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Metro to Update Cities, Community on Alternatives To Be Refined, Reduced on Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

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Metro will hold seven meetings and open houses in April and May, 2009 to brief City councils and the community on the alternatives to be refined and reduced for the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project Study, which will extend the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, now under construction, to cities further east of Los Angeles.

In this phase of the Alternative Analysis (AA), Metro staff will focus on refining and reducing the number of alternatives that will advance for further study into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (DEIS/DEIR).

The four build alternatives; SR-60, Beverly, Beverly/Whittier and Washington, will be refined and reduced by Metro staff based on the following criteria: cost, ridership, cost-effectiveness, economic development/land use, travel time savings and comparisons, reliability, community acceptability, environmental effects, sustainability factors, safety and security, and financial capability.

Please note: Open House begin one hour before Council meetings.

The meetings and open houses will be at:

- City of Montebello, Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 1600 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640
- City of South El Monte, Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 1415 S Santa Anita Av, South El Monte, CA 91733
- City of Pico Rivera, Tuesday, April 14, 6 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 6615 Passons Blvd. , Pico Rivera CA, 90660
- City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 320 W Newmark Av, Monterey Park, CA 91754
- City of Commerce, Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 2535 Commerce Wy, Commerce, CA 90040
- City of Rosemead, Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 8838 E Valley Bl, Rosemead, CA 91770
- City of Whittier, Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 13230 Penn St, 1st Floor, Whittier, CA 90602

The Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 project seeks to improve mobility in the study area that includes 13 cities and communities in an 80 square mile area that is challenged by future growth and traffic on freeways and congested arterial streets.

The cities are Bell, Commerce, Downey, El Monte, Industry, Los Angeles, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, Whittier, and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Since summer 2007, Metro has worked with corridor cities, communities and stakeholders to identify the most promising alignments for further environmental review.

Every day, approximately 50,000 commuting trips leave the area bound for central Los Angeles and 115,000 daily work trips are made within the study area itself. These existing conditions, combined with projected population growth of 23 percent and employment growth of 15 percent over the next 30 years, illustrate the need for additional transit alternatives.

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