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<u>Measure M and SB-1 Funded Project</u> LA Metro Extends Public Comment Period for North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project to Dec. 28

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is extending the public comment period for the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project to Dec. 28, 2020.

Metro staff have extended the public comment period due to the original public comment period falling during the 2020 election and the holidays, in order to allow stakeholders more time to learn about and weigh in on the project.

Metro released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Oct. 26 and has since held two virtual public hearings to provide information and gather feedback from the community on the project. Metro will continue to take feedback from the community via its virtual platform and by phone, email and mail.

The \$267 million, 18-mile project aims to build a high-quality Bus Rapid Transit line that will connect the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys, traveling east-west between the North Hollywood Metro B (Red)/G (Orange) Line Station and Pasadena City College with stops in downtown Burbank, Glendale and Eagle Rock, depending on the route option.

The EIR is designed to provide the community with information on potential environmental impacts, identify ways to prevent potential damage to the environment and provide information about the decision-making process used by Metro on this project. It also includes information on potential route options and alternatives to be considered by the public.

North Hollywood to Pasadena Transit Corridor



The full Draft EIR can be viewed at http://metro.net/nohopasbrt.

The official review and comment period will end Dec. 28 and the public has multiple ways to submit comments on the project:

Virtual platform:

Metro has created an online, virtual platform that will remain open through Dec. 28, with exhibits, information, a project video and an opportunity to provide official comment on the Draft EIR.

The virtual platform can be visited at: <u>https://nohopasbrt.com</u>.

By mail to:

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More about the project

The project's goal is to provide a fast and affordable bus line that will service a corridor that sees more than 700,000 daily trips. This new line will also offer a more sustainable mobility option by utilizing zero-emission electric buses.

BRT is a high-quality bus service that provides faster and more reliable, equitable and convenient service. BRT features may include fewer stops, frequent service, dedicated bus lanes, high-quality stations with amenities, transit signal priority, all-door boarding, and more prominent branding.

The project is funded by the Measure M sales tax measure approved by L.A. County voters in 2016, along with SB 1 gas tax and vehicle fees, and is scheduled to open by 2024. It aims to meet priorities set out in <u>Metro's Vision 2028 strategic plan</u> to offer high-quality mobility options and outstanding trip experiences, while enhancing communities and lives through better transportation options and access to opportunity.

For more information about the North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT Project, visit <u>http://metro.net/nohopasbrt</u>.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently providing lifeline service for essential trips and frontline workers. Metro continues building the most ambitious transportation infrastructure program in the United States and is working to greatly improve mobility through its <u>Vision 2028 Plan</u>.

Metro has proudly pledged to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) <u>Health</u> <u>and Safety Commitment Program</u> to help ensure the safe return of transit riders as the U.S. recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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