

METRO AWARDED \$231 MILLION FOR SOUTHEAST GATEWAY LINE

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The Southeast Gateway Line will run between South Los Angeles/Slauson, City of Artesia, will connect Southeast Los Angeles Cities to City of Los Angeles

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) celebrated the news today that it has been awarded \$231 million by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), following a statewide competitive grant application process for Cycle 7, for its Southeast Gateway Line. The Southeast Gateway Line is a light rail line stretching 14.5 miles from the Slauson/ A (Blue) Line Station to the City of Artesia providing a dependable alternative to driving for 2 million people in southeast LA County.

The Southeast Gateway Line will include nine stations extending from the Slauson A Line station located in the City of Los Angeles/Florence-Firestone unincorporated area of Los Angeles County to its southern terminus at the Pioneer Station located in the City of Artesia, passing through the cities of Bell, Bellflower, Cerritos, Cudahy, Downey, Florence-Firestone, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, Paramount, South Gate and Vernon. The line will also include a new C Line station at the I-105 freeway.

“This is exactly what we were hoping for and what this project needs,” said Metro Board Chair and LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn who has made multiple trips to Sacramento and Washington to advocate for funding for the Southeast Gateway Line. “I appreciate Governor Newsom and his team for answering our call and recognizing the importance of the Southeast Gateway Line to the future of the region and I thank the entire Metro Board for prioritizing this project.”

The area is currently home to over 600,000 jobs, which is projected to increase to over 700,000 jobs by 2042. The area also has a high projected population and employment densities that are five times higher than LA County, with 44 percent of the population below the poverty line and 18 percent of households that do not own a car. The area has several Environmental Justice Communities populated by a majority-minority community with 65 percent minority residents, with Hispanic/Latino groups alone accounting for 51 percent.

“This is a tremendous day for Southeast LA and continues to demonstrate Metro’s and the State’s commitment to securing funds to construct the new rail line in this heavily

transit-dependent area,” said Metro Board First Vice Chair Fernando Dutra. “I also think this shows how much the State cares about our disadvantaged communities and the residents who live and work here.”

The project will provide direct connection to the Metro C Line (Green), Metro A Line (Blue) and LA County's broader regional transit network. Connecting this area to Metro's rail network will provide alternatives to driving and improves accessibility to jobs and job-related opportunities, as well as to medical facilities, institutions of higher education, and other places of interest in Los Angeles County.

“Metro would like to thank Governor Newsom for his commitment to funding projects that will help California reach its climate goals and CalSTA Secretary Omishakin for his leadership on transportation and transit investments,” said Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins. “For too long, Angelenos in southeast LA County have been disconnected from Metro's rail system, but with these additional funds, we move closer to giving Southeast LA and Gateway City residents a world-class light rail line to serve this growing area of our County.”

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is building the most ambitious transportation infrastructure program in the United States and is working to greatly improve mobility through its Vision 2028 Plan. Metro is the lead transportation planning and funding agency for L.A. County and carries a million boardings daily on four light rail and two subway lines and 119 bus lines utilizing more than 2,000 low-emission buses.

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