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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

**SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECT STATUS**

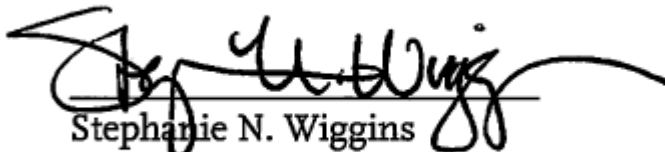
**ACTION: ORAL REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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# Countywide Planning Monthly Project Updates

## February 2022 Update



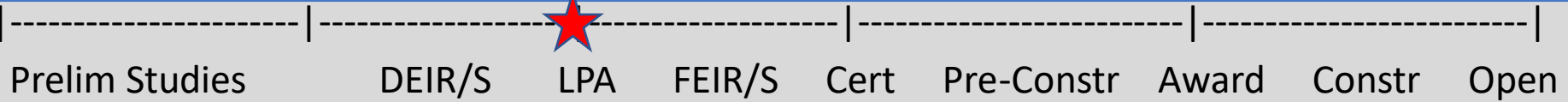
### > Major Pillar Projects

- 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

- North Hollywood to Pasadena
- E. San Fernando Valley Shared ROW
- Rio Hondo Confluence Station
- Arts District/6<sup>th</sup> Street Station
- Vermont Transit Corridor
- Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor
- N. San Fernando Valley BRT
- Los Angeles River Path
- Centinela Grade Separation
- Crenshaw North Extension

# West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor



## Recent Activities

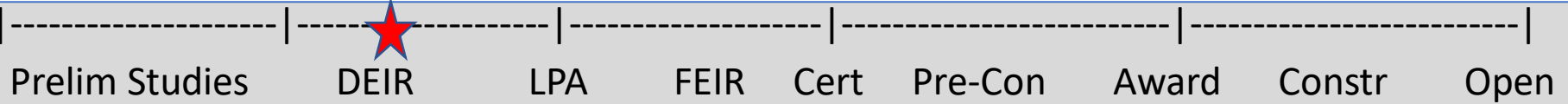
- January 27: Board approved LAUS as the project terminus, the LPA from Pioneer to Slauson, and further study from Slauson to LAUS with interim bus connections until Project completion
- UPRR and Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach workshop and road tour of alignment

## Next Actions

- March: Contract Modification for Final EIS/EIR & Downtown Study
- Continue coordination with:
  - FTA, agencies, cities and key stakeholders on environmental comments
  - Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach
  - Union Pacific Railroad



# C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance

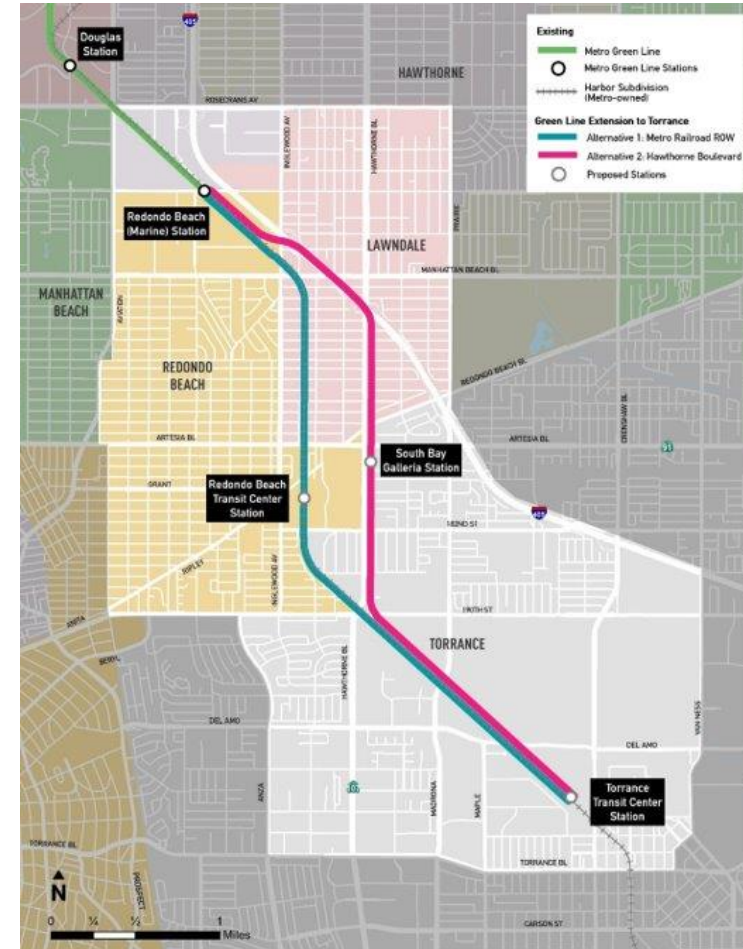


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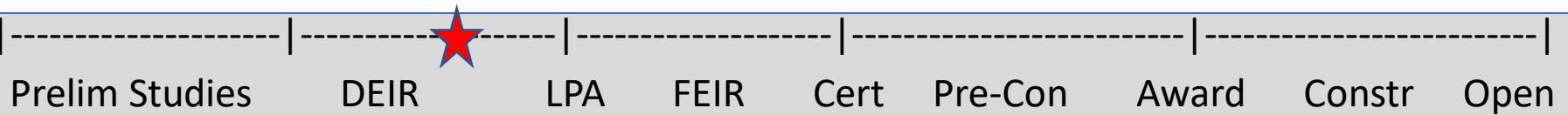
- Identified new aerial design option for Hawthorne
- Alternate freight designs under active review with BNSF
- Utilities investigations to inform right of way alternative, underground/trenching options

## Next Actions

- Spring 2022: Neighborhood walks
- Mid-2022: Public workshops to present updated project designs
- Continuing coordination with cities, agencies, and key stakeholders on project design and footprint
- Fall/Winter 2022 (anticipated): Release Draft EIR



# Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2



## Recent Activities

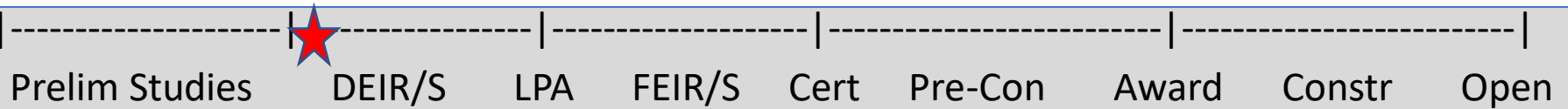
- Outreach and engagement
  - Jan 27 – East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Whittier Blvd. Merchants Association, ELA Coalition, and Via Care.
- Environmental consultant is making progress on the Draft EIR
- Board update this month



## Next Actions

- Engaging the CBO Roundtable to advise on upcoming meetings
- March 2022: Outreach activities to continue informing the public on project elements
- Spring/Summer 2022 (anticipated): Release Draft EIR
- Work with County and cities on necessary coordination and agreements
- Continue to explore federal funding opportunities

# Sepulveda Transit Corridor



## Recent Activities

- February 11: Close of Scoping Period
  - 1 Virtual Agency Scoping Meeting
  - 3 Virtual Public Scoping Meetings (554 Attendees, 90 Verbal Comments)
  - Sent 12 E-blasts
  - 6 posts on The Source/El Pasajero
  - Print Ads in Spanish Media
  - Bilingual Car Cards inside buses
  - 13 Virtual community presentations
  - Announcements at 4 neighborhood/community meetings
  - 7 In-person pop-up events
  - Extended outreach through elected officials and others

## Next Actions

- Review and analyze 2,000+ scoping comment submissions
- Spring/Summer 2022: Anticipated release of scoping report & community update meeting(s)

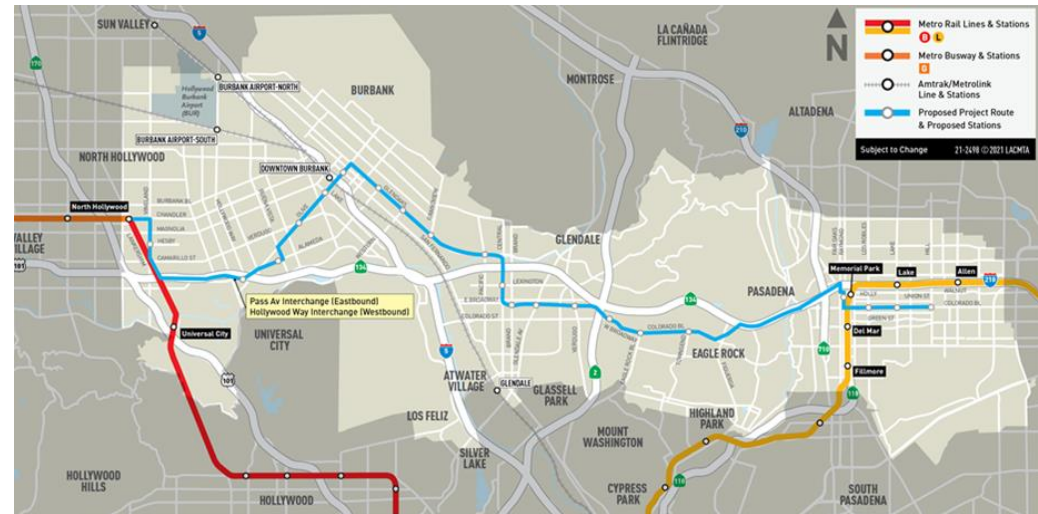


# North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT



## Recent Activities

- Final EIR nearing completion for possible release in February/March
- Continued outreach in Eagle Rock and Burbank on study alternatives
  - Eagle Rock: Center running BRT
  - Burbank: Modified side running BRT



## Next Actions

- Seeking consensus from LA City and City of Burbank on design
- March/April 2022 (anticipated): Board considers certification of Final EIR and approval of Proposed Project

# East San Fernando Valley Shared ROW Study

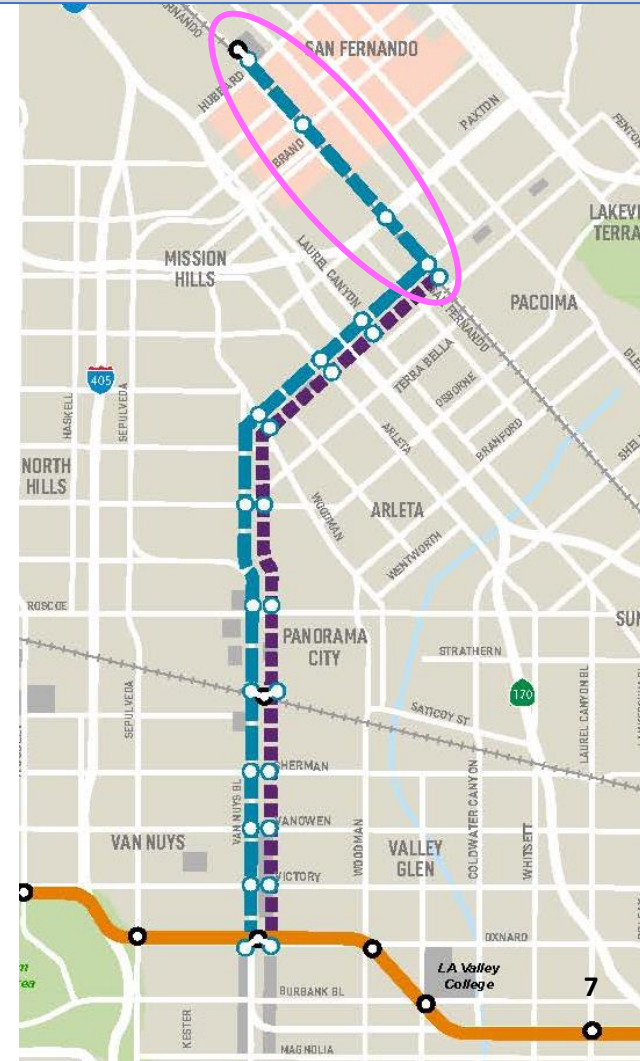


## Recent Activities

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

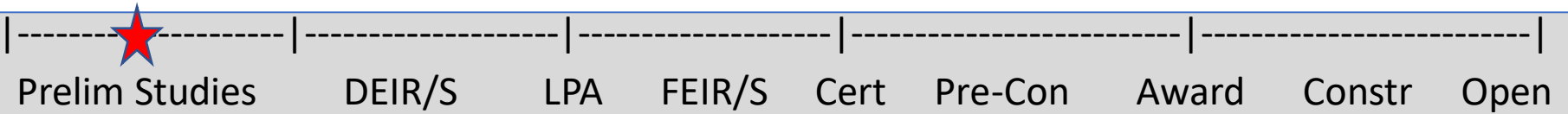
## Next Actions

- March 2022 (anticipated): Metro Board authorization to award contract and commence work
- Board staff briefings and engagement following project kick-off and as study develops





# Rio Hondo Confluence Station Feasibility Study



## Recent Activities

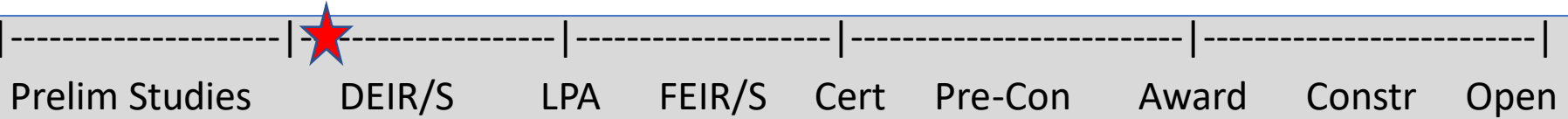
- Working on draft engineering, station design, high-level environmental assessment, cost estimates, and ridership, building on WSAB Environmental Analysis

## Next Actions

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



# Arts District / 6<sup>th</sup> Street Station



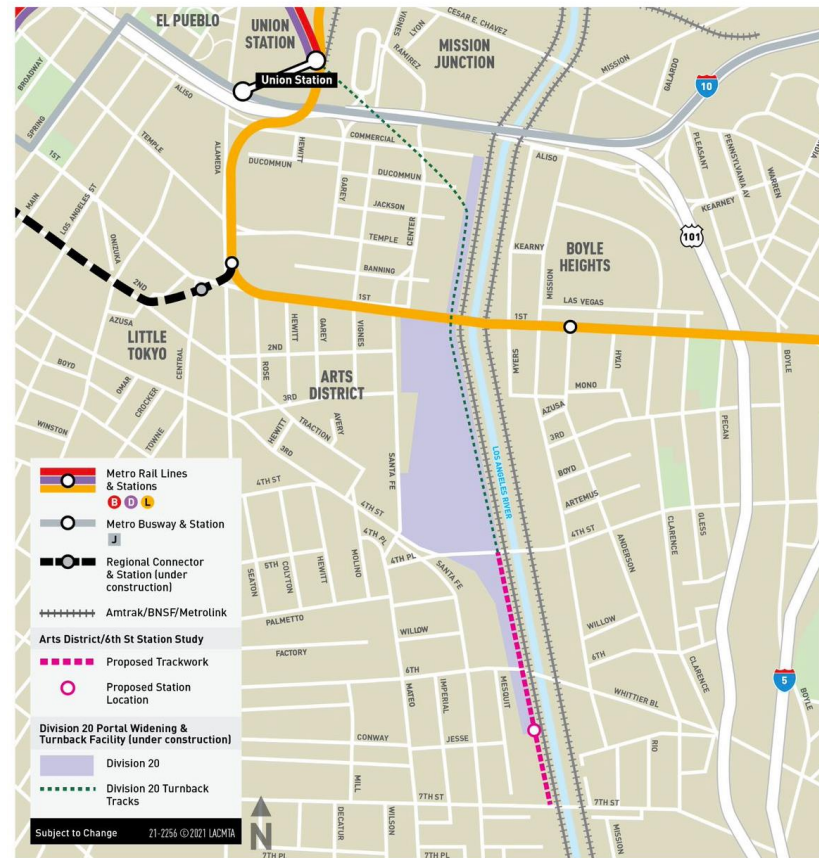
## Recent Activities

- 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



# Vermont Transit Corridor



Prelim Studies

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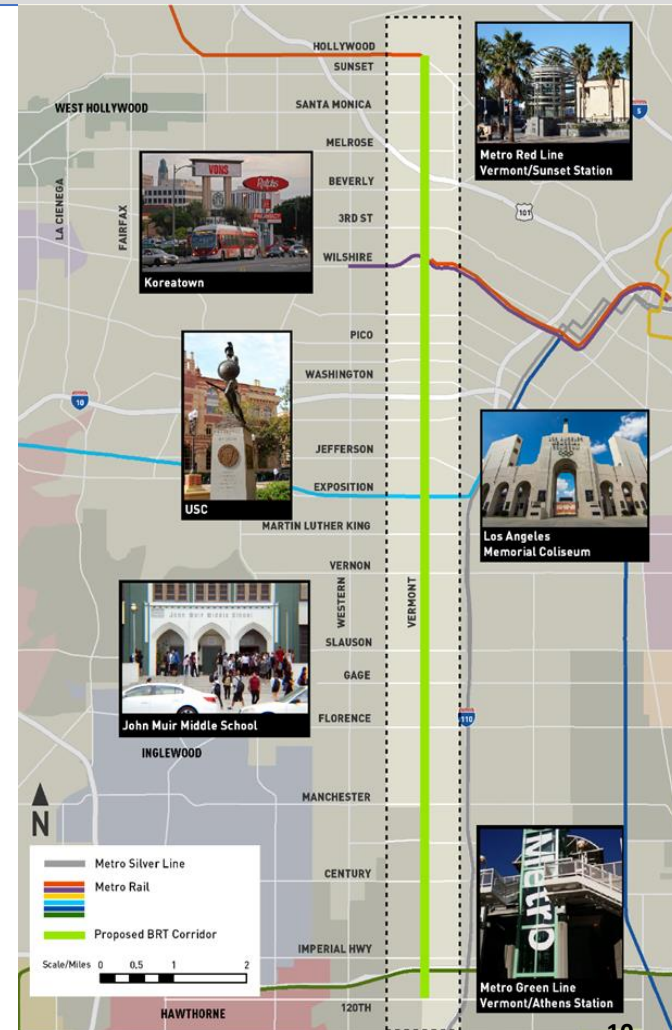
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## Recent Activities

- December/January: Nine focus group meetings to identify participants' vision for potential improvements along the corridor
- February 9: Second Community Based Partnership (CBP) Roundtable Meeting to provide update on focus groups and discuss community-led engagement/activities.

## Next Actions

- February-June 2022: Engagement and outreach to inform next phase of planning
  - Briefings for corridor stakeholders
  - Public meetings
  - Community and CBP engagement through pop-up events, art workshops, telephone town hall, etc.
- Input and feedback to inform scoping for environmental study



# Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

## Segment B



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## Recent Activities

December/ January:

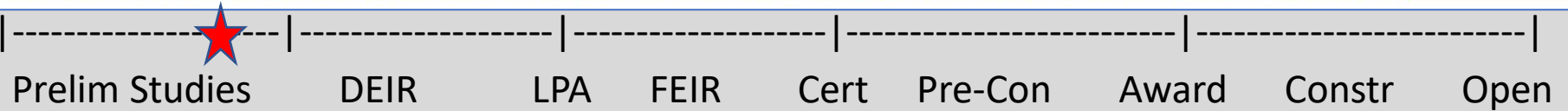
- Continued coordination with affected cities
- Continued working on Draft Final Report

## Next Actions

- Coordinate with affected cities and host Technical Work Group meeting
- March/April 2022 (anticipated):
  - Complete Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Final Report
  - Present study findings and recommendations to Board



# North San Fernando Valley BRT Improvements



## Recent Activities

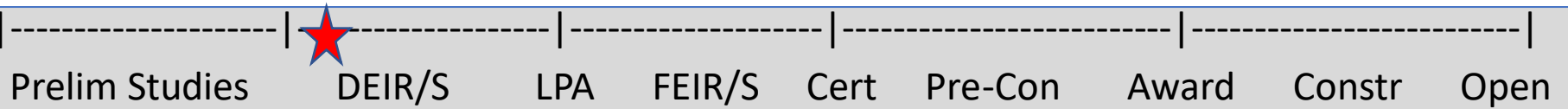
- Conducted key stakeholder engagement
  - Ongoing discussions with CSUN
- Continue additional analysis of proposed project in coordination with NextGen

## Next Actions

- Spring 2022: Conduct community engagement
- Summer 2022 (anticipated): Board consideration of recommended changes to project alternative



# Los Angeles River Path



## Recent Activities

- Ongoing development of MOAs with Cities of Los Angeles and Vernon, County of Los Angeles per December 2021 Board direction
- February 3: Meeting with County of LA re: Flood Control and Master Plan
- Ongoing technical work for Draft EIR

## Next Actions

- February 23: Steering Committee Meeting
- February 17: Coordination with US Army Corps of Engineers – 408 Permitting Group
- March 7: Ecosystem Restoration Project
- March 15: Project Development Team (PDT) Meeting



# 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/Summer 2022: Board review of PE design, updated cost estimates, and project delivery alternatives



Sample Rendering of Centinela Grade Separation (Source: HDR)

# Crenshaw Northern Extension



## Recent Activities

- Continue to advance engineering activities, alignment and station design, field and geotechnical investigation to inform Project Definition
- Station Planning Workshops
  - Dec 16: City of LA
  - Dec 17: Hollywood Bowl
  - Feb 9: Hollywood Bowl; City/County of LA
  - Feb 15: City of West Hollywood

## Next Actions

- Station Planning Workshops
  - March: City of LA & City of West Hollywood
  - April: City of LA
- Continued Coordination with the Tunnel Advisory Panel (TAP)
- Preparation underway for May/June Public Outreach

