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SUBJECT: D LINE SUBWAY EXTENSION PROJECT SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 SERVICE PLAN

TITLE VI SERVICE AND FARE EQUITY ANALYSIS

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE the D Line Subway Extension Project Sections 1, 2, and 3 Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis (Attachment A).

ISSUE

Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Metro, as a recipient of federal funding, is required to ensure its programs and activities are conducted consistent with the intent of Title VI. The D Line Subway Extension Project is a new rail alignment involving federal funding that is expected to begin operation in Winter 2025. Consistent with Federal Transit Administration Title VI guidelines and Metro's Title VI Plan, a Service and Fare Equity (SAFE) Analysis of the impacts of this new line's service on minority populations (American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, as defined in Federal Title VI Circular 4702.1B) is required prior to the start of revenue service.

BACKGROUND

D Line Subway Extension Project

This extension will expand the current D Line from its current terminus, Wilshire/Western Station, extending westward for nearly nine miles along Wilshire BI, and will add seven new stations. Existing D Line heavy rail (subway) service would continue to operate between Union Station and Wilshire/Western Station, then continue west to serve:

 New Section 1 Stations: Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax, and Wilshire/La Cienega Stations in Winter 2025

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- New Section 3 Stations: Westwood/UCLA and Westwood/VA Hospital, projected opening Summer 2027

Metro Rail Lines & Stations D Line Subway Extension Project (under construction) Subject to Change Z4-1163 © 2024 LACMIA Subject to Change Z4-1163 © 2024 LACMIA Westwood/VA Hospital 2 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega to Century City/Constellation to Westwood/VA Hospital 2 Stations Westwood/VA Hospital 2 Stations Westwood/VA Hospital 2 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega to Century City/Constellation to Westwood/VA Hospital 2 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega 3 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega 3 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega 4 Wilshire/Western to Wilshire/La Clenega 5 Stations Wilshire/Western to Wilshire/La Clenega Wilshire/La Clenega 5 Stations 5 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega 5 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega 5 Stations 5 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega 5 Stations 5 Stations Wilshire/La Clenega 5 Stations 6 Stations 8 Section 1: Wilshire/La Clenega 5 Stations 7 Stations 8 Section 2: Wilshire/La Clenega 7 Stations 8 Section 3: Wilshire/La Clenega 8 Stations 8 Section 3: Wilshire/La Clenega 9 Stations 1 S

D LINE SUBWAY EXTENSION PROJECT

Figure 1 - D Line Subway Extension Project

The segment from the current terminus, Wilshire/Western Station, and the terminus station of each stage will have the same levels of service as the rest of the D Line: 5-minute peak service weekdays, 10-minute off-peak weekday and daytime weekend service, and 20-minute evening/late-night service. These service levels would meet expected passenger demand.

Summary:

There is no loss of rail service levels with the new D Line Subway Extension rail service. Fares for the reconfigured subway rail service will be the same as for other Metro rail and bus services.

Potential Metro Bus service changes include:

- Line 720 will be gradually modified to become a peak period only service on weekdays as
 outlined in the NextGen Bus Plan. This is based on the expected movement of passengers
 from this service to the D Line as it extends. Line 20 service will be increased to ensure a
 good quality local bus service between D Line stations between Downtown LA, Westwood,
 and Santa Monica.
- There is also an approved change for a new Line 610 between Wilshire/La Brea D Line and Hollywood/Vine B Line Stations, replacing the north end of Line 210. Line 210 northern terminus would become Wilshire/La Brea D Line Station instead of Wilshire/Western D Line and Hollywood/Vine B Line Stations.

Evolving ridership patterns will be monitored as each phase of the D Line extensions opens, and changes planned for the above bus services may be modified. These changes aim to enhance connectivity, expand transit options, and improve the overall passenger experience for residents throughout the Greater West Los Angeles region.

DISCUSSION

Metro's Title VI Program, which was most recently updated and approved by the Board in September 2022, requires two analyses to be completed for each new rail line.

Disparate Impact

A disparate impact will be deemed to have occurred if the absolute difference between the percentage of minority population served by the new lines and the overall percentage of minority riders in the Metro service area is at least 5%.

Disproportionate Burden

Metro defines low-income riders at \$69,350 or less household income, which represents the threshold for "very low income" for a four-person household in Los Angeles County (California Department of Housing and Community Development's 2024 State income Housing Limits). A disproportionate burden will be deemed to exist if an absolute difference between the percentage of low-income population served by the new lines and the overall percentage of low-income persons in the Metro service area is at least 5%.

A finding of a disparate impact on a minority community requires Metro to evaluate alternatives and mitigate burdens where practicable.

D Line Subway Extension Rail Service Plan Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis:

As required under Title VI, Metro has reviewed the minority and low-income populations that will be served by the new D Line Subway Extension rail line based on 0.5-mile catchments around the new line.

As Lines 20 and 720 are also being impacted, data for their catchment area is also included. Their catchment area is defined as 0.25 miles of corresponding bus service.* The relevant data is shown in Table 1 below. There is no demographic ridership data to analyze for rail service along this alignment, as the line is not yet in operation.

*A buffer of 0.25 miles is used since the average rider tends to walk only 0.25 miles for bus service as opposed to 0.5 for rail service.

Table 1

			Minority
Comparison	Population	Minority Population	Percentage
D Line Extension	252,075	116,799	46.3%
Line 720 Deletion	-353,403	-202,304	57.2%
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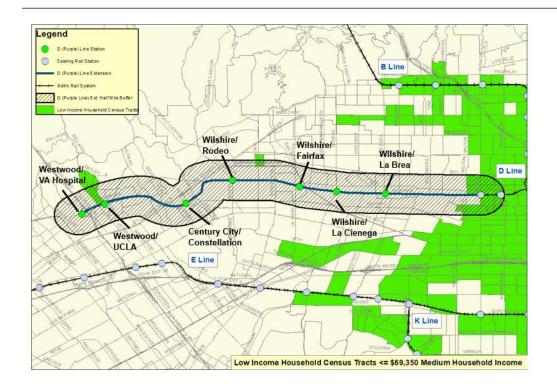
The minority population that will be served by the D Line Subway Extension Subway Project Impact Corridor (see Figure 2, 0.5-mile catchment) comprises 46.4% of the overall population; the new line catchment will serve a minority population that is 24.8% lower than the 71.2% average for Metro's overall service area. It should also be noted that the minority population riding the existing D Line service is 81.5%, which is larger than the system average minority population. This constitutes a disparate impact to the minority population under Title VI. However, since the project is a benefit to both the corridor and the minority population the new line will serve, adding new rail service and discontinuing Line 720 will be offset by increasing service on Line 20. Thus, the disparate impact is positive for the minority population under Title VI and does not require any review of alternative options for mitigation.

Legend D (Purple) Line Extensi Existing Rail Statio Wilshire/ Wilshire/ Rodeo Fairfax Wilshire D Line Westwood/ Wilshire La Cienega Century City/ UCLA Constellation K Line Minority Census Tracts > 71.2% Metro Service Area Average

Figure 2 - D Line Subway Extension - Minority Population

The low-income households that will be served by the D Line Subway Extension Project Impact Corridor (see Figure 3, 0.5-mile catchment with 0.25-mile catchment for Lines 20 and 720) comprise 46.4% of the households.

Figure 3 - D Line Subway Extension - Low-Income Population



This is 1.2% higher than the Metro Service Area average of 45.2% for low-income households. Since this is within the 5% threshold, there is no disproportionate burden on low-income households. The project is a benefit to both the corridor and the low-income households the line will serve by adding a new rail service, with associated adjustments to Metro bus services. The service plan does not require any review of alternative options for mitigation.

Table 2

	Number of	Number of Low-Income	Low-Income Household
	Households	Households	Percentage
D Line Extension	112,666	47,193	41.9%
Line 720 deletion	-172,562	-86,021	49.8%
Line 20 service increase	171,551	85,793	50.0%
D Line Extension Impact Corridor	111,665	85,783	42.1%
Metro Service Area	2,663,368	1,205,146	45.2%
	Diff	erence Comparison	-3.1%

Note: Data source is the 2023 American Community Survey.

Conclusion:

The Service Equity Analysis shows that only the minority population, and not the low-income population, exceeds Metro's threshold of at least 5%, with a resulting disparate impact for the minority population. However, the new D Line Subway Extension rail service provides new high-quality mobility options and benefits to minority populations and low-income households that will be served by this new corridor. Minorities and low-income riders will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. As a result, Metro concludes the disparate impact under Title VI will not require mitigation.

Metro followed the requirements of FTA Circular 4702.1B and met the legal test for disparate impact as follows:

- Metro has a substantial legitimate justification for the proposed service changes as it works to expand access to high-quality rail service and facilities across the Metro service area; and
- 2) Metro has no alternatives that would have a less disparate impact on minority riders but would still accomplish the transit provider's legitimate program goals with the opening of the D Line Subway Extension rail service.

Given these findings, staff therefore request that the Metro Board adopt this analysis in support of the impending introduction of the D Line Subway Extension rail service.

Metro's Westside Central Service Council conducted a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, to present the Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis and receive public comment.

The notice of intent to hold this public hearing was published in the following publications and languages:

- Asbarez Armenian Daily News (Armenian)
- Asian Journal (Tagalog)
- Brentwood News (English)
- Korea Times (Korean)
- La Opinión (Spanish)
- Los Angeles Daily News (English)
- Los Angeles Sentinel (English)
- Panorama (Russian)
- Rafu Shimpo (Japanese)
- Southwest Wave (English)
- World Journal (Chinese Daily News)

Information regarding the proceedings was also shared via public announcements at the February and May Metro Westside Central Service Council meetings, posts on Nextdoor and Metro's blog, The Source, eblasts to Westside and Central Los Angeles stakeholders and project stakeholders, and take one brochures distributed at customer information centers and on board Metro buses serving the area near the extension.

A total of 27 members of the public participated virtually in the hearing. A summary of comments received is included as Attachment B to this report. Comments focused primarily on the late evening proposed frequency of D Line rail service, which is based on a policy level across all rail lines.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

There is no safety impact as the results of this Title VI analysis for the D Line Subway Extension rail service plan do not alter any element of this project in terms of facilities or services planned to

operate when revenue service begins.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The results of this Title VI analysis for the D Line Subway Extension rail service plan do not alter any element of this project in terms of facilities or services planned to operate when revenue service begins.

Impact to Budget

There is no impact to the approved Metro FY26 budget. The introduction of revenue service on this new rail line extension is included in the Metro FY26 budget, and that budget will not change as a result of this analysis.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis is a formal consideration of the impact on minority and low-income communities of the service plan for the D Line Subway Extension rail line that is expected to open for service in 2025.

The analysis concludes that while there are disparate impacts under Title VI, this project will provide new high quality mobility options for the communities it will serve. Minority and low-income riders will be beneficiaries of this project.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

As part of these ongoing efforts, this item is expected to contribute to further reductions in VMT. This item supports Metro's systemwide strategy to reduce VMT through operational activities that will benefit and further encourage transit ridership, ridesharing, and active transportation. Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets were designed to build on the success of existing investments, and this item aligns with those objectives.

Metro conducted a preliminary analysis to show that the net effect of this multi-modal item is to decrease VMT. Impacts on VMT for the D Line Subway Extension Sections 1, 2, and 3 were analyzed through the Environmental Impact Report process. The result of this analysis was a reduction of 276,261 VMT per day in the study area under existing conditions of 2011 with the Locally Preferred Alternative project, and increasing to a reduction of 318,000 VMT per day for the region for

the build condition (2035) as compared to the no-build option for this project. This impact conclusion is based on the FEIR for the project published in August 2011 (see <u>Addendum to the Transportation</u> Impacts Technical Report, Part 3 of 3

, Table 5-8 Year 2035

Performance Measures for Project Alternatives). This and all files for this project can be found at the D Line Subway Extension Project website (metro.net/projects/westside/).

While this item does not directly encourage transit use, sharing a ride, or use of active transportation, it is an important step in publicly disclosing Metro service levels planned for this new rail alignment that will offer an alternative to private vehicle usage, hence reducing vehicle miles traveled. Because the Metro Board has adopted an agency-wide VMT Reduction Target, and this item supports the overall function of the agency, this item is consistent with the goals of reducing VMT.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Recommendation supports strategic plan goal #1: Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling. The service changes also respond to the sub-goal of investing in a world-class bus system that is reliable, convenient, safe, and attractive to more users for more trips.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative to the recommendation would be not to approve the Title VI analysis for the D Line Subway Extension. This would delay the opening of the line for revenue service, as it is a federal requirement prior to opening the project for revenue service.

NEXT STEPS

Once adopted, this analysis completes the requirement for a Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis in advance of revenue service commencing for the D Line Subway Extension.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A -D Line Subway Extension Sections 1, 2, and 3 Operating Plan Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis

Attachment B - Public Hearing Comments

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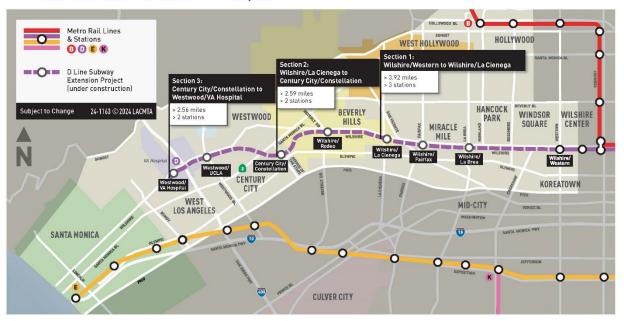
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D LINE SUBWAY EXTENSION PROJECT



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Introduction

Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

As a recipient of federal funding, LA Metro is required to ensure its programs and activities align with the principles of Title VI. The D Line Subway Extension Project is a western extension of the D Line from the Wilshire/Western Station to Westwood and is set to begin revenue service later in 2025. In accordance with Federal Transit Administration Title VI guidelines and Metro's Title VI Plan a Service and Fare Equity (SAFE) Analysis is required to assess the impact of this new service on minority populations.

Background

The D Line Subway Extension Project will continue from the current D Line terminus at the Wilshire/Western Station, extending westward for nearly nine miles along Wilshire BI, and will add seven new stations. The extension is being constructed and will open service in three sections. Existing D Line heavy rail (subway) service would continue to operate between Union Station and Wilshire/Western Station, then continue west to serve:

- New Section 1 Stations: Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax, and Wilshire/La Cienega Stations later in 2025;
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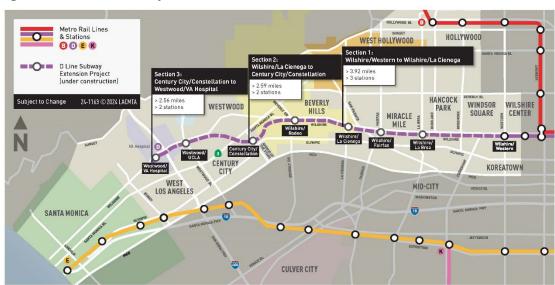


Figure 1 – D Line Subway Extension

Analysis - Metro's Title VI Policies

Major Service Change Policy

Metro's Major Service Change Policy requires this Title VI Analysis be completed six months before the opening of the new fixed guideway project (e.g., D Line Subway Extension). This requirement applies irrespective of whether the service changes meet the thresholds outlined in other subsections of the policy.

- <u>Disparate Impact</u> refers to a facially neutral policy or practice that disproportionately affects members of a group identified by race, color, or national origin and the policy lacks a substantial legitimate justification, including one or more alternatives that would serve the same legitimate objectives but with less disproportionate effects based on race, color or national origin. This policy defines the threshold Metro will utilize when analyzing the impacts on minority populations and/or riders. For major service changes, a disparate impact will be deemed to have occurred if the absolute difference between the percentage of minorities adversely affected and the overall percentage of minority riders is at least 5%.
- <u>Disproportionate Burden</u> refers to a neutral policy or practice that disproportionately affects low-income riders more than non-low-income populations and/or riders. Metro defines low-income as \$69,350 for a four-member household which represents the median income of a four-member household in Los Angeles County. The finding of a disproportionate burden for major service changes requires Metro to evaluate alternatives and mitigate burdens where practicable. For major service changes, a disproportionate burden will be deemed to exist if an absolute difference between the percentage of low-income people adversely affected by the service change and the overall percentage of low-income people is at least 5%

The definitions of disparate impact and disproportionate burden were adopted in Metro's Title VI Program which was updated and approved by Metro's Board in October 2022. The threshold referenced is taken from the California Department of Housing and Community Developments 2024 State income Housing Limits; this amount is being referenced as the updated threshold and will be included in the 2025 Title VI update that will be brought to the Metro Board for adoption later this year.

Disparate Impact Analysis Methodology

To assess whether the change will have a disparate impact on minority riders, the ethnicity demographic data of the community this new rail alignment will serve is analyzed. The data is then compared to the ethnicity demographic data of Metro's Service Area. If the absolute difference between the minority percentage along the alternatives and the Metro Service Area percentage is at least 5%, an impact is deemed to have occurred.

Service and Fare Impacts

Revenue service hours will be added to the existing transit service with the opening of each section as follows:

- New Section 1 Stations: Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax, and Wilshire/La Cienega projected opening in mid to late 2025. Approximately 113,000 annual rail revenue hours will be added to the existing transit service on the corridor.
- New Section 2 Stations: Wilshire/Rodeo (construction name) and Century City Stations, projected opening end of 2026. Approximately 28,810 annual revenue hours will be added to the existing transit service on the corridor.
- New Section 3 Stations: Westwood/UCLA and Westwood/VA Hospital, projected opening Summer 2027. Approximately 36,640 annual revenue hours will be added to the existing transit service on the corridor.

As outlined above, the segment from the current terminus Wilshire/Western Station and the terminus station with the opening of each section will have the same levels of service as the rest of the D Line: 5-minute peak service weekdays, 10-minute off peak weekday and daytime weekend service, and 20-minute evening/late night service.

Potential Metro Bus service changes include:

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These changes aim to enhance connectivity, expand transit options, and improve the overall passenger experience for residents throughout the Greater West Los Angeles region.

The fares for the new D Line Extension will be the same as for other Metro rail and bus services and are integrated with the fares for these other services.

Minority and Low-Income Populations Served by New D Line Subway Extension Sections 1, 2, and 3

As required under Title VI, Metro has analyzed the minority and low-income populations that will be served by the new D Line Subway Extension rail service based on being within 0.5 miles of the alignment. As Lines 20 and 720 are also being impacted, data for their catchment area is also included. Their catchment area is defined as 0.25 miles of corresponding bus service. The

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relevant data is shown in Table 1 below. There is no demographic ridership data to analyze for rail service along this alignment as the line is not yet in operation.

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Difference Comparison		-24.8%	

Note: Data source is the 2023 American Community Survey.

The minority population that will be served by the D Line Subway Extension Subway Project Impact Corridor (see Figure 2, 0.5-mile catchment) comprises 84.4% of the overall population; the new line will serve a minority population 24.8% lower than the 71.2% average for Metro's overall service area. This constitutes a disparate impact to the minority population under Title VI. However, since the project is a benefit to both the corridor and the minority population the new line will serve, the adding of new rail service and discontinuing Line 720 will be offset by increasing service on Line 20. Thus, the disparate impact is positive for the minority population under Title VI and does not require any review of alternative options for mitigation.

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VA Hospital

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Wilshire/
La Brea

D Line

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Minority Census Tracts > 71.2% Metro Service Area Average

Figure 2 – D Line Subway Extension – Minority Population

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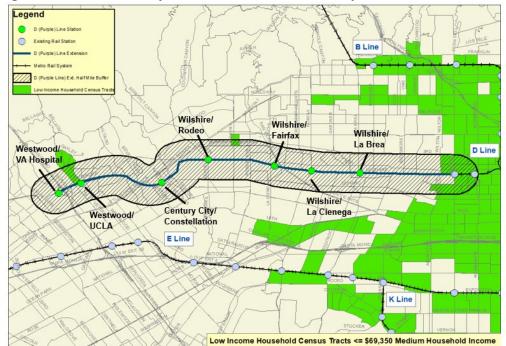


Figure 3 – D Line Subway Extension – Low-Income Population

This is 1.2% higher than the Metro Service Area average of 45.2% for low-income households. Since this is within the 5% threshold, there is no disproportionate burden on low-income households. Consequently, this would normally represent a disproportionate burden for the low-income households the new line will serve. However, since the project is a benefit to both the corridor and the low-income households the line will serve by adding a new rail service and not reducing associated Metro bus services, the disproportionate burden is positive for the low-income population under Title VI and does not require any review of alternative options for mitigation. Reference Table 2 for analysis.

Table 2

	Number of Households	Number of Low-Income Households	Low-Income Household Percentage
D Line Extension	112,666	47,193	41.9%
Line 720 deletion	-172,562	-86,021	49.8%
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Outreach

The D Line Subway Extension project was approved by the Metro Board of Directors on April 26, 2012. The service plan was approved by the FTA on March 28, 2023. Throughout the project approval, environmental review process, planning, and construction of the D Line Subway Extension project, Metro's Community Relations Department conducted an extensive outreach and communications program. This included key stakeholder group briefings and presentations, distribution of construction notices, e-notifications, and press releases. Fact sheets containing the project's hotline number, website, and email address was widely distributed and posted on the project website.

Project staff also provided periodic in person and virtual updates via community meetings and through Metro's Westside Central Service Council on the various aspects of the project, including construction impacts, station naming, and overall construction progress. Metro Service Councils are advisory bodies composed of transit advocates, municipal operator representatives, and riders. Council meetings are held at locations within their respective service regions, and serve as one of Metro's many venues for community engagement. A summary of community meetings is provided in Attachment A.

As project construction is completed and each segment approved for Metro to begin prerevenue service testing, outreach will focus on informing the community of the start date for this new service as opening dates are scheduled for each section.

Conclusion

The D Line Subway Extension Sections 1, 2, and 3 will extend the D Line rail service from its current terminus at Wilshire/Western nearly nine miles west to Westwood, enhancing transit accessibility for minority populations and low-income households along the new rail corridor. This extension has been evaluated under Title VI and determined to not impose disparate impacts or disproportionate burdens, thus eliminating the need for mitigation. The D Line rail extension will deliver high-quality mobility options to the community, aligning with the overarching objective of improving public transit services by expanding rail coverage throughout the Los Angeles region. Minority and low-income riders will significantly benefit from this subway extension.

Metro followed the requirements of FTA Circular 4702.1B and met the legal test for disparate impact as follows:

- Metro has a substantial legitimate justification for the proposed service change as it works to expand access to high-quality rail service and facilities across the Metro service area;
- (2) Metro has no alternatives that would have a less disparate impact on minority riders but would still accomplish the transit provider's legitimate program goals with the opening of D Line Subway Extension Sections 1, 2, and 3.

Staff therefore requests that the Metro Board adopt this analysis in support of the impending extension of the D Line service.

Metro – D Line Subway Extension Project Sections I, 2, and 3 Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis Outreach Summary

List of meetings, with the name/focus, and invitees since 2017

Dates & Sections	Meeting Name	Meeting Topic	Invitees
5.13.09	Westside Central	Release of project Draft EIS EIR and	Westside Central
PLE Draft EIS EIR	Service Council	public comment process	Service Council and
		·	public
10.19.11	Westside Central	Century City Station Options	Westside Central
Century City	Service Council	Geological Survey	Service Council and
Station		,	public
8.13.14	Westside Central	Utility Relocation	Westside Central
Utility Relocation	Service Council	,	Service Council and
			public
Initiated Fall	Pre-construction	project team provided construction	Business
2014	and construction	updates, including station progress, a	organizations,
	update	construction schedule of what to	chambers of
		expect that include impacts related to	commerce, business
		noise and vibration, and updated fact	improvement districts,
		sheets for reference	neighborhood
			councils, community
		Meetings held periodically throughout	councils, homeowners
		all Section 1 activity.	and residents
			associations, arts
			organizations, and
			elected officials
			representing the
			project area
5.5.16	Westside Central	La Brea Decking	Westside Central
	Service Council		Service Council and
			public
6/16 to present	Construction	Construction progress is always	Wilshire Center
	Update Meeting	discussed, as is the project's effect on	Koreatown, , Mid City
		the local communities. These	West, Greater
		meetings are a key channel for	Wilshire
		distributing Construction Notices and	Neighborhood Council
		other project information. Held via	members and the
11.0.16	Masteide Control	Zoom and in-person	public
11.9.16	Westside Central	Purple Line Extension Update	Westside Central
	Service Council		Service Council and
Every Friday	Greater Los	Update on construction status,	public GLAVA Operations
PLE 3	Angeles Veterans	milestones reached, look ahead	and Facilities
I LL J	Administration	schedule, construction mitigation	Management
	, within istration	programs address public's questions.	Management
2.2.17, 4.25.17	Pre Construction	Update on construction status,	Community Residents
9.28.17	AUR Meeting	milestones reached, look ahead	and Stakeholders from
PLE 2	, tort meeting	schedule, construction mitigation	Beverly Hills and
		programs address public's questions.	Century City
	1	programs address public s questions.	Century City

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6.8.17, 8.17.17	Century City	Update on construction status,	Property Managers
11.29.17	Building Managers	milestones reached, look ahead	and Staff
PLE 2	Briefings	schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
6.27.17	BH Sunrise Senior	Update on construction status,	Facility Manager and
PLE 2	Residential	milestones reached, look ahead	Staff
		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
7.25.17	Beverly Hills/	Update on construction status,	Restaurant owners
PLE 2	Spago Meeting	milestones reached, look ahead	and mgmt.
		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
9.13.17, 10.11.17	Beverly Hills	Update on construction status,	Businesses, residents
11.8.17, 12.13.17	Stations	milestones reached, look ahead	and stakeholders in
1.10.18, 2.7.18	Community	schedule, construction mitigation	the City of Beverly
3.7.18, 4.4.18	Meetings	programs address public's questions.	Hills and LA County
5.2.18, 6.6.18			residents
7.11.18, 8.1.18			
9.5.18, 10.3.18 11.7.18, 12.12.18			
Sections 1 & 2			
1.22.18	LA/BH Realtors	Update on construction status,	Licensed Brokers and
PLE 2	LAy DIT Reditors	milestones reached, look ahead	Real Estate Agents
1 66 2		schedule, construction mitigation	Near Estate Agents
		programs address public's questions.	
2.8.18, 4.12.18	Beverly Hills	Update on construction status,	BH Chamber Board of
PLE 2	Chamber	milestones reached, look ahead	Directors
	Presentation	schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
2.21.18, 4.25.19	Century City BID	Update on construction status,	Century City BID
4.25.19, 1.30.25		milestones reached, look ahead	Board of Directors
PLE 2		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
2.22.18, 5.24.18	Beverly Hills and	Update on construction status,	Businesses, residents
8.23.18, 11.13.18	Century City	milestones reached, look ahead	and stakeholders in
2.21.19, 5.16.19	Stakeholders	schedule, construction mitigation	the City of Beverly
8.15.19, 11.12.19		programs address public's questions.	Hills and LA County
PLE 2			residents
3.7.18	Watt Plaza Tenant	Project overview and details of	Watt Plaza tenants
PLE 2	Lunch & Learn	Constellation full closure	
3.23.18	Century City Arts	Update on construction status,	Arts Council Board of
PLE 2	Council	milestones reached, look ahead	Directors
		schedule, construction mitigation	
4.10.10	Contumy Clara 110.4	programs address public's questions.	MambaraetthallOA
4.10.18 PLE 2	Century Glen HOA	Update on construction status, milestones reached, look ahead	Members of the HOA
rlc Z	meeting	innestones reached, look ahead	

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		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
5.2.18	Century City	Update on construction status,	Century City Chamber
PLE 2	Chamber	milestones reached, look ahead	Board of Directors
		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
6.5.18	Century City	Update on construction status,	Businesses, residents
PLE 2	Community	milestones reached, look ahead	and stakeholders in
	Meeting Lunch &	schedule, construction mitigation	the City of Beverly
	Learn	programs address public's questions.	Hills and LA County residents
7.19.18	211 S Spalding HOA	Update on construction status,	HOA Members
PLE 2	Meeting	milestones reached, look ahead	
		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
9.15.18	CIM Group 9460	Update on construction status,	Property management
PLE 2	Wilshire	milestones reached, look ahead	Team
		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
3.21.19, 6.11.19	Webinar	Update on construction status,	Businesses, residents
6.20.19, 9.19.19	Community	milestones reached, look ahead	and stakeholders
6.18.20, 2.25.25	Meeting	schedule, construction mitigation	along the project
5.13.25, 11.12.24		programs address public's questions.	alignment and LA
PLE 3			County residents
4.4.19, 6.6.19	Century City CBRE	Update on construction status,	CBRE Tenants
8.1.19, 10.13.19	Tenants Meeting	milestones reached, look ahead	
4.4.19, 6.6.19		schedule, construction mitigation	
8.1.19, 10.13.19		programs address public's questions.	
PLE 2			
4.23.19	Waldorf Astoria	Update on construction status,	Management
PLE 2		milestones reached, look ahead	
		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs, answer questions.	
6.10.19	10000 Santa	Update on construction status,	Residential Property
PLE 2	Monica Bl	milestones reached, look ahead	Management
		schedule, construction mitigation	
		programs address public's questions.	
8.7.19	Rodeo Drive	Update on construction status,	Board of Directors for
PLE 2	Committee	milestones reached, look ahead	the Rodeo Drive
	Meeting	schedule, construction mitigation	Committee
		programs address public's questions.	
9.11.19	Westside Central	Purple Line Extension Update	Westside Central
PLE 1	Service Council		Service Council and public
9.11.19, 1.8.19	Wilshire Rodeo	Update on construction status,	Beverly Hills Business
2.5.19, 3.5.19	Stakeholders	milestones reached, look ahead	Owners within the

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4.2.19, 5.1.19 6.4.19, 7.17.19 8.14.19, 10.15.19 11.13.19, 1.9.18 11.14.18, 12.13.18 PLE 2	Briefing	schedule, construction mitigation programs address public's questions.	vicinity of the Wilshire Rodeo Station construction zone
11.13.19, 2.26.20 PLE 3	Westwood Hills Community Meeting	Update on construction status, milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation programs address public's questions.	Businesses, residents and stakeholders along the project alignment and LA County residents
1.8.20, 2.5.20 3.4.20, 4.8.20 5.6.20, 6.3.20 7.1.20, 12.9.20 5.1.19, 8.14.19 10.15.19 PLE 2	Beverly Hills Wilshire Rodeo Stakeholder Briefing	Update on construction status, milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation programs and address public questions.	Beverly Hills Business Owners within the vicinity of the Wilshire Rodeo Station construction zone
1.8.20, 4.1.20 5.6.20, 8.5.20 7.14.21, 8.4.21 11.3.21, 2.2.22 5.4.22, 8.3.22 11.2.22, 2.1.23 5.3.23, 8.2.23 11.1.23, 2.7.24 5.1.24, 8.7.24 10.9.24, 1.8.25 4.2.25, 5.3.25 All Sections	Webinar Community Meeting	Update on construction status, milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation programs address public's questions.	Businesses, residents and stakeholders along the project alignment in the City of Beverly Hills and LA County residents
2.5.20 PLE 3	National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers	Businesses, residents and stakeholders along the project alignment and LA County residents Project Update	groups
2.20.20, 5.21.20 Section 2	Community Meeting	Update on construction status, milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation programs address public's questions.	Businesses, residents and stakeholders in the City of Beverly Hills and LA County residents
3.19.20, 11.12.20 11.14.19 PLE 3	Community Meeting	Update on construction status, milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation programs address public's questions.	Businesses, residents and stakeholders along the project alignment and LA County residents
3.31.20 PLE 2 &3	Elected Officials Briefing	Update on the status of the project and look ahead schedule	Elected offices within project's limits.

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4.14.21 PLE 1 & 2	Westside Central Service Council	Sections 1 and 2 Update	Westside Central Service Council and public
3.9.22 PLE 3	Westside Central Service Council	Section 3 Update	Westside Central Service Council and public
9.1.23 PLE 2	Westside Central Service Council	Section 2 Station Names	Westside Central Service Council and public
7.6.22, 9.7.22 10.12.22, 12.7.22 3.1.23, 6.7.23 7.12.23, 9.6.23 10.4.23, 12.3.23 3.6.24, 6.5.24 9.18.24, 12.4.24 7.10.24, 3.12.25 1.10.25, 7.1.20 1.13.21, 6.2.21 9.1.21, 10.6.21 12.1.21, 1.5.22 3.9.22, 4.6.22 6.1.22, 1.4.23 4.12.23, 4.3.24 11.6.24, 2.5.25 5.7.25, 2.5.20 PLE 2	City of Beverly Hills Stations Community Meeting	Update on construction status, milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation programs address public's questions.	Businesses, residents and stakeholders in the City of Beverly Hills and LA County residents
2.8.24	Westside Central Service Council	Purple Line Extension Update	Westside Central Service Council and public
3.1.24 PLE 1	Variety of Meetings; Construction Relations team publicized work that closes Wilshire BI by: notifying the City of LA Board of Public Works, distributing thousands of door- to-door by vendors Online presentations given to stakeholder.	Removal of Temporary Decking in Wilshire/Western Intersection Construction Notices (including detours and maps describing the work area)	Council Districts, Neighborhood Councils, local elected officials, neighbors, transit riders, and drivers, neighboring stakeholders within one-half mile of the affected intersection.
3.11.24	VA Construction	C1152 VA Construction Oversight Tour	Section 3 VA Station

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PLE 3	Coordination	- Park and Walk with VA	Lead, VA Operations
3.26.24	VA Construction	Future VA Station Construction: Plaza	VA Station Leads, Bus
PLE 3	Coordination	and Pedestrian Bridge	Operations
4.3.24	VA Construction	Dowlen Drive Pre-Construction Site	VA Station Project
PLE 3	Coordination	Walk	Leads, VA Operations
			Director
4.3.24	Westwood Village	Construction mitigation and	To Westwood Village
PLE 3	Improvements	promotion of project's benefits with	Improvement
	Association	Delivery of pre-loaded TAP to	Association members
		Westwood Village Improvement	
		Association	
4.11.24	VA Station	Briefing on the decommissioning of	VA management
PLE 3	Pedestrian	the VA mural wall to accommodate PLE station construction.	
	Bridge/Plaza VA Construction	FLE Station construction.	
	Coordination		
4.23.24, 8.13.24	Construction	Update on construction status,	Businesses, residents
PLE 3	Update Meeting	milestones reached, look ahead	and stakeholders
	- - - - - - - - - -	schedule, construction mitigation	along the project
		programs address public's questions.	alignment and LA
			County residents
4.26.24	VA Hospital	How to better support stakeholder	Deputy Executive
PLE 3	Director	needs in weekly alerts, mitigations	Officer and VA
		applied to current and future issues,	Director
		enhance understanding of	
		stakeholder's project perspective and	
4.20.24	N/A Challa a Na alla	experience.	NASIS AS NE NASIL
4.29.24	VA Station North	Plans for beginning construction of the	Metro Art, New Media
PLE 3	Plaza/Pedestrian Bridge	VA Station's North Plaza and Pedestrian Bridge, confirm demolition	Team
	Construction	plans	
5.2.24	Construction	Update on construction status,	Project Execs, Station
PLE 3	Coordination:	milestones reached, look ahead	Leads, Hammer
	Hammer Museum's	schedule, construction mitigation	Museum Director
	Gala in the Garden	programs address public's questions.	
5.3.24	VA Station	Discuss plans to hold a private (non-	Community Relations
PLE 3	Pedestrian	media) ceremony West LA VA Medical	
	Bridge/Plaza/Veter	Center campus for decommissioning	
	ans Mural	part of the Veteran's Mural. Outline	
		mitigation plans for addressing	
		anticipated opposition from some	
		Veterans groups who have expressed	
		concerns about project construction	
F C 24	\/A a+ 42	impact on the mural.	VA Facilities Discrete
5.6.24	VA Lot 43	Meeting to discuss upcoming work for	VA Facilities Director
PLE 3	Construction	Parking Lot 43N	

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	Coordination &		
	Phasing		
5.7.24	Santa Monica Big	Discuss issue of Santa Monica Big Blue	Bus Operations, Santa
PLE 3	Blue Bus Access	Buses not being able to turn left into	Monica Big Blue Bus,
	Coordination	the VA campus when heading	Community Relations
		Westbound coming from the 405	
5.8.24	Banner Request-VA	Discuss the outcome of the 5/6	Metro Art,
PLE 3	Art Wall	meeting to determine the necessary	Community Relations
	Demolition Event	next steps for banner production for the VA art wall demolition.	
5.10.24	VA Memorial Mural	Memorialization of existing Veteran's	Veterans Community
9.10.24 PLE 3	Coordination	artwork	veterans community
5.13.24	VA Artwork	VA Hospital Station North Plaza	Metro Art,
PLE 3	Coordination	Artwork Redesign	Community Relations
5.20.24	Westwood Village	Further discuss the Metro's	Westwood Village
PLE 3	Improvement	commitment to Westwood Village for	Improvement
0	Association	FY 24/25.	Association
5.30.24	Century City Mall	Discuss potential impacts the cone	Contractor, Property
PLE 3	Construction	penetration testing closures will have	Manager of Century
	Coordination	on the driveways of the Westfield	City Mall
		Century City Mall.	
6.26.24	Veterans	Coordination on Art Department	VCOEB, Metro Art,
PLE 3	Community	activities	Project Execs
	Oversight and		
	Engagement Board		
	Meeting		
7.3.24, 8.6.24	VA Campus	This meeting is to help coordinate	SMBBB, Metro Bus
PLE 3	Construction Coordination	rerouting and relocation of impacted bus lines due to work on the VA	Operations, Third
	Coordination	campus.	Party, Contractor
7.16.24	10900 Wilshire Bl	Briefing on arrangements being made	10900 Property
PLE 3	Construction	and current status on behalf of	Manager, Project
. == 0	Coordination	Tishman Speyer to enable removal	Execs
		and Storage to be completed	
7.17.24	Veterans Advisory	Metro Art update on the	Metro Art,
PLE 3	Commission	Westwood/VA Hospital Station Art	Community Relations
	Meeting	Program.	
8.15.24	Century City	Public outreach on the project's	Century City residents.
PLE 3	Farmers Market	benefits and current status, sign up for	
	20th Anniversary	updates.	
9.17.24	CPT Testing On	This is a meeting to discuss the extent	Federal Rep for GSA,
PLE 3	Wilshire Bl. Near	of the CPT testing closure and an	Contractor
40004	Veteran Av.	overview on what CPT testing entails.	
10.3.24	UCLA Sustainable	Update on construction status,	Open to members
PLE 3	Transportation Fair	milestones reached, look ahead	only.
		schedule, construction mitigation	

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		programs, address questions from the	
		public, signup to receive project	
		updates.	
10.21.24	AARP event	Prep of outreach at Veteran/AARP	Streets for All, AARP,
PLE 3	planning session	event, to promote the project's	WWVIA
		benefits, provide an overview on the	
		status of the project, and answer	
10.28.24	CD11 Holiday	questions from attendees. Review Holiday Moratorium	CD11 Contractor
PLE 3	Moratorium	Exemption for CD11	CD11, Contractor
	Exemption Review	Exemption to CD11	
12.19.24	Westwood	Tour of Westwood Broxton Plaza to	Westwood
PLE 3	Improvement	discuss potential operational conflicts	Improvement
	Association	with construction, project benefits	Association
		and timeline.	management
1.10.25	LA Fire	Emergency coordination for VA	VA management
PLE 3	Coordination with	Evacuation from Palisades Fire	
	VA		
1.30.25	Hammer Museum	Discussion to coordinate local closures	Contractor, Station
PLE 3	2/8 Exhibition TC	with access to event	leads
	Discussion		
2.5.25	Lunch and Learn	Update on construction status,	Businesses, residents
All 3 Sections	Community	milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation	and stakeholders
	Meeting	programs address public's questions.	along the project alignment and LA
		programs address public's questions.	County residents.
2.11.25, 3.5.25	City of LA Board of	Update on construction status,	Public and
PLE 3	Public Works	milestones reached, look ahead	constituents of the
		schedule, construction mitigation	City of Los Angeles
		programs, outreach & engagement	,
		efforts and address questions.	
2.20.25	Westwood Village	Update on construction status,	WVIA members
PLE 3	Improvement	milestones reached, look ahead	
	Association Board	schedule, construction mitigation	
	of Directors	programs address public's questions.	
2.4.25	Meeting		T
3.4.25	Century Plaza	Provided update on current and	Tenants at 2029/2049
PLE 2	Towers Tenant Mtg	upcoming Construction in Century City	Century Park East
3.5.25	North Westwood	Update on construction status,	Board members and
PLE 3	Neighborhood Council Meeting	milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation	public.
	Council Meeting	programs and address questions.	
3.27.25	Upcoming Work in	Review upcoming work activities by	Contractor, Century
PLE 3	Century City	PLE3 in the Century City area. Traffic	City Mall Property
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I		control plans will be reviewed.	Manager

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PLE 3	Peak Hour Exemption	milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation, and why extended work hours are necessary.	
4.10.25 PLE 3	VA Construction coordination	Spill reported by VA at TTES, coordination of field activities	Tunnels, VA staff
4.11.25 PLE 3	VA Construction Mitigation coordination	Review of VA Hospital Shuttle Map	VA staff, Metro Art and Design
4.15.25, 2.19.19 5.1.19, 7.30.19 11.14.19, 2.21.18 4.26.18, 8.15.18 11.14.18, 2.19.19 5.1.19, 7.30.19 11.14.19, 3.26.24 PLE 2	Century City Property Managers Construction Briefing	Update on construction status, milestones reached, look ahead schedule, construction mitigation programs address public's questions.	Property Managers and Staff
5.1.25 PLE 3	UCLA First Thursdays	Share information on the benefits of the project and status of construction, answered questions and signed up the public to receive project updates.	UCLA students and administration, members of the public
5.6.25 PLE 3	NDVets Resource Fair	Share information on the benefits of the project and status of construction, answered questions and signed up the public to receive project updates.	Veteran's community, members of the public
8.29.25, 9.12.24 PLE 3	UCLA Construction Coordination	Discussion Regarding Adjusted Closure Schedules for UCLA Move In	UCLA, Project Execs
9.24.25 PLE 3	Bus Route coordination with Santa Monica Big Blue Bus	Discussion regarding N. Plaza Drilling Work Closures Impacting Bus Line	SMBBB, Third Party, Contractor

D LINE (PURPLE) EXTENSION SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 HEAVY RAIL PROJECT SERVICE PLAN TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

#	Commenter Name	Date Received	Method Submitted	Comment	Position Summary	Agency Response
1	Random Rider	6/6/2025		I suggest the route for Line 610 should be; Starting at Hollywood/Vine (southbound); travel straight Vine, left Melrose, right Larchmont, right 3rd, and right La Brea to serve the new Wilshire/La Brea Station (northbound same but opposite direction). I would also consider extending Line 610 via La Brea and Pico to end at Pico/Rimpau to reduce the number of transfers and increase connectivity. Thank you.	Reroute and extend Metro Bus Line 610	NextGen Bus Plan for Line 610 was based on Rossmore Av, based on the original Line 210.
2	North Westwood Neighborhood Council	6/9/2025		The plan's unacceptably low service frequencies risk deterring riders. On behalf of the tens of thousands of stakeholders we were elected to represent, the North Westwood Neighborhood Council urges Metro to improve frequencies at off-peak, weekend, and evening hours on the D Line. Off-peak and evening riders, including UCLA students (many of whom do not own a car) and healthcare workers who travel outside of 9-to-5, would experience degraded service. This disproportionately impacts transit-dependent communities. Long waits create safety concerns that can be alleviated by increasing frequencies. Full statement: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2005/05-0209-S1 cis 05-25-2025.pdf#page=3	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	5 min for Line 20 weekdays, 6 min weekends, with 10 min weekday peaks for Line 720 was what NextGen contained. This is subject to review based on how ridership responds to the D Line Extension.
3	Kevin Dedicatoria	6/9/2025		How often will buses operate on Metro Line 20 after each D Line extension opens and Line 720 becomes a peak period service?	Question re: Metro Bus Lines 20 and 720	NextGen Bus Plan has 5-minute weekday and 6-min weekend service on Line 20. This is subject to review based on how ridership responds to the D Line Extension.
4	Lawrence Tran	6/10/2025		Off-peak frequencies need to be higher. The D Line will still be very much in-use heading into the evening hours, as there will be a great amount of leisure travel by students from Westwood to popular destinations on the Wilshire corridor. Most students will not use the D Line on a 9-5 basis. They will be going out late at night to Ktown; they should have the right to reliable and accessible transportation back home in Westwood. 20 minutes is fairly terrible frequency for those purposes. Since 5-minute frequencies are possible, at least 10 minute evening frequencies should be doable if Metro bears staffing costs.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part, it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the upcoming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

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5	Peter O'Neill	6/10/2025	Agenda eComment	I am a student of USC who doesn't own a car and who plans to frequently use the D Line extension. Reasonable frequencies are a huge factor in developing a transit system that people are willing and comfortable using. 20 minute evening frequencies are not reasonable. Along one of LA's biggest corridors, why should frequencies ever dip below those of commuter trains? People who don't have a car by choice or by necessity deserve to be able to get around reliably. LA cannot become a less car-centric city while treating its subway system like it's only for 9-5 commuters. Off-peak transit hour trips have been increasingly since the pandemic. 10 min headways max!	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part, it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the upcoming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
6	Auguste Miller	6/10/2025	Agenda eComment	We need much shorter travel times! 20 mins wait between trains is unheard of in a world class city	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
7	Karen Canady	6/10/2025		As a resident who lives a mile from the Wilshire/Western D Line station, I write in support of this project. However, I'm concerned that the proposed frequency of 20 minutes for evening service will significantly discourage ridership. My experience with trying to take Metro home from Downtown in the evenings has been dismal. One time I gave up and called an Uber because after waiting 20 minutes, a further delay was announced. It was getting late to be a woman downtown alone at night. 20 minutes is too long to wait and would make women seek alternative means of transport.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
8	Colin Warn	6/10/2025	Agenda eComment		Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

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S		Mark Bisaha	6/10/2025		I find the idea of 20-minute headways at night unacceptable. I often work until 9-10p. I have reasonably convenient access to the E Line, which has better service frequency. However, I have to transfer at Metro Center. The one time I tried Metro (as opposed to my own vehicle) I ended up cooling my heels at 7th Street for about 18 minutes before my train arrived. Needless to say, I have never again attempted to use Metro to get to/from work. B and D should have at least 12-minute frequencies into the night to accommodate workers and those going out for the night. Would you want to wait 20 minutes for a train at 10p? If you want riders, offer a compelling service! As it is, I'll stick to my motorcycle, thank you.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
1	0	Andrew NA	6/10/2025		We need MUCH more frequency for the line, including at night. 20 minute headways at any time of day are unacceptable, especially for such a high-capacity line.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
1	1	Leo Shahbazian	6/10/2025		As a user of the Metro network, I strongly urge that no frequency should ever be longer than 10 minutes. 20 minutes is far too long to be waiting, ESPECIALLY in the evening and at night, and will discourage use of transit during this critical time of day. I suggest 10 minute max frequencies on both B and D lines for evening service. Peak should be 5 minutes or faster, and off-peak (and weekends) should ideally be 8 minutes or faster. Thank you.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

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12	Michael Karric	6/11/2025	· ·	I am a huge advocate of the Purple Line, despite being a Beverly Hills resident. It is hard for me to advocate for a line that will have 20 minute headways during off peak hours. This is simply unacceptable if you are trying to change the hearts and minds of a city trying to change the narrative around the Metro. Simply put, perceived and real safety concerns will start to arise if you have such long headways and many people will have a poor experience with the Metro. With this extension we have the opportunity to change the trajectory of traffic in this city in a significant way and 20 minute off peak headways will just be another "why can't we have a functioning metro" moment.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
13	Noel Graham	6/11/2025		I completely disagree with the 20 minute evening frequencies as proposed for the evening D Line extension. This is a major throughway that should be accessible at least every 10 minutes to encourage higher usage. Many areas off the Purple Line have limited parking and high traffic, why not alleviate this by offering a timely and frequent alternative option?	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
14	Dustin Shahan	6/11/2025		The proposed service frequency are inadequate for a decades long project costing \$10 billion. We need higher frequency: ● Peak: every 2-3 minutes ● Off-peak daytime and weekends: every 4-5 minutes ● Evenings: every 10 minutes	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	Peak frequency is set based on ridership projections. Off peak 10-minute and 20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy. Each are subject to review based on actual ridership once the extension is open. In part, 20-minute frequency in evenings after 9 pm relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

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15	Irvin Samuel	6/11/2025	Agenda eComment	I urge the council to strongly reconsider 20 min headways on the D Line extension. As one of the most important transit projects in the county's history, it deserves to be useful to all Angelenos at all hours of the day. Reducing frequency by a factor of 4 from peak hours will strongly deter potential riders and inconvenience many who will rely on this line as their primary mode of transit. As someone who lives along the A line and has loved ones along the D line extension, being able to visit them or frequent area businesses without having to meticulously plan to not miss my train would be much better. If we can do 5 min peak then 10 min night frequency at least.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
16	Nolan Thomas			Please ensure that off peak frequencies, especially on weekends, are worthy of a brand new world class subway line. This line has the potential to redefine LA public transit, but bad weekend frequencies would seriously hurt. As Metro's data shows, weekend ridership is increasing faster than weekday ridership and has exceeded prepandemic numbers. Metro should lean into that on a line that will serve lots of tourists and residents exploring town on the weekend. 20 minutes on a Saturday night is brutal. People will just uber instead.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
17	Kevin Fulton	6/11/2025	Agenda eComment	20 minute headways for non peak evening hours are unacceptable for any major city's transit lines, much less the one that goes through the most densely populated area in the city/region. This is NOT how you grow ridership. Get it down to 15 at least.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
18	Julia Griffin	6/11/2025	Agenda eComment	The D Line needs better headways to compete with traffic. 20 minute headways are a very long time to wait and as a long time Metro user and commuter, these kinds of things can be the difference between making your transfer on time, making it to work on time and ordering an Uber or not, putting one more car on the street. Please consider improving these headways for the good of traffic and the people of Los Angeles.		20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

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	9 Erik Larsen	6/11/2025	servicecouncils@m etro.net	Please stop treating metro like something people only use to get to and from a traditional 9-5 job. The D line extension represents a long overdue investment in transit through one of the densest part of the city and can do so much to get people out of their cars. However, the proposed 20 minute headways in the evenings severely undermines this. Evening trips unrelated to work are and can continue to be a huge driver of increased ridership. Events and meeting friends/family in places where parking is scarce and/or expensive, such as where the D line extension will be, are the easiest way to get people to try metro out. However if they have to wait 20 MINUTES for a train, the odds of actually converting them to regular metro users drops significantly and will put them right back into cars. Beyond that, it ignores people who work later, or have late classes and tells them they are less important. The D line extension provides one of the best opportunities ever to actually get people out of their cars, provided we don't blow it by offering abysmal headways. Please, do the right thing and decrease evening headways so more people can use the system.		20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
	O Lindsey Larsen	6/11/2025	servicecouncils@m etro.net	The main driver of increased ridership is train frequency and the current D Line proposal is more likely to disincentivize ridership than encourage it. We need to increase the frequency of service if we want to get people actually using the metro.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
2	Max Rico	6/11/2025	Agenda eComment	20 minute headways is completely unacceptable for a line that will be this busy along such a dense corridor. Better headways: 4-6 mins peak, 8 mins off peak, 10-12 mins after 10 PM	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

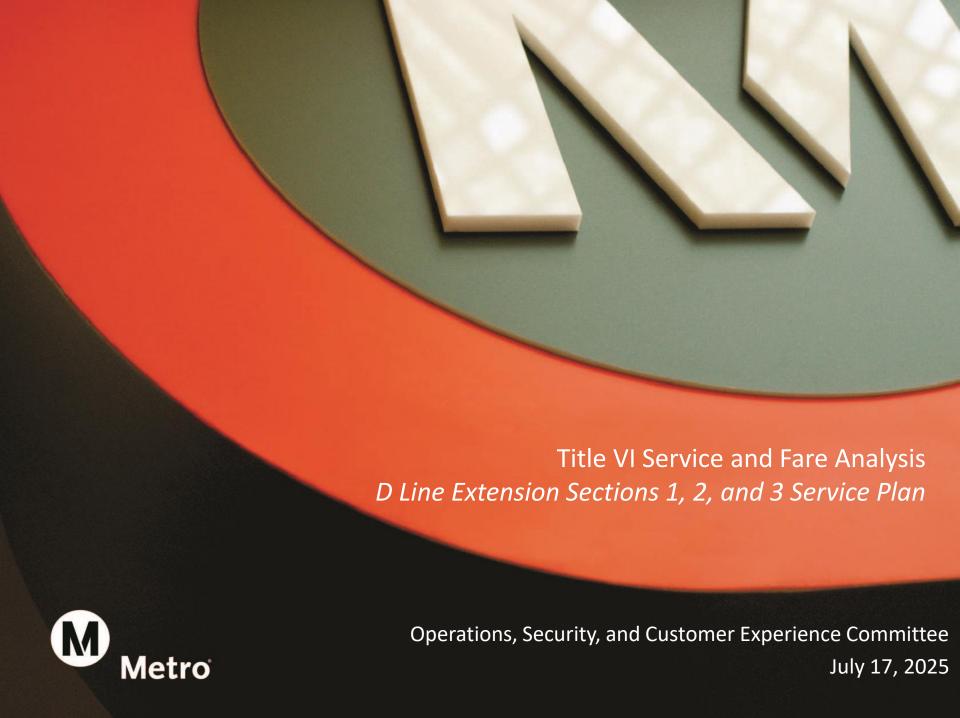
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22	Sean Fox	6/11/2025		With an investment of time and financing on the extension to the D line, a 20 minute interval on the line is a contradictory to Metro's goals. With ridership numbers still in recovery, and other lines running at shorten interval times, it is clear the running stock is available to keep intervals to 10 minutes or less on peak travel hours and off-hours. Casual riders hoping to take Metro more, are off put by long waits at stops, with almost 50 years in the making the intervals being 10 minute maximums is a must.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
23	Bandon Taraku	6/11/2025		Please increase train frequency. 20 minute intervals between trains will limit usability of transit.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
24	Nick CronDeVico	6/11/2025		If Metro doesn't improve off-peak D Line service, the \$10 Billion investment risks falling short. Infrequent trains deter riders— especially students, healthcare workers, and transit-dependent communities—undermining goals of equity and ridership growth. Without strong all-day service, the line may become a commuter-only route instead of a vital transit backbone. Cities with far fewer resources run trains more often; LA must do the same to realize the D Line's full potential.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	Peak frequency is set based on ridership projections. Off peak 10-minute and 20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy. Each are subject to review based on actual ridership once the system is open. 20-minute service after 9 pm was set in part as it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

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25	Rehan Khan	6/11/2025	Agenda eComment	Hello, I am commenting to say that the 20 minute off peak headways proposed for the D line extension are INSUFFICIENT and should be heavily reduced. This project will become a jewel in the crown piece of LA's Metro system and we should absolutely expect it to be treated as such! It will be a game changer for our city, and a proposed 20 minute headway feels like an intentional hit job to hamstring its success and ability to serve the people.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
26	Noah Mercer	6/11/2025	Agenda eComment	Please run the trains more frequently during evening hours. This line will serve students, doctors, nurses, EMTs, techs and others at UCLA who don't work a 9-5 M-F schedule. It's hard to grow ridership if you don't operate when they need it, and if you can run every 10 minutes during off-peak times then presumably it's just a matter of staffing (not more trains) that keeps you from running that often in the evenings. Let's make this a line that people want to use. It only takes one or two occasions where you have to wait 19 minutes on a spooky deserted platform for the next train before you give up on it.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
27	Wesley Chuang	6/11/2025	Agenda eComment	I support North Westwood Neighborhood Council's position on lowering off-peak frequency for the D Line. The 20 minute off-peak frequency does not serve me and my community well. I can tolerate at most 15 minute when I'm trying to go to and from DTLA in the evenings. The D Line will be our most important transit investment when it opens on par with the LAX station, so we have to make it the fastest travel option for all stakeholders.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
28	Landon Wilson	6/11/2025	Agenda eComment	I would like to support higher frequency headway for off peak and weekend times. 10 minutes or less would be ideal but 15 would be better than 20. Thank you.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

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29	Nadia A.	6/11/2025	servicechanges@metro.net		Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
30	Arjun Kallapur	6/11/2025	servicechanges@metro.net	I am a resident of Westwood. I worry that the proposed frequency of 20 minutes during evenings/ late nights is insufficient, and will lead to lower ridership than more frequent services at those hours. As a resident of the Westside who lives near the proposed Wilshire/ Westwood UCLA station, I love to go to museums near Wilshire/ La Brea, shopping near Westwood/ Constellation Century City, and restaurants and bars near Wilshire/ Western. All these activities often have me out during the evening and at night. Although all these activities are near future or current D line stations, the 20 minute frequency during evenings and nights would lead to me not taking the metro. I strongly believe that improving evening and late night frequency will lead to whole new groups of people taking metro, and is worth the additional cost and effort. Thank you for your consideration of my comment.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.

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31	Daniel Gottesman		servicechanges@ metro.net	I'd like to voice my support for headways shorter than 10-20 minutes on the new D-line extension. Frequent, reliable service will increase ridership.	Improve evening and off- peak D Line frequencies	20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy after 9 pm. In part it relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
32	Sophia Wang		servicechanges@metro.net	I am a student at UCLA and excited about the D Line subway extension coming soon, particularly the 2027 phase reaching Westwood/UCLA. The decisions you make today regarding train frequencies will critically shape how effectively this project serves our community for decades. While the planned peak frequency of every 5 minutes is commendable, the proposed off-peak daytime (10 minutes) and evening (20 minutes) frequencies fall significantly short of the needs of riders along this dense, vibrant corridor. Destinations such as UCLA, LACMA, Little Ethiopia, Rodeo Drive, and Century City Mall require reliable and frequent service throughout the day, evenings, and weekends. Limited frequencies during these periods disproportionately impact transit-dependent communities and discourage widespread adoption of public transit. With a \$10 billion investment into this project, it is essential that Metro leverages existing equipment and operations effectively to provide frequent, reliable service all day long. Addressing frequency now sets a robust foundation for future service levels and ensures maximum return on public investment. I respectfully urge Metro to revisit and improve the planned frequencies, providing the frequent all-day service essential to support vibrant communities and equitable transportation access across our city. Thank you for your consideration.		Peak frequency is set based on ridership projections. Off peak 10-minute and 20-minute service is a rail systemwide policy. Each are subject to review based on actual ridership once the system is open. 20-minute service after 9 pm in part relates to maintenance access as well as ridership levels. Staff will review service options that reflect the various markets for riders travelling in the evening/late nights for work and leisure, especially important with the up and coming major events to be held in LA. A revised policy will need to address maintaining a sustainable rail system in a state of good repair while addressing the market opportunities for evening/late night rail travel.
33	Eugene Salinsky	6/11/2025	Public hearing comment	Not opposed to rerouting 210 to La Brea. He is against splitting Line 210. He thinks it should operate with through service from Crenshaw to Hollywood/Vine. Thinks that Service Development should do a study of how many people transfer from Metro Bus Lines 20 and 720 at Wilshire/Vermont and Wilshire/Western. He thinks if not done right, people may just stay on the bus rather than transferring to the subway.	Concerned about bus service around D Line Extension	NextGen Bus Plan for Line 610 was based on Rossmore Av, based on the original Line 210 north end, as ridership was much less north of Wilshire BI for Line 210.
34	Hiram	6/11/2025	Public hearing comment	Rides 720 bus along Wilshire. During peak hours, it's packed. If to rely solely on the D Line and it goes down, need to have an alternative such as 20 or 720 so people can get to their destinations	Concerned about bus service around D Line Extension	Line 20 will offer 5-minute service as well as the peak period 10-minute Line 720 service.

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35	Catherine Gabster	6/11/2025		It would help to understand how Metro came to the decisions on frequency. She assumes they will be tracked over time to ensure that they are sufficient for amount of ridership.		Peak period estimated ridership demand forecast by forecast modeling. Off peak frequencies are set by policy. Each are subject to review based on actual ridership once the extension is open.



Recommendation and Issue

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE the D Line Subway Extension Project Sections 1, 2, and 3 Title VI Service and Fare Equity Analysis (Attachment A).

ISSUE

Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

As a recipient of federal funding, LA Metro is required to ensure its programs and activities are conducted consistent with the intent of Title VI.

The D Line (Purple) Extension Sections 1,2, and 3 Heavy Rail Project is a new rail alignment involving federal funding that is expected to begin operation in 2025. Consistent with Federal Transit Administration Title VI guidelines and Metro's Title VI Plan, a SAFE Analysis of the impacts of the new service plans for these lines on minority populations is required at least six months prior to start of revenue service. The minority populations as identified in Metro's Title VI Plan (2022) are Black/African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Latino/Hispanic.



Background

The D Line Subway Extension Project will continue from the current D Line terminus at the Wilshire/Western Station, extending westward for nearly nine miles along Wilshire BI, and will add seven new stations. The extension is being constructed and will open in three sections:

- New Section 1 Stations: Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax, and Wilshire/La Cienega Stations later in 2025
- New Section 2 Stations: Wilshire/Rodeo (construction name) and Century City Stations, projected opening Summer 2026
- New Section 3 Stations: Westwood/UCLA and Westwood/VA Hospital, projected opening Summer 2027





D Line Subway Extension Rail Service Plan

The D Line would operate the following service frequencies with each section opening:

- 5-minute peak service weekdays
- 10-minute off peak weekday and daytime weekend service
- 20-minute late evening/night service
- Metro B Line would operate 10-minute daytime, 20-minute evening/late night service, coordinated with D Line to maximize service between Wilshire/Vermont-Union Station.

Potential Metro Bus service changes include:

- Line 720 will be gradually modified to become a peak period only service weekdays as outlined in NextGen
 Bus Plan. This is based on expected movement of passengers from this service to the D Line as it extends. Line
 20 service will be increased to ensure a good quality local bus service between D Line stations between
 Downtown LA, Westwood, and to Santa Monica.
- There is also an approved change for a new Line 610 between Wilshire/La Brea D Line and Hollywood/Vine B Line Stations, replacing the north end of Line 210. Line 210 northern terminus would become Wilshire/La Brea D Line Station instead of Wilshire/Western D Line and Hollywood/Vine B Line Stations.

Evolving ridership patterns will be monitored as each phase of the D Line extensions opens, and changes planned for the above bus services may be modified. These changes aim to enhance connectivity, expand transit options, and improve the overall passenger experience for residents throughout the Greater West Los Angeles region.



Discussion

Metro's Title VI Program, which was most recently updated and approved by Metro's Board in September 2022, requires two analyses to be completed for each new rail line.

DISPARATE IMPACT

A disparate impact will be deemed to have occurred if the absolute difference between the percentage of minority population served by the new lines and the overall percentage of minority riders in the Metro service area is at least 5%.

DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN

Metro defines low-income riders at \$69,350 or less for their household income, which represents the median income of a four-person household in Los Angeles County (California Department of Housing and Community Development's 2024 State Income Housing Limits). A disproportionate burden will be deemed to exist if an absolute difference between percentage of low-income population served by the new lines and the overall percentage of low-income persons in the Metro service area is at least 5%.



Discussion

Comparison	Population	Minority Population	Minority Percentage
D Line Extension	252,075	116,799	46.3%
Line 720 Deletion	-353,403	-202,304	57.2%
Line 20 Service Increase	351,868	201,699	57.3%
D Line Extension Impact Corridor	250,540	116,594	46.4%
Metro Service Area	7,580,839	5,397,073	71.2%
		Difference Comparison	-24.8%

Note: Data source is the 2023 American Community Survey for a 0.5 mile catchment area around new rail line

The service change is positive, providing a benefit to both the corridor and the minority population.

Therefore, while a disparate impact exists, it does not require mitigation.





Discussion

	Number of Households	Number of Low-Income Households	Low-Income Household Percentage
D Line Extension	112,666	47,193	41.9%
Line 720 deletion	-172,562	-86,021	49.8% 50.0% 42.1%
Line 20 service increase	171,551 111,665	85,793	
D Line Extension Impact Corridor		85,783	
Metro Service Area	2,663,368	1,205,146	45.2%
		Difference Comparison	-3.1%

Note: Data source is the 2023 American Community Survey for a 0.5 mile catchment area around new rail line.

Based on the demographic data on low-income households, there is no disproportionate burden.

The service change is positive, benefitting the corridor and the low-income households.



