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L.A. Metro Receives Strong Response from Private Industry to Help Develop a Major Transit Line to Connect the San Fernando Valley, Westside and LAX

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has received a robust response from private industry firms to help develop the agency's massive Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, a high-priority transit project that will connect the San Fernando Valley and the Westside, and ultimately LAX by rail.

X private sector firms have submitted proposals to Metro:

- A
- B
- C

In January 2020, Metro announced that five potential project teams completed the first phase of Metro's Request for Proposals process, demonstrating a strong market interest to get in on the ground floor and help develop the project.

A PDA with one or more of these firms would enable early contractor involvement in the project, allowing for innovations in design, construction approach, financing and operations. A private project developer would participate in defining and designing the project concept together with Metro and community stakeholders. Up to two private project developer teams will be awarded a PDA to provide design and engineering to support development of the project, constructability reviews and cost estimates.

Once project development is complete, the remaining private project developer will then have an opportunity to offer to build, operate and maintain the line, potentially accelerating construction, improving project performance and mitigating key project challenges.

“Metro continues to push the envelope in the pursuit of public/private partnerships for projects of regional and national significance,” said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. “We’re pursuing this innovative project delivery approach because it can be mutually beneficial in sharing critically needed skills, assets, risks and rewards to potentially deliver this project sooner for L.A. County taxpayers.”

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project is funded in part by Measure M, the transportation sales tax approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2016. The total project will receive \$9.5 billion in funding from Measure M and other local, state and federal sources. The first phase of the transit line between the Valley and the Westside is scheduled to open in 2033, and the second phase to LAX is scheduled to open in 2057 under the current Measure M schedule. However, staff is working aggressively to accelerate the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project schedule.

For more project information, please visit <https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/>.

About Metro

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project is one of dozens of mobility improvements included in Measure M, L.A. County’s 2016 sales tax measure approved by 71 percent of voters. As a result, Metro is building the largest transportation program in the United States with more than \$120 billion being invested in new transit lines, more efficient roadways and bike and pedestrian upgrades. Under the agency’s Vision 2028 plan, Metro is pursuing broad strategies — from new bus lanes to testing congestion fees — that will provide alternatives to solo driving and will vastly improve the environment and quality of life in L.A. County.

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