



Jim de la Loza, executive officer, RTP&D, takes a closer look at ELAC student architect Mei-Ling Tu's Montebello Station concept. Student Meng-yu Yu looks on.

ELAC student architect Meng Yu-Yu demonstrates her Montebello Station model for de la Loza.

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ELAC Architecture Students Create Ideas for Proposed Eastside Rail Stations

(March 7) A group of architecture students from East Los Angeles College has made some creative suggestions about the design of proposed commuter rail stations in the Eastside Transit Corridor.

In a presentation, March 3, to MTA transportation planners, the 13 students exhibited plans and models of their station designs. The ELAC students were asked to design the stations not merely as shelters, but as "linear museums" that would communicate the history, culture and other aspects of the community.

Opportunity to contribute ideas

The seven-week class design project gave the budding architects an opportunity to contribute ideas toward what promises to become a major development within their community.

At its February meeting, the MTA Board directed the staff to begin work on draft Environmental Impact Statements/Reports for alternative transportation projects in the San Fernando Valley, Mid-City/Westside and East Los Angeles Transit Corridors. Both light rail and rapid bus projects are under consideration for the Eastside.

The ELAC student architect design project was coordinated for the MTA by James Rojas, transportation planning manager, RTP&D.

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