

Wilshire Boulevard Bus Lane



Westside/Central Sector Meeting

May 14, 2008



Introduction

- **Wilshire Boulevard is the busiest bus corridor in the Los Angeles region with approximately 93,000 weekday boardings**
- **Current Metro Rapid bus speeds on Wilshire Blvd. average only 11.9 mph (bus speed level of service LOS C)**
- **The corridor has a significantly higher transit mode split (20%) than the City of Los Angeles as a whole (8%)**
- **Over 41% of transit trips either originate or terminate in the corridor**
- **Certain segments of Wilshire Blvd. experience severe bus speed delays due to traffic congestion**



Interagency Partnership

- Metro, in partnership with the City and County of Los Angeles, submitted an application to the Federal Transit Administration for FY 2009 Very Small Starts funding
- Total project cost is \$31.5 million, federal grant request is \$23.3 million
- Construction will take approximately two years, and will commence once all approvals have been received



Participating Agencies

Federal Transit Administration

Ray Tellis, Los Angeles

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Carol Inge, Chief Planning Officer

City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office

Jaime de la Vega, Transportation Deputy

City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services

William Robinson, Director

City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering

Gary Moore, City Engineer

City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation

Rita Robinson, General Manager

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

Mary Reyes, Principal Engineer



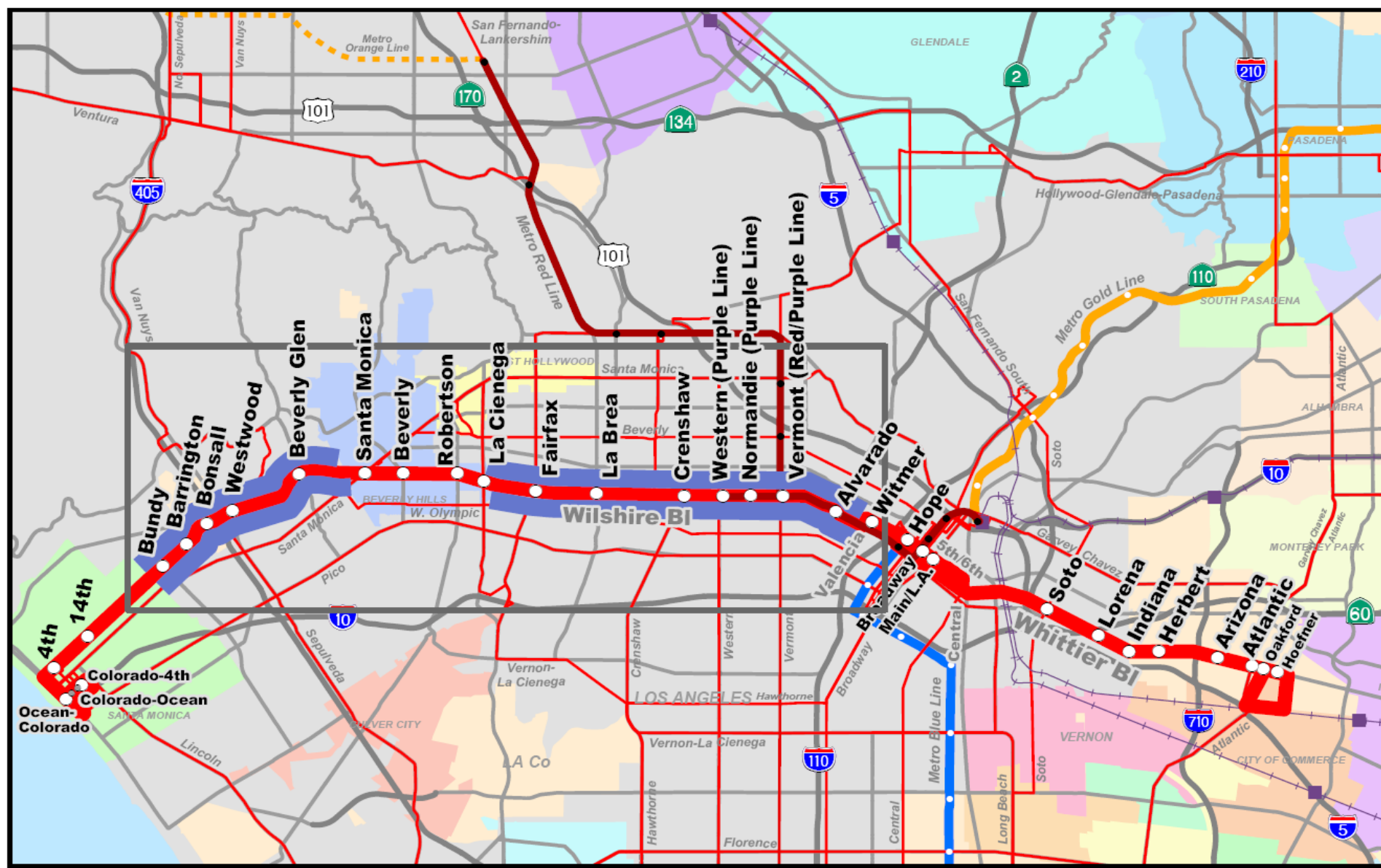
Roles and Responsibilities

■ Environmental

- Project Lead: Metro
- Project Support: Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

■ Construction

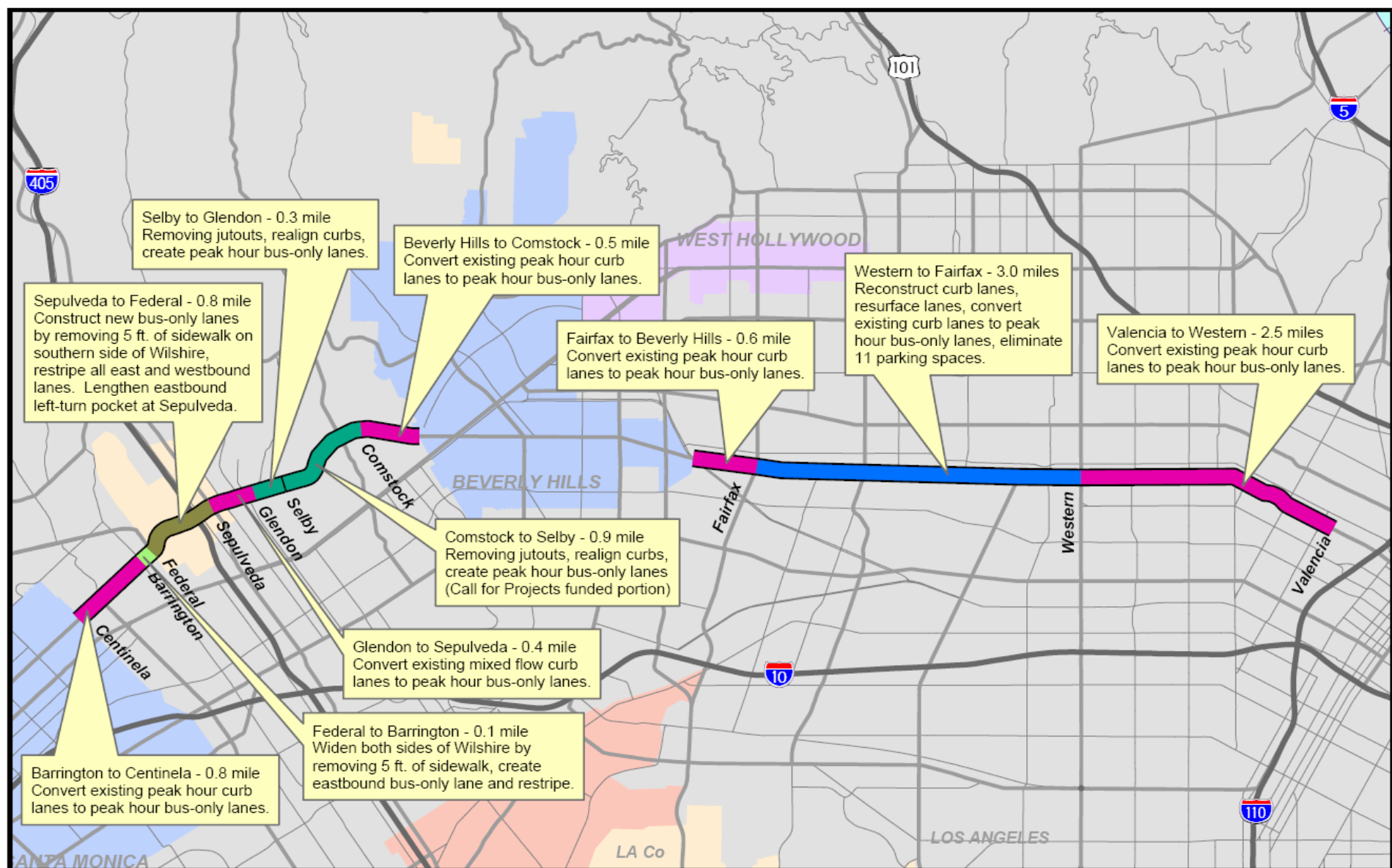
- Project Lead: LADOT
- Project Support: Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services, Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, and Metro



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- Very Small Starts Project Limit
- Wilshire-Whittier Metro Rapid and Stops
- Bus-Only Lanes





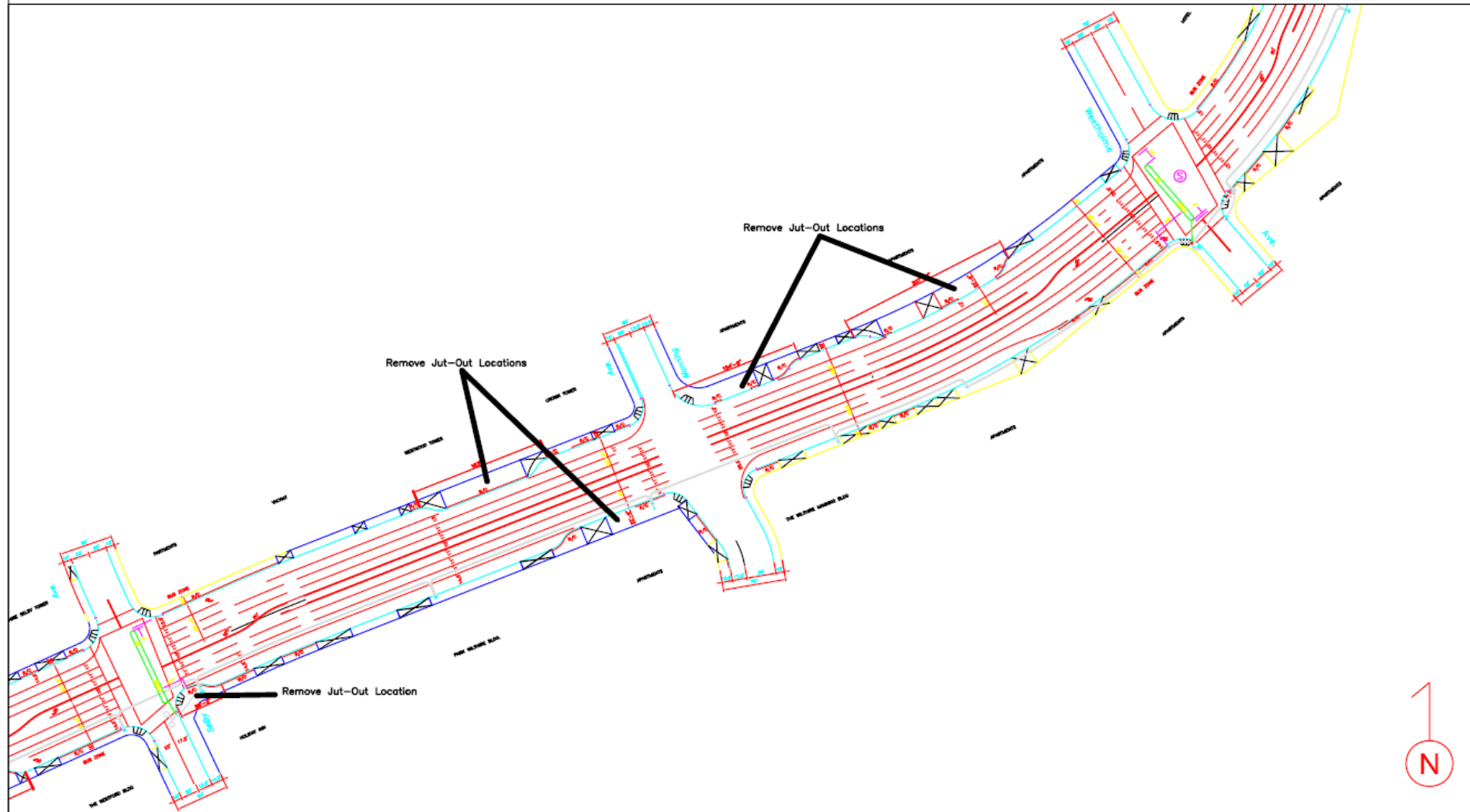
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Remove Jut-Outs Between Selby and Westholme Avenues



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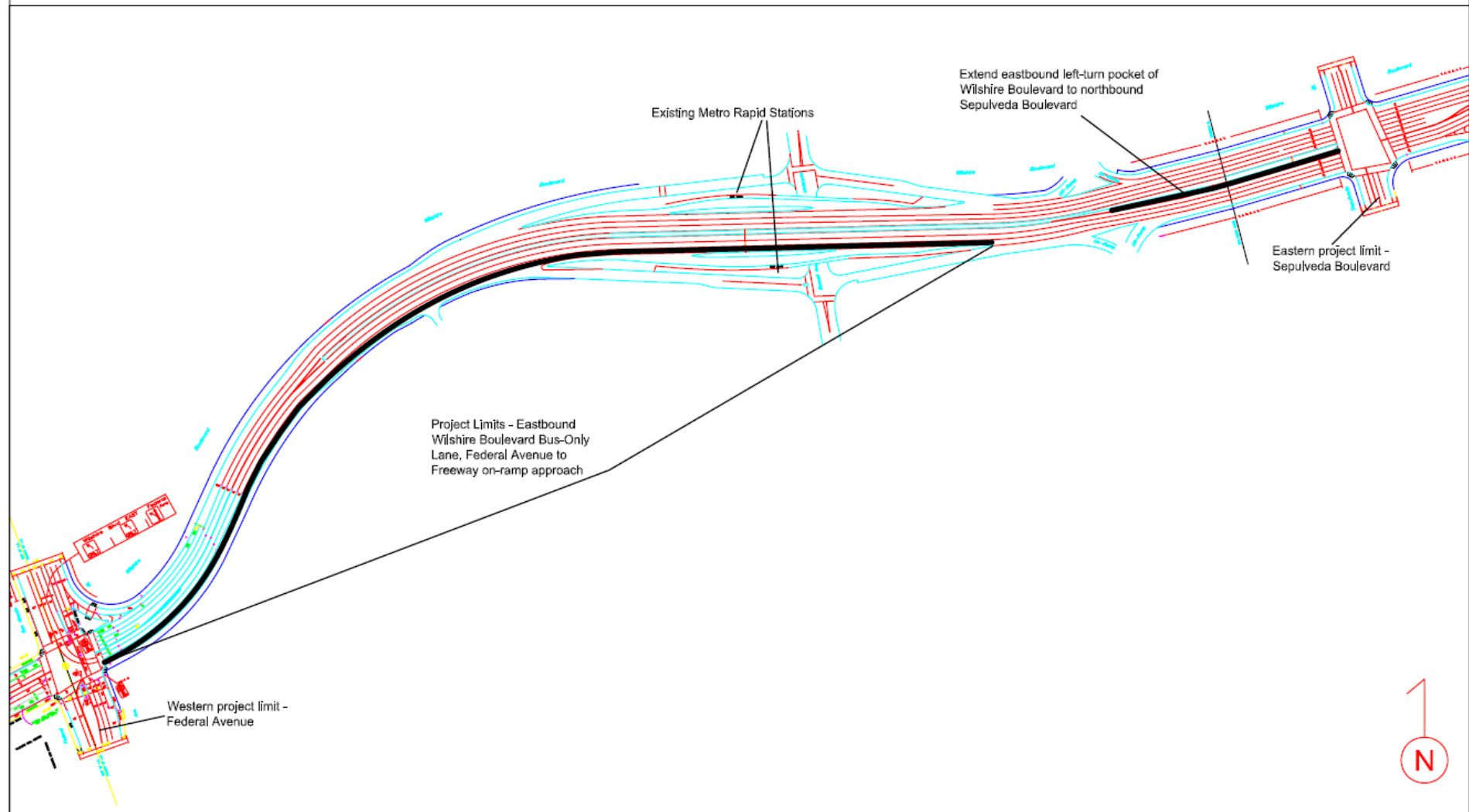
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County of Los Angeles Segment



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Summary

- The Wilshire Blvd. Bus Lane Project is supported by the Los Angeles City Council, County of Los Angeles, and the Federal Transit Authority
- Project has very high national ranking
- Will operate only during the AM and PM peak periods
- Bicycles and right turn vehicles will share the bus lane
- Questions?