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K LINE NORTHERN EXTENSION

Project Briefing  
Westside Central Service Council  
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# K Line Northern Extension (KNE) Overview

## Project extends the K Line from E to B Line

- Closes gap in regional transit network
  - Connects 4 Metro Rail lines and 6 of the top 10 busiest bus lines in LA County
  - Serves major employment/activity centers
- Measure M and Local Funds: \$2.24 Billion (2015\$)
- 2041 Groundbreaking
  - 2047-2049 Opening

## Metro leading environment review under CEQA

- 2021 Public Scoping
- 2024 Draft EIR Released with 60-day public comment period
- 2025 Additional Technical Studies & Community Engagement
- 2026 Consider selection of LPA



# Draft EIR Alignment Options

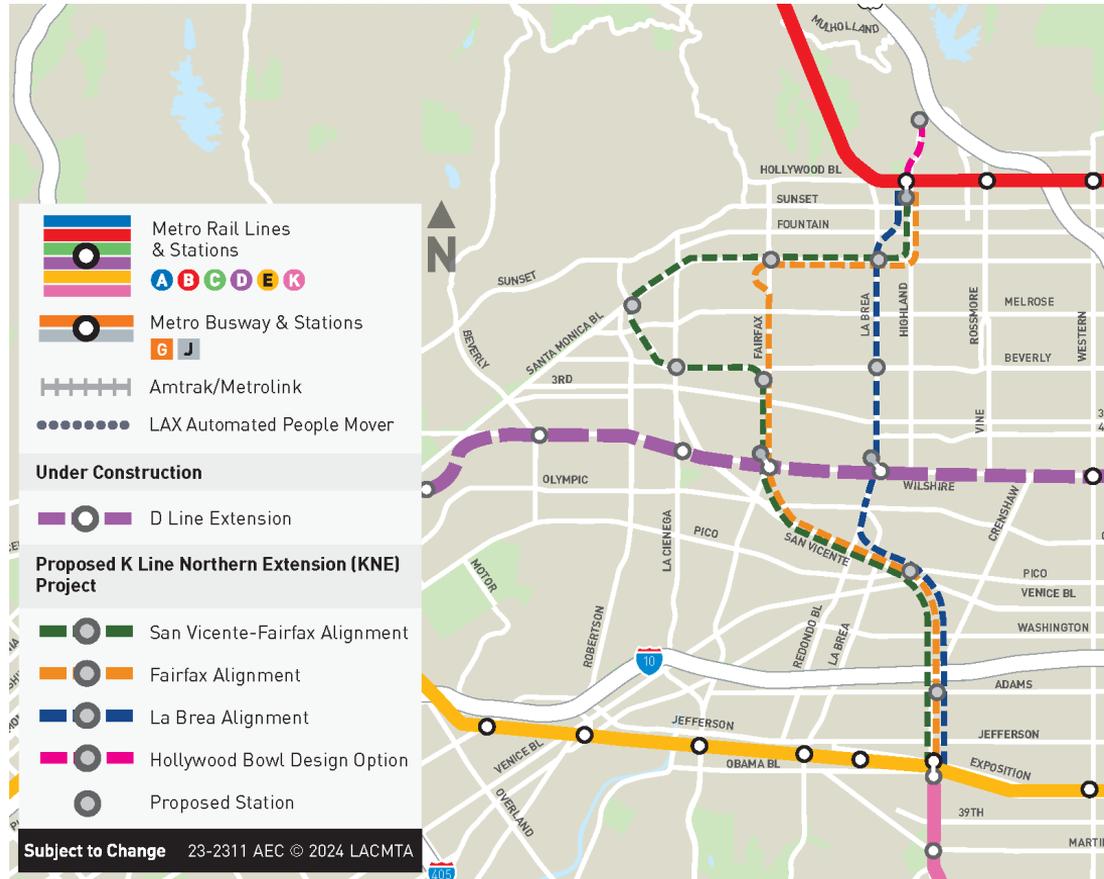
**San Vicente-Fairfax** – 9.7 miles with 9 stations  
59,700 daily trips and 15,100 new riders  
125,700 jobs and 131,500 residents near stations  
\$14.8B construction cost in 2023\$

**Fairfax** – 7.9 miles with 7 stations  
52,900 daily trips and 12,800 new riders  
75,200 jobs and 106,800 residents near stations  
\$12.47B construction cost in 2023\$

**La Brea** – 6.2 miles with 6 stations  
47,200 daily trips and 11,400 new riders  
56,200 jobs and 94,200 residents near stations  
\$10.99B construction cost in 2023\$

**Hollywood Bowl Optional Terminus**

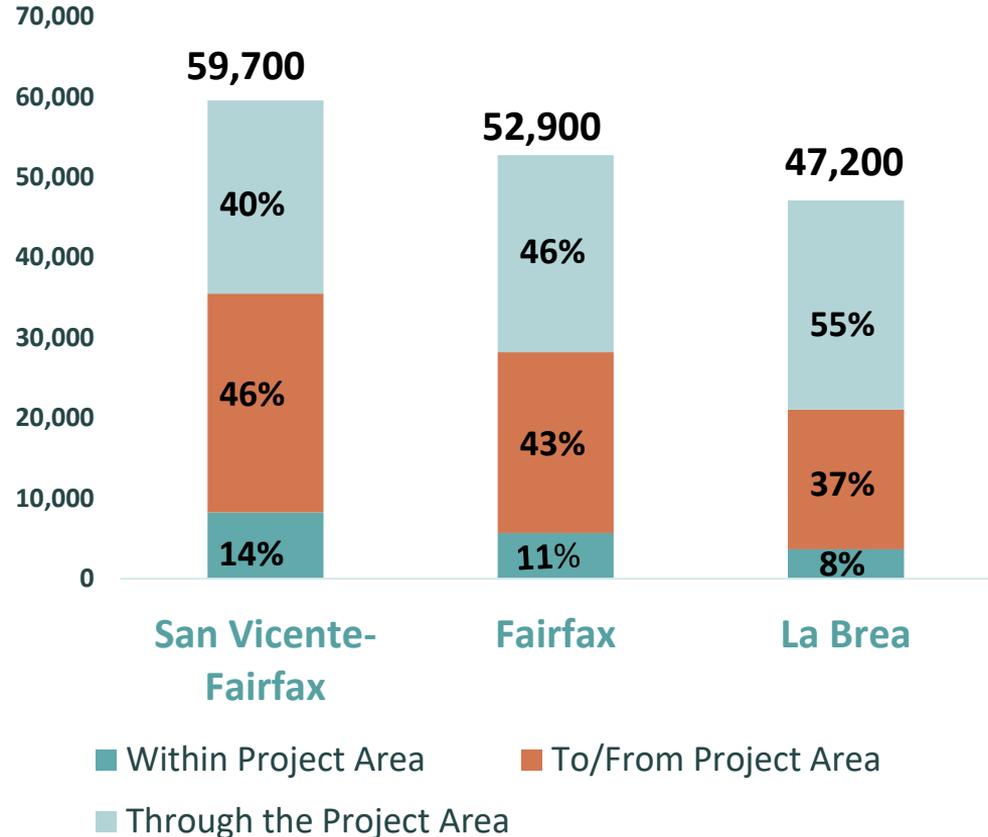
**Expansion of Division 16 Maintenance Yard**



# Daily Project Trips in 2045

Project would generate ~47,000 to 60,00 daily trips, increasing overall ridership on the entire K line to ~85,000 to 99,000 daily trips.

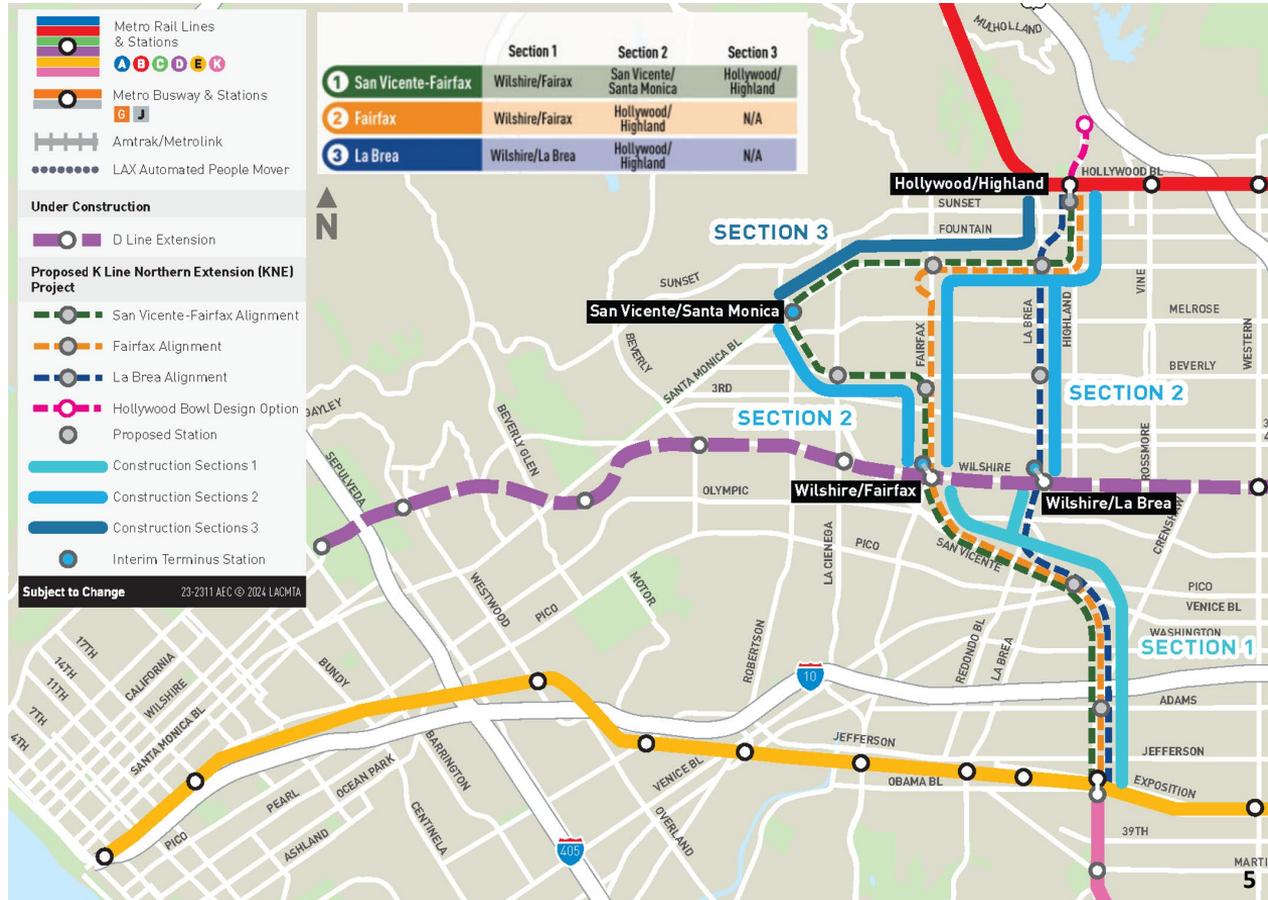
- 65% of trips would be made by low-income riders
- Majority of trips would serve regional riders traveling into, out of, or through the Project area



# Project Implementation Approach

Project would be constructed using Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) and implemented in sections.

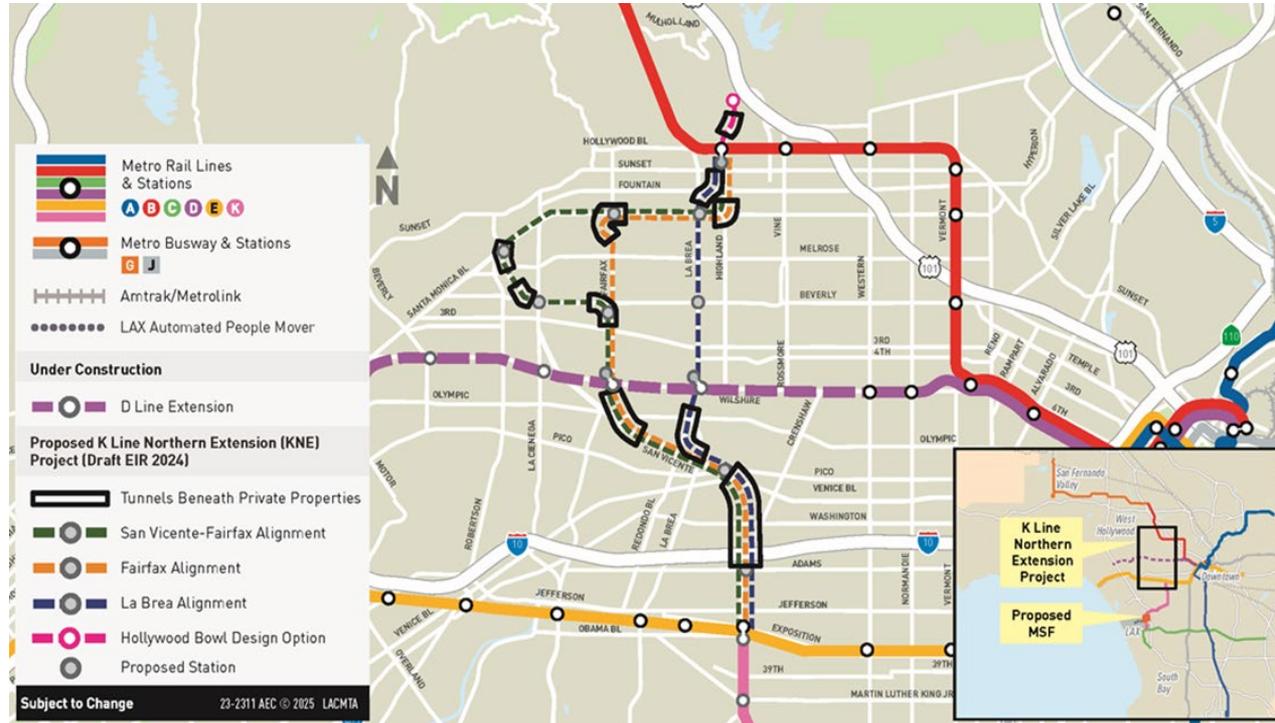
- Initial section would connect K/E Lines to D Line at Wilshire Blvd
- 8-12 years estimated to construct each section
- Number of sections would vary based on alignment



# Draft EIR Tunnel Route & Safety Concerns

Project area includes several areas where tunnels travel below homes and private properties to connect stations for fast, reliable service.

- Metro received concerns from Mid-City historic residential communities regarding engagement, proposed tunnel route, safety of tunnels below older homes, and impacts to property values and businesses.
- Metro conducted survey of age of homes in Mid-City: oldest homes constructed between 1900-1910 and majority of homes constructed in the 1920s.



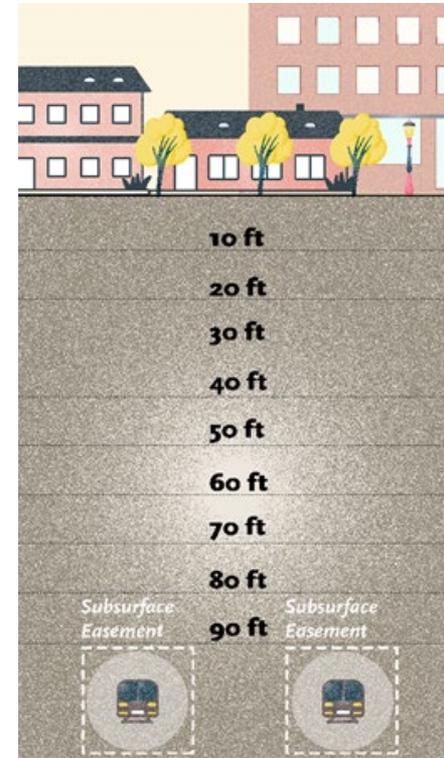
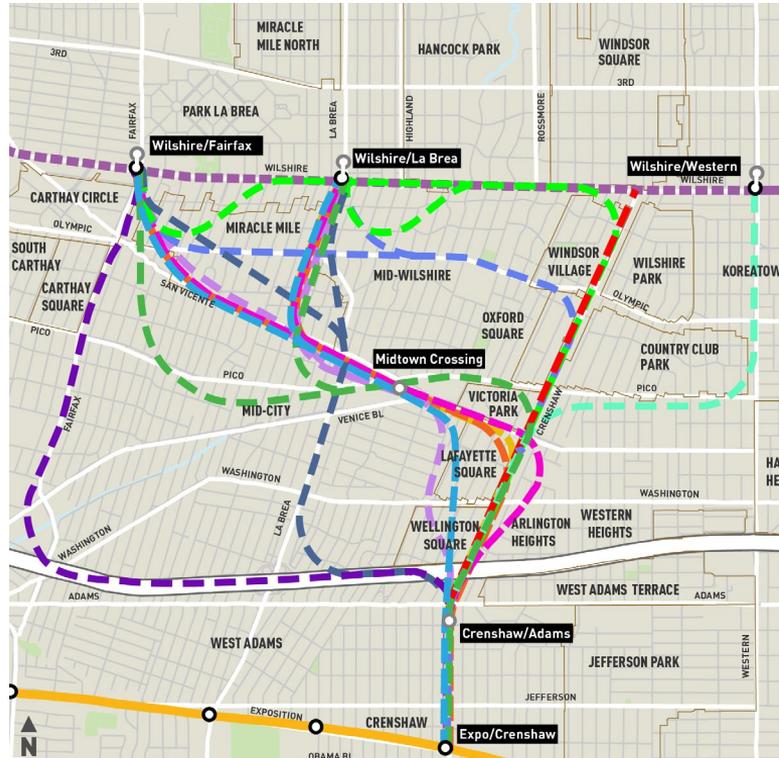
# Additional Technical Studies in Response to Concerns

In response to public comments and concerns on Draft EIR, Metro conducted additional research and analysis summarized in three reports published in August 2025:

- Mid-City Additional Alignment Analysis
- Property Considerations
- Tunnel Safety Report

To help distill and share findings, Metro also prepared:

- Website Story Map
- Project FAQ
- Project Fact Sheet
- Technical Reports & FAQs

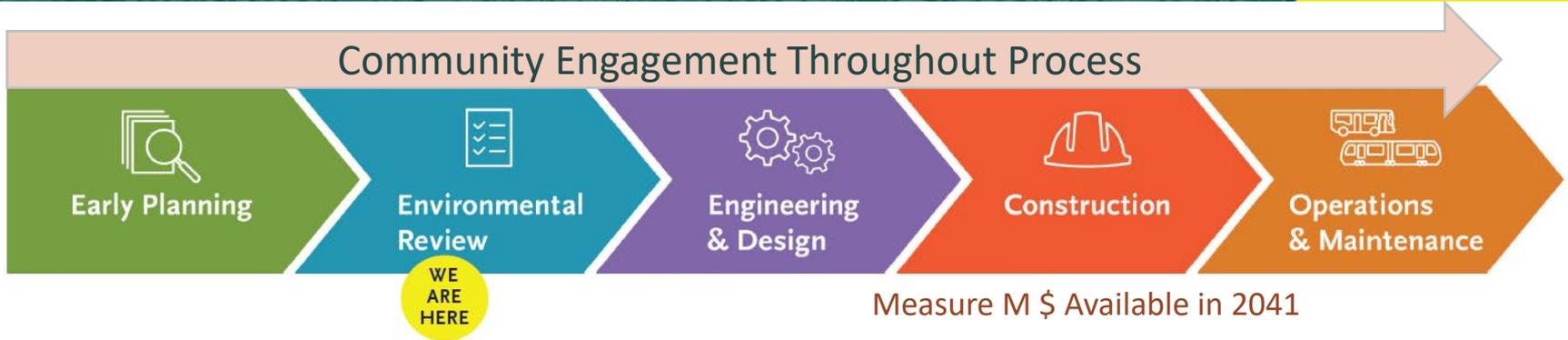


# Additional Engagement January 2025 to Present

- 4 Coffee Conversation with Mid-City Leaders (March 2025-February 2026)
- 4 community meetings (August & October) with 234 Attendees
- 1 Tunnel Safety Tour with Community including Directors Mitchell and Dupont-Walker
- 13,000+ Notices
- Tunnel Safety Testimonials Video
- Stakeholder Briefings (e.g. TAC, Westside COG, LA County Sheriff, Cedars-Sinai)
- Briefings with Councilmember Heather Hutt's Office (CD10)
- Participation in 11 Pop-up Events
- Monthly briefings with Board staff representing project area
- Updates via Project Webpage, Mid-City Stakeholder Database, Social Media Toolkits



# Next Steps



**LPA selection is a necessary step in the planning process initiated under the Early Project Delivery framework to provide a defined project for future planning, funding, and coordination purposes.**

# Keep in Touch

Metro continues to gather public comments on the project to share with the Metro Board

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## K Line Northern Extension Project Study Area

