

Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE JANUARY 20, 2021

SUBJECT: MEASURE M METRO ACTIVE TRANSPORT, TRANSIT AND FIRST/LAST MILE

(MAT) PROGRAM

File #: 2020-0562, File Type: Program

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

- A. APPROVING project selection and programming of \$63,100,000 in Measure M Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile program (MAT Program) funding;
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for approved projects; and
- C. APPROVING a wait list process for all non-awarded eligible projects.

ISSUE

The MAT Program is included in the Measure M Expenditure Plan and allocates \$857 million (2015 dollars) for investment in active transportation infrastructure over 40 years. On January 23, 2020, the Board of Directors approved the first funding cycle for this program and authorized a project selection process.

Staff has solicited, received, and evaluated project submittals and is recommending projects for award. The first funding cycle includes Fiscal Years (FY) 2021-2025. Staff recommends a total of 16 project awards as described in this report, with the remaining eligible submittals (8 projects) recommended to be established on a waiting list.

The solicitation as approved by the Board anticipated awarding a total of \$75 million for this funding cycle based on cash flow estimates at that time. In light of reduced sales tax revenue, staff is recommending awards of \$63.1 million, consistent with cash flow adjustments for comparable Measure M programs. The Board can approve revised Cycle 1 programming amounts in future annual updates should funding availability improve.

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BACKGROUND

Project Selection

The MAT Program as approved in January 2020 called for a streamlined Letter of Interest submittal available to a predetermined list of project locations in two program categories. Program categories, Active Transportation Corridors (ATC) and First/Last Mile (FLM), are based on Metro's vision for active transportation investment established in the adopted Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP, April 2016). A total of 163 (25 ATC and 138 FLM) project locations across 51 jurisdictions were eligible to apply.

Twenty-eight Letters of Interest (LOI) were submitted on April 30, 2020, noting time extensions granted in light of local agency limitations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Metro assembled an evaluation team composed of 14 agency staff from multiple departments and two representatives from the Policy Advisory Council. Each LOI was scored by three independent evaluators assigned at random. The evaluators' average score was combined with a predetermined need-based quantitative analysis score to arrive at a total. Funding recommendations are based on the order of total score and limited by the amount of available funds (Attachment A). Sixteen LOIs comprise the recommended award lists and 8 LOIs exceed available funding and comprise the waitlist. As part of the evaluation process, LOIs were screened to ensure eligibility requirements were met. As a result of this screening, three ATC applications and one FLM application were found not to meet various eligibility requirements. Agencies proposing these projects have been notified.

Programming

MAT submittals did not require prior planning effort, as is typical in other competitive funding programs. As such, most projects will require an initial scoping phase to arrive at reliable funding amounts for the full project. The programming table included as Attachment A reflects the best not-to-exceed estimates and are subject to further refinement. Staff intend to return to the Board annually to seek approval on program funding amendments as project scopes are developed and refined and to allow for other adjustments in programming. Pending approval, staff will program funds for each fiscal year as shown in Attachment A.

The LOIs are listed in rank order in Attachment A with the highest-scoring proposals constituting the award list. The remainder of proposals are recommended as a waitlist of potential projects eligible for award contingent on future fund availability. This may include funds made available from awarded projects becoming de-obligated or funded at lower amounts. Should funding become available, projects on the waitlist will be programmed according to rank order except in instances where there is not sufficient funding to accommodate the highest-ranked project, but a smaller, lower-ranked project can be awarded. Pending approval, staff will assume this process for programming funds to waitlisted projects accordingly.

Project Roles

The MAT Program allows flexibility for projects to be treated as direct grants, for Metro to retain awarded funds and lead work, or combinations of Metro-led and local-led work depending on project phase. As such, the funding table indicates a project be led either for specified phases or over the entirety of the project. Note that Cycle 1, as adopted in January, calls for projects led by Metro to be programmed with Metro as the recipient. For projects led by Metro, staff will prepare and execute

Cooperative Agreements with project sponsors while projects led locally will require Funding Agreements.

Project roles as shown in Attachment A are preliminary and subject to change. Any change in project roles from what is shown will require written concurrence from all project partners.

Equity Platform

The MAT Program of projects will support implementation of the Equity Platform pillars.

- Define and Measure Eligible projects were invited to apply for the MAT program based on a screening and ranking process intended to target high need locations based on indexes of socio-economic and environmental disadvantage. Projects within Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) were assigned additional points as part of the evaluation process.
- Listen and Learn -The MAT program was developed with substantial guidance from the Policy Advisory Council (PAC). The overarching goal of MAT is to implement the ATSP which was based on an inclusive outreach process. Furthermore, project selection was based on the level of community support for the projects. MAT projects will be required to prepare a Public Participation Plan to ensure meaningful stakeholder engagement throughout all phases of project development.
- Focus and Deliver The proposed program of projects will be subject to timely use of funds to
 ensure efficient use of Measure M funds for affordable and sustainable transportation, and
 were evaluated for process assurances and reasonableness of schedule.
- Train and Grow MAT projects are required to perform a project evaluation which will include
 equity considerations alongside other program objectives. Further, staff is conducting
 evaluation of the need-based program setup and resultant project selection. This evaluation is
 pilot testing tools and approaches being developed by the Executive Officer, Equity and Race
 and will be used to guide the development of future program cycles

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

There is no direct safety impact associated with the recommended action. Note that the implementation of projects subsequent to this action is intended to improve safety conditions for pedestrians, people using bicycles and other rolling modes, and transit riders. Subsequent action related to specific projects will prompt further assessment of any potential safety impacts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In FY21, \$4,237,500 is budgeted in Cost Center 0441, Project #473001 (Metro Active Transportation Program) for reimbursement payments to MAT Projects being implemented by local jurisdictions. Additionally, \$1,128,414 is budgeted in Cost Center 4360 and \$100,000 in Center 4340 for the initial project phases of MAT projects that will be completed by Metro staff. Since these are multi-year projects, the Cost Center managers, and Chief Planning Officer will be responsible for budgeting in future years.

Impact to Budget

The source of funds for these projects is Measure M Active Transportation 2%. This fund source is not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The program advances several Strategic Plan Goals including:

- Goal #1: High-quality mobility options advances new active transportation corridors and a full suite of first/last mile interventions at selected stations.
- Goal #2: Outstanding trip experiences for all will develop and advance key station access improvements including traveler/transfer information, improved signage and wayfinding among others.
- Goal #3: Enhancing communities and lives includes a clear focus on targeting investment to
 places that need it most due to safety, socio-economic and other factors.
- Goal #4: Transform LA County through collaboration and leadership prompts new partnership models with agencies to deliver projects.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could elect not to approve selected projects and the programming of funds; however, this is not recommended as the MAT Program is a funding commitment in the Measure M Expenditure Plan. Without approval and programming of funds for elected projects under the MAT Program, advancement of key corridors and connections to transit that have been prioritized as part of the ATSP would be impeded. This is not recommended as the proposed projects were selected according to Board-adopted criteria.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, respective implementing agencies will be notified, and Funding and/or Cooperative Agreements will be executed. Staff will continue to work with the selected projects as described in this report. Annual updates will be provided to the Board.

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

Attachment A - MAT Program Cycle 1 - Recommended Program of Projects
Attachment B - MAT Program Cycle 1 - Recommended Program of Projects Map

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Program Category	Number of Submitted	Applications Funded	Tota	l Project Requests	AMOU	NT RECOMMENDED
Active Transportation Corridors	9	5	\$	53,604,075	\$	31,550,000
First/Last Mile Locations	19	11	\$	49,126,131	\$	31,549,999
Total Funding Mark			\$	102,730,206	\$	63,099,999



MAT Program Cycle 1

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Rank	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor	Corridor	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25		Total
						Fundir	ng Up To Stated A	mount		
1	Los Angeles	-	Avalon/MLK/Gage		\$284,000	\$1,011,000	\$2,264,362	\$2,264,362	\$	5,823,724
		ould connect South LA residents to jobs and to e City's largest employment hubs, the Goodye			nfrastructure on Gage <i>I</i>	Ave, MLK Blvd, and Av	valon Blvd. This pede	estrian and bicycle-frie	ndly n	etwork of streets
2	Commerce	Huntington Park, Bell, LACPW	Randolph		\$150,838	\$301,675	\$6,251,378	\$ -	\$	6,703,891
	and Maywood. The proje	AT Project provides high quality mobility improget provides a health benefit via the bicycle late assible, which will be prioritized, and quantifie	ne/trail for 7.03 miles, connecting to the L	A River and other de						
3	Redondo Beach	LACPW, Lawndale	Redondo Beach Blvd		\$33,000	\$507,000	\$2,850,000	\$3,210,000	\$	6,600,000
	to the Dominguez Chancohesive network that w	Beach and Lawndale along with the Los Angel nel Greenway on the east. The total length of ill encourage active transportation modes and Plan and will enhance safety by implementing	this segment is 3.3 miles. The improver allow users to connect to transit facilitie	ments will include a se s, educational facilitie	eries of access, safety, es, parks, retail stores, j	, and infrastructure enl job centers and reside	hancements for walki ntial neighborhoods.	ng and biking. This pr The project supports	oject v	vill provide a als of the Active
4	Monterey Park	Montebello, LACPW, Rosemead	1st-Riggin-Portrero Grande		\$405,480	\$5,397,525	\$563,220	\$ -	\$	6,366,225
	schools and recreational existing bicycle facilities	oposes to expand alternative modes of travel I resources for a variety of road users in uninc along Riggin St and to the future bicycle lane 's providing safe, productive alternative mode	corporated South San Gabriel, Cities of N s along 1st St in East Los Angeles part o	Monterey Park, Montel	bello, and Rosemead.	The proposed bike fac	ilities will extend and	provide continuity an	d a co	nnection to the
5	South Pasadena	-	Huntington-Main/Fremont		\$912,600	\$4,977,660	\$165,900	\$ -	\$	6,056,160
	array of user groups, to Alhambra Road to Colur	Il improve overall circulation for vehicle, pede improve overall equity, safety, and mobility, in mbia Street. The proposed project seeks to up prsection functionality, and providing a safe tra	City transportation solutions. The Huntingrade both corridors to better serve the	ngton-Main Corridor is community and elimin	the focus of this proje	ect to improve 1.5 mile: tial conflict areas by; u	s of this corridor, alor upgrading ADA paths	ng with the connecting of travel, implementing	i, Frem	ont corridor from
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6	Los Angeles	-	Slauson		\$ 40,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 7,400,000		\$	8,000,000
		roject will address crucial gaps in infrastructur nsit, schools, retail and parks providing oppor				erage improvements f	rom the R2R project	that will enhance safe	ety, mo	bility, and
			TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 7,400,000	\$ -	\$	8,000,000

Ineligible Projects

-	Lancaster	-	Sierra Highway
-	Los Angeles	-	Broadway/Manchester/Vermont
-	Paramount	-	WSAB Phase 3

NOTES

All projects will be led by local sponsors; any changes in project roles will require written concurrence from all project partners.

Annual programmed amounts for projects are estimated and may be revised depending upon individual project needs and Measure M funding availability, without changing total programmed amounts for projects.

Recommended Program of Projects - First/Last Mile

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k	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor	Project Location		FY21		FY22		FY23		FY24		FY25		Total
									Fundi	ng U	p To Stated A	mou	nt		
1	City of Los Angeles	-	Hollywood/Highland	\$	529,476	\$	824,625	\$	2,193,600	\$	50,000	\$	-	\$	3,597,70
	Phase Lead				City of LA		City of LA		City of LA		City of LA				
1	frequented destinations, into a m	nore vibrant, pleasant, and	nections to the Hollywood/Highland B Line d pedestrian-friendly boulevard that provide station. The project will also fund design d	es for b	etter connectivity	y and	d a safer experier	nce fo	or all users. Pote	ntial ti	reatments includ				
2	City of Los Angeles	-	Hollywood/Vine	\$	529,476	\$	824,625	\$	2,193,600	\$	50,000	\$	-	\$	3,597,70
	Phase Lead				City of LA		City of LA		City of LA		City of LA				
	Same project description as abo	ove, for the Hollywood/Vin	e B Line station area.												
3	Los Angeles County	-	East LA Civic Center	\$	4,600	\$	181,150	\$	112,500	\$	176,875	\$	426,875	\$	902,00
	Phase Lead				LA County		LA County		LA County		LA County		LA County		
	This project will improve access station.	for pedestrians and cyclis	sts to the L Line East Los Angeles Civic Co	enter st	ation. The proje	ct inc	cludes designing a	and i	mplementing peo	lestria	an and bicycle fa	cility	enhancements w	vithin a	half mile of th
4	City of Los Angeles	-	LAX-Aviation	\$	4,797	\$	53,820	\$	493,291	\$	1,453,838	\$	1,575,943	\$	3,581,68
	Phase Lead				Metro		Metro		City of LA		City of LA		City of LA		
	LAX/Aviation MAT projects will i outs, wayfinding, and bicycle fac		heeled access to the C Line (Green) and for	uture L/	AX/Crenshaw Lir	ne tra	ansfer station. Th	ese i	mprovements wi	ll inclu	ide possible pro	jects	such as enhance	ed cros	sswalks, bulb-
5	Santa Monica	-	Olympic/26th	\$	99,000	\$	794,510	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	893,51
	Phase Lead			S	anta Monica		Santa Monica	5	Santa Monica						
			e blocks immediately north of the 26th St/E ute to the station that will connect to a key					nprov	ve missing crossv	valk f	acilities for riders	s trav	eling to and from	the s	ation. In
6	City of Los Angeles	-	Sepulveda OL	\$	4,797	\$	53,820	\$	493,291	\$	1,453,838	\$	1,575,943	\$	3,581,68
	Phase Lead				Metro		Metro		City of LA		City of LA		City of LA		
	This project will improve safety, bike facility, bike signal, bike par		e Sepulveda station on the G Line (Orangoighting, and wayfinding.	e). Pote	ential improveme	ents r	may include but a	re no	ot limited to, the s	idewa	alk, crosswalks,	curb	ramps, curb exte	ensions	s, street trees,
7	Los Angeles County	-	Slauson			\$	293,845	\$	408,637	\$	1,949,995	\$	1,857,521	\$	4,509,99
	Phase Lead				LA County		LA County		LA County		LA County		LA County		
			re enhancements for pedestrians within a h strian access to and from the station and to									Com	munity-Based P	rocess	and Plan
8	City of Los Angeles	-	Western/Slauson	\$	4,797	\$	53,820	\$	496,944	\$	1,463,823	\$	1,586,659	\$	3,606,04
	Phase Lead				Metro		Metro		City of LA		City of LA		City of LA		
			at the intersection of Western Ave. and Sla ect site overlaps with part of the Active Tra												
9	Culver City	Los Angeles	Culver City	\$	65,000	\$	1,825,000	\$	231,529	\$	160,000	\$	-	\$	2,281,52
	Phase Lead				CC, Metro		CC, Metro		City of LA		City of LA				
			y of Los Angeles, will improve pedestrian a along Venice, Robertson, and National Bh		cle access to th	пе Си	ulver City E line st	tatior	n. Elements inclu	de a	physically separ	ated o	cycle track and p	edesti	ian
10	Long Beach	-	Downtown LB (6th Street)	\$	80,998	\$	1,094,000	\$	3,335,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,509,99
	Phase Lead				Long Beach		Long Beach								
	The 6 St project will reconfigure and is blocks from the nearby Pa		t to add a protected bike lane and pedestria	an safe	ty features, such	n as o	cross walks and l	bulb-	outs. The project	exter	nt leads directly	to the	5th Street Station	on on t	he A Line (Blu
11	West Hollywood	-	Santa Monica/La Brea	\$	40,000	\$	448,141	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	488,14
	Phase Lead				City of WH		City of WH								
	This project will improve pedesti enhancements, and in-road wari		bus stops near the intersection of Santa M	onica E	Blvd and La Brea	Ave	enue. Some elem	ents	include pedestria	an-lev	el lighting, bulbo	outs, r	nedian islands, d	crossw	alk
		-	TOTA		1,362,941		6,447,356		9,958,392			\$	7,022,941		31,549,99

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Waitlist

12	Los Angeles County	-	Florence						\$	5,000,000
	This project would improve per 2018).	destrian access and safety	within a half mile of the A Line Florence State	ion, implemeting imp	rovements based on N	Metro's Blue Line Firs	t/Last Mile Plan: A Co	mmunity-Based Proce	ess and	Plan (March
13	Los Angeles		Van Nuys/Vanowen						\$	4,000,000
			as crosswalks, curb ramps, curb extensions, riders connecting to the G Line (Orange) at		o enhance connection	s to bus stops at Van	Nuys and Vanowen B	Blvds, as well as the V	an Nuys	Metrolink rail
14	West Hollywood		Fountain (Hayworth-Harper)						\$	750,000
	This project would improve pedestrian safety on Fountain Ave. between Hayworth Ave. and Harper Ave. Treatments include bulb-outs, medians, and crosswalks with in-road warning lights.									
15	West Hollywood		Santa Monica BI-Greenacre						\$	750,000
	This project would improve ped	destrian safety by installing	g in-road warning lights at the intersection of	Santa Monica Bl and	Greenacre Ave.					
16	West Hollywood		Fairfax						\$	750,000
	The project would address safe	ety by implementing pedes	strian-scale lighting, leading pedestrian interv	als at intersections, ir	n-road warning lights,	crosswalks, and impr	oved bicycle amenities	S.		
17	West Hollywood		Santa Monica BI-Poinsettia						\$	750,000
	This project would improve pedestrian safety by installing in-road warning lights at the intersection of Santa Monica BI and Poinsettia Place.									
18	West Hollywood		Santa Monica Bl-Hayworth						\$	750,000
	This project would improve ped	destrian safety by installing	g in-road warning lights at the intersection of S	Santa Monica Bl and	Hayworth Ave.					
			TOTAL						\$	8,000,000

Ineligible Projects

-	Los Angeles	-	Lincoln/Cypress
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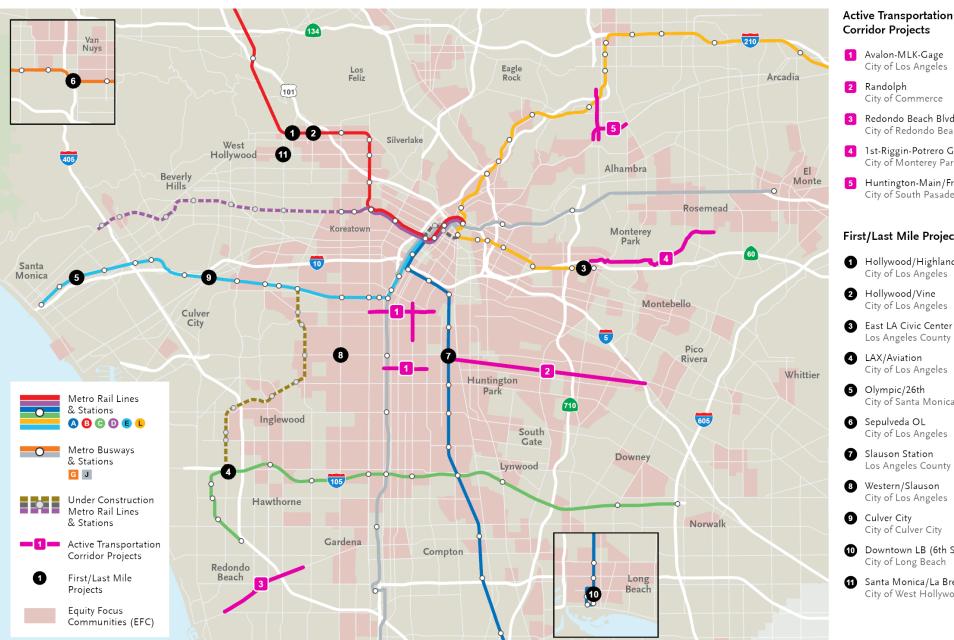
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Recommended Program of Projects Map

MAT Program Cycle 1



- City of Los Angeles
- 3 Redondo Beach Blvd City of Redondo Beach
- 4 1st-Riggin-Potrero Grande City of Monterey Park
- 5 Huntington-Main/Fremont City of South Pasadena

First/Last Mile Projects

- Hollywood/Highland City of Los Angeles
- City of Los Angeles
- 3 East LA Civic Center Los Angeles County
- City of Santa Monica
- City of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles County
- City of Los Angeles
- City of Culver City
- Downtown LB (6th St) City of Long Beach
- 11 Santa Monica/La Brea City of West Hollywood



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Recommended Action

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Background

- January 2020: Board approves criteria/process for Cycle 1 (FY21-25)
 - Screened/Ranked project locations based on: Equity, Safety, Mobility/Connectivity
 - Invitation to Apply
 - Streamlined Letter of Interest application process
- Discretionary, competitive program created by Measure M
- \$857m over 40 years
- Dedicated funding for active modes

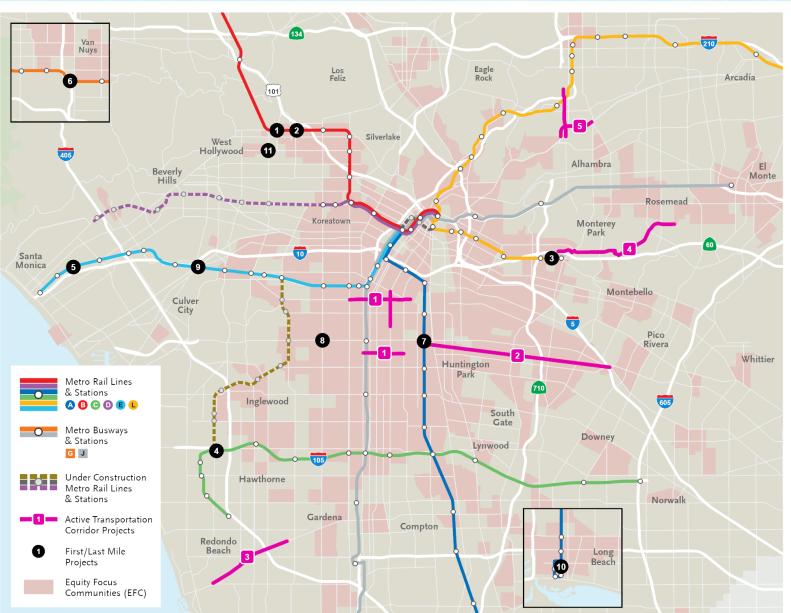


Cycle 1 Overview

- 28 total submittals (\$102.7M)
- Selection process complete per Board-approved process
 - Qualitative evaluation PLUS points for equity-based ranking and Equity-Focused Communities (EFCs)
- 16 projects recommended for award (\$63.1M)
 - 5 Active Transportation Corridors
 - 11 First/Last Mile
- 8 recommended for wait list (\$16M)
- COVID-19 Impacts



Cycle 1 Projects Map



Active Transportation Corridor Projects

- 1 Avalon-MLK-Gage City of Los Angeles
- 2 Randolph City of Commerce
- Redondo Beach Blvd City of Redondo Beach
- 4 1st-Riggin-Potrero Grande City of Monterey Park
- 5 Huntington-Main/Fremont City of South Pasadena

First/Last Mile Projects

- Hollywood/Highland
 City of Los Angeles
- 2 Hollywood/Vine City of Los Angeles
- 3 East LA Civic Center Los Angeles County
- 4 LAX/Aviation City of Los Angeles
- 5 Olympic/26th City of Santa Monica
- 6 Sepulveda OL City of Los Angeles
- 7 Slauson Station Los Angeles County
- 8 Western/Slauson City of Los Angeles
- 9 Culver City City of Culver City
- 10 Downtown LB (6th St) City of Long Beach
- Santa Monica/La Brea City of West Hollywood

Next Steps

Execute agreements

Initiate projects

Annual updates to adjust programming as needed

