

Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project

Los Angeles, California

New Starts Project Development

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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) proposes to extend LACMTA's Metro E light rail transit (LRT) line, located in eastern Los Angeles County, through the unincorporated Los Angeles County community of East Los Angeles and the cities of Commerce and Montebello. The Project consists of an approximately 4.7-mile LRT extension from the existing Atlantic/Pomona Station terminus of the Metro E Line to Greenwood Avenue and Washington Boulevard in the City of Montebello. A further extension to Whittier is being considered for a future phase beyond the scope of this Project. In addition to the relocated or reconfigured (underground) Atlantic/Pomona Station in the community of East Los Angeles, the Project includes constructing three new stations: the Atlantic/Whittier Station (underground) in the community of East Los Angeles, the Commerce/Citadel Station (underground) in the City of Commerce, and the Greenwood Station (at-grade) in the City of Montebello. Overall, the alignment includes a mix of underground (3.1 miles), aerial (0.9 miles), and at-grade (0.7 miles) sections of the LRT line. The Project includes constructing a Maintenance and Storage Facility and a surface parking facility and procuring up to 12 rail cars. LACMTA indicates the Project's current estimated cost is \$8.2 billion. LACMTA has not yet determined the amount of CIG New Starts funds it will request to support the Project.

The eastern Los Angeles County region faces an increasing number of mobility challenges due to high population, employment growth, and a constrained transportation network. The existing terminus of the Metro E Line is located approximately four miles east of downtown Los Angeles. There is no rail connection for communities located to the east. By extending the existing Metro E Line into the eastern Los Angeles County region, the Project would enhance access and mobility to the local communities and provide connectivity to other destinations along Metro's regional transit system. Further, the Project would reduce travel times and the need for transfers within the system. By serving concentrated areas of employment, activity centers, and residential communities, the Project intends to support transit-oriented community goals and address the mobility and accessibility needs of transit-priority populations, communities, and families with children. The Project would provide new and faster transit options, which would lead to economic development and in-fill growth opportunities throughout Eastern Los Angeles County.

LACMTA anticipates revision of the locally preferred alternative in July 2026 (originally adopted in December 2022). LACMTA anticipates completion of the environmental review process in the fall of 2026, followed by adoption of the revised LPA in the constrained long-range transportation plan in December 2026. LACMTA further anticipates entering the CIG Engineering phase in February 2028, receiving a New Starts construction grant in early 2030, and beginning revenue service in late 2036.

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Project Map

