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LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will host the first series of open houses on Feb. 9, 11 and March 2 to update community members on upcoming construction work activities for the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project. Interested members of the public will learn more about upcoming construction activities and what to expect, small business support programs and meet project staff.

Open houses will be held at least every quarter as construction proceeds. Metro will provide real-time Spanish language interpretation for participants at each meeting.

To bring more rail transit connectivity to the heart of the San Fernando Valley, Metro plans to build a new 6.7-mile light rail line that will connect the communities of Van Nuys and Pacoima along Van Nuys Boulevard, one of the Valley's busiest corridors. Advance utility adjustments began in December 2022. Major construction for the project is expected to begin in late 2023 and the line is expected to open for service between 2028 and 2030.

In-person open houses and the virtual meeting will be held on the following days:

- **In-Person Meeting – Thursday, Feb. 9, 6-7:30 p.m.**, Mid Valley Family YMCA, 6901 Lennox Av, Van Nuys, CA 91405.
- **In-Person Meeting – Saturday, Feb. 11, 10-11:30 a.m.**, Same YMCA location.
- **Virtual Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 6-7:30 p.m.**, Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93513180180>
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93513180180>) Webinar ID: 935 1318 0180 Phone: 301.715.8592

During the first hour of each in-person meeting, Metro will provide a presentation and then hold an open house during the last 30 minutes.

The public will learn more about Metro's Eat Shop Play, the community leadership council, local hire programs and Metro Art during the open house for each in-person meeting.

This project will improve transit equity for Valley commuters. The line will connect the Los Angeles communities of Van Nuys, Panorama City, Arleta and Pacoima. The population of the project corridor itself is lower income and highly transit dependent. The new rail line is expected to bring cost-effective mobility options and greater access to opportunity to its residents.

This new project is funded by 2008 Measure R and 2016 Measure M transportation sales tax measures, as well as funding from county, state and federal resources. On the State funding front, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) recently announced that Metro will receive \$600 million in state grant funding for the project.

For more information about the project, please visit: [metro.net/projects/east-sfv/](https://www.metro.net/projects/east-sfv/) (<https://www.metro.net/projects/east-sfv/>)

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