

Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project

Community Update Meeting: June 2011



Agenda

- > Introductions
- > Project Overview
- > Locally Preferred Alternative
- > Project Refinements
- > Next Steps
- > Contact Us

Upcoming Meetings

> Colburn School (*200 S Grand Ave*)

> June 21 @ 11:30 a.m.

> JANM (*369 E 1st St*)

> June 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

> Available on ustream.tv

> LA Times (*145 S Spring St*)

> June 30 @ 6:30 p.m.



Metro

Measure R Transit Program

- > Regional Connector is one of 12 transit projects identified in Measure R



A Orange Line Extension

B East San Fernando Valley North-South Transit Corridors

C Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor

D Westside Subway Extension

E Regional Connector Transit Corridor

F Gold Line Foothill Extension

G Exposition Transit Corridor Phase 2

H Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor

I Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 (alternatives)

J Green Line LAX Extension

K South Bay Green Line Extension

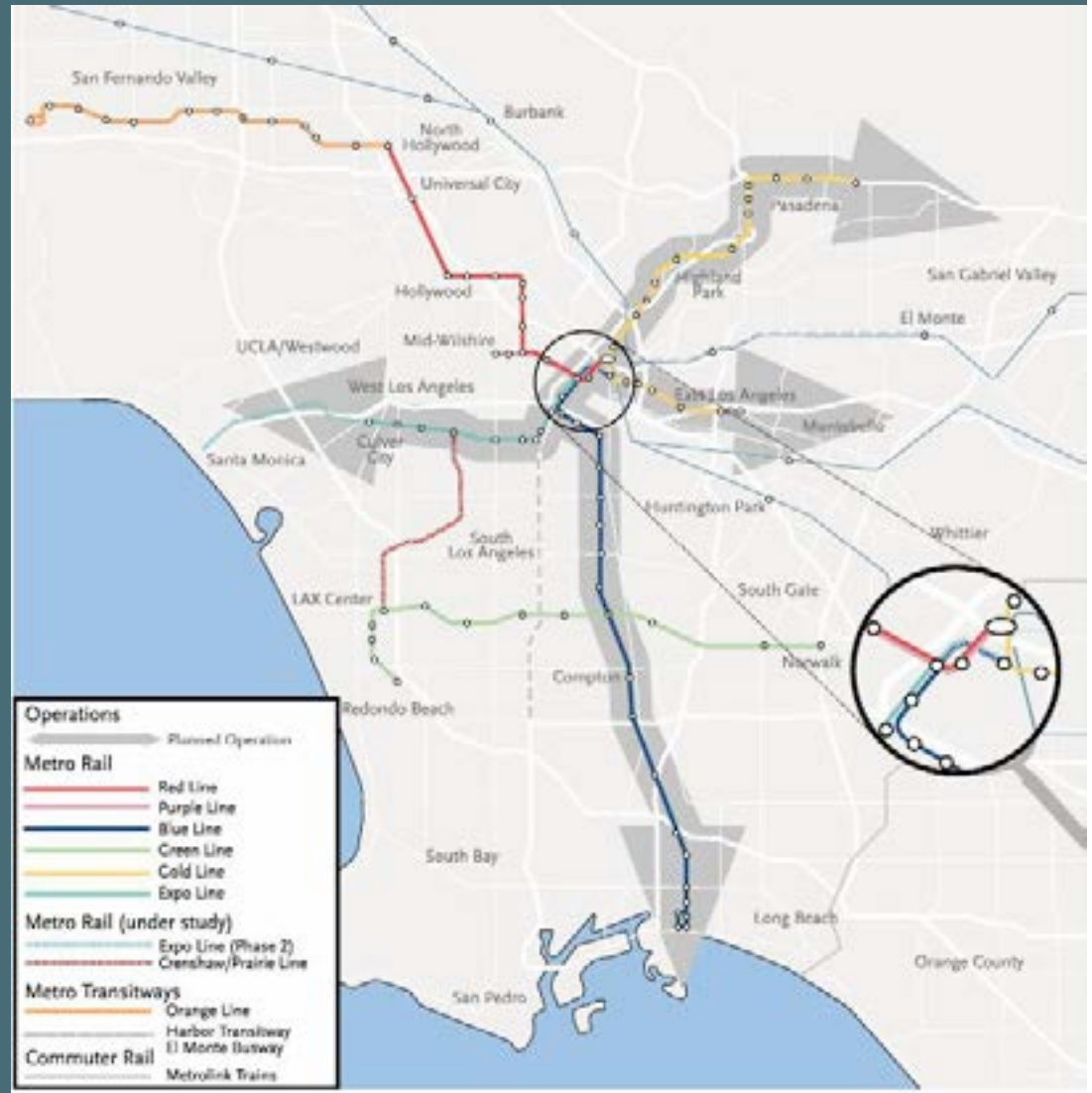
L West Santa Ana Transit Corridor

Project Overview

- > Connects the Metro Gold (Pasadena and Eastside), Exposition and Blue Lines
- > Provides a “one-seat ride” for travel across Los Angeles County on Light Rail Transit
- > Will serve 90,000 transit riders daily

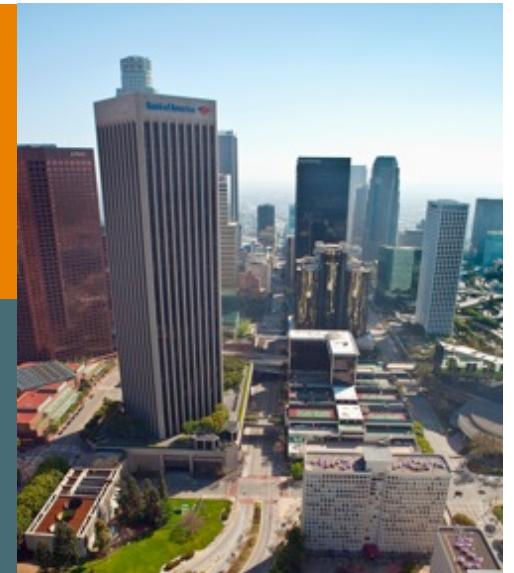


Metro



Project Purpose & Need

- > Nearly 2 million more people will live in Los Angeles County by 2035
- > Downtown Los Angeles is the largest employment center in the County



Project Purpose & Need

- > 5.7 million person-hours of daily delay
- > Transfers at Union Station and 7th/Metro Center can add up to 20 minutes to a trip



Environmental Planning Process

Alternatives Analysis (2007-2008)

- Evaluated 33 different alternatives including transit modes, alignments and profiles
- Recommended 2 Build Alternatives for further study
- Completed in 2008

Draft EIS/EIR and Conceptual Engineering (2009-2010)

- Evaluated No Build, TSM and 2 Build Alternatives against environmental and FTA New Starts performance categories
- Added the Fully Underground Alternative
- Completed Draft EIS/EIR and Designated Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

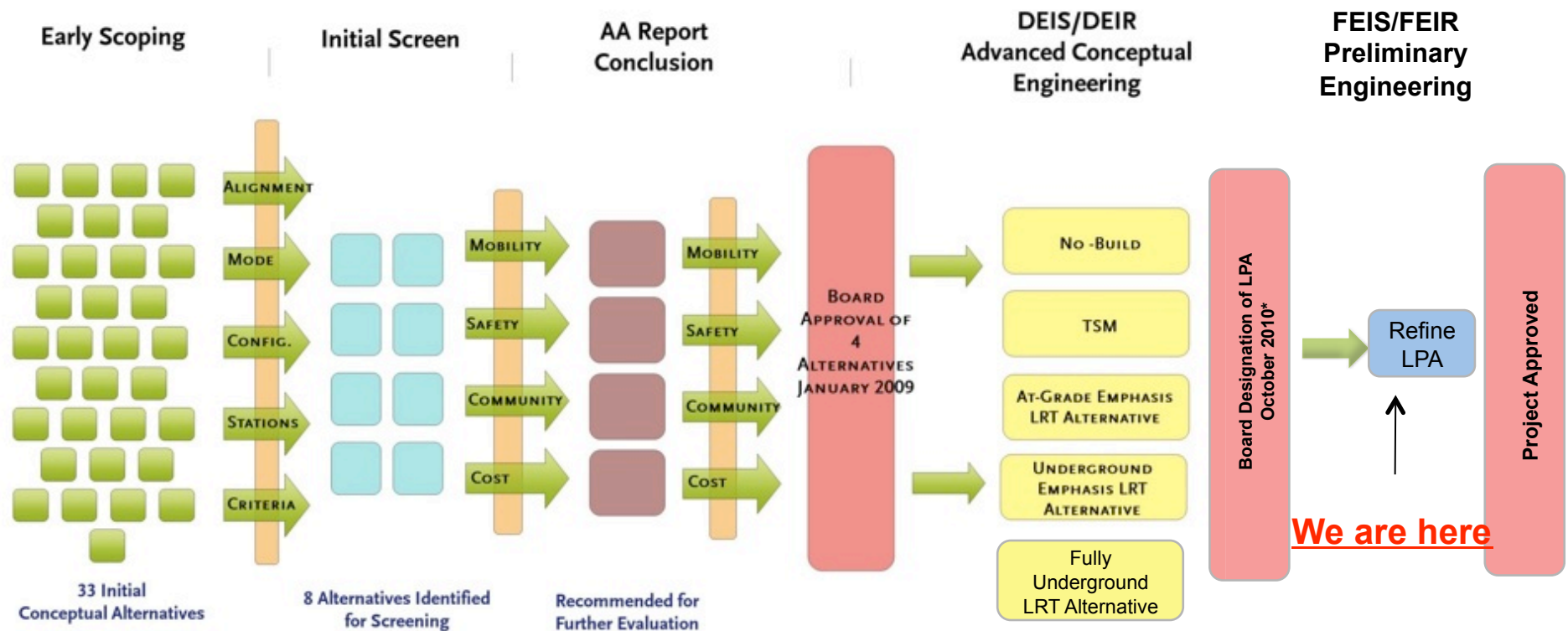
Final EIS/EIR and Preliminary Engineering (2010-2011)

- Refined LPA to mitigate for impacts to operations, community and costs including eliminating one station
- Completing environmental clearance and preparing project for adoption
- Record of Decision expected Fall/Winter 2011



Metro

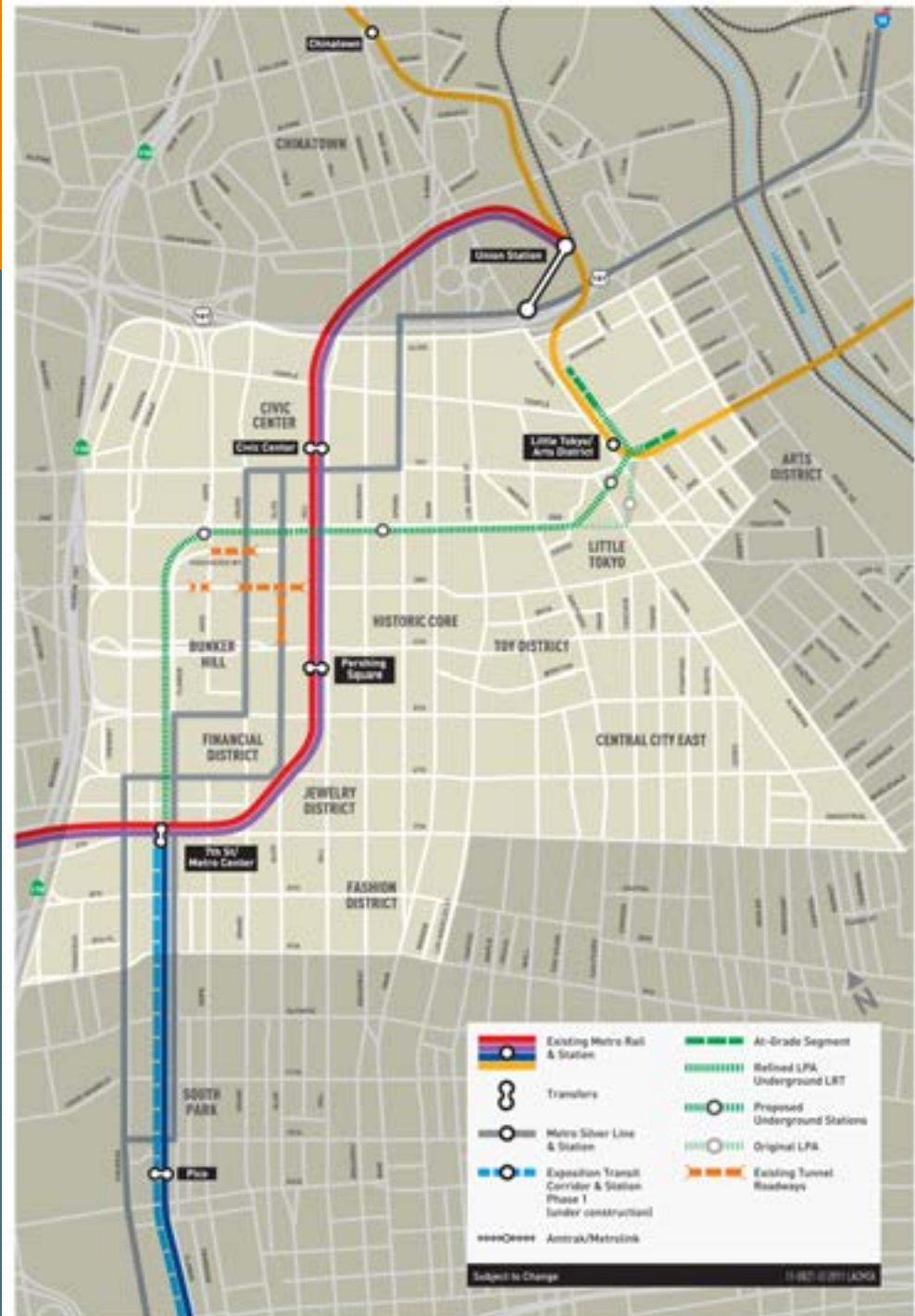
Project Development Process



*Fully Underground Designated as Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

Locally Preferred Alternative *Refined*

- > 1.9-mile connection
- > Connects Gold (Pasadena and Eastside), Blue and Expo Lines
- > Fully Underground
- > 3 new stations
- > All stations will provide service to Santa Monica, the Eastside, Long Beach and Pasadena/Claremont (Future)



Regional Connector Characteristics

- > Three underground stations
- > One crossover track for operational flexibility
- > Pocket track under Flower Street for needed additional train vehicle storage
- > Two train portals on 1st Street and north of Temple Street to connect to operating Gold



Financial District Improvements

- > Sidewalk widening from 6th to 4th Street
- > Pedestrian allée
- > Design does not preclude future station at 5th/Flower Streets



After

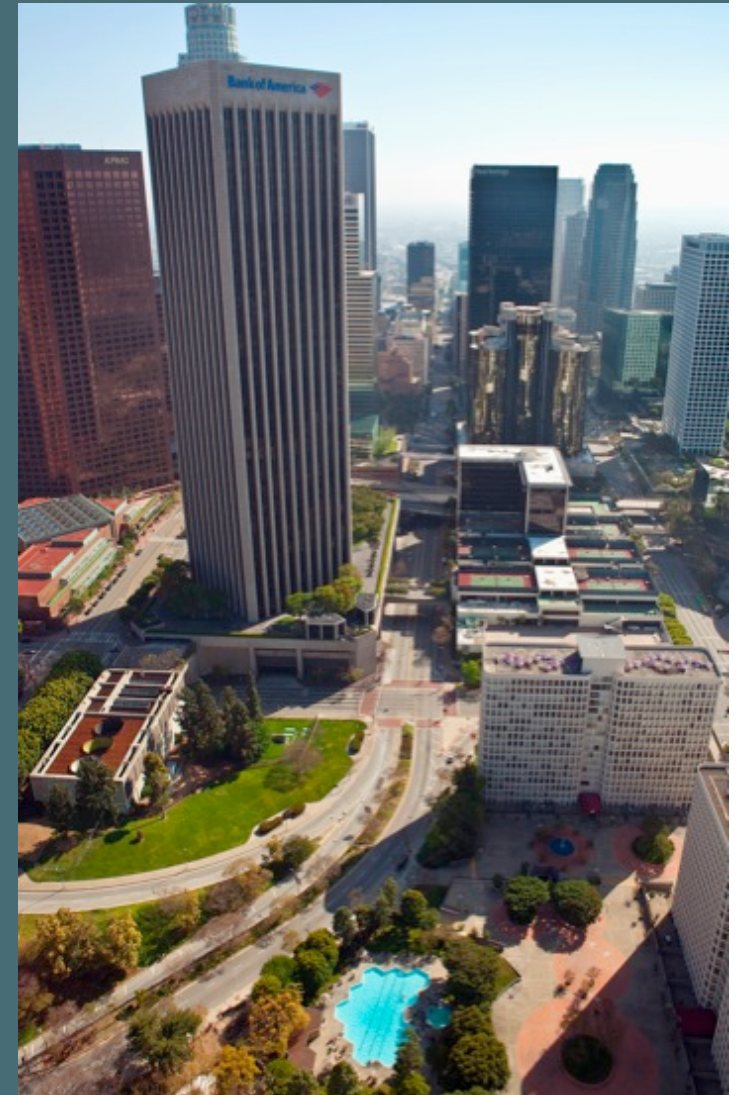
2nd/Hope Station



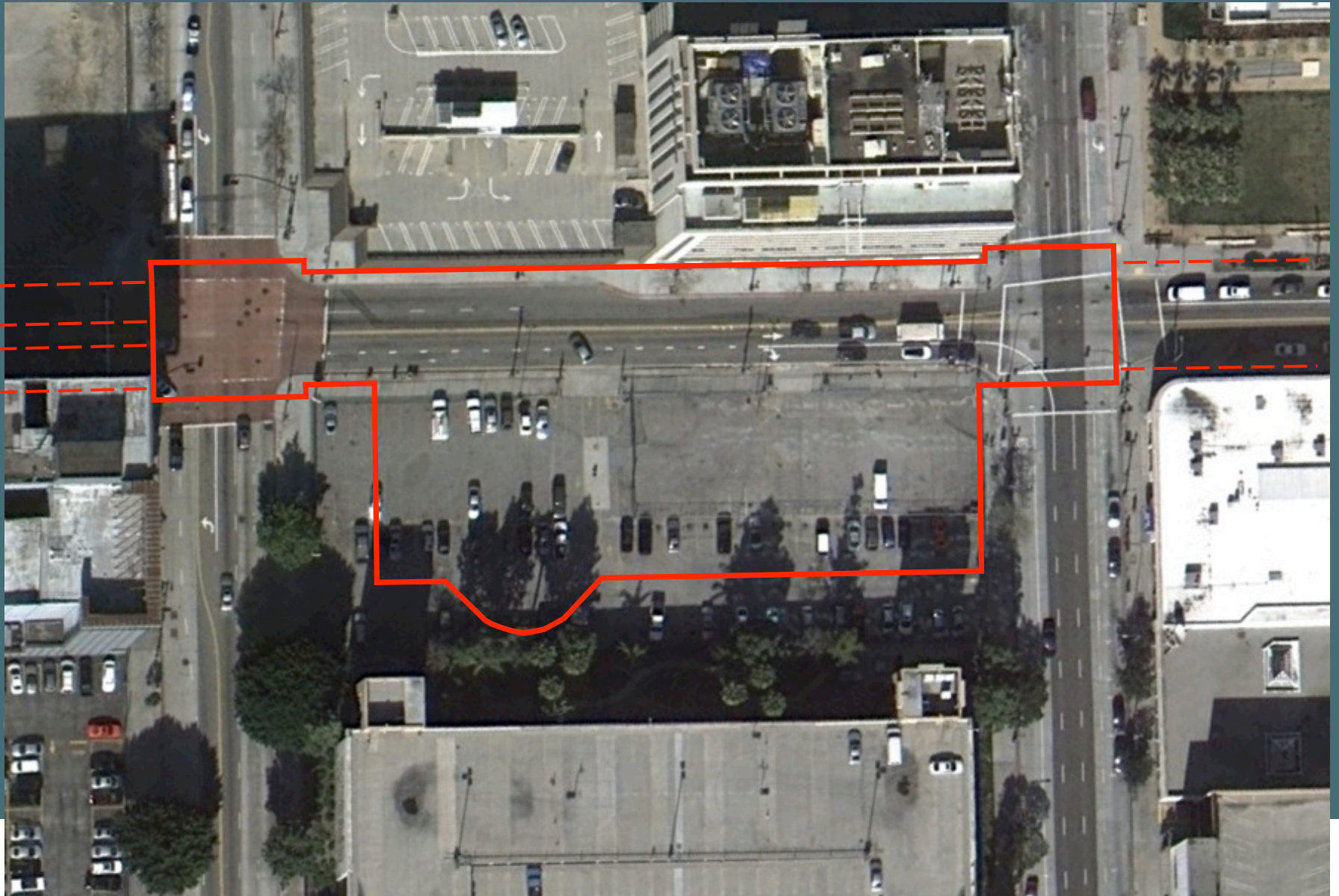
2nd/Hope Station Area

Serving:

- > Bunker Hill and Financial District
- > Museums and performing arts venues
- > Grand Avenue Project



2nd/Broadway Station Area



2nd/Broadway Station Area

Serving:

- > Historic Core, including new residential
- > Civic Center, including City Hall, LAPD, Caltrans, County Buildings
- > Major bus, bike and pedestrian corridors



1st/Central Station



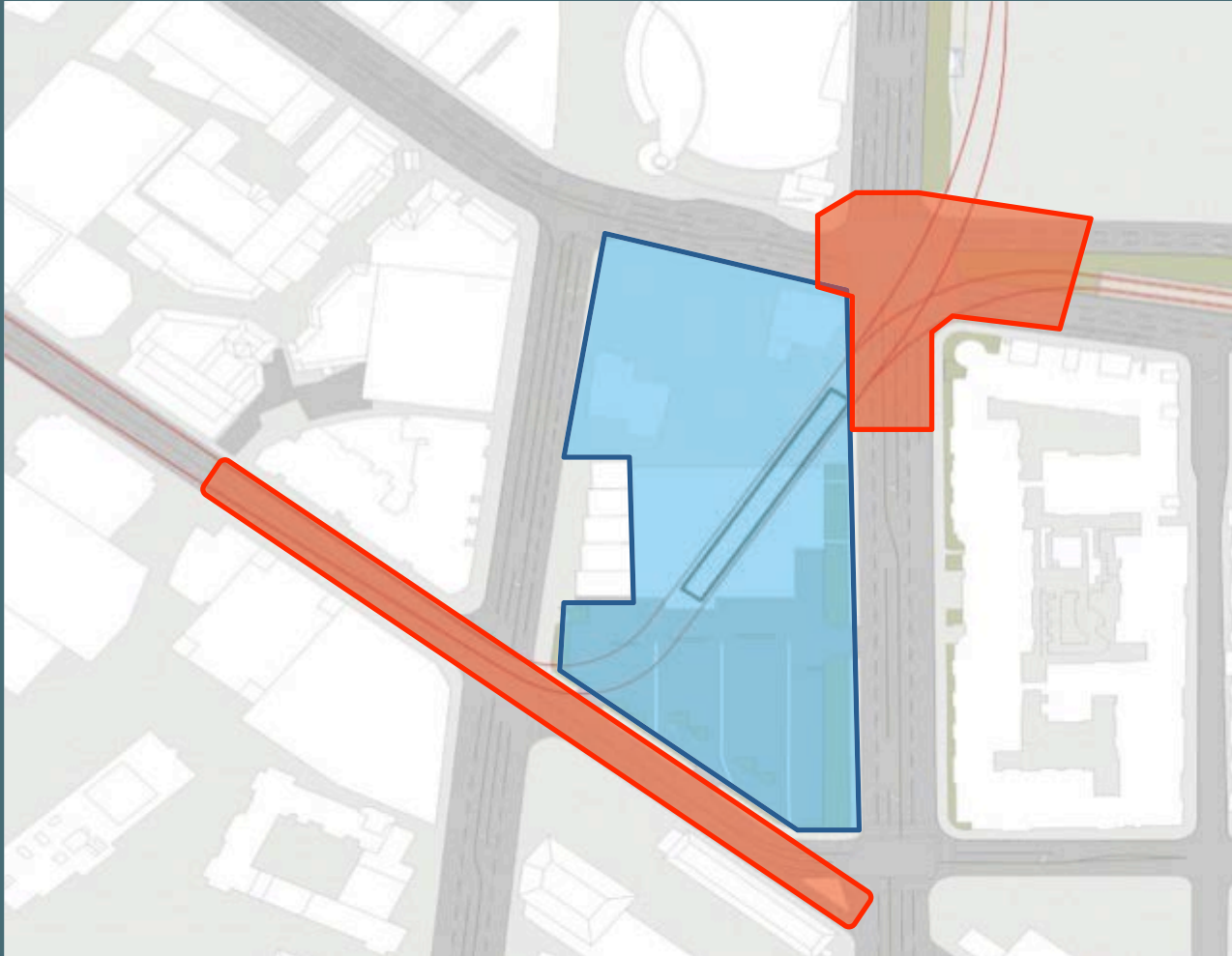
1st/Central Station Area

Serving:

- > Little Tokyo
- > Arts District
- > Cultural centers and museums
- > New residential and commercial developments
- > Major bus corridors
- > Federal buildings

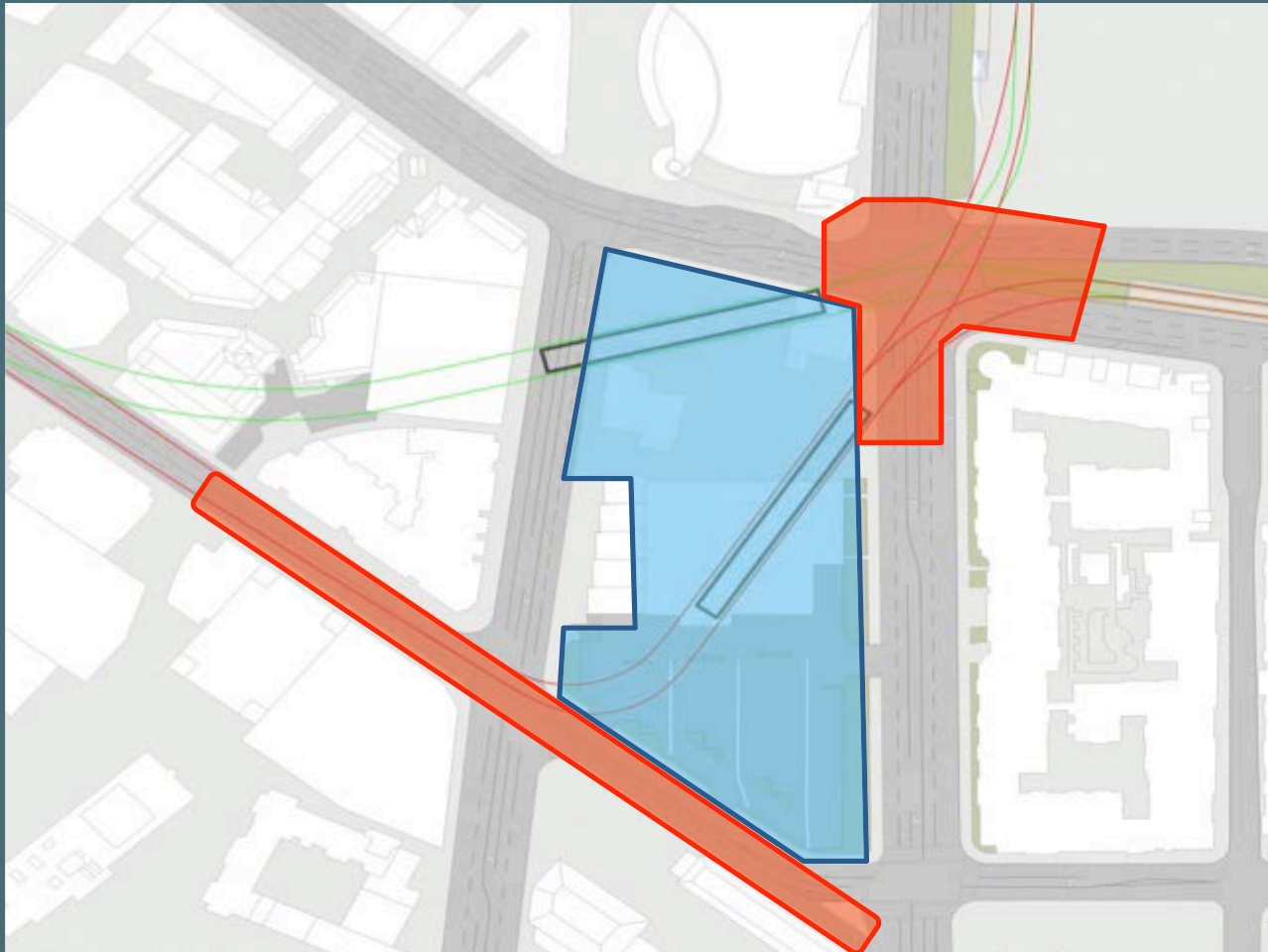


1st/Central: Locally Preferred Alternative (Oct. 2010)



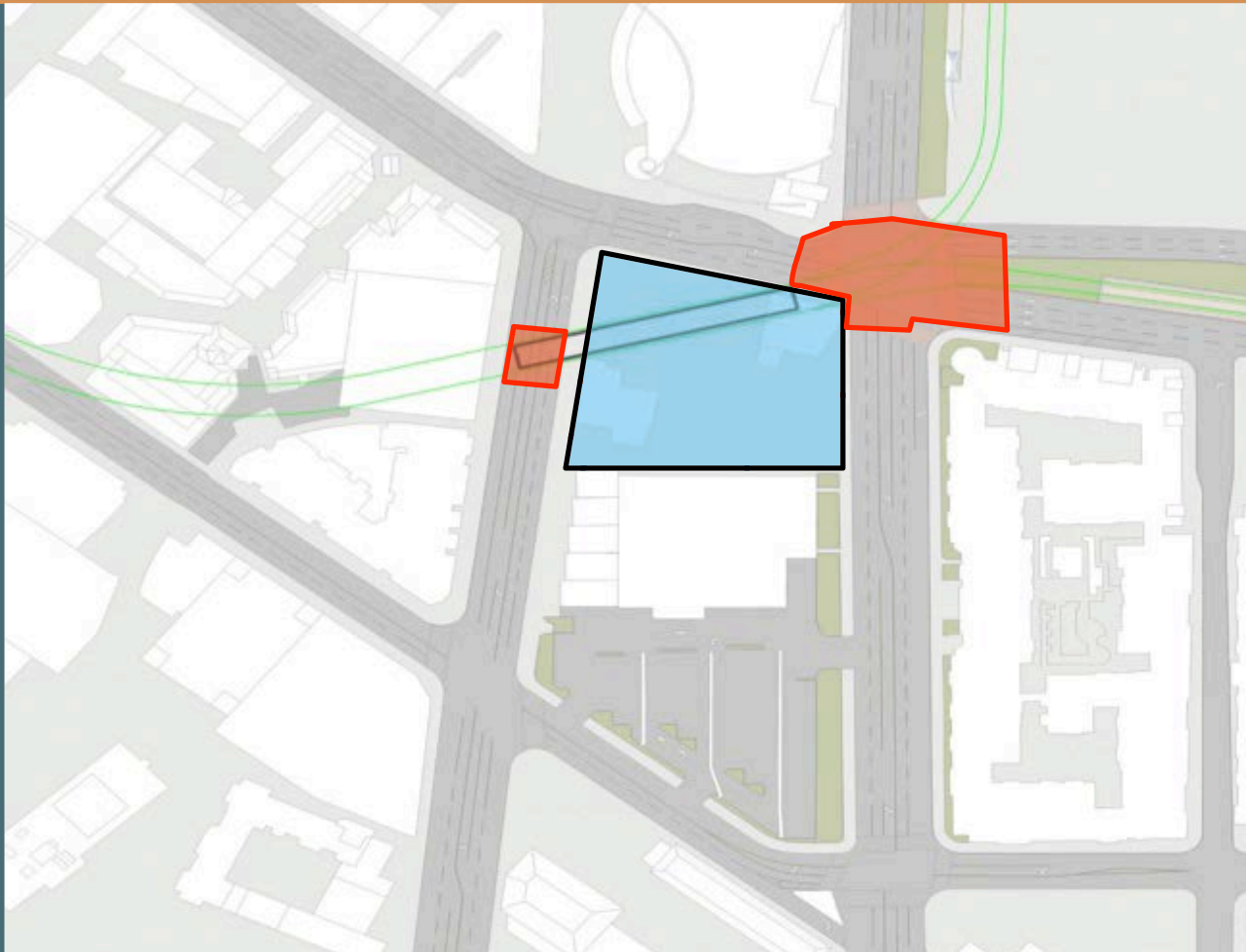
Metro

1st/Central: Original and Refined LPA



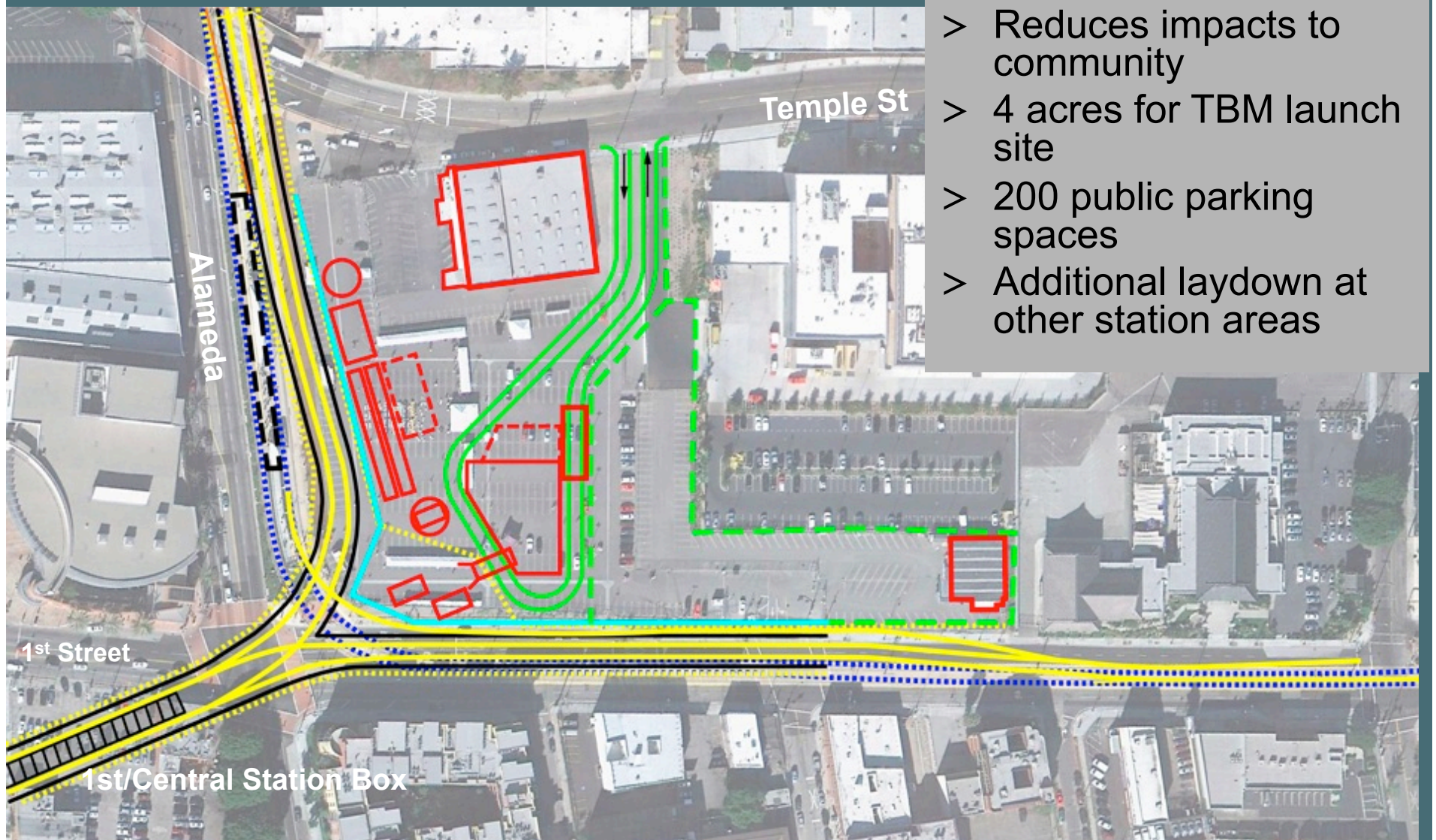
Metro

1st/Central: Refined LPA



Metro

Refinement: Mangrove TBM Site



Mangrove: Construction Staging Fence



Metro

Two Types of Construction

> Tunneling

- > Tunnel Boring Machine(s)
- > 2nd Street from Mangrove site to 4th and Flower Street

> Cut and Cover Construction

- > Flower Street from Wilshire to 4th Street
- > 2nd/Hope Station Box
- > 2nd/Broadway Station Box
- > 1st /Central Station Box and wye-junction under 1st and Alameda
- > Temple Street just east of Alameda



Metro

Metro Gold Line Extension: Examples of TBMS

- > **Tunnels underground**
- > **Proven technology – last used on Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension**
- > **Excavated material taken out at TBM launch site**



Metro Red Line: Example of Street Decking

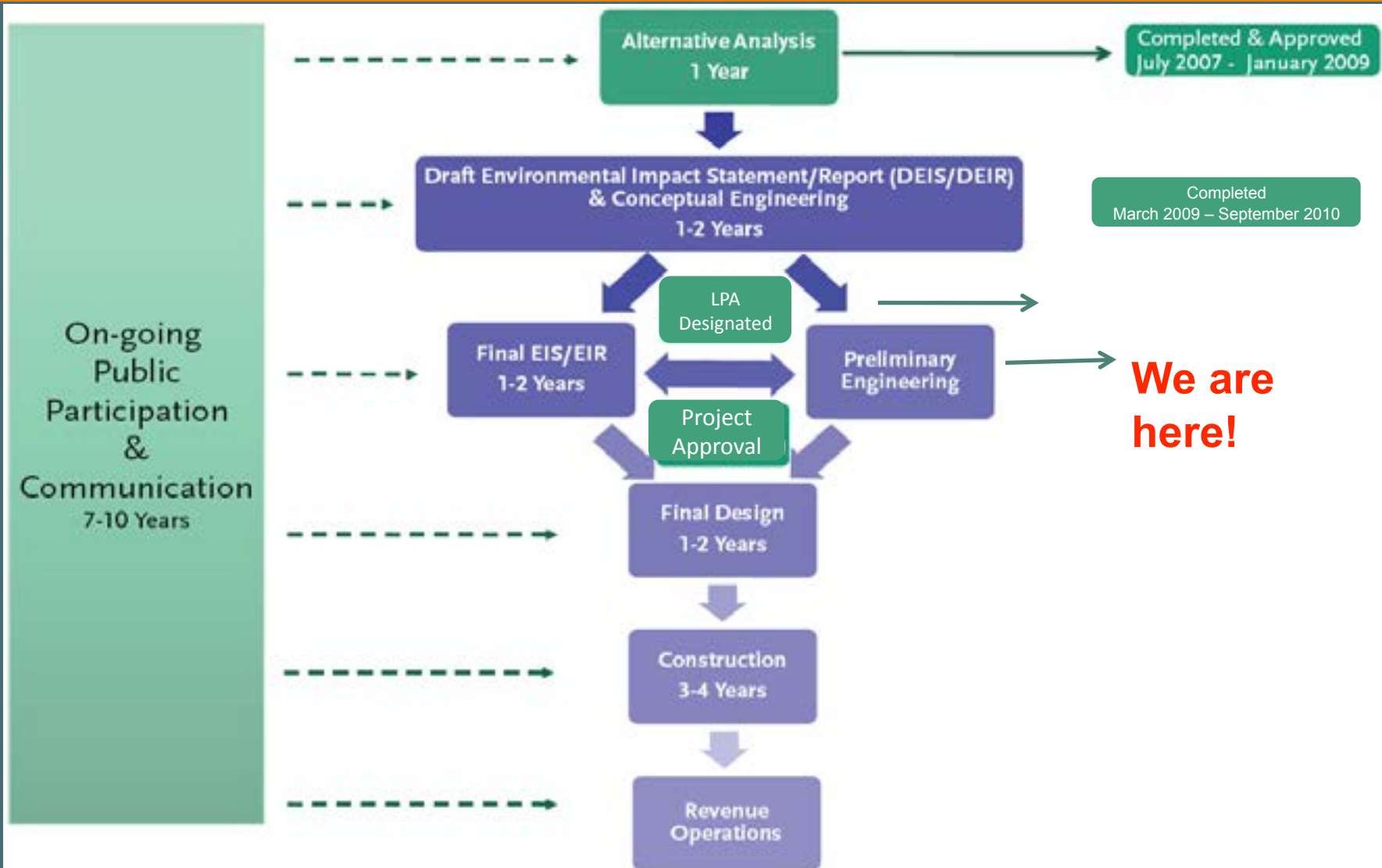


Metro Gold Line Extension: Example of Station Box Excavation

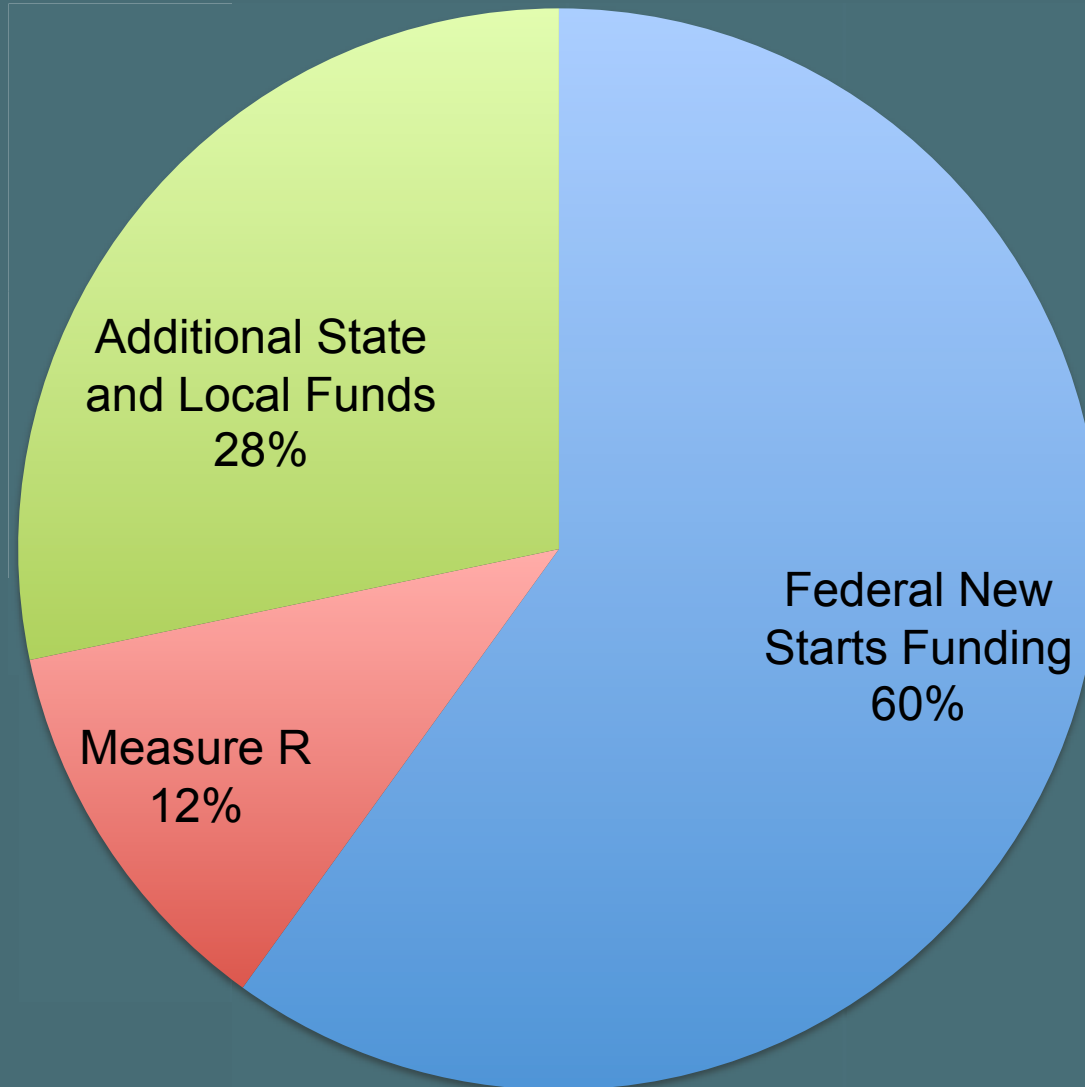


04/15/2005

Project Development Process



Proposed Project Funding



Next Steps

- > FTA completes review of Admin. Final EIS/EIR Summer 2011
- > Release Final EIS/EIR for public review (30 days) Summer/Fall 2011
- > Committees and Board approval project & certification of Final EIS/EIR September 2011*
- > Record of Decision October 2011*



* Pending the actual release date of the Final EIS/EIR

Metro

Next Steps: Final EIS/EIR

- > The Final EIS/EIR will be posted at Metro.net/regionalconnector
- > CD available upon request

Next Steps: Final EIS/EIR

- > How to comment on the Final EIS/EIR
 - > Email: regionalconnector@metro.net
 - > Postal Mail: Regional Connector, One Gateway Plaza, MS 99-22-2, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- > Metro Committee Meetings
 - > Measure R
 - > Planning and Programming
- > Metro Board of Directors



Community Outreach

- > City of Los Angeles
- > Elected Officials
- > Broad Art Museum
- > Central City Association
- > Central City East Association
- > Music Center
- > Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
- > Higgins Building Homeowners Association
- > Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council
- > Japanese American National Museum
- > Los Angeles River Arts and Business Association
- > Little Tokyo Business Association/Business Improvement District
- > Little Tokyo Community Council
- > Promenade West Homeowners Association
- > Related Properties
- > Savoy Homeowners Association
- > Thomas Properties Group
- > Zenshiji Soto Mission



Metro

Continuing Public Involvement Process

- > Leadership Council
 - > Stakeholder advisory activity
 - > Represents entire alignment
 - > Station Area Working Groups
 - > Ad hoc groups
 - > Meetings with stakeholder organizations at key project milestones
- > Continued meetings stakeholders

Upcoming Meetings

> Colburn School (*200 S Grand Ave*)

> June 21 @ 11:30 a.m.

> JANM (*369 E 1st St*)

> June 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

> Available on ustream.tv

> LA Times (*145 S Spring St*)

> June 30 @ 6:30 p.m.



Metro

Keep in touch

> Web: www.metro.net/regionalconnector

> Email: regionalconnector@metro.net

> Facebook: [facebook.com/
MetroRegionalConnector](https://facebook.com/MetroRegionalConnector)

> Twitter: [@metroconnector](https://twitter.com/metroconnector)

> Phone: 213.922.7277



Metro