Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Preliminary Capital Cost Estimate Summary

LA RIVER PATH

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Note: information is the same as shared during the Pre-DEIR Virtual Community Meetings held on:

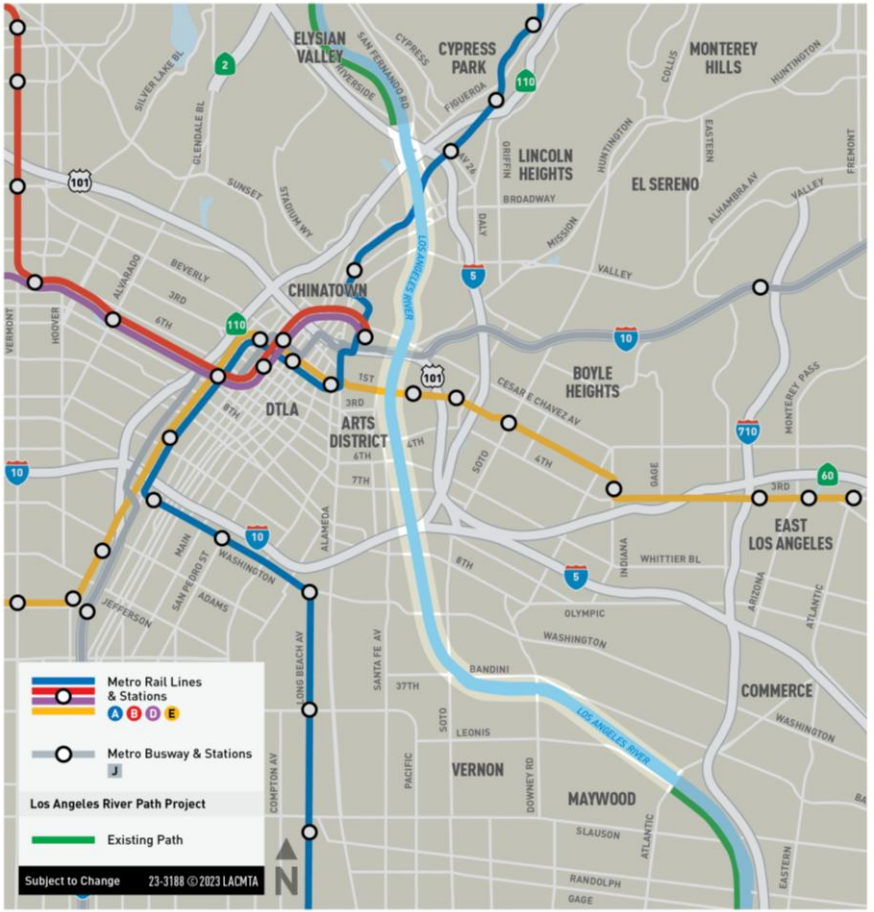
September 30, 2025 and October 02, 2025

LA River Path

Project Overview:
8-mile path for bicycles and pedestrians, suitable for all age and ability, along LA River

Measure M Expenditure Plan identifies:
Funding: $365 Million in 2015 dollars*
**Measure M assumed 12 foot path, mostly along west-bank and a combination of Bottom-of-Channel and Top-of-Bank*

Project Status:
Metro is leading the environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).



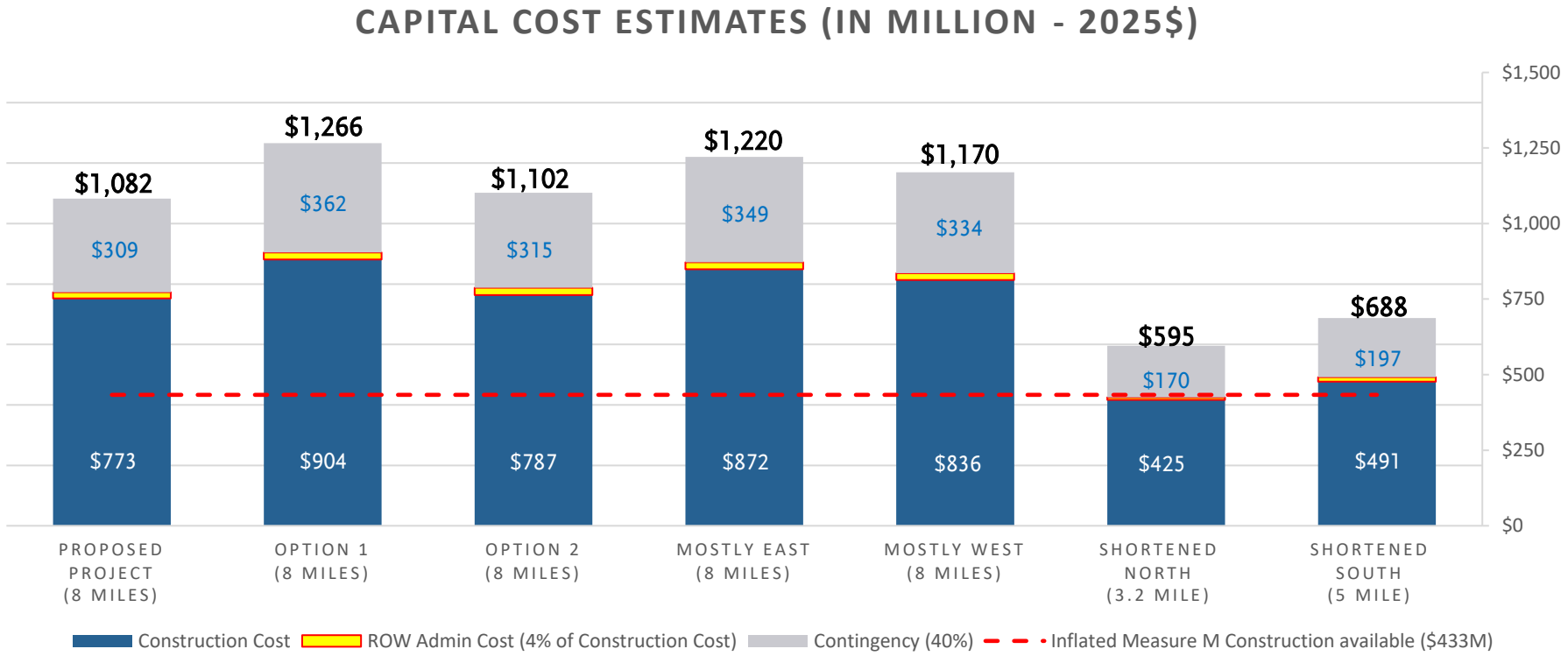
Preliminary Capital Cost Assumptions

- Estimates based on 15% Advanced Conceptual Engineering (ACE) designs analyzed in the DEIR

- Assumes that public rights of way (ROW) needed for this project will be provided at no cost to the Project

- Cost components:
  - ✓ Construction: Materials, labor, and professional services
  - ✓ Contingency: ~40% of construction costs based on project risks
  - ✓ Escalation: 4.2% annually from FY26 to FY29
  - ✓ ROW Administration: 4% of construction costs for real estate administrative costs (e.g., admin/legal fees, TCEs)

Preliminary Cost Estimates for 7 Draft EIR Alternatives



Note: Cost based on 15% design; includes 40% contingency and no public ROW costs to the Project, no escalation

Shortened paths are shortened Proposed Project

Option 1 is closest to Measure M-assumed design

Major Cost Drivers: From Measure M to the Draft EIR

Measure M Project: LA River Waterway and Bike Path - Elysian Valley to Maywood

Constructs eight-mile bike path along the LA River connecting the Elysian Valley to the City of Maywood through downtown Los Angeles. The measure will complete the LA River Bike Path between Long Beach and the Sepulveda Basin in the San Fernando Valley.

MEASURE M (2015$):
(Based on 2016 Feasibility Study)
- ✓ Less than 5% Design
- ✓ Path on one side of the LA River
- ✓ 12 feet path width (minimal elevated structures)

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN (2019$):
- ✓ 5% Design
- ✓ Path on both sides of river
- ✓ Addition of bike/ped only new bridges
- ✓ 16-20 feet path width
- ✓ 50%-66% on structure

Draft EIR (2025$):
- ✓ 15% Design
- ✓ Same as **CONCEPTUAL DESIGN** plus
- ✓ Design refinements, and in response to community feedback and comments from Agency Stakeholders (LADWP, USACE)
- ✓ ~9.1-10.1 miles: 46%-56% on structure

COST ESTIMATES (using Proposed Project as example)

	MEASURE M (2015$)	CONCEPTUAL DESIGN (2019$)	Draft EIR (2025$)
CONSTRUCTION COST *	$290 M	$346 M	$773 M
CONTINGENCY	$75 M (~26%)	$97 M (~28%)	$309 M (~40%)
TOTAL COST	**$365 M**	**$443 M**	**$1,082 M**

*Note: * Construction Cost includes ROW Admin Cost for DEIR Cost*

Potential Cost Mitigation and Funding Strategies

- Propose a project delivery approach based on funding availability
- Value engineer for cost savings while meeting project purpose and need
- Seek economies of scope and streamlined delivery strategies with partnering agencies
- Identify additional funding sources
  - ✓ State Active Transportation Program (next cycle FY28-FY31)
  - ✓ Local Partnership (next cycle (FY28-FY29)