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L.A. Metro Receives \$100 Million Allocation from the Federal Transit Administration for Purple Line Extension Section Three

Signaling a significant step in the path toward obtaining a Full Funding Grant Agreement early next year, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation (Metro) has received an allocation of \$100 million from the Federal Transit Administration for the third and final section of the Metro Purple Line Extension Project to Westwood/VA Hospital.

The allocation comes from the FTA's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Investment Grants Program, which invests in critical public transportation projects nationwide. FTA has advanced funding for 17 new projects under the Capital Investments Grants Program since January 2017 totaling about \$4.8 billion.

"We are grateful for the positive and productive working relationship our agency has had with the Federal Transit Administration in working to advance the Westside Purple Line Extension Project," said Sheila Kuehl, L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair. "We are also pleased that our work towards obtaining a Full Funding Grant Agreement for this final section of the project is being considered favorably by the FTA. We are encouraged that the Acting Administrator for the FTA, K. Jane Williams, has been a proponent of a Purple Line Extension, which will provide a high-capacity, high-speed and dependable alternative for tens of thousands of commuters traveling between downtown Los Angeles and the Westside."

Section Three of the Purple Line Extension will span 2.6 miles between Century City and Westwood/VA Hospital and will include two new subway stations. The total cost for this section of the project is \$3.56 billion. Metro has requested \$1.3 billion in funding through the FTA's New Starts Program. Metro anticipates a grant agreement will be forthcoming in early 2019.

"The FTA's allocation is additional evidence that our subway extension project meets all readiness requirements for future federal funding," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. "While

there are no guarantees, this is a step in the right direction. We'd like to thank our legislative partners on Capitol Hill for their assistance in advocating for this nationally significant transportation project."

Metro's two earlier subway extension sections have already received federal funding and are now under active construction. Section Three of the project is scheduled to begin construction in 2019. The entire nine-mile line is on track to open by 2026, in time for the 2028 L.A. Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

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About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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