

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH

This chapter summarizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) public engagement and agency coordination process, information content, and feedback from the initiation of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (Project) in 2021 through the release of this Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in 2025.

### 5.1 Outreach Prior to Scoping

Metro conducted outreach prior to the scoping process through two key events in 2021. These initiatives engaged the community, gathered valuable feedback, and ensured that diverse perspectives were considered in the development of the DEIR. Details of the outreach events are outlined herein.

#### 5.1.1 June 2021 Webinar

Metro held a "Lunch and Learn" webinar meeting from 12:00pm to 1:00pm on June 8, 2021, via the Zoom webinar platform (Zoom). The webinar was held prior to the scoping process to provide stakeholders background information regarding the Project and to update them on what had occurred since the Feasibility Study ended in late 2019. The webinar meeting allowed stakeholders to ask questions and to provide feedback and input regarding the Project and alternatives. As shown in Table 5-1, two e-blasts were sent to stakeholders to provide notification of the webinar. Two additional e-blasts were sent after the webinar to provide links to the recording of the webinar in English and Spanish. The webinar was also uploaded to YouTube for the general public. The dates the e-blasts were distributed along with the number of recipients are shown in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1. E-blast Distribution Dates and Recipients**

E-blast	Date Distributed	Number of Recipients
Save the Date E-blast	May 12, 2021	25,439
Webinar Reminder E-blast	June 8, 2021	15,366
Thank You E-blast	June 9, 2021	15,489
Webinar Recording Link <sup>a</sup>	June 14, 2021	15,448

Source: Metro, 2024

<sup>a</sup>The Webinar Recording Link was distributed so that recipients who were unable to participate at the allotted time could access the webinar at a more convenient time and so that those interested in relistening to the webinar could do so.

This event attracted approximately 380 attendees, with 360 participating via Zoom and 20 calling in by phone. Attendees included representatives from elected offices, various agencies, and other stakeholders as presented in the following information.

#### Representatives from Elected Offices

- Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Office of U.S. Congressman Tony Cardenas
- Office of U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, District 4
- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, District 3
- Office of City of Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez, District 6
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, District 3

- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Koretz, District 5
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin, District 11
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Joe Buscaino, District 15

### **Agencies**

- City of Beverly Hills
- California Department of Transportation
- City of Culver City
- City of Los Angeles (various departments)
- Los Angeles County (various departments)
- City of Santa Monica

### **Stakeholders**

- Bel-Air Association
- Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Bel-Air Crest Homeowners Association
- Century City Business Improvement District
- The Getty Center
- John Thomas Dye School
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Los Angeles World Airports
- Palms Neighborhood Council
- Port of Los Angeles
- Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
- Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
- Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
- Sony
- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- Westside Community Council
- Westwood South of Santa Monica Homeowners Association

During the webinar, participants were encouraged to submit comments and suggestions regarding the Project. Due to the substantial number of questions received from attendees, the webinar time was extended to allow enough time to receive all comments and questions. Approximately 157 questions and comments were received. During the webinar, the following recurring themes and frequently mentioned topics were discussed:

- Impacts along the project alignments (drilling/tunneling, noise, property acquisition)
- Alignment/project alternatives
- Timeframe for completion
- Cost of the Project

Further details regarding the webinar and presentation materials are available in Appendix V.

### 5.1.2 October 2021 Community Update

Metro hosted a “Community Update Webinar” from 11:30am to 1:30pm on October 26, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting was available in English and Spanish and included PowerPoint presentation materials. The meeting provided the public with an overview of the Project and the environmental review process. Information regarding the Project’s funding was also provided, and the public was encouraged to provide feedback and ask questions. E-blasts and an article in *The Source* (Metro’s online publication) were released to notify the public about the meeting. The event attracted approximately 188 attendees, with 181 people participating online and 7 participating by phone. The following representatives from elected offices, agencies, and other key stakeholders attended the meeting:

#### Elected Officials

- Office of U.S Congressman Tony Cardenas
- Office of U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, District 3
- Office of City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, District 3
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Koretz, District 5
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin, District 11

#### Agencies

- California Department of Transportation
- City of Culver City
- City of El Segundo
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning
- City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles Police Department
- City of Santa Clarita
- City of Santa Monica
- City of West Hollywood

#### Key Stakeholders

- Bel-Air Association
- Encino Neighborhood Council
- The Getty Center
- Homeowners of Encino
- Mar Vista Coordinating Council
- North Westwood Neighborhood Council
- Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
- Skirball Center
- Studio City Neighborhood Council
- UCLA
- Westwood Community Council
- Westwood South of Santa Monica Homeowners Association
- Westwood Village Improvement Association

The meeting participants were predominantly from the San Fernando Valley (36 percent) and the Westside of Los Angeles (Westside) (32 percent). The majority of the meeting attendees (54 percent) had not participated in the Feasibility Study or the June 2021 Community Update Meeting. The following recurring themes and frequently mentioned topics were noted:

- Impacts along the project alignments (drilling/tunneling, noise, property acquisition)
- Alignment/project alternatives
- Timeframe for completion
- Cost of the Project
- Environmental Process/Next Steps
- Role of pre-development agreement (PDA) teams
- Analysis of PDA alternatives
- Integration and coordination with Metro’s operating lines and other planning projects

Further details regarding the webinar and presentation materials are available in Appendix V.

## 5.2 Notice of Preparation

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Metro issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) on November 30, 2021 (Metro, 2021). The NOP was distributed to involved public agencies, including the responsible and trustee agencies and interested parties, for a public review period beginning on November 30, 2021 and ending on February 11, 2022. Metro sent the NOP to various key stakeholders including municipal, county, regional, state, and federal agencies; community organizations; municipal, state, and federal elected officials; resource groups; and transportation agencies. Further details regarding the NOP are available in Appendix A.

## 5.3 Public Scoping Process

From November 30, 2021 to February 11, 2022, Metro managed the comprehensive scoping process to engage the public, agencies, and stakeholders and to provide opportunities for input on issues to be examined and included in the DEIR. Metro held and recorded four virtual scoping meetings via Zoom during the scoping period. As a result of the COVID pandemic, the three public meetings were held virtually for the public. Additionally, Metro held a scoping meeting for representatives of public agencies. Metro posted a recording of each public scoping meeting to its YouTube channel ([youtube.com/@losangelesmetro](https://www.youtube.com/@losangelesmetro)). Metro also placed links to the recordings and to the scoping meeting PowerPoint presentation on the Project’s website to allow those who could not participate in real time to have access the recordings at their convenience. The following details summarize the key efforts made during the public scoping process, while further details such as complete meeting summaries and meeting materials are available in Appendix A.

### 5.3.1 November 2021 – February 2022 Scoping Meetings

The Project's scoping phase spanned 73 days, from November 30, 2021 to February 11, 2022. Throughout this period, Metro conducted an extensive outreach effort to encourage community members and stakeholders to attend and actively participate in meetings. To begin the scoping process, Metro produced a 6-minute bilingual video (in English and Spanish) that described the Project and introduced the proposed alternatives. The video included insights pertaining to the PDA teams, the environmental review, and the steps involved in project development. It allowed viewers to engage in the scoping process by sharing feedback on the alternatives, potential destinations, and possible

impacts and to ask any questions or comment on issues they wanted the DEIR to address. Shared on Metro's YouTube channel and presented at each scoping meeting, the video has garnered more than 7,000 views.

Metro posted three articles each in *The Source* and its Spanish version *El Pasajero*. Metro uploaded the first article on November 30, 2021, with additional articles following on January 5, 2022, and January 31, 2022. Metro also sent out e-blasts to inform the public about upcoming meetings and to thank attendees for their participation. A total of 12 e-blasts were sent between November 17, 2021 and February 16, 2022, reaching more than 15,000 recipients. The e-blasts had an open rate (percentage of email recipients who open a specific email out of the total number of email recipients) ranging from 36 percent to 45 percent, with an average open rate of 40 percent. Additionally, Metro conducted a targeted social media campaign via Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor before each public scoping meeting, publishing 12 posts from November 30, 2021 to January 22, 2022.

Metro developed an interactive StoryMap in both English and Spanish, specifically for the scoping period, which featured detailed information about the project background, nearby projects, alternatives, and the environmental review process. Following each scoping meeting, Metro updated the StoryMap to include links to the meeting recordings. The StoryMap attracted more than 10,000 visitors, with more than a third viewing the Spanish version. Additionally, Metro launched a campaign on its mobile application (app), *Transit*, aimed at transit riders in the San Fernando Valley (between Topanga Canyon and Interstate 5 [I-5]), the Santa Monica Mountains (between Mandeville Canyon and Beverly Glen Boulevard), and the Westside of Los Angeles (Westside) (between the Pacific Ocean, Century City, and Baldwin Hills). App users were encouraged to submit comments pertaining to the Project directly through the app and to sign up for further project updates. The *Transit* app campaign resulted in 206 English submissions and 39 Spanish submissions.

Metro extended its outreach efforts beyond digital platforms to connect with a wider audience. On December 2, 2021, Metro placed legal advertisements in the print editions of the *Los Angeles Daily News*, the *Los Angeles Sentinel*, and the Spanish-language newspaper *La Opinión*. These advertisements featured a condensed version of the NOP, providing an overview of the proposed project along with details on where the public could access the full NOP, the dates and times for virtual public scoping meetings, and other options for submitting scoping comments.

Metro also placed informational bus car cards in English and Spanish to alert transit riders about the scoping period and upcoming meetings. These car cards were displayed on Metro-operated routes serving the Project Study Area and surrounding communities. Additionally, Metro partnered with the Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Beach Transit (Redondo Beach), Big Blue Bus (Santa Monica), the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and Torrance Transit, to distribute 1,690 car cards across

Metro developed an expanded outreach toolkit to engage a broader audience, distributing it to 426 offices of elected officials, community-based organizations (CBO), academic institutions, municipalities, and other key stakeholders. The toolkit was designed to help these groups share information with their communities and included graphics, ready-to-use content for social media, newsletters, and websites, and links to essential resources. The materials highlighted details about the comment period, upcoming scoping meetings, and provided links to additional project information.

In addition to Metro's prepared content, the scoping period attracted attention from various media outlets and stakeholders throughout the comment period. Metro noted 36 articles, newsletters, or

posts about the Project and public meetings, including coverage in three Spanish-language outlets. A full list of earned media<sup>1</sup> and the related content is available in Appendix A.

Overall, the scoping meetings attracted approximately 600 attendees, and Metro received 3,102 submissions from the public and government agencies during the scoping period. These efforts ensured that a wide range of community perspectives informed the development of the DEIR.

### 5.3.1.1 Scoping Meetings — Agency

A virtual Agency Scoping Meeting took place on December 6, 2021, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The meeting was held to obtain early feedback on the Project from the following agencies: cities, counties, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, transportation planning agencies, public agencies that filed a written request for notice, agencies holding jurisdiction in the Project Study Area, agencies responsible for processing permits or approvals, and other agencies with potential interest.

On November 23, 2021, an email invitation was sent to agency representatives, encouraging participation in the meeting and submission of official comments during the scoping period. A follow-up email with a link to *The Source* article containing the NOP was sent on November 30, 2021.

The invitation list included 14 federal agencies, 22 state agencies, and 47 local agencies. Appendix A provides a complete list of the agencies and representatives who received notifications. A total of 48 participants from 24 agencies attended the meeting. The following agencies were represented:

- California Department of Transportation
- California Transportation Commission
- City of Beverly Hills
- City of Culver City
- City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering
- City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning
- City of Los Angeles, Department of General Services
- City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation
- City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power
- City of Los Angeles, Sanitation & Environment
- City of Santa Clarita Transit
- City of West Hollywood
- Federal Transit Administration
- Metropolitan Water District
- South Bay Cities Council of Governments
- Southern California Association of Governments
- Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink)
- UCLA
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. National Park Service
- Westside Cities Council of Governments

Metro staff began the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation covering key topics such as the planning process, project goals and objectives, proposed alternatives, the environmental review process, related

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<sup>1</sup> Earned media (or free media) is content relating to a person or organization, which is published by a third party without any form of payment to the publisher.

projects, and ongoing public outreach initiatives. Following the presentation, agency representatives were invited to ask questions and provide input regarding the scope of the DEIR and related environmental issues. Overall, there were 23 letters submitted by public agencies.

Some recurring themes and frequently mentioned topics included compatibility of the alternatives with possible future extensions; differences in operational characteristics (e.g., headways) of the alternatives; construction methods and related impacts; evaluation criteria to be used in the DEIR and which criteria would be used to select one or more alternatives to be continued forward into National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review; why different vehicle technologies were identified for different alignments; coordination between the Project and the Interstate 405 (I-405) Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes project (ExpressLanes project); and how the ExpressLanes would be addressed in environmental review.

### 5.3.1.2 Scoping Meetings — Public

Metro held three virtual public scoping meetings via Zoom on December 7, 2021, from 11:30am to 1:30pm; on January 11, 2022, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm; and on January 22, 2022, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. These meetings were designed to give the public an opportunity to offer input on topics to be analyzed in the DEIR. Notification of the meetings and the comment submission process included both printed and digital messaging.

Each public scoping meeting began with a PowerPoint presentation, identical across all three sessions, in which Metro staff provided an overview of the Project and the methods available for public comment on project alternatives. Following the presentation, the public scoping comment period opened, allowing each participant 2 minutes to share oral comments. Transcripts of all public comments, produced by a court reporter, are available in Appendix A. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation was provided at each meeting, and the outreach team shared a link to a Spanish-language version of the PowerPoint presentation through the Zoom chat. Participants were informed that Spanish-speaking commenters would be granted an additional 2 minutes to accommodate interpretation; however, no comments were submitted in Spanish during any of the sessions.

Each public meeting featured a steady flow of commenters that extended through the entire session. The first meeting was extended by 30 minutes beyond its scheduled end time to allow more speakers to participate. Across the three meetings, there were 554 attendees and 90 speakers. Table 5-2 provides further details.

**Table 5-2. Public Scoping Meeting Participants**

Meeting	Attendance	Comments Received
December 7, 2021	240	35
January 11, 2022	185	24
January 22, 2022	129	31

Source: Metro, 2024

The following information provides the list of representatives of local elected officials, neighborhood councils, homeowner associations, and key stakeholder groups who attended the scoping meetings.

#### Elected Officials

- Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Office of U.S. Representative Tony Cardenas
- Office of Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Krekorian, District 2

- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Raman, District 4
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Koretz, District 5
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Rodriguez, District 7
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Bonin, District 11

### **Key Stakeholders**

- Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Brentwood Glen Association
- Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association
- Brentwood Homeowners Association
- Brentwood Resident Coalition
- Del Rey Neighborhood Council
- Encino Neighborhood Council
- Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
- Mid-City Neighborhood Council
- North Westwood Neighborhood Council
- Palms Neighborhood Council
- Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
- Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
- The Independent Living Center of Southern California
- Transit Coalition
- UCLA
- Valley Industry and Commerce Association
- Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
- Westdale Homeowners Association
- Westside Neighborhood Council
- Westside Village Homeowners Association
- Westwood Community Council
- Westwood South of Santa Monica Homeowners Association
- Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council

Metro received 3,102 submissions from:

- 3,049 individuals
- 42 community organizations
- 6 businesses
- 5 elected officials

More than 60 percent of the submissions were received through the Project's online comment form, while other comments were submitted via:

- E-mail (27 percent)
- Transit app (8 percent)
- Oral comments at the virtual scoping meetings (3 percent)
- Voicemail, via the project hotline (0.8 percent)
- U.S. mail (0.06 percent)

Approximately half of the submissions included full street addresses, with 16 percent of those originating from Equity Focus Communities (EFC). During the scoping period, 7 neighborhood councils, 2 community councils, and 11 homeowners associations from the San Fernando Valley and Westside also submitted comments.

Numerous comments conveyed support for or opposition to specific modes or alternatives. Those expressing a preference favored heavy rail alternatives over monorail options. Supporters of heavy rail cited benefits such as improved transfer connections to current and planned Metro rail lines, faster travel times, and Metro's experience in constructing and operating similar systems. In contrast, supporters of monorail alternatives emphasized advantages such as lower anticipated costs and increased visibility due to the above-ground structure. Additionally, many commenters expressed a strong preference for fully underground alternatives.

Concerns about cumulative impacts often referenced the potential combined effects of the Project with the ExpressLanes project and the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Line. Equity-related comments primarily emphasized the importance of improving access to UCLA's educational, employment, and medical resources. Among comments that neither supported nor opposed a specific mode or alternative, the most frequently discussed topic was the connection method to the UCLA campus. This was followed by comments on the overall project alignment, station locations and design, project objectives, and the need for integration with the broader Metro rail system.

### 5.3.1.3 Common Themes from Scoping

The Project implemented a variety of outreach strategies to ensure broad participation and feedback. During the four events, recurring themes and frequently mentioned topics included the following:

- Transfer options and integration with existing and future Metro rail lines
- Travel times
- Metro's experience in building and maintaining similar transportation systems
- Cost of the Project
- Visibility
- Connection method to the UCLA campus
- Location and design of stations
- Objectives of the Project
- Cumulative impacts
- Transportation and traffic impacts
- Real estate and acquisitionsCommunity and neighborhood impacts
- Noise and vibration impacts
- Differences in operational characteristics (e.g., headways) of the alternatives
- Construction methods and related impacts
- Evaluation criteria that would be used to select one or more alternatives to be continued forward into NEPA review

- Why different vehicle technologies were identified for different alignments
- Coordination between the Project and the ExpressLanes project, and how the ExpressLanes would be addressed in environmental review

## 5.4 Post-Scoping Public Outreach Meeting June 2022

Following the scoping process, Metro continued its engagement efforts and hosted a “Community Update Meeting.” The meeting was held on June 16, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The meeting was recorded and held virtually via Zoom. The meeting was available in English and Spanish including the PowerPoint presentation. The meeting provided updates on the scoping process and information regarding project alternatives. The meeting also encouraged community input on issues like alignment, design, and connectivity. To inform stakeholders, 12 e-blasts were distributed, and a *Source* article was released to notify the public about the meeting. The event attracted approximately 239 attendees, with 229 people who participated online and 10 who called in.

Attendees included representatives from elected offices, various agencies, and other key stakeholders as presented in the following information.

### Elected Officials

- Office of U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
- Office of U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman
- Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Office of LA City Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4
- Office of LA City Councilmember Paul Koretz, District 5
- Office of West Hollywood City Councilmember Lindsey Horvath

### Agencies

- City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering
- City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning
- County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works

### Key Stakeholders

- Bel Air Association
- Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Bel Air Hills Association
- Brentwood Glen Association
- California State University, Northridge
- Encino Neighborhood Council
- North Hollywood Neighborhood Council
- North Westwood Neighborhood Council
- Roxbury-Beverwil Homeowners Alliance
- Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
- Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
- SMART Local Union 105
- Studio City Neighborhood Council
- Studio City Residents Association

- Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
- Transit Coalition
- UCLA
- Valley Industry and Commerce Association
- Westside Neighborhood Council
- Westwood Community Council
- Westwood Hills Property Owners Association
- Westwood South of Santa Monica Boulevard Homeowners Association

The attendees were asked to participate in two polls while in attendance. The first poll was to determine the residence of attendees, and the poll showed that attendees were predominantly from two regions: the San Fernando Valley, representing 32 percent, and the Westside, representing 29 percent. The next poll asked attendees if they had attended a meeting before or submitted a scoping comment. The majority of attendees, 66 percent, had attended a meeting or submitted a comment, while 34 percent had not attended a meeting or submitted a comment. Attendees were encouraged to submit comments and suggestions during the session. Approximately 100 questions and comments were received and approximately 45 were responded to during the meeting. Recurring themes and frequently mentioned topics included the following:

- Alternatives/modes
- Bicycle infrastructure/amenities
- Costs/funding
- Decision-making process
- Environmental justice
- A Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) connection
- Outreach/engagement
- Property/neighborhood impacts
- Scoping report
- Stations
- Timeline
- Tribal coordination
- Wildlife impacts

This webinar contributed to the overall outreach strategy as it helped gather valuable community input for the DEIR. Further details regarding the meeting are available in Appendix V.

## **5.5 Outreach During Preparation of the DEIR**

During preparation of the DEIR, Metro held twelve public outreach meetings, with three Community Open House meetings in January 2023, three Community Meetings in October to November 2023, three Community Meetings in May 2024, and three Community Meetings in April 2025. These events aimed to inform the public regarding the Project and receive further community input.

### **5.5.1 January 2023 Community Open House Meetings**

Community Open House Meetings were held in-person on January 21, 2023 in Van Nuys, on January 24, 2023 in Westwood, and virtually, via Zoom, on January 26, 2023. Table 5-3 provides specific

meeting locations. The meetings served as an opportunity for Metro to provide information to stakeholders on potential station locations and how to access the future transit system.

**Table 5-3. January 2023 Community Open House Meetings Locations**

Open House	Date/Time	Location/Address
Open House #1 Van Nuys	Saturday, January 21, 2023 9:00am-12:00pm	Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, CA 91401
Open House #2 Westwood	Tuesday, January 24, 2023 5:00pm-8:00pm	Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90024
Open House #3 Online	Thursday, January 26, 2023 6:00pm-8:00pm	Zoom Webinar

Source: Metro, 2024

During the DEIR preparation process outreach for the open house series included five English and Spanish e-blasts to notify and invite the public to the meetings, reaching more than 16,000 recipients. An extended outreach toolkit was also distributed to elected officials to promote community participation and featured links to the interactive StoryMap, project website, fact sheet, and frequently asked questions (FAQs). After the open houses, additional English/Spanish e-blasts were sent to thank attendees, and subsequent messages encouraged the public to provide station input via a feedback form. Table 5-4 provides e-blast details.

**Table 5-4. January 2023 Community Open House and Feedback Form E-Blast**

Date Sent	Subject	Number of Recipients	Opens
January 4, 2023	Save the Date	16,456	6,393
January 12, 2023	Open House Reminder #1	16,542	6,019
January 19, 2023	Open House Reminder #2	16,520	5,988
January 23, 2023	Open House Reminder #3	16,497	6,258
January 25, 2023	Open House Reminder #4	16,594	5,814
January 31, 2023	Thank You and Recap	16,824	6,179
February 13, 2023	Feedback Form Reminder #1	17,025	6,497
February 23, 2023	Open House Video Recordings	17,018	6,349
March 1, 2023	Feedback Form Reminder #2	17,131	6,676

Source: Metro, 2024

Social media posts were developed for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, detailing the community open houses and how to participate. Table 5-5 provides further detail on this social media engagement (how many times the posts were clicked on and if anyone clicked that they were interested in going to the event).

**Table 5-5. Facebook/Instagram Advertisements Metrics Detail**

Event	Impressions <sup>a</sup>	Clicks	Event Response <sup>b</sup>
Van Nuys Event (English)	11,198	210	62
Westwood Event (English)	31,078	561	132
Virtual Event (English)	191,243	3,009	482
Van Nuys Event (Spanish)	3,639	60	26
Westwood (Spanish)	3,435	42	16
Virtual Event (Spanish)	77,199	802	206
<b>Total</b>	<b>317,792</b>	<b>4,684</b>	<b>924</b>

Source: Metro, 2024

<sup>a</sup>“Impressions” refers to every time someone views an advertisement or sees content.

<sup>b</sup>Event Response: The number of people who responded “Interested” or “Going” to a Facebook event attributed to the advertisement.

Social media paid advertisements on Facebook and Instagram and through Programmatic Banner Displays also ran during the open house meeting period. Advertisements were targeted by zip code and timed ahead of each of the open houses in both English and Spanish. Table 5-6 provides further details.

**Table 5-6. Social Media Summary**

Type of Social Media	Impressions <sup>a</sup>	Clicks	Event Response <sup>b</sup>
Paid Social	317,792	4,684	924
Programmatic Display	6,361,262	2,916	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,679,054</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>924</b>

Source: Metro, 2024

<sup>a</sup>“Impressions” refers to every time someone views an advertisement or sees content.

<sup>b</sup>Event Response: The number of people who responded “Interested” or “Going” to a Facebook event attributed to the advertisement.

Various publications featured Metro in earned media, which included several articles that were published prior, during, and after the open house series. Such publications include *Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council*, *Railway Track & Structures (RT&S)*, *The Daily Bruin*, and *Railway Gazette*. Table 5-7 provides further details.

**Table 5-7. Earned Media from January 2023**

Date	Source	Article/Title
January 9, 2023	Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council	“Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project”
January 11, 2023	Railway Track & Structures	“LA Metro to Host Open Houses for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project”
January 22, 2023	The Daily Bruin	“Editorial: UCLA Rail Station is Imperative in Design of Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project”
January 31, 2023	Railway Gazette	“Sepulveda Transit Corridor Program Management Contract Awarded”

Source: Metro, 2024

The project website was updated to announce the community open houses and share information on how to provide input. Approximately 300 English/Spanish open house information cards were

distributed at transit stops and local churches within in the Sepulveda Transit corridor the week before the January 21, 2023 open house. Timing was varied to reach a diverse audience.

Before the community open houses, Metro engaged with local communities at several pop-up events to keep the public informed and collect contact information for future notifications. Table 5-8 summarizes these events, which included six pop-up events in 2022 with approximately 1,200 participants.

**Table 5-8. Summary of Pop-Up Events 2022**

Event	Date	Location	Approximate Number of Participants
UCLA Environmental Fair	October 6, 2022	UCLA Campus	200
UCLA First Thursday	October 6, 2022	Westwood Village	300
Sherman Oaks Street Fair	October 16, 2022	14827 Ventura Boulevard Sherman Oaks, CA 91403	320
Pacoima Dia de Los Muertos	October 28, 2022	Pacoima City Hall	150
Plaza Del Valle Pop-up	December 15, 2022	Plaza Del Valle 8610 Van Nuys Boulevard Panorama City, CA 91402	150
Panorama Mall Pop-up	December 16, 2022	Plaza Del Valle 8610 Van Nuys Boulevard Panorama City, CA 91402	80

Source: Metro, 2024

Metro held two in-person open houses, which allowed visitors to explore five information centers. Attendees were able to interact with representatives of the design teams and ask questions and receive printed guides and supplemental materials, including an open house guide, public input form, project fact sheet, and station considerations handout. Table 5-9 provides details on the in-person information centers.

**Table 5-9. January 2023 In-Person Meeting Stations**

Center Number	Center Topic	Content	Description
NA	Welcome/Refreshments	Display Boards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview</li> <li>• Community Meeting Guidelines</li> </ul> Handouts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open House Guide</li> <li>• Project Input Form</li> <li>• Project Fact Sheet</li> <li>• Station Considerations</li> </ul>	Guests signed in and received a packet of information with a quick overview of the open house format using the instructional Open House Guide.
1	Project Overview and Environmental Process	Rotating Slides (screen) Display Boards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Study Area Map</li> </ul>	Overview of the Project Study Area and project milestones.
2	Project Alternatives	Rotating Slides (screen)	Overview of project alternatives.

Center Number	Center Topic	Content	Description
3	Station Planning (Valley)	StoryMap (two screens) Display Board: • Valley Project Study Area Map Resources: • Project Fact Sheet	Zoomed in view of each station area, with photos of surrounding location. Stations covered: • Van Nuys Metrolink/Amtrak • Sherman Way • Metro G Line • Ventura Boulevard
4	Station Planning (Westside)	StoryMap (two screens) Display Board: • Westside Map Resources: • Project Fact Sheet	Zoomed in view of each station area, with photos of surrounding location. Stations covered: • Getty Center • UCLA Gateway Plaza • Wilshire Boulevard/Metro D Line • Santa Monica Boulevard • Metro E Line (Expo/Bundy)
5	Spanish Station	StoryMap (one screen) Resources: • Project Fact Sheet (Spanish)	Content from Centers 1–5 available in Spanish on one screen.
NA	Public Input	Display Boards: • Public Input • Station Feedback Forms	Participants could sit and provide input via paper forms, tablets, or via QR codes on their phones.
NA	Additional Resources	Fact Sheets: • Metro G Line • FAQs (ExpressLanes)	Fact sheets from other relevant projects on magazine rack.

Source: Metro, 2024

FAQs = Frequently Asked Questions

NA = not applicable

QR = quick response

The virtual open house aimed to replicate the in-person experience through three webinars which allowed attendees to ask questions and receive detailed information about specific station locations. The format included a main Zoom webinar for project overview that was followed by two 25-minute webinar sessions covering the San Fernando Valley and Westside topics, respectively, each featuring the station-specific StoryMap and a question and answer (Q&A) session with design teams. Table 5-10 provides details on the virtual open house webinars.

**Table 5-10. January 2023 Virtual Open House Webinar**

Center Topic	Description
Main Zoom Webinar	Review of agenda, webinar format, and overview of project and environmental process
San Fernando Valley Zoom Webinar	Overview of Valley stations for each alternative, walkthrough of Valley stations on StoryMap, and Q&A session Stations covered: • Van Nuys Metrolink/Amtrak • Sherman Way • Metro G Line • Ventura Boulevard/Van Nuys Boulevard

Center Topic	Description
Westside Zoom Webinar	Overview of Westside stations for each alternative, walkthrough of Westside stations on StoryMap, and Q&A session Stations covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getty Center</li> <li>• UCLA Gateway Plaza</li> <li>• Wilshire Boulevard/Metro D Line</li> <li>• Santa Monica Boulevard</li> <li>• Metro E Line (Expo/Bundy)</li> </ul>

Source: Metro, 2024

Q&A = question and answer

The three open houses had more than 505 participants and 319 input cards, with public input collected through submitted cards and an online feedback form. Interpreters were available for Spanish-speaking participants. Table 5-11 details the public participation.

**Table 5-11. Summary of January 2023 Open Houses Participation**

Meeting Date	Approximate Number of Participants	Number of Input Cards Received
January 21, 2023 (Van Nuys)	90	40
January 24, 2023 (Westwood)	150	80
January 26, 2023 (Virtual)	265	199
<b>Total</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>319</b>

Source: Metro, 2024

Attendees included representatives from elected offices, various agencies, and other key stakeholders as presented in the following information.

### 5.5.1.1 Van Nuys Open House

#### Elected Officials

- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
- Office of California Transportation Commission Commissioner Hilary Norton
- Office of Representative Brad Sherman
- Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4

#### Key Stakeholders

- The Getty Center
- Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
- Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
- Transit Coalition

### 5.5.1.2 Westwood Open House

#### Elected Officials

- Office of Representative Brad Sherman
- Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, District 3
- Office of Mayor Karen Bass

**Agencies**

- Westside Cities Council of Governments

**Key Stakeholders**

- Skirball Center
- UCLA
- STC4All
- Westside Neighborhood Council
- Westwood Community Council
- Westwood South of Santa Monica Homeowners Association

**5.5.1.3 Virtual Open House****Elected Officials**

- Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Office of Representative Brad Sherman
- Office of State Senator Caroline Menjivar
- Office of State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel
- Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
- Office of Mayor Karen Bass
- Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, District 5
- Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4

**Agencies**

- California Department of Transportation
- City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

**Key Stakeholders**

- Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Bel-Air Crest Homeowners Association
- Comstock Hills Homeowners Association
- The Getty Center
- Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
- Skirball Center
- Streets4All
- West Hills Neighborhood Council
- Westside Neighborhood Council
- Westwood Village Business Improvement District
- UCLA

Following the open houses, input on proposed station locations and entrances was encouraged through March 13, 2023, and resulted in 1,819 submissions via input forms, the virtual Q&A, the online form, and project e-mail. This included 80 cards from the Westwood meeting, 40 from Van Nuys, 199 from the virtual session, 1,330 online, and 170 via e-mail. About 80 percent of feedback contained zip code information from 230 different zip codes, with the top five accounting for more than 400 submissions, particularly from 90024 (Westwood/UCLA) and 90049 (Brentwood/Westwood Hills). The top 10 zip

codes contributed 552 submissions, with 80 percent from the Westside. Comments indicated strong support for heavy rail, particularly for a station on the UCLA campus and connections to the Metro D Line and Metro E Line Expo/Sepulveda Station. Feedback from the Van Nuys open house focused on the San Fernando Valley, the Ventura Boulevard Station, and connectivity at the Van Nuys Metrolink Station.

### 5.5.2 Fall 2023 Community Meetings

In the fall of 2023, Metro hosted three community meetings. The meetings were held in-person on October 24, 2023 and October 28, 2023, and virtually, via Zoom, on November 1, 2023. Table 5-12 provides further details on the open house meetings. These meetings offered stakeholders updates on project alternatives, travel times, and boarding information. Staff from both the I-405 ExpressLanes and Traffic Reduction Study projects also had informational tables at the in-person meetings.

**Table 5-12. October/November 2023 Meetings Locations**

Open House	Date/Time	Location/Address
Open House #1 Westwood	Tuesday, October 24, 2023 5:30pm-8:00pm	Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90024
Open House #2 Van Nuys	Saturday, October 28, 2023 10:00am-12:30pm	Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, CA 91401
Open House #3 Online	Wednesday, November 1, 2023 6:00pm-7:30pm	Zoom Webinar

Source: Metro, 2024

The outreach included six English and Spanish e-blasts distributed from October 2, 2023, to October 31, 2023, to notify and invite the public to the meetings. The e-blasts were distributed to approximately 17,000 recipients each time. Prior to the community meetings, an extended outreach toolkit was distributed to elected officials to encourage community participation, which included links to the interactive StoryMap, project website, project fact sheet, and project FAQs. After the meetings, additional e-blasts were sent to thank attendees, and subsequent messages encouraged the public to provide input about the stations via a feedback form. All information was translated into Spanish. Table 5-13 provides further details about the e-blasts.

**Table 5-13. Community Meeting and Feedback E-Blasts**

Date Sent	Subject	Number of Recipients	How Many Recipients Opened E-mail
October 2, 2023	Meeting Announcement	16,927	6,561
October 13, 2023	Community Meeting Reminder #1	16,911	6,081
October 20, 2023	Community Meeting Reminder #2	16,901	6,277
October 24, 2023	Community Meeting Reminder #3	16,876	6,336
October 25, 2024	Community Meeting Reminder #4	16,906	6,628
October 31, 2023	Community Meeting Reminder #5	16,943	6,744
November 3, 2023	Thank You	17,017	7,400
November 9, 2023	Community Meeting Video Recordings	16,797	6,663
November 16, 2023	Feedback Reminder #1	16,946	5,906

Date Sent	Subject	Number of Recipients	How Many Recipients Opened E-mail
November 30, 2023	Feedback Reminder #2	16,913	5,803
December 6, 2023	Feedback Reminder #3	16,879	5,992

Source: Metro, 2024

Social media posts were developed for Facebook, X (Twitter), NextDoor, and Instagram, and described the community meetings and how to participate. Social media posts were shared by Metro and Community-Based Organizations (CBO) partners on social media channels, including Instagram and Facebook. Metro garnered earned media, which included several articles that were published prior, during, and after the meeting series. Table 5-14 details earned media. The project website was updated to announce the community meetings and share information on how to provide input.

**Table 5-14. Earned Media October-November 2023**

Date	Source	Article/Title
October 4, 2023	Westwood South of Santa Monica Homeowners Association	"Save the Date: Metro Sepulveda Corridor Update"
October 8, 2023	Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky	"Sepulveda Transit Corridor Community Update Meetings"
October 17, 2023	Los Angeles Walks	"Stuck in traffic on the Sepulveda pass? We're looking for solutions!"
October 19, 2023	Culver City Observer	"Reminder: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Update Tonight"
October 25, 2023	KNX Radio	"Metro Community Meetings Interview"
October 26, 2023	Daily Bruin	"Metro hosts open house, presents Sepulveda Transit Corridor's alternatives"
November 6, 2023	LA Daily News	"Metro says subway will move people between Valley and Westside faster than monorail"
November 10, 2023	StreetsblogLA	"Metro Projections show that Rail Makes Sense for Sepulveda"
November 12, 2023	Daily Bruin	"LA Metro must implement Alternative 6 for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project"
December 1, 2023	Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian Our Valley News	"Community Announcements: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project – Feedback Reminder"
December 1, 2023	Palms Neighborhood Council Newsletter	"Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Feedback Reminder"
December 4, 2023	Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Newsletter	"President's Message"

Source: Metro, 2024

Partnership with three CBOs, Center for Living and Learning, Streets are for Everyone, and Pueblo y Salud, Inc., facilitated outreach in EFCs. These partners employed various notification strategies, including door-to-door distribution, whereby Pueblo y Salud reached approximately 1,005 households near the Marvin Braude Center before the Van Nuys meeting. Additionally, flyers were dropped off at more than 70 public counters in Equity Focus Communities, including public libraries, youth centers, government agencies, city halls, and community centers. The outreach also included widespread flyer distribution and digital notifications sent through e-blasts by the partnering organizations. One week before the community meetings, local businesses were contacted along active corridors and received

informational flyers and posters for display. This effort engaged about 130 businesses, and more than 300 flyers and 20 posters were distributed to boost awareness and participation in the events.

Before the community meetings, Metro engaged with local communities by participating in events to keep the public informed and collect contact information for future notifications. Table 5-15 summarizes these events, which included seven pop-up events in 2023 with approximately 605 participants.

**Table 5-15. Summary of Pop-Up Events 2023**

Pop Up Name	Date	Location	Approximate Number of Participants
UCLA Sustainability Fair	October 5, 2023	UCLA Campus	50
Westwood Farmers' Market	October 5, 2023	Westwood Village	70
First Thursday	October 5, 2023	Westwood Village	160
Sherman Oaks Street Fair	October 15, 2023	14827 Ventura Boulevard Sherman Oaks, CA 91403	125
Pacoima Dia de Los Muertos	October 28, 2023	Pacoima City Hall	140
Latino Expo	October 28, 2023	Panorama Mall	50
Dia de Los Muertos for Assurance Learning Academy	November 2, 2023	6842 Van Nuys Boulevard	10

Source: Metro, 2024

Metro hosted two in-person community meetings in an open house format, followed by a presentation. Attendees signed in and received informational handouts, including an open house guide, feedback forms, and a project fact sheet. Table 5-16 presents the details of the meeting information stations. For public input, dedicated display boards provided resources and paper forms for feedback, with additional signage for online submissions. A variety of fact sheets on related projects and general topics were available in both English and Spanish.

**Table 5-16. October-November In-Person Meeting Stations**

Station Number	Topic	Content	Description
0	Welcome/ Refreshments	Display Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Community Mtg. Guidelines</li> </ul> Handouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open House Guide</li> <li>• Feedback form</li> <li>• Q&amp;A card</li> <li>• Project fact sheet</li> </ul>	Guests received greetings from the outreach staff, were encouraged to sign in and received a packet of informational handouts.
1	Metro Has a Plan/ Environmental Overview	Screen with overview information and environmental process (English/Spanish)	Overview of information regarding Metro's plan and the environmental process were shown on a loop in this section
2	Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes	Three Screens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Overview</li> <li>• StoryMap #1</li> <li>• StoryMap #2 Two Roll Plots</li> </ul>	Overview of Project StoryMap and Project Study Area

Station Number	Topic	Content	Description
3	Traffic Reduction Study	Three Screens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why Traffic Reduction Study</li> <li>• Concept area maps, selection process, performance metrics and infographics</li> <li>• Equity strategy and reinvestment</li> </ul> Four Posters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion Pricing Case Studies (1)</li> <li>• Personal Narratives (3)</li> </ul> Survey	Overview of project information and project maps were shown in this center.
4	Sepulveda Transit Corridor	Three Screens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Overview</li> <li>• StoryMap #1</li> <li>• StoryMap #2</li> </ul> Project Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study Area</li> <li>• Alternatives</li> </ul>	Overview of Project StoryMap was shown in this center and project boards that outlined project study area and project alternatives were displayed.
5	Presentation Area	Projector/Screen with PowerPoint Presentation	Seating for approximately 50-100 was designated in this area to allow for attendees to hear the presentation and Q&A
-NA	Kids Station	Kids Activities	Small seating area with coloring books and crayons for kids to use while their parents listened to the meeting
NA	Public Input	Display Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Input Resources</li> <li>• Feedback Forms</li> </ul>	Participants could sit and provide input via paper forms. Table signage with options for online input were displayed.
NA	Additional Resources	Fact Sheets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purple Line</li> <li>• Metro G Line</li> <li>• East San Fernando Valley</li> <li>• General Topics (all English/Spanish)</li> <li>• Public-Private Partnerships (P3)</li> <li>• Property-Acquisition</li> <li>• Environmental Process</li> <li>• Tunneling</li> <li>• Gentrification</li> </ul>	Fact sheets from other relevant projects/topics available on magazine rack

Source: Metro, 2024

NA = Not Applicable

The virtual community meeting focused only on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project and featured the same presentation as the in-person meetings, focusing on updates on project alternatives, travel times, and boarding information. Following the presentation, attendees participated in a Q&A session, where they could submit written questions using the Zoom Q&A feature. Project team members addressed

these questions either verbally or in writing through the same feature. Additionally, key project links were shared in the Zoom chat for attendees' reference.

The three community meetings had more than 329 participants and 110 feedback forms. Public input was gathered through both submitted input cards and an online feedback form. To enhance accessibility, interpreters were present to assist Spanish-speaking participants in providing their feedback. Table 5-17 details the participation.

**Table 5-17. Summary of October-November 2023 Open Houses Participation**

Meeting	Approximate Number of Participants	Number of Input/Question Cards Received
October 24, 2023 (Westwood)	125	24/29
October 28, 2023 (Van Nuys)	45	10/9
November 1, 2023 (Virtual)	159	3/72
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>37/110</b>

Source: Metro, 2024

Attendees included representatives from elected offices, various agencies, and other key stakeholders as shown in the following information.

### 5.5.2.1 Westwood Community Meeting

#### Elected Officials

- Office of Congressman Brad Sherman
- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, District 3
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, District 5

#### Agencies

- Westside Cities Council of Governments

#### Key Stakeholders

- Brentwood Community Council
- The Getty Center
- Keep Bel-Air Beautiful
- LA28
- Palms Neighborhood Council
- Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
- UCLA
- Westside Neighborhood Council
- Westwood Hills Property Owners Association
- Westwood South of Santa Monica Homeowners Association

### 5.5.2.2 Van Nuys Community Meeting

#### Elected Officials

- Office of Los Angeles County Lindsey Horvath
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4

- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, District 3
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Imelda Padilla, District 6

**Key Stakeholders**

- Encino Neighborhood Council
- Transit Coalition
- Valley Industry & Commerce Association
- Winnetka Chamber of Commerce
- Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council

**5.5.2.3 Virtual Community Meeting****Elected Officials**

- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
- City of Los Angeles

**Agencies**

- California Department of State Hospitals
- California Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- Metropolitan Water District
- Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments
- Southern California Association of Governments
- Westside Cities Council of Governments
- San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

**Key Stakeholders**

- 29 Mountain View Homeowners Association
- Bel Air Crest
- Bel Air Hills Association
- Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Brentwood Homeowners Association
- California Abilities Network
- Cedars Sinai
- Encino Neighborhood Council
- The Getty Center
- Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Northeast Valley Health Corporation
- Playa Vista Compass
- South Brentwood Residents Association
- Streets For All
- Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
- The Transit Coalition
- UCLA
- Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

- Veterans Advocacy Group of America
- Walk 'n Rollers
- Westwood Hills Homeowners Association
- Westwood South of Santa Monica Homeowners Association

After the open houses, public input was collected until December 8, 2023, resulting in 721 submissions through feedback and Q&A cards from in-person meetings, the virtual Q&A session, the online form, and project e-mails. The Westwood meeting generated 24 feedback forms and 29 Q&A cards, while the Van Nuys meeting contributed 10 feedback forms and 9 Q&A cards. The virtual open house added 75 submissions, with an additional 574 inputs received online and via e-mail. In total, these submissions contained 1,069 comments, with 97 percent being unique, reflecting a significant decrease in form letters compared to previous outreach efforts.

Feedback predominantly focused on alternatives and modes, with more than 500 submissions (71 percent) addressing these topics. Key points included a desire for connections to LAX (39 mentions), general project support (35 mentions), and opposition to aerial configurations in the Valley (14 mentions). Among the 390 submissions opposing a mode, most rejected monorail options, while only 1 percent opposed heavy rail. Notably, a quarter of submissions supported a UCLA on-campus station. Other concerns included the urgency for project completion (8), health impacts from nearby stations (8), and connectivity to transit lines and locations like the Getty Center (7). Of the 440 supportive submissions, 89 percent favored heavy rail alternatives, compared to 11 percent for monorail options.

### 5.5.3 May 2024 Community Meetings

In May 2024, Metro hosted three community meetings, two in-person meetings on May 11, 2024 and May 14, 2024, and one virtual meeting, via Zoom, on May 13, 2024 to discuss monorail alternatives and gather feedback on the potential elimination of Alternative 2. Table 5-18 provides additional meeting details.

**Table 5-18. May 2024 Meeting Locations**

Community Meeting	Date/Time	Location/Address
Community Meeting #1 Van Nuys	Saturday, May 11, 2024 10:00am-12:00pm	Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, CA 91401
Community Meeting #2 Online	Monday, May 13, 2024 12:00pm-1:00pm	Zoom Webinar
Community Meeting #3 Westwood	Tuesday, May 14, 2024 5:30pm-7:30pm	Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90024

Source: Metro, 2024

The outreach included five English and Spanish e-blasts distributed from April 18, 2024, to May 13, 2024, to notify and invite the public to the meetings. The e-blasts were distributed to more than 13,000 recipients. After the meetings, additional e-blasts were sent to thank attendees, and subsequent messages encouraged the public to provide station input via a feedback form, all translated into Spanish. Table 5-19 provides the details of the e-blasts.

**Table 5-19. May 2024 Community Meeting and Feedback E-Blasts**

Date Sent	Subject	Number of Recipients	How Many Recipients Opened E-mail
April 18, 2024	Meeting Announcement	13,636	6,729
April 26, 2024	Community Meeting Reminder #1	13,659	5,733
May 2, 2024	Community Meeting Reminder #2	13,679	6,211
May 9, 2024	Community Meeting Reminder #3	13,616	5,941
May 13, 2024	Virtual Community Meeting Reminder	13,573	6,464
May 20, 2024	Community Meeting Thank You and Video Recordings	13,975	7,500
May 22, 2024	Final Feedback Reminder	13,906	6,603
May 31, 2024	Feedback Thank you	13,809	7,276

Source: Metro, 2024

To boost engagement in EFCs, the project team collaborated with three CBOs, Center for Living and Learning, Streets are for Everyone, and Pueblo y Salud, Inc. These partners were chosen for their community ties and commitment to the Project’s goals. They implemented various notification strategies, including bilingual event tabling, door-to-door distribution, public counter drop-offs, and flyers at transit intercepts. Additionally, they enhanced outreach through social media posts and e-blasts. Following their documented efforts, the partner organizations received compensation for their contributions to the notification process.

Social media posts were developed for Facebook, X (Twitter), NextDoor, and Instagram to detail the community meetings and how to participate. Social media posts were shared by Metro and CBO partners on social media channels, including Instagram and Facebook. Metro garnered earned media, which included several articles that were published prior, during, and after the meeting series. Table 5-20 details earned media. The project website was updated to announce the community meetings and share information on how to provide input.

**Table 5-20. Earned Media May 2024**

Date	Source	Article/Title
May 2, 2024	CityWatchLA	“Why Create A Transit Transfer When It Can Be Avoided?”
May 3, 2024	Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council	“May 2024 Newsletter”
May 6, 2024	StreetsblogLA	“This Week In Livable Streets”
May 6, 2024	CityWatchLA	Sepulveda Pass Transit: Why Is Metro So Secretive About Public Private Partnerships?
May 9, 2024	Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association Newsletter	“SOHA May Newsletter”
May 10, 2024	LAist	“Subway Or Monorail For The Sepulveda Pass? Metro And Local Residents Weigh Their Options”
May 10, 2024	LAist: Instagram	“Metro is looking for public feedback on a new transit line aiming to cut down on traffic along the 405 Freeway and one main question is whether they should build a monorail or a subway along the route”
May 10, 2024	North Westwood Council Instagram	“@metrolosangeles is hosting further community meetings on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, including 5/13 online and 5/14 at @westwoodumcla”

Date	Source	Article/Title
May 10, 2024	North Westwood Council: Instagram	"@metrolosangeles is hosting further community meetings on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, including 5/13 online and 5/14 at @WestwoodUMCinLA".
May 10, 2024	North Westwood Council: Instagram	"Metro Los Angeles is hosting further community meetings on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, including 5/13 online and 5/14 at the Westwood Church"
May 10, 2024	Los Angeles Daily News	"Have questions on LA Metro transit line in Sepulveda Pass? Attend the meetings"
May 13, 2024	ITE at UCLA	"Are you interested in the LA Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor project? Join ITE @ UCLA to learn more AND give to public comment at LA Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor community meeting!"
May 13, 2024	Climate Resolve: X	"Climate Resolve supports underground rail alternatives for the proposed Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project."

Source: Metro, 2024

ITE = Institute of Transportation Engineers  
SOHA = Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

Prior to the community meetings, an extended outreach toolkit was distributed to elected officials to encourage community participation, which included links to the interactive StoryMap, project website, project fact sheet, and project FAQs.

Between the October 2023 and May 2024 community meetings, the project team engaged with local communities through 12 events, attracting approximately 1,032 participants to raise awareness and maintain connections along the Sepulveda Transit corridor. They also gathered contact information for future meeting notifications. Table 5-21 summarizes the pop-up events and outreach activities held from winter 2023 through spring 2024.

**Table 5-21. Summary of Pop-Up Events**

Number	Pop Up Name	Date	Location	Number of People Who Came to Booth
1	Pacoima Tree Lighting	December 5, 2023	Pacoima	61
2	Northeast Valley Health Corp. Holiday Gift Giveaway (Toy Drive)	December 9, 2023	San Fernando	125
3	Olive View-UCLA Medical Center Rideshare event	January 19, 2024	Westwood	35
4	Black History Month	February 22, 2024	Sylmar	16
5	Ready for Reseda (CicLAvia Event)	March 17, 2024	Reseda	200
6	Spring Jamboree	March 30, 2024	San Fernando	103
7	UCLA First Thursday	April 4, 2024	Westwood	150
8	Parks After Dark	April 6, 2024	Sylmar	43
9	Arleta High School "Coffee with the Administration"	April 12, 2024	Van Nuys	~14
10	City of San Fernando Senior Expo	May 17, 2024	San Fernando	60
11	Reseda Rising	May 18, 2024	Reseda	100
12	Pick Pico	May 19, 2024	Westwood	125

Source: Metro, 2024

~ = approximately

Metro hosted two in-person community meetings in an open house format, followed by a presentation. Attendees signed in and received informational handouts, including a meeting agenda, feedback forms, and project fact sheets. Table 5-22 presents an overview of the information stations. Each meeting featured dedicated stations for public input, where attendees could ask questions and provide feedback.

**Table 5-22. May 2024 In-Person Community Meeting Stations**

Station Number	Topic	Content	Description
0	Welcome/Refreshments	Display Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Community Mtg. Guidelines Handouts</li> <li>• Feedback form</li> <li>• Q&amp;A card</li> <li>• Project fact sheet</li> </ul>	Guests received greetings from the outreach staff, were encouraged to sign in and received a packet of informational handouts.
1	Project Overview	Screen with general project StoryMap and overview information and environmental process (English)	The general project StoryMap provided an overview of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project and the environmental process.
2	Project Alternatives and Technology	Three Screens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen #1: Alternatives 1-3</li> <li>• Screen #2: Alternatives 4-5</li> <li>• Screen #3: Alternative 6</li> </ul>	An overview of Project Alternative StoryMap was shown at this center and project boards that outlined project alternatives were displayed.
4	Presentation Area/Customer Journey Videos	Screens with PowerPoint Presentation and looping Customer Journey Videos	Seating for approximately 100 was designated in this area to allow attendees to hear the presentation and Q&A. Before and after the presentation, six short videos depicting fictional transit riders were shown on loop to display future travel time savings for each alternative as compared to current transit options.
NA	Spanish Station/Resources/Nearby Projects	Two Screens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen #1: Spanish Station</li> <li>• Screen #2: I-405 ExpressLanes Information Table</li> </ul> Two tables were also in place to share Metro G-Line and East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project Information (Van Nuys Meeting).	Overview of project information in Spanish with live Spanish interpretation available. project maps were shown in this center.
NA	Kids Station	Kids activities	Small seating area with coloring books and crayons for kids to use while their parents listened to the meeting
NA	Public Input	Display Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Input Resources</li> <li>• Feedback Forms</li> </ul>	Participants could sit and provide input via paper forms. Table signage with options for online input were displayed.

Station Number	Topic	Content	Description
NA	Additional Resources	Fact Sheets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro D (Purple) Line Extension Project</li> <li>• I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project</li> <li>• Metro G Line Improvements Project</li> <li>• East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project</li> <li>• General Topics (all English/Spanish)</li> <li>• Public-Private Partnerships (P3)</li> <li>• Property-Acquisition</li> <li>• Environmental Process</li> <li>• Gentrification</li> </ul>	Fact sheets from other relevant projects/topics available on magazine rack

Source: Metro, 2024

NA = Not Applicable

Q&A = question and answer

Prior to the community meetings, an extended outreach toolkit was distributed to elected officials to encourage community participation, which included links to the interactive StoryMap, project website, project fact sheet, and project FAQs.

The virtual community meeting format covered the same content as the in-person meetings, including an overview of the project, an analysis of monorail Alternatives 1-3, and details on the potential removal of Alternative 2. Attendees submitted questions using the Zoom Q&A feature. Project team members answered as many questions as time permitted verbally and through the Q&A feature. Staff also shared links to project resources, including fact sheets and the project website, in the Zoom chat.

The three community meetings had more than 341 participants and 156 feedback forms. Public input was gathered through both submitted input cards and an online feedback form. Table 5-23 details the participation.

**Table 5-23. Summary of May 2024 Community Meetings Participation**

Meeting	Approximate Number of Participants	Number of Input/Question Cards Received
May 11, 2024 (Van Nuys)	40	2/16
May 13, 2024 (Virtual)	201	6/79
May 14, 2024 (Westwood)	100	10/43
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>18/138</b>

Source: Metro, 2024

Attendees included representatives from elected offices, various agencies, and other key stakeholders as presented in the following information.

### **5.5.3.1 Van Nuys Community Meeting**

#### **Elected Officials**

- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Raman, District 4
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, District 3
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Imelda Padilla, District 6
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2

#### **Key Stakeholders**

- Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
- Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
- Transit Coalition
- UCLA
- Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
- Valley Village Neighborhood Council

### **5.5.3.2 Westwood Community Meeting**

#### **Elected Officials**

- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, District 5

#### **Key Stakeholders**

- Brentwood Community Council
- Mar Vista Neighborhood Council
- UCLA
- Westwood Hills Property Owners Association
- Westwood Community Council
- Metro Youth Council

#### **Media**

- KQED Public Radio
- Daily Bruin
- KNX1070

### **5.5.3.3 Virtual Community Meeting**

#### **Elected Officials**

- Office of U.S Congressman Ted Lieu
- Office of U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman
- Office of State Senator Caroline Menjivar
- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
- Office of Los Angeles Councilmember Imelda Padilla, District 6
- Office of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2

## Agencies

- California Department of Transportation
- City of Beverly Hills
- City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning
- California Public Utilities Commission
- San Diego Association of Governments
- Westside Cities Council of Governments

## Key Stakeholders

- Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
- Encino Neighborhood Council
- Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association
- The Getty Center
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles City Historical Society
- Sierra Club
- Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
- The Transit Coalition
- UCLA
- Valley Industry & Commerce Association
- Westwood Neighborhood Council

## Media

- KQED Public Radio

Following the community meetings, Metro collected public input until May 27, 2024, resulting in 483 submissions through feedback and Q&A cards from in-person meetings, the virtual webinar, the online form, and project e-mails. The Van Nuys meeting generated 2 feedback forms and 16 Q&A cards; the virtual webinar added 85 submissions; the Westwood meeting produced 10 feedback forms and 43 Q&A cards; and 327 inputs were received via the online form and e-mail from May 11 to May 27, 2024.

The meetings generated 483 submissions via feedback and Q&A cards, the online form, and the project e-mail. Given the stated focus of the meeting regarding the monorail alternatives and the potential removal of Alternative 2, many of the comments pertained to the monorail alternatives. More than half of the submissions (53 percent) mentioned a mode or alternative. Of the 123 submissions that mentioned monorail, 85 percent (105) opposed monorail, with 15 percent (18) in support. Regarding specific mentions of Alternative 2, out of all submissions received, 91 submissions expressed support for the removal of Alternative 2. Four submissions expressed support for keeping Alternative 2.

### 5.5.4 May 2025 Community Meetings

In May 2025, Metro hosted five community meetings, one virtual meeting, via Zoom, on May 21, 2025, and four in-person meetings on May 27, May 28, May 29, and May 31, 2025. Table 5-24 provides additional meeting details.

**Table 5-24. May 2025 Meeting Locations**

Community Meeting	Date/Time	Location/Address
Community Meeting #1 Online	Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:30am-1:00pm	Zoom Webinar
Community Meeting #2 Canoga Park	Tuesday, May 27, 2025 5:30pm-7:30pm	Westfield Topanga Community Center 21710 Vanowen Street Canoga Park, CA 91303
Community Meeting #3 Culver City	Wednesday, May 28, 2025 5:30pm-7:30pm	Culver City Veterans Memorial Building Rotunda Room 4117 Overland Avenue Culver City, CA 90230
Community Meeting #4 Westwood	Thursday, May 29, 2025 5:30pm-7:30pm	Westwood United Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90024
Community Meeting #5 Sherman Oaks	Saturday, May 31, 2025 3:00pm-5:00pm	Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center 5056 Van Nuys Boulevard, Building B Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Source: Metro, 2025

### 5.5.5 Government and Other Agency Coordination

After the close of the scoping period, but prior to the community open houses in January 2023 and the public meetings from late October to early November 2023, the project team held briefings for the Metro Board staff and elected officials. The January briefings included a session for Metro Board staff on January 17 and an elected officials briefing on January 19, with more than 25 representatives attending from key offices, including the following:

- Office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass
- Office of Congressman Brad Sherman
- Office of Congressman Ted Lieu
- Office of State Senator Ben Allen
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, District 3
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, District 5
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4
- Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Traci Park, District 11
- Office of Los Angeles City Council District 6
- City of Beverly Hills
- City of Culver City
- City of Santa Clarita
- San Fernando Valley Council of Governments
- Westside Cities Council of Governments

The project team shared details about the upcoming open houses, presentations, the Station StoryMap, feedback form, and toolkit to encourage community participation. Attendee questions focused on themes such as alternatives and potential changes, station design and amenities, first/last mile connectivity, the environmental process and next steps, and specifics about stations like Wilshire Boulevard/Metro D Line and connections to UCLA.

For the late October to early November meetings, a briefing was held on October 18 for Metro Board staff, followed by an elected officials' staff briefing on October 23. This session included the following representatives:

- Office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass
- Office of Congressman Brad Sherman
- Office of Congressman Ted Lieu
- Office of State Senator Ben Allen
- Office of State Senator Caroline Menjivar
- Office of Assemblymember Rick Zbur
- Offices of Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, District 5
- Offices of Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2
- Offices of Los Angeles City Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4
- City of Culver City Transportation Department
- Westside Cities Council of Governments

In this round of briefings, the project team previewed information to be shared at the community open houses, focusing on ridership and travel times. Questions and comments from attendees centered on travel time comparisons between alternatives, the accuracy of ridership projections, safety and security, and station design and locations.

In early May 2024, the project team held briefings with Metro board staff and elected officials' staff to provide project updates and preview the community meeting presentation ahead of the series. The briefings focused on key information to be shared during the May community meetings, including background on the Project and the consideration of removing Alternative 2 from further consideration in the DEIR.

The briefings were held on May 2 for Metro Board staff, followed by an elected officials briefing on May 9, 2024. This session included the following representatives:

- Office of U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler
- Office of U.S. Congressmember Brad Sherman
- Office of U.S. Congressmember Sydney Kamlager-Dove
- Office of U.S. Congressmember Ted Lieu
- Office of State Senator Caroline Menjivar
- Office of Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin
- Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman
- Office of Assemblymember Luz Rivas
- Office of Assemblymember Isaac Bryan
- Office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass
- Office of Los Angeles Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4
- Office of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2
- Office of Los Angeles Councilmember Traci Park, District 11
- San Fernando Valley Council of Governments
- Westside Cities Council of Governments
- Culver City Transportation Department

Attendees raised questions and comments, regarding travel time comparisons between alternatives, the importance of connections to UCLA, clarity regarding the meeting series' purpose, and cost comparisons between alternatives.

### 5.5.6 Tribal Consultation

During preparation of this DEIR, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was contacted by letter and provided a brief Project Description and maps showing the location of the Project. The NAHC responded to Metro with an Assembly Bill (AB) 52 consultation list of tribes and tribal contacts who are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the Project Study Area. NAHC identified 14 Native American representatives for AB 52 consultation efforts and recommended contacting the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians and the Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council for additional information.

On November 30, 2021, Metro initiated consultation efforts with 14 Native American representatives who were included on the NAHC consultation list. Tribal representatives were informed of Metro's intent to prepare a DEIR for the Project. Correspondences were sent to representatives by either U.S. mail or email and included a brief Project Description, maps showing the location of the Project, and contact information for Metro's designated points of contact. Representatives from the following entities were contacted:

- Barbareno/Ventureno Band of Mission Indians
- Chumash Council of Bakersfield
- Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation
- Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation
- Gabrieleño/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
- Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
- Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe
- Northern Chumash Tribal Council
- San Luis Obispo County Chumash Council
- Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
- Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians

After receiving the correspondence, the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians and the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation tribes requested consultation. Consultation calls were conducted in January 2022 with both tribes. Correspondence with tribal representatives for the Planning and Environmental Linkages process, which occurred simultaneously with this effort, resulted in the request by the Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council to participate in AB 52 consultation during a meeting in May 2023. On June 9, 2023, Metro distributed letters via e-mail to the three consulting tribes in an effort to continue consultation. The letters requested additional documentation and knowledge the tribes indicated they wished to provide for the cultural resources assessment.

Documents pertaining to AB 52 consultation efforts are provided in the *Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources Technical Report* (Metro, 2024).

## 5.6 Ongoing Public Outreach

### 5.6.1 Stakeholder Coordination

The Project's outreach program engaged with stakeholders to establish communication and adapt to the needs and participation preferences of communities. This strategy provides an approach to collaborating with local organizations for effective outreach methods, engagement, and tools for meaningful community input. Further information on stakeholders is provided in Appendix V.

### 5.6.2 Online Communication Tools

To keep stakeholders up to date, a project website was developed and updated at every major project milestone, including prior to public meeting series and as major project updates become available. The website features the latest project information, including fact sheets, project maps, other collateral materials, presentations, display materials, and video recordings of past meetings.

### 5.6.3 Notification and Project Awareness Efforts

A variety of notification and informational tools were used for outreach to target audiences. Outreach methods included the following:

- **Traditional methods** include meetings with cities and counties, chambers of commerce, councils of governments, educational institutions, community stakeholder groups, agency staff and elected officials; direct mail notification; newspaper display advertisements (print and digital); project awareness banners at highly visible locations along the Sepulveda Transit corridor; and pop-up or information tables.
- **Public involvement opportunities** include public community meetings, display of project materials at other Metro project community meetings, information booths, and pop-ups at various community events.
- **Project communication tool** includes project website; project helpline; project overview survey; e-mail notification; social media (i.e., Facebook and Twitter); project videos (video simulation, project overview, meeting webcasts, and recordings).
- **Other targeted outreach** includes electronic signs; text messages; *The Source/El Pasajero* earned media (social media, blogs, newspapers, other media).

These notification tools and outreach efforts were customized based on the type of community meetings with a focus on maximizing cost-effectiveness and participation. A variety of informational documents were made available to the public, including project fact sheets, Metro systemwide fact sheets (i.e., Frequently Asked Questions), meeting notices, electronic newsletters (e-blasts), and other materials.

## 5.7 Public and Agency Comment Process

Throughout the project development process, public and agency comments were collected through a variety of methods, including orally at in-person meetings, via the Project's helpline, through U.S. mail, via online comment forms, and via project e-mail. During the official comment period, comments were received and accepted via comment cards submitted at meetings or mailed in, e-mail, online comment form, or orally via a court reporter.

Comments regarding the Project were also received through social media or other online platforms and by stakeholders with the list of approved comment methods. Relevant comments submitted during

official comment periods were incorporated into the DEIR, and comments were addressed by the technical team.

Federal agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. National Park Service have been preliminarily engaged as part of the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study concurrent with the DEIR process.

## 5.8 Commenting on this DEIR

The DEIR is being made available for public review for a 90-day comment period, starting on Monday, June 2, 2025 and concluding on Saturday, August 30, 2025. The DEIR, along with other project information, is available for review and download online at Metro's website [metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/](https://metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/). A printed copy of the DEIR 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 DEIR and supporting technical reports are also available for public review at the following locations:

- Metro Headquarters, Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Mid-Valley Regional Library, 16244 Nordhoff Street, North Hills, CA 91343
- Panorama City Branch Library, 14345 Roscoe Boulevard, Panorama City, CA 91402
- Van Nuys Branch Library, 6250 Sylmar Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91401
- Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library, 14245 Moorpark Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
- Westwood Branch Library, 1246 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024
- West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library; 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90025
- Palms-Rancho Park Library, 2920 Overland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064
- Pico Branch Library (Santa Monica), 2201 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405
- Fairview Branch Library (Santa Monica), 2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405
- Powell Library (UCLA), 10740 Dickson Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1450

Metro is conducting five public hearings to present key findings on the DEIR and offer opportunities for the public to submit oral comments. One meeting will be held virtually, and four hearings will be held in-person. A court reporter will be present at each hearing. Information for the public hearings, including time and location of each hearing for the DEIR, are as follows:

### Public Hearing #1 (Virtual)

- Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025
- Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm
- Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/STC-Aug6>
- Call-in: 213.338.8477
- Webinar ID: 827 5651 84736

**Public Hearing #2 (In-Person)**

- Location: Westwood United Methodist Church, 10497 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024
- Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025
- Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Public Hearing #3 (In-Person)**

- Location: Westfield Topanga Community Center, 21710 Vanowen Street, Canoga Park, CA 91303
- Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025
- Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Public Hearing #4 (In-Person)**

- Location: Culver City Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230
- Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2025
- Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Public Hearing #5 (In-Person)**

- Location: Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center, 5056 Van Nuys Boulevard, Building B, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
- Date: Monday, August 18, 2025
- Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Note that comments and questions will not receive a response during the hearings but will be addressed within the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). All hearings will feature the same information.

Comments on this DEIR should be sent via web form, email, or mailed to the address shown herein:

- Mail: Mr. Peter Carter  
Project Manager  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-22-6  
Los Angeles, CA 90012
- E-mail: [sepulvedatransit@metro.net](mailto:sepulvedatransit@metro.net)
- Web Form: [metro.net/sepulvedacorridor](https://metro.net/sepulvedacorridor)

Comments can also be made by calling the project hotline (213.922.7375) and leaving a voicemail that will be transcribed and will be addressed in the FEIR.

All submitted comments concerning the DEIR must be received by 5:00pm on Saturday, August 30, 2025. All comments received during the DEIR public review period will be compiled and responded to as part of the FEIR.