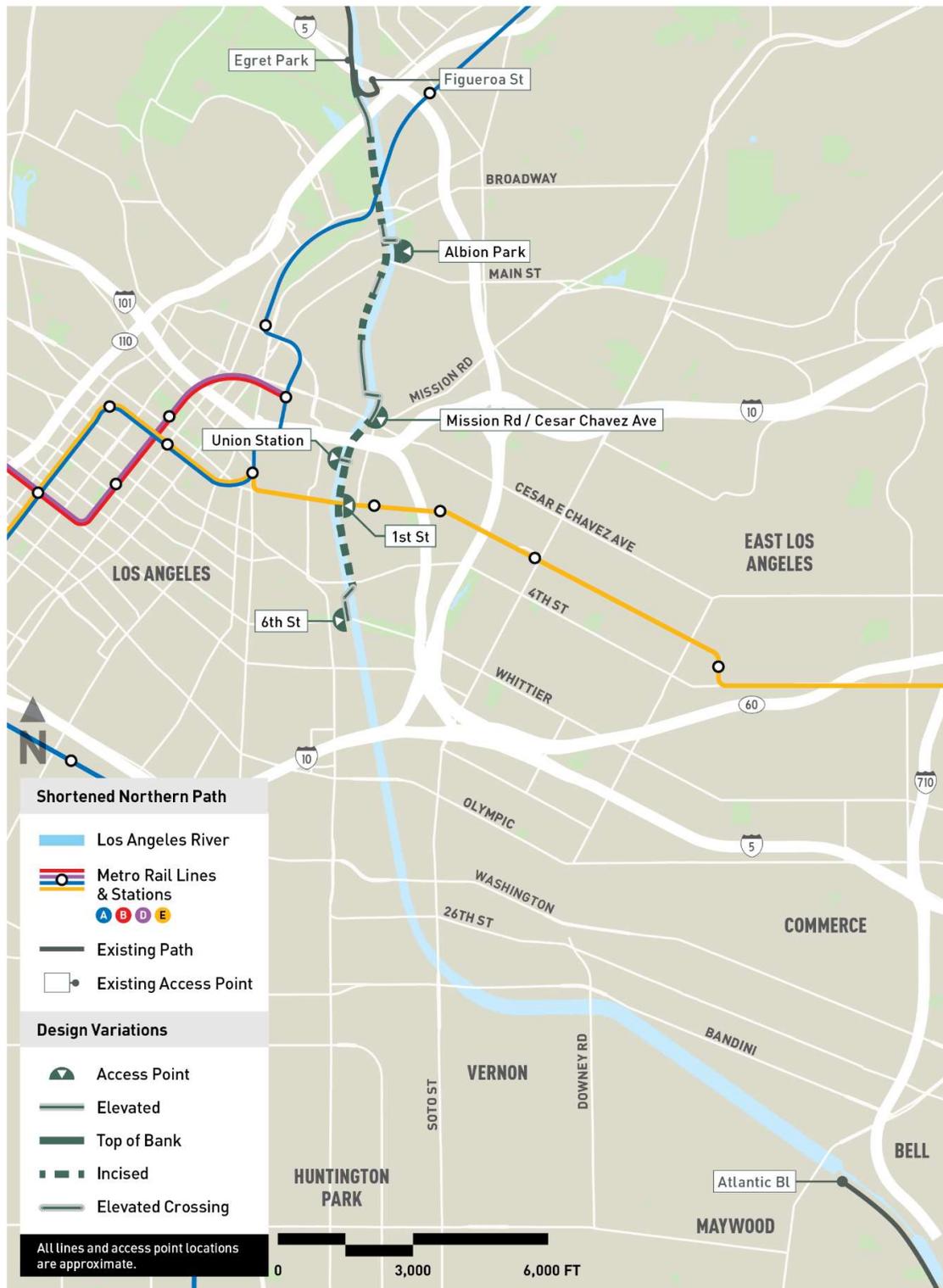


Figure 7. Shortened Southern Path Alternative Alignment

