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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 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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Stephanie N. Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer

Countywide Planning Major Project Updates

October 2022: Quarterly Update



> Major Pillar Projects

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

> Other Projects in Planning and Development

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

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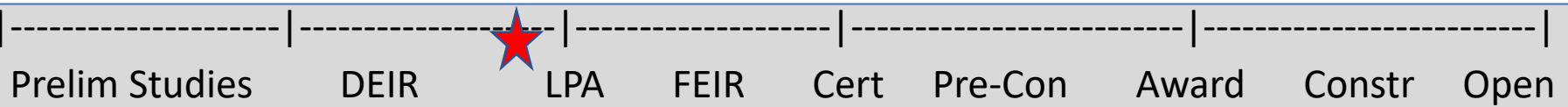
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- **September 2022:** Board received an update on environmental status, project risks, advanced engineering work and cost estimates
- Continuing to meet with cities and key agencies/stakeholders (e.g., Caltrans, CPUC and USACE) to address comments including cut & cover analysis
- 9 MCAs executed and 1 remaining (Cerritos)

- October 2022: Confirm Project definition (critical path)



Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

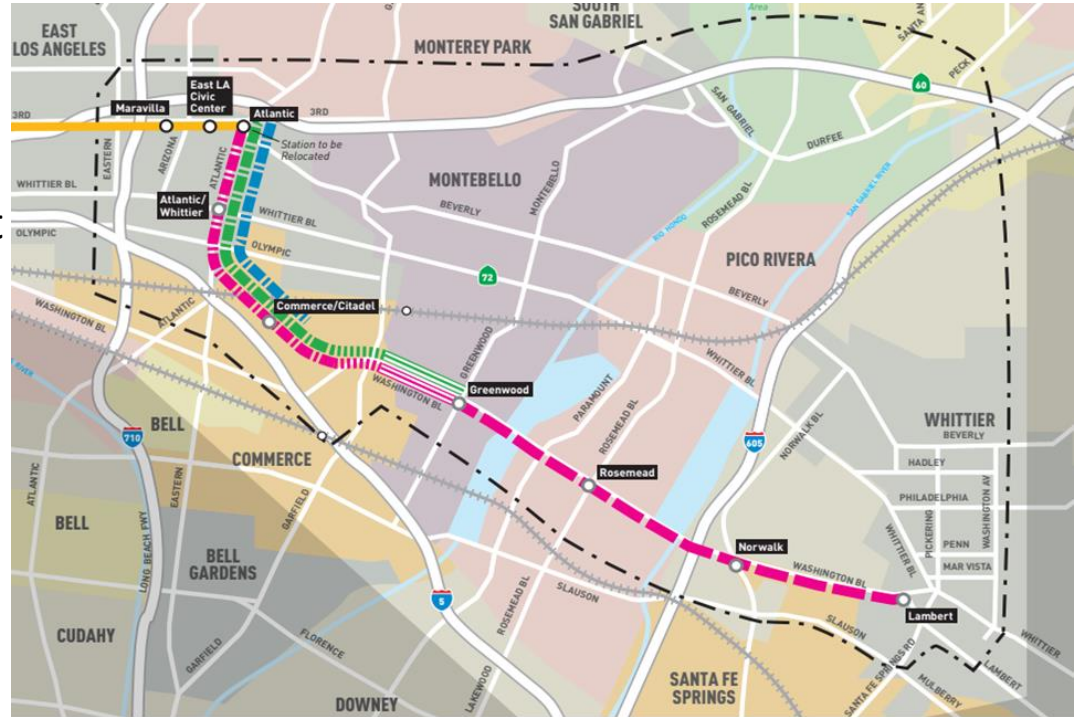


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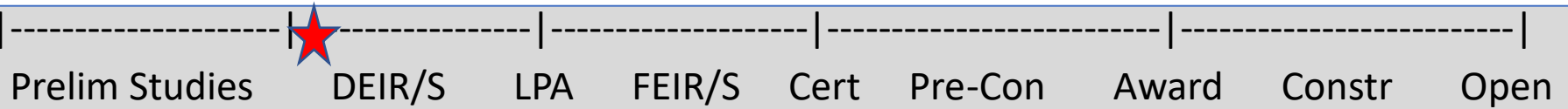
- Recirculated Draft EIR was released June 30th with a 60-day comment period ending on August 29, 2022
- Four (4) Public Hearings
 - East Los Angeles – July 21 (in-person)
 - Montebello – July 30 (in-person)
 - Virtual – Aug. 11
 - Whittier – Aug. 17 (in-person)

Next Actions

- Return to the Board for contract modifications for professional service to advance engineering activities for alternate project delivery and reinstate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study
- Board to select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Winter 2022/23



Sepulveda Transit Corridor



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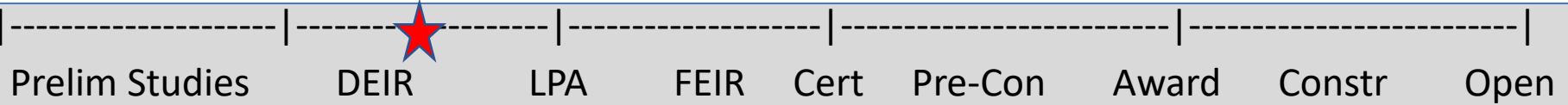
- Ongoing engagement with third party agencies, including FTA and Caltrans
- Project coordination with I-405 Express Lanes Project
- Coordination of alternatives designs and environmental review

Next Actions

- Continue to develop designs and prepare for environmental technical studies
- Continue preparation for winter community update meetings



C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance

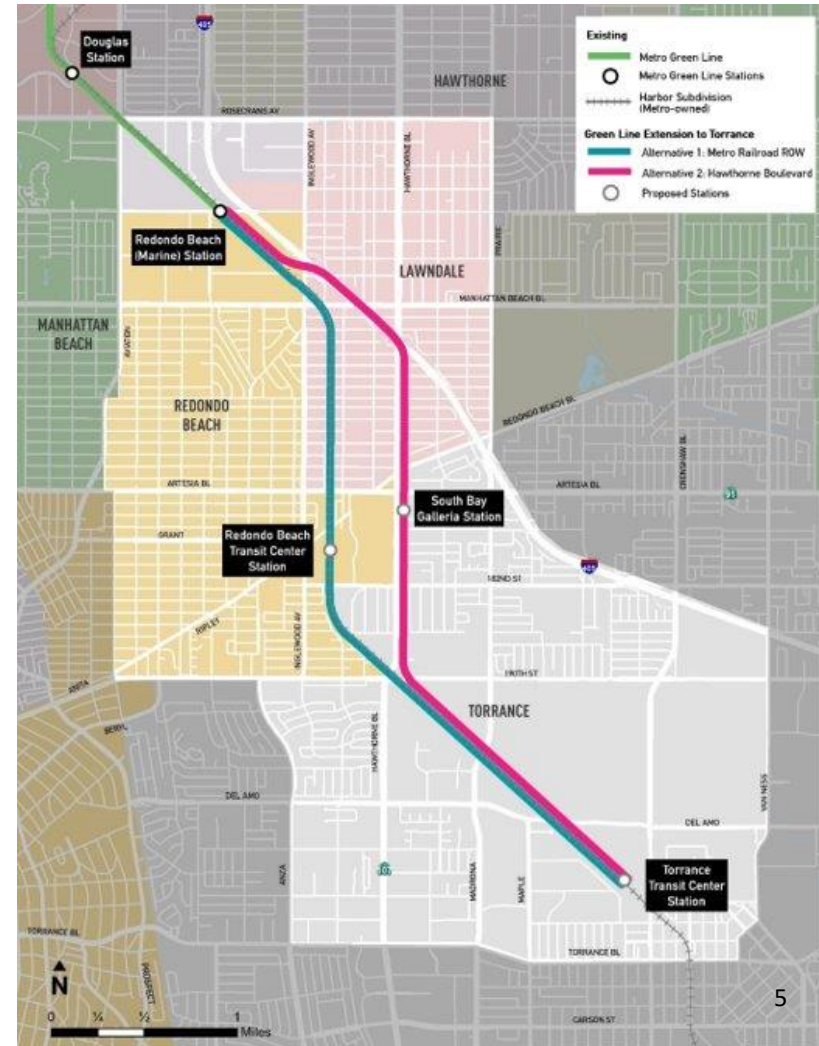


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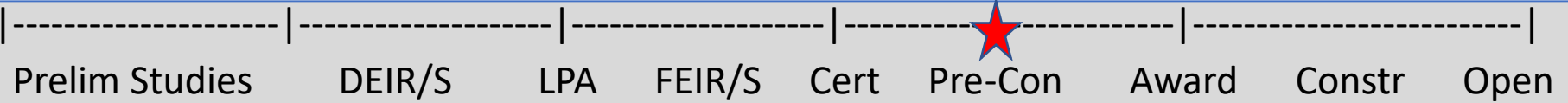
- Finalizing conceptual engineering plans and preparing environmental analysis
- Summarizing input gathered from community events
- Continuing coordination with community groups, cities, BNSF, Caltrans, utilities, and property owners

Next Actions

- Release Draft EIR: Winter 2023
- Board selection of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA): Spring 2023



North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT



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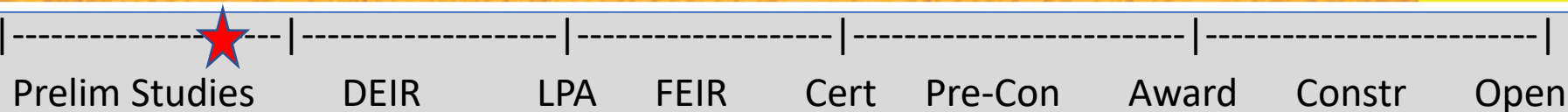
- Preliminary engineering underway
- Preparing for First/Last Mile work
- Advancing project design (e.g., bus lanes, stations, transit signal priority, etc.)



Next Actions

- Seek Board approval of a contract modification to conduct additional technical work and a First/Last Mile Plan (January 2023, anticipated)
- Prepare final design procurement for anticipated release in early 2023

North San Fernando Valley BRT Improvements



Recent Activities

- Continue key stakeholder engagement
- September 29, 2022: Community meeting (virtual) to present Project Business Case and Racial Equity Analysis per SB288 statutory exemption requirements
- Continue evaluation of proposed BRT Network Improvements in coordination with NextGen

Next Actions

- October 2022: CSUN student engagement and SFVCOG briefing meeting
- November/December 2022 (anticipated): Board action on recommended BRT network improvements and authorization to file a Notice of Exemption



Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor

Segment B



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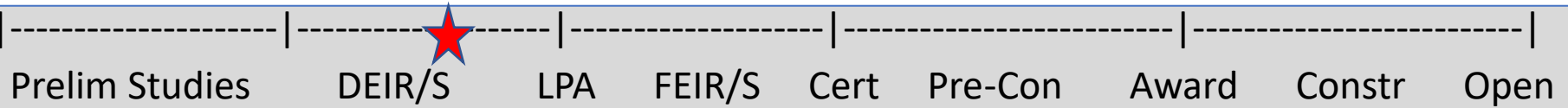
- August 2022: Metro Board
 - Approved maintaining Randolph as the preferred alignment
 - Directed staff to return with a funding plan
- October 2022: Update to Board on funding plan



Next Actions

- Continue to support Metro Active Transportation (MAT) grants awarded to Cities in the corridor
- Initiate the process for further design and environmental clearance for Segment B

Los Angeles River Path



Recent Activities

- Coordination with stakeholders
 - Project Development Team
 - LA River Working Group
 - Elected Official briefings
 - Public Meetings (Sep 29, Oct 01)
- Technical work for Draft EIR
- Evaluation of bicycle/pedestrian bridge options over US-101

Next Actions

- Project pop-ups at various community events continue through October
- Upcoming engagement with Project Development Team (PDT)



Vermont Transit Corridor



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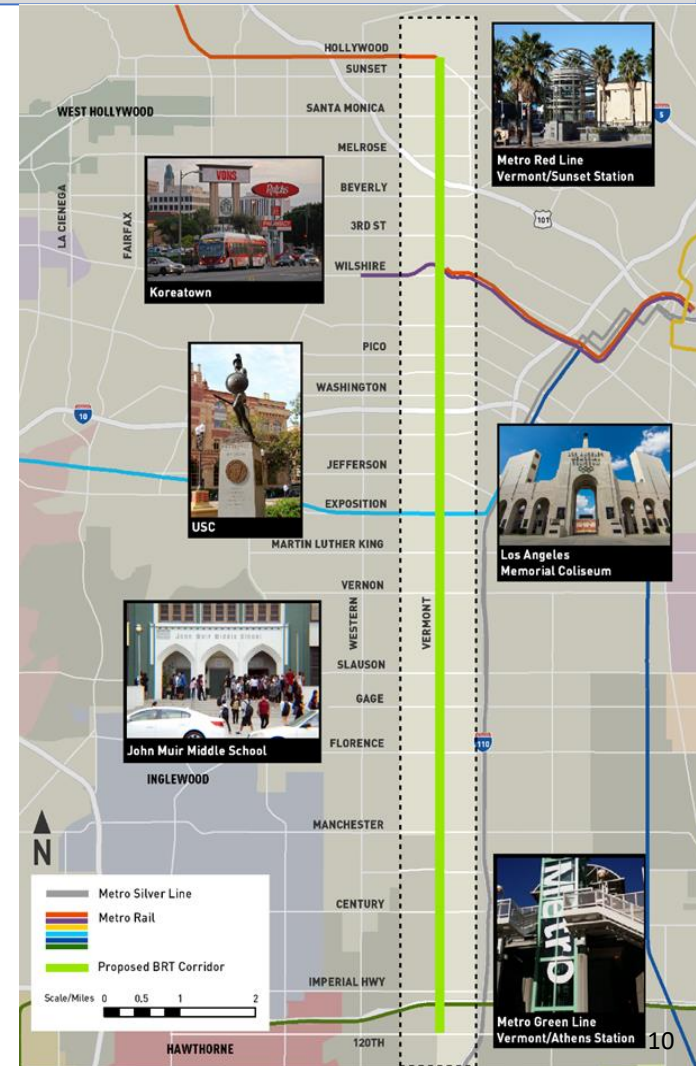
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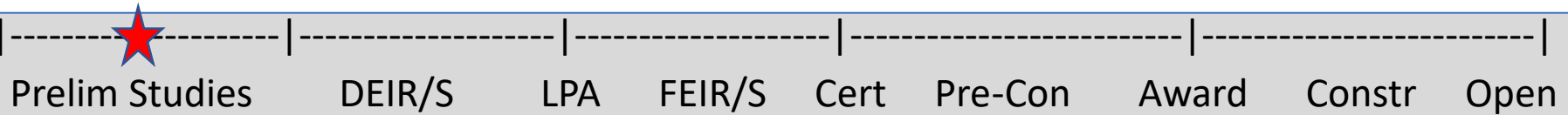
- Continue community and stakeholder engagement
- September 2022: Metro motion to advance a three-pronged strategy for immediate-, mid- and long-term improvements

Next Actions

- Issue RFP for planning & environmental studies informed by CPP feedback and September 2022 Board Motion
- Coordinate with Service Planning on potential near-term, quick build improvements for local bus service



East San Fernando Valley Shared ROW Study



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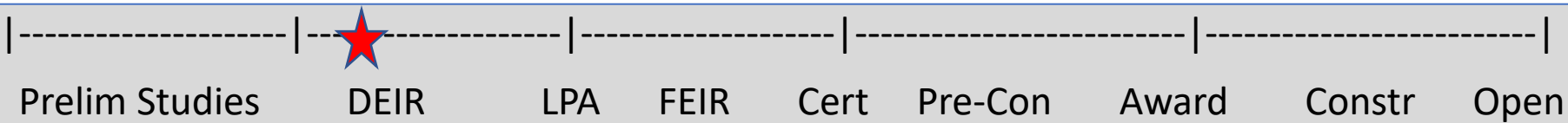
- Finalizing completion of Phase 1
 - Initial grade crossing analysis
 - Alignment review of potential ROW impacts of a 4-track configuration
- Study briefings with Metrolink staff, San Fernando City Council, Metro Board staff, and ESFV-area staff (LA Council Offices, City of LA)
- Technical meetings with City of San Fernando and Metrolink



Next Actions

- November/December 2022 (tent.): Report back to the Board with update on Phase 1 findings and seek authorization for Phase 2

Crenshaw Northern Extension



Recent Activities

- Refining Advanced Conceptual Engineering to confirm project definition
- Reviewing public comments from June meetings and Summer online survey to inform project development

Next Actions

- Initiate Travel Demand Forecasting and environmental analysis in preparation of Draft EIR



Centinela Grade Separation



Recent Activities

- August 2022: Completed Draft 30% Plan Set
- Ongoing design and utility coordination
 - City of Inglewood, CPUC, LADPW, LASD, LAFD, SCE, SCG, AT&T, Lumen/Qwest, Zayo, MCI Verizon, Spectrum
- Construction coordination with Crenshaw/LAX project and Airport Metro Connector

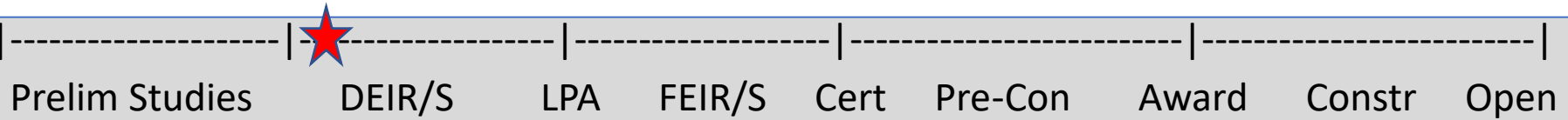
Next Actions

- Complete Final 30% Plan Set, ROM cost estimates, and filing of CEQA Statutory Exemption
- Early 2023: Board update of funding plan and project delivery options



Sample Rendering of Centinela Grade Separation (Source: HDR)

Arts District / 6th Street Station



Recent Activities

- Advancing conceptual station design, especially related to construction staging
- Developing ROM capital cost and ridership estimates

Next Actions

- Coordination with BNSF and Amtrak is critical to Draft EIR release
- Winter 2022/2023: Draft EIR Release

Arts District/6th St Station
Study Area



Measure M Expenditure Plan

Groundbreaking to Opening Dates

