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MTA TO CONDUCT TUNNELING FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR RED LINE MID-CITY EXTENSION ALONG WILTON/ARLINGTON

The MTA Board authorized a tunnel review feasibility study along an alignment that would connect the Metro Red Line Wilshire/Western Station to the intersection of Pico and San Vicente boulevards, by way of Wilton Place and Arlington Avenue.

The Wilton/Arlington alignment is an alternative to the proposed Mid-City extension along Crenshaw Boulevard originally under consideration. Although, the Mid-City alignment along Crenshaw is constructable, it is being reconsidered because it could have some adverse impacts related to geological limitations requiring extensive surface construction and property acquisition.

"If the engineering feasibility study concludes that a deep underground configuration is technically possible, the MTA will recommend an environmental review process for a Wilton/Arlington alternative," said Joseph E. Drew, MTA chief executive officer.

The route to be studied starts at Western Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, goes south along Wilton Place and Arlington Avenue, and west along Venice Boulevard, ending at the intersection of Pico and San Vicente boulevards.

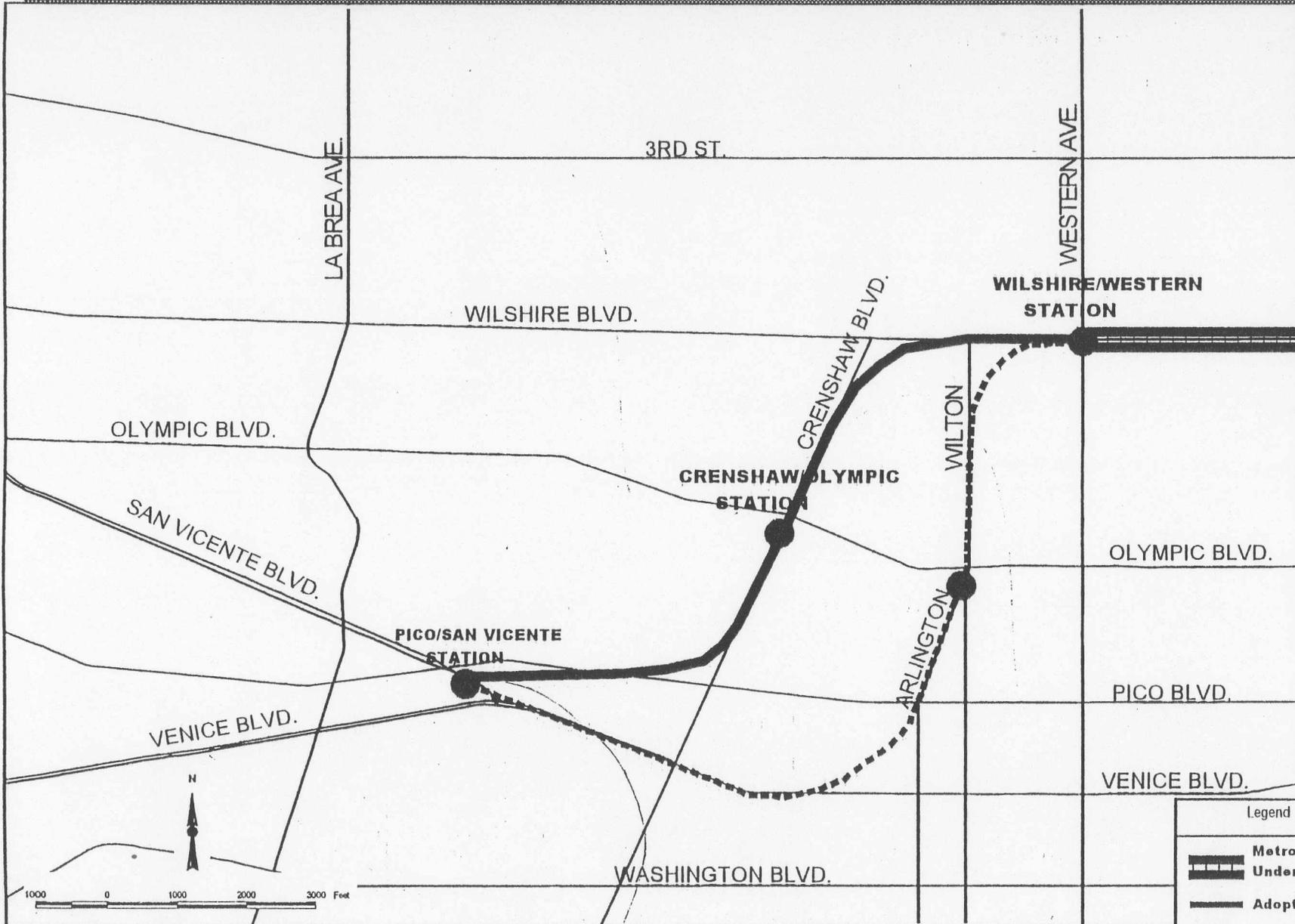
The Mid-City extension is part of the Metro Red Line, Segment 3 project funded by the federal government in 1993.

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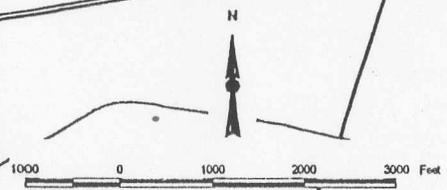
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Red Line Mid City Segment

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ATTACHMENT 'A'



Legend

- Metro Red Line Under Construction
- Adopted Mid City Alignment
- Potential Modified Alignment
- Metro Rail Stations

POTENTIAL MODIFIED ALIGNMENT