

LA METRO JOINS EAST LA COMMUNITY CORPORATION, BRIDGE HOUSING TO WELCOME FAMILIES TO NEW HOMES IN BOYLE HEIGHTS

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Los Lirios is Metro's Second Housing Development to Open in 2024; 2,362 apartments have been built to date with 3,397 additional apartments in the pipeline.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) continues to build on its commitment to grow its housing portfolio to 10,000 homes by 2031. Today, Metro joined East Los Angeles Community Corporation (ELACC) and BRIDGE Housing Corporation (BRIDGE) in a dedication ceremony to mark the completion of construction of Los Lirios, a transit-oriented, mixed-use housing development for low- and moderate-income households. Los Lirios was built on Metro-owned property adjacent to the Metro E Line Soto station at 1st and Soto Streets in the Boyle Heights neighborhood in Los Angeles. Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Hilda L. Solis joined representatives from ELACC and BRIDGE in celebrating the ribbon cutting and praising the project as an example of Metro's commitment to bringing more affordable housing to its station areas.

The new five-story apartment building features 64 income-restricted homes above 2,400 square feet of community serving retail space on the 0.67- acre site, which was previously used by Metro to support construction of the adjacent E Line Station. Los Lirios offers studios, one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments to families earning 30% – 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) with 20 apartments set aside for formerly unhoused individuals that are supported by Project-Based Section 8 Vouchers. Residential amenities include onsite offices for management and service providers, a workout room, on-site laundry, a community room, a children's play area, and an outdoor courtyard. Resident services are provided by ELACC, and PATH Ventures provides case management and supportive services for formerly homeless households.

"In Boyle Heights, as well as many neighborhoods in the First District, the need for affordable housing for low- and middle-income families has never been more urgent. Many of our residents also rely on public transportation or alternative means of travel in order to get to school and work," said Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County

Supervisor, Hilda L. Solis. “Over a decade in the making, the development and opening of Los Lirios demonstrates the positive impact Metro’s Joint Development program will have on a better quality of life for our County, especially for those in our most vulnerable communities.”

“At BRIDGE Housing, we are committed to creating transformative change for people and families by providing access to safe, accessible, and affordable housing,” said BRIDGE Housing President and CEO Ken Lombard. “We are delighted to celebrate our first partnership with LA Metro and ELACC and proud to deliver this beautiful, transit-friendly affordable housing community for Boyle Heights.”

Metro’s Vision 2028 Strategic Plan encourages the development of affordable housing near transit to give more people, especially in low-income communities, better access to transit. In 2021, the Metro Board established a goal of expanding Metro’s housing portfolio through the Joint Development program to 10,000 homes by 2031, with 5,000 of the apartments to be restricted at affordable rents for lower and moderate-income households. To meet the goal, Metro has partnered with local developers to increase the supply of high-quality housing on Metro properties, especially income-restricted apartments. In addition to providing much-needed housing, these new projects can advance many community development goals and serve as a gateway to the Metro transit system.

“Metro’s approach to Transit Oriented Communities and Joint Development starts with a basic principle: Communities are stronger when people have a diverse range of housing options, jobs, and services located near fast and frequent transit lines,” said Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO. “Los Lirios is one of dozens of developments Metro will build in the coming years on land left over from our construction projects, and we’re doing our part to ease the housing shortage in LA County and make this region a more affordable, vibrant, and sustainable place to live.”

Los Lirios is Metro’s second Joint Development housing project to open this year as part of its ambitious effort to bring more affordable housing to Los Angeles County. The first was La Veranda, a mixed-use housing development for low- and moderate-income households on Metro-owned property in Boyle Heights, which was celebrated in a dedication ceremony on June 18, 2024. Following La Veranda and Los Lirios, Metro plans to open two more affordable housing communities in 2025: Vermont/Santa Monica Apartments, which will include 187 apartments and community serving commercial and social service space at the Vermont/Santa Monica Metro station, and Lorena Plaza, a 49-unit community located at the intersection of 1st and Lorena Streets in Boyle Heights.

For more information on Metro’s Joint Development program, please visit <https://www.metro.net/jd>.

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 more than 1 million boardings daily on a fleet of 2,200 low-emission buses and seven rail lines.

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