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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 2022**

SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECT STATUS

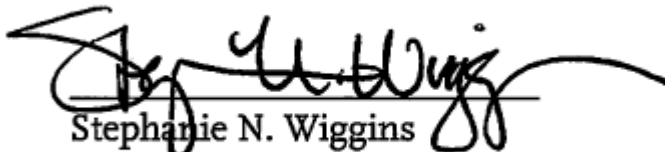
ACTION: ORAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on the status of Countywide Planning Major Projects.

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Countywide Planning Monthly Project Updates

January 2022 Monthly Update

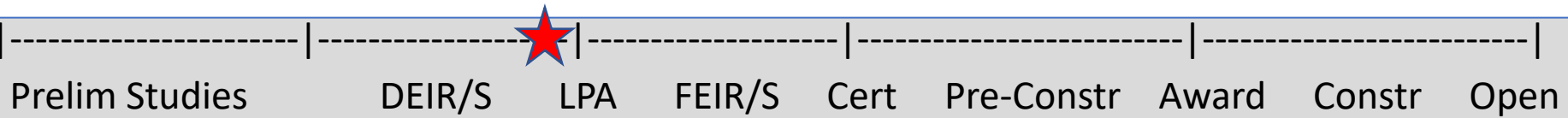
> Major Pillar Projects

- A) West Santa Ana Branch
- B) C (Green) Line Ext to Torrance
- C) Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2
- D) Sepulveda Transit Corridor

> Other Projects in Planning and Development



West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

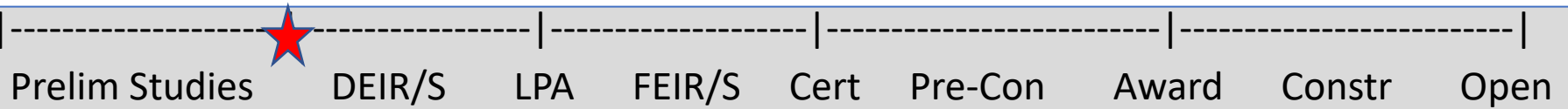
- December 1: Letter to FTA requesting Entry into New Starts Project Development
- December 1: Gateway COG LPA recommendation
- December 2: Board review of funding plan
- Review of all Draft EIS/EIR public comments received during Public Comment Period

Next Actions

- January: Board to consider staff recommendation for full project alignment to Downtown, **Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)** to Slauson as Interim Operable Segment, and further study for downtown segment
- Approval to Commence Final EIS/EIR
- Continue coordination with:
 - FTA, agencies, cities and key stakeholders on environmental comments
 - Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach
 - Union Pacific Railroad



Sepulveda Transit Corridor



Recent Activities

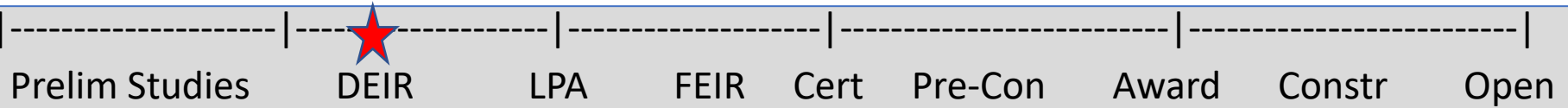
- Start of Scoping Period
 - November 30: Released Environmental Notice of Preparation
 - December 6: Agency Scoping Meeting with 57 attendees including staff from local, state, and federal agencies
 - December 7: 1st Public Scoping Meeting with 240 attendees including a broad cross-section of elected officials, stakeholders and residential groups
 - January 11: 2nd Public Scoping Meeting

Next Actions

- January 22: Last Public Scoping Meeting
- February 11: Close of Scoping Period and incorporation of required environmental actions in response to comments received
- Board review in January for contract modification to perform environmental services for six distinct Project Alternatives



C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance

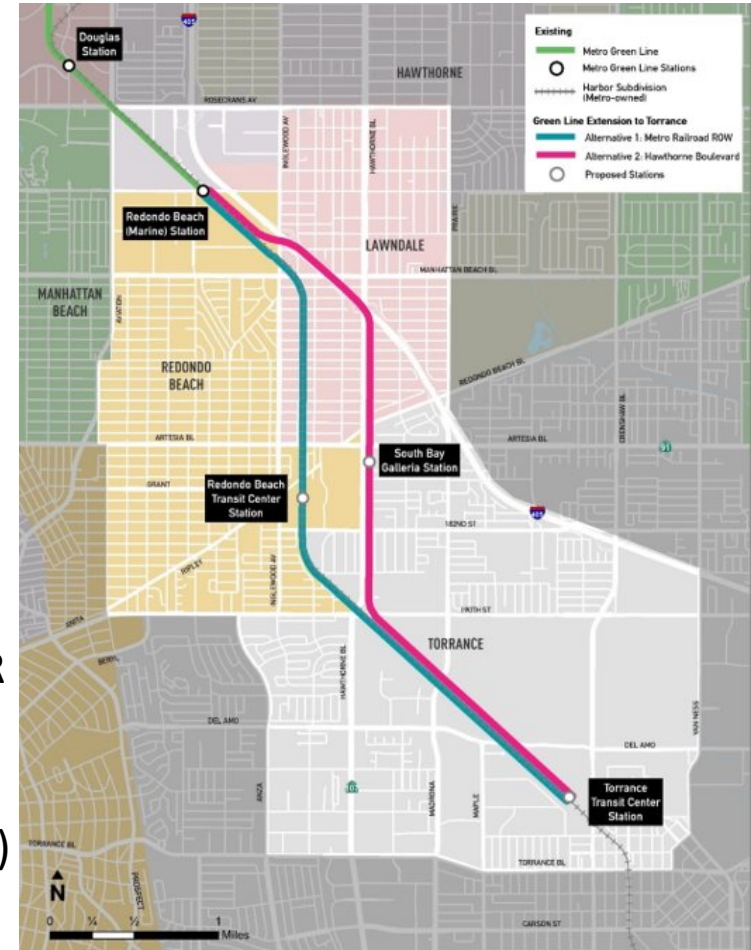


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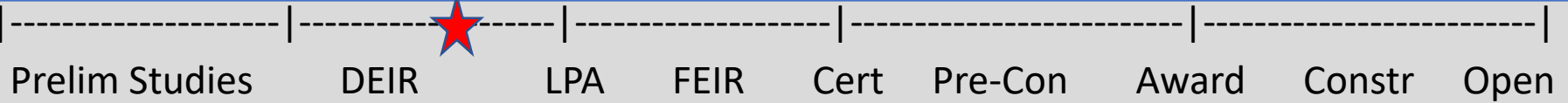
- Outreach and Engagement
 - October 19: Lawndale City Council Subcommittee
 - October 26: Key stakeholder meeting with major Lawndale property owners & Lawndale Council Committee
 - November 2: Redondo Beach City Council
 - November 15 & December 21: BNSF Site Walks
 - December 1: “Right of Say” Neighborhood Group
 - December 6: Redondo Beach Public Works
- Virtual Walking Tours
 - October/November: 1600 virtual tours
 - 232 surveys completed
- Continuing to investigate utilities & refine advanced conceptual engineering drawings to inform Draft EIR

Next Actions

- Prepare for public workshops to present updated project designs & potential mitigations (Spring 2022)
- Ongoing design reviews & preparation of Draft EIR



Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2



Recent Activities

- Outreach and engagement
 - November 15: Community updates on East Los Angeles Station Options Atlantic/Pomona and Atlantic/Whittier
 - November 16: Montebello station and alignment update
 - November 17: Community-wide project update
- Environmental consultant to continue analyzing engineering design package following community input



Next Actions

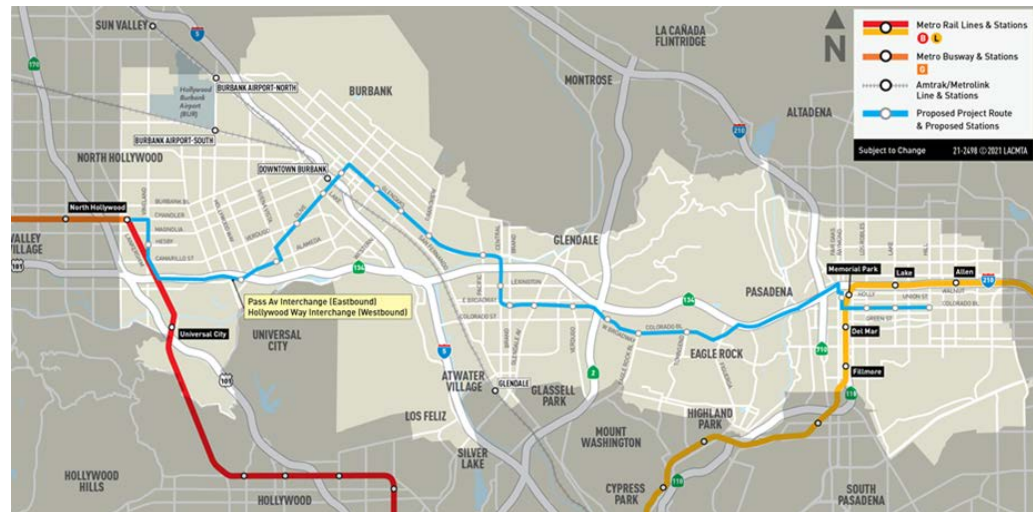
- February/March 2022: Outreach activities to continue informing the public on project elements
- February 2022 (anticipated): Board update on project implementation strategies and refined project designs for stations in East LA, alternate Maintenance Facility sites, and at-grade design option in Montebello

North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT



Recent Activities

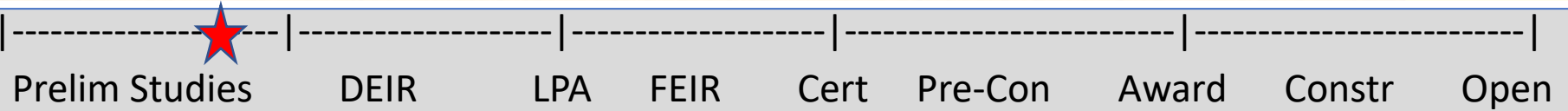
- Eagle Rock
 - Continued outreach on two “Beautiful Boulevard” designs
 - November: Colorado Blvd Business Outreach
 - December 2: Arroyo Verdugo JPA
- Burbank
 - November 12: Olive Ave Business Outreach
 - December: Revised “Side Running” bus lane design in response to community
 - December 7: Warner Brothers
 - December 8: Burbank Trans. Mgmt. Org.
 - January 20: Burbank Chamber of Commerce



Next Actions

- Seeking consensus from LA City Council #14 and Burbank Council on design
- March 2022 (anticipated): Board considers certification of Final EIR and final refinements of Preferred Design

North San Fernando Valley BRT Improvements



Recent Activities

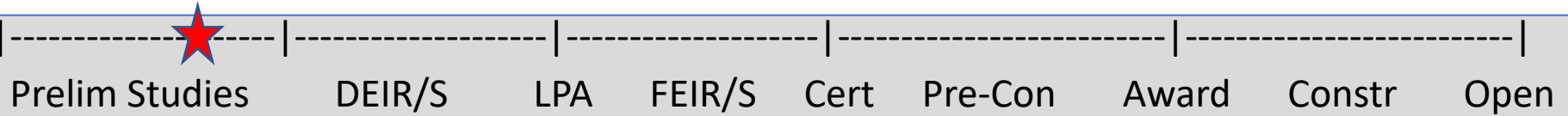
- Fall 2021: Briefings with LA City Council offices and state & federal elected officials
- Ongoing discussions with CSUN

Next Actions

- Winter 2021:
 - Continue additional analysis of proposed project in coordination with NextGen
 - Conduct key stakeholder and community engagement
- Spring 2022 (anticipated): Board consideration of any recommended changes to project alternative



Vermont Transit Corridor

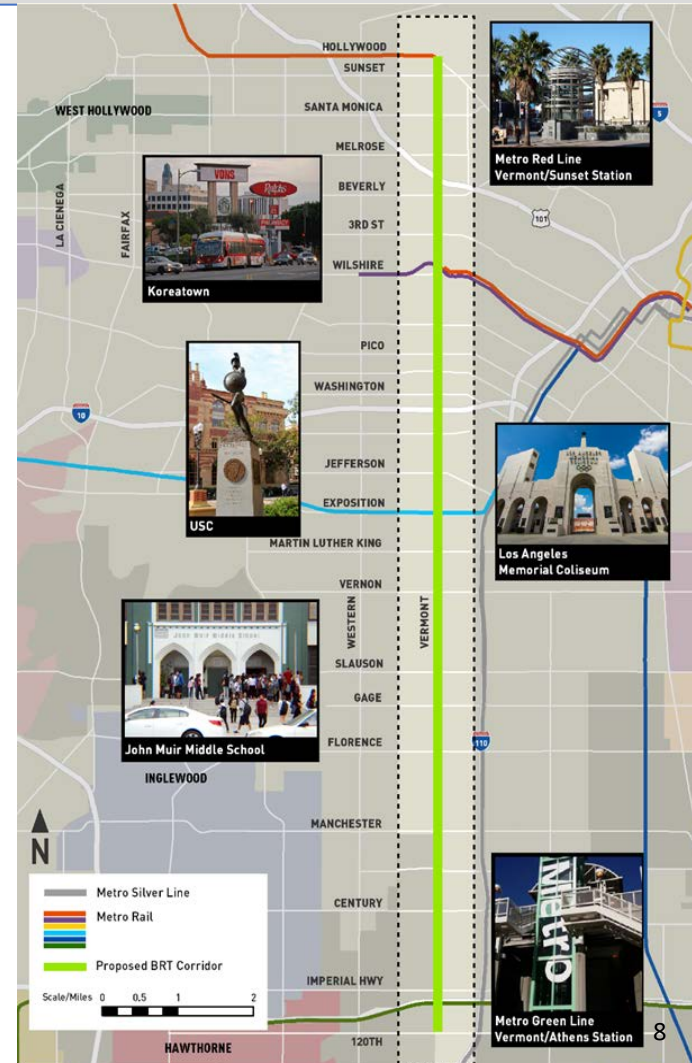


Recent Activities

- Outreach and Engagement Activities
 - December: Meetings with elected officials on community and CBO engagement strategy
 - December 14 & 15: Two CBO Roundtable Meetings to discuss community engagement and Metro partnering
 - December 15: Two Focus Group meetings to identify issues and concerns, as well as potential improvements along the corridor

Next Actions

- Ongoing briefings with elected officials on community and CBO engagement strategy
- January 19 through February: Seven additional focus groups
- Continue additional community & CBO engagement including pop-up events, art workshops, telephone town hall, etc.
- Input from community and CBOs will help inform next phase of planning



East San Fernando Valley Shared ROW Study

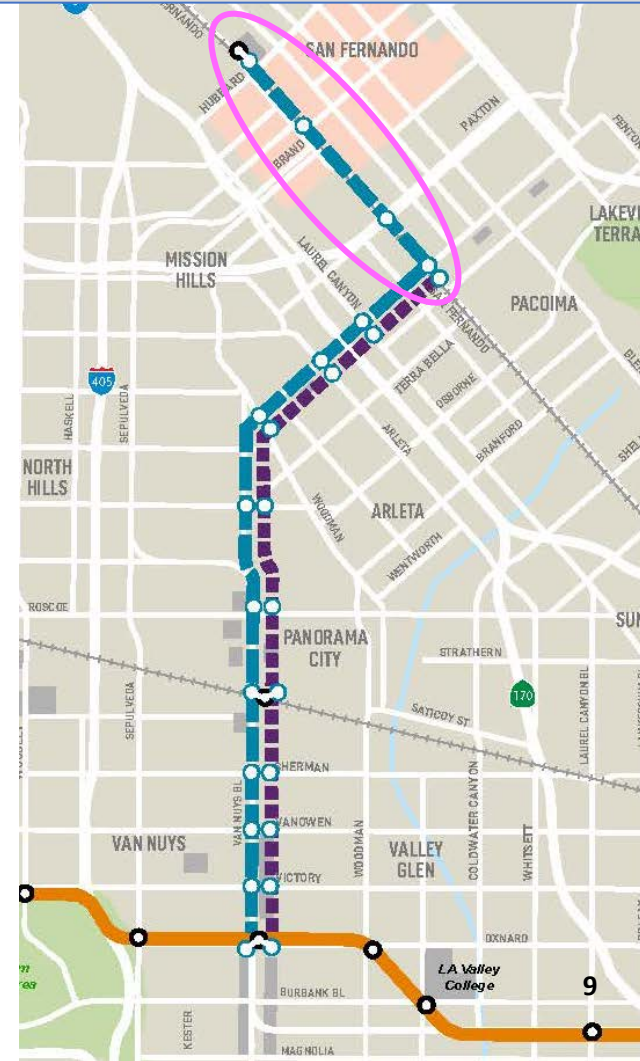


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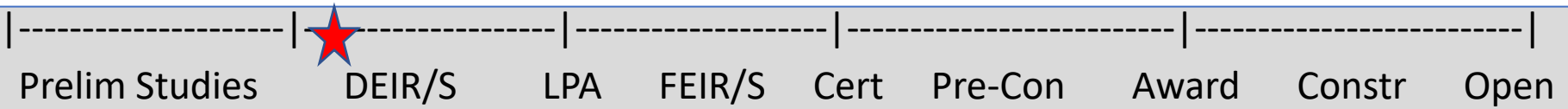
- Consultant contract award recommendation nearing completion
- Coordination with Antelope Valley Line and Metrolink on planned improvements and environmental actions

Next Actions

- March 2022 (anticipated): Metro Board authorization to award contract and commence work



Los Angeles River Path



Recent Activities

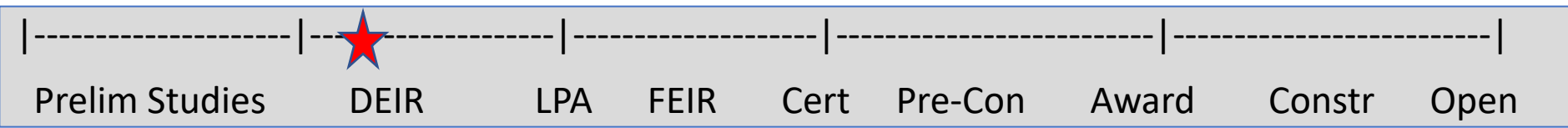
- Ongoing technical work for Draft EIR
- Outreach Activities
 - November 5: Health Innovation Community Partnership, LA
 - Nov 13 and 17: Community Updates
 - Dec 14: LA County Bicycle Coalition
- November Board Action
 - Metro to construct Project
 - Develop agreements for Operations & Maintenance

Next Actions

- Upcoming coordination with US Army Corps of Engineers
- Continue coordination with other projects planned along LA River, Project Steering Committee, and adjacent stakeholders



Crenshaw Northern Extension



Recent Activities

- Advancing technical studies following EIR Scoping Meetings
- Coordinating with County of Los Angeles, and Cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood

Next Actions

- Develop station studies as part of Advanced Conceptual Engineering to inform Draft EIR
- Continue stakeholder engagement to inform project definition



Centinela Grade Separation



Recent Activities

- Spring 2021: Initiated Preliminary Engineering (30% design)
- Fall 2021: Initiated Value Engineering
- Utility coordination with California Public Utilities Commission and Southern California Edison
- Construction coordination with Crenshaw/LAX project
- Coordination with South Bay COG, City of Inglewood and key stakeholders

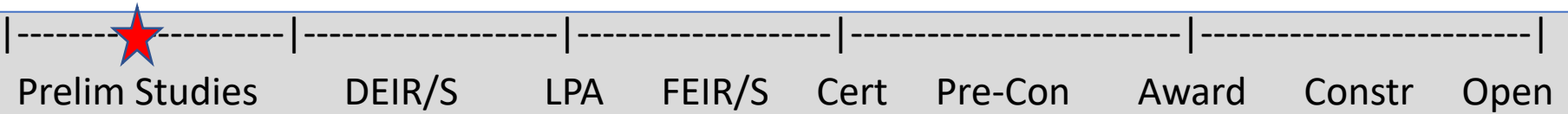
Next Actions

- Spring 2022: Board update on project status and delivery plans



Sample Rendering of Centinela Grade Separation (Source: HDR)

Rio Hondo Confluence Station Feasibility Study



Recent Activities

- Working on draft engineering, station design, high-level environmental assessment, and ridership, building on WSAB Environmental Analysis

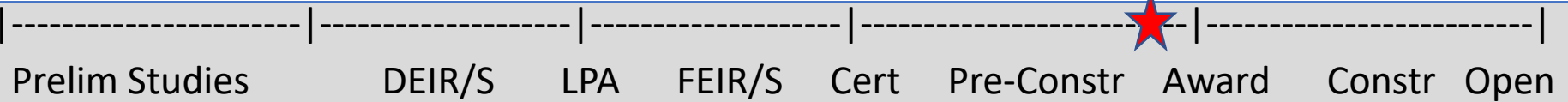
Next Actions

- Feb-March 2022: Host stakeholder forums
- Prepare draft findings
- Present findings & recommendations to Metro Board concurrent with WSAB Final EIS/EIR certification



Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor

Segment A



- **Recent Activities**

- Feb-June 2021: Pre-construction activities (site clean-up and prep)
- April 2021: Information for Bids (IFB) solicitation Segment A for construction
- July 16, 2021: Bid opening
- \$77.5M identified to date through grants, Metro local funds and other funding programs

- **Next Actions**

- Work with partners to close funding gap (\$63.5M)
- January 2022: Board to authorize Life of Project (LOP) budget and contract related agreements



Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

Segment B



Prelim Studies

DEIR/S

LPA

FEIR/S

Cert

Pre-Constr

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Open

Recent Activities

November/December:

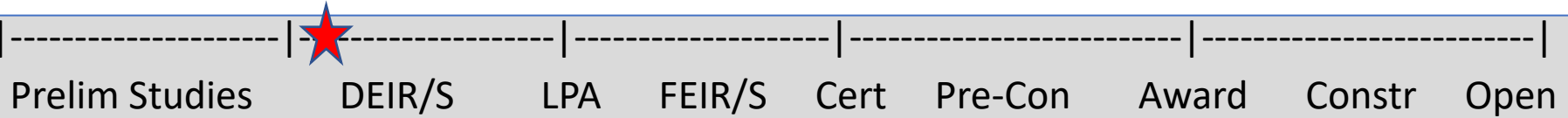
- Continued working on technical analysis and Draft Report
- Coordinated with affected cities



Next Actions

- Continue coordinating with all the affected cities along the corridor
- Early 2022 (anticipated):
 - Complete Final Report
 - Recommend new Locally Preferred Alternative

Arts District / 6th Street Station



Recent Activities

- Conducting technical environmental impact analysis including air quality, land use, etc.
- Evaluating conceptual station design, especially related to pedestrian connectivity in coordination with LADWP and other key stakeholders

Next Actions

- Continue coordination with key agencies and stakeholders
- Summer 2022 (anticipated): Release of Draft EIR

Arts District/6th St Station
Study Area

