

Westside Purple Line Extension

Section 3

Los Angeles, California

(November 2021)

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is extending its heavy rail system to the Westwood/Veterans Hospital area. This third phase of the 8.9 mile Westside Purple Line Extension begins at the future Century City Station. Section 3 is located entirely underground, primarily following Wilshire Boulevard, and includes 2.56 miles, two stations, the purchase of 16 vehicles, train controls, and signals. In the opening and horizon year, service is planned to operate every four minutes during weekday peak periods and every 10 minutes during weekday off-peak periods and weekends.

Hours of operation in the opening year of 2026 will be from 5:00 AM to 12:00 AM on Sunday through Thursday, and from 5:00 AM to 2:00 AM on Friday and Saturday. In the horizon year of 2035, hours of operation will be from 4:30 AM to 1:30 AM on weekdays and weekends. Service will be provided using four-car train consists every four minutes during weekday peak periods and every ten minutes during weekday off-peak periods and weekends in both the opening year and the horizon year of 2035. The estimated daily ridership on the Project is 21,600 daily linked trips. This number is expected to grow to 36,100 daily linked trips by 2035.

The total project cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$3,599.27 million. The Section 5309 New Starts funding amount is \$1,300.00 million.

Status

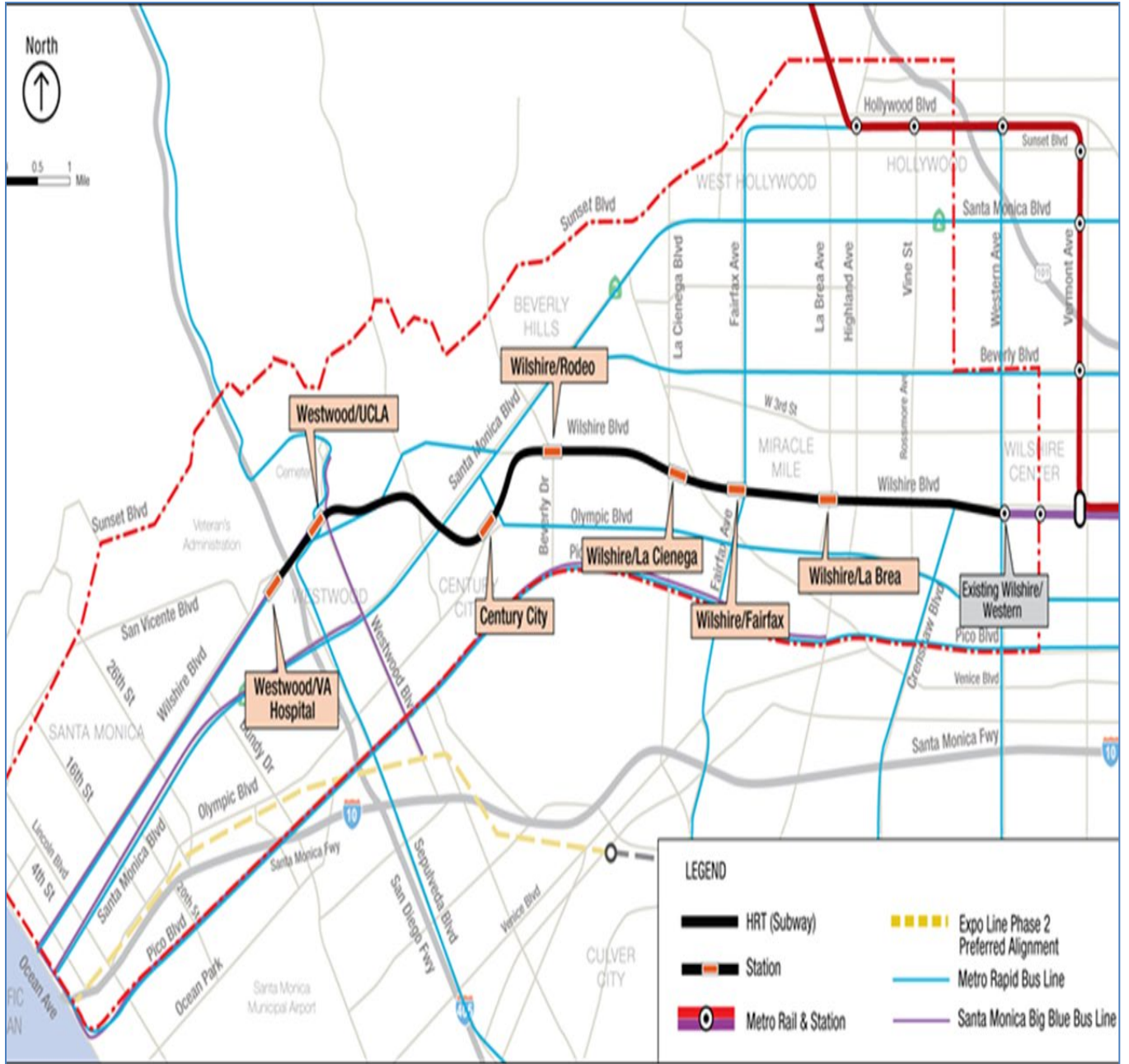
Following completion of an alternatives analysis in January 2009, and publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in September 2010, the LACMTA board selected a locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the 8.9-mile downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica corridor in October 2010. The LPA was also adopted into the fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in October 2010. Under SAFETEA-LU, FTA approved the 8.9-mile project into New Starts Preliminary Engineering in January 2011. The Final EIS was completed in May 2012, and FTA issued a Record of Decision in August 2012. Due to financial constraints, LACMTA decided in November 2012 to construct the project in three sections. The Section 1 project received a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) from FTA in May 2014, and is currently under construction. The Section 2 project received an FFGA in December 2016 and is currently in final design and construction. The Section 3 part of the project, which is 2.56 miles long entered Engineering in August 2018 and received an FFGA in March 2020, with revenue service date projected to be in December 2028. All the contracts including the vehicle contract and the DB contract for tunnels, stations, track work and systems have been awarded. Tunneling has begun and the project is currently about 30% complete.

Section 3005 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (“FAST”) Act (Pub. L. 114-94; Dec. 4, 2015) authorized FTA to award Federal major capital investment funds for final design and construction of the Westside Purple Line Extension Project Section 3. Through FY 2021, Congress has appropriated a total of \$397.71 million for the project.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars		
Source of Funds	Total Funding (\$million)	Appropriations to Date
Federal:		
Section 5309 New Starts	\$1,300.00	\$397.71 million in total appropriations through FY 2021.
FHWA Flexible Funds (Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds)	\$93.05	
FHWA Flexible Funds (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program)	\$45.00	
Local:		
Measure M Sales Tax Revenue and Bond Proceeds	\$1,129.45	
Measure R Sales Tax Revenue and Bond Proceeds	\$893.55	
City of Los Angeles Share of Local Return Funds under Measures M and R	\$96.39	
LACMTA Capital Project Loan Funds	\$10.00	
TOTAL	\$3,599.27	

NOTES: The Source of Funds and Total Funding numbers are as established at the signing of the FFGA. The sum of the figures may differ from the total as listed due to rounding.

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