

Proposed Exposition Line Work is in Early Stages

(May 9, 2003) Work on a proposed light-rail line between downtown LA and Culver City is in early stages, MTA staff will tell the Planning and Programming Committee, Wednesday.

The staff is proceeding with environmental, design and public outreach activities for the Mid-City/Exposition Transit Corridor.

The proposed 9.6-mile light-rail line would branch off the Metro Blue Line and head west along the Exposition right-of-way to Venice and Washington near downtown Culver City. The Board also has signaled its intent to ultimately extend the line to Santa Monica.

The first phase of the Exposition line would share three stations with the Metro Blue Line – 7th and Metro, Pico and Grand. Seven new stations would be construction at USC, Vermont, Western, Crenshaw, La Brea, La Cienega and Venice/Washington.

The Federal Transit Administration has given the project a “recommended” rating. Preliminary engineering on the line began in January. A special panel also is considering whether the line could be a design-build project similar to the Metro Gold Line.

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