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CENTINELA GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT Fact Sheet

Overview

The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project will travel 8.5 miles serving the Crenshaw District, Inglewood, Westchester and surrounding areas.

This line is estimated to have a daily ridership of about 13,000 and will have eight stations at:

- > Expo/Crenshaw
- > Martin Luther King Jr
- > Leimert Park
- > Hyde Park
- > Fairview Heights
- > Downtown Inglewood
- > Westchester/Veterans
- > Aviation/Century

The Centinela Grade Separation Project will be built after the construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project is completed and will convert the existing at-grade crossing at Centinela and Florence to an above-grade crossing.

Background

In 2011, the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified with an at-grade crossing at Centinela and Florence. The City of Inglewood later approved changes in 2015 to the Hollywood Park Specific Plan, which included new development and the NFL stadium. Then, in 2018, the City of Inglewood provided traffic counts, growth assumptions and special event data for existing and planned venues in the area. These figures were not available when the at-grade crossing was initially approved.



Why are we doing this?

The Centinela Avenue crossing is currently under construction as an at-grade crossing between the Fairview Heights and Downtown Inglewood stations. This rail crossing is within one-quarter mile of the Downtown Inglewood station and about 1.5 miles northwest of the Inglewood stadium and the Hollywood Park Development Area. It is anticipated that new developments and additional special events will lead to excessive traffic near this intersection due to frequent lowering of guard rails, as well as increased noise pollution.

A grade separation of the Centinela/Florence crossing of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project has therefore been proposed to address emerging mobility challenges in the City of Inglewood. There will be over 300 special events per year between The Forum, the NFL stadium, the adjacent performance arena and the proposed Clippers arena. While Metro is working to improve mobility options in the area, changes in land uses now require the construction of an overpass at Centinela to ensure traffic congestion from special events does not adversely impact both local and regional traffic flow.

How much does this project cost and how will it be funded?

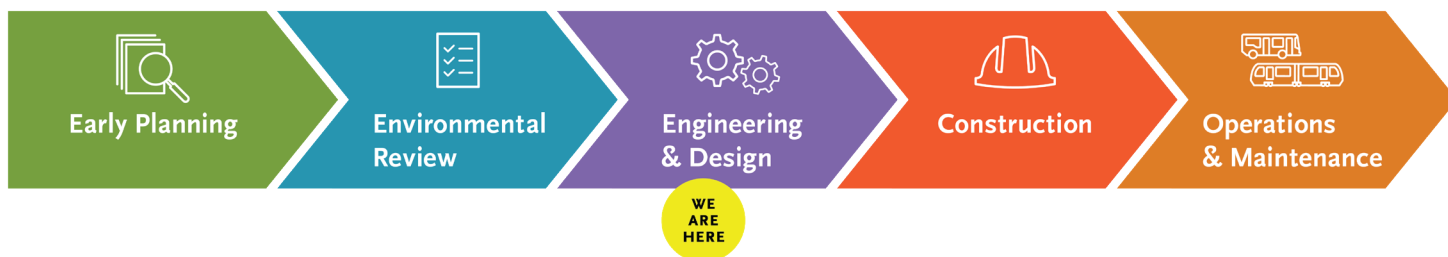
The original estimate for this project was \$150 million. This figure factors in permanent construction costs, right-of-way acquisition costs, and soft costs such as design, surveys, and administration. Cost estimates are currently being refined. Metro and the City of Inglewood are currently exploring options to accelerate implementing this project in order to mitigate extended construction-related traffic. At present, this project is not fully funded, but it is currently being pursued.

Project Timeline

Environmental and conceptual design studies, systems modeling, and targeted stakeholder outreach is currently being conducted and will continue through Summer 2020. Metro will develop final design by Summer 2021 and then complete construction bidding by the following summer. Construction could potentially take place between Summer 2022 and Summer 2025.



Rendering for concept only



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