

Westside Purple Line Extension Section 1

Los Angeles, California

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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is constructing a 3.92-mile, double track heavy rail transit line below Wilshire Boulevard in the cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills with three new underground stations, a new maintenance-of-way building, and a non-revenue vehicle maintenance facility at the existing Metro Division 20 Yard. The project includes the purchase of 34 new heavy rail vehicles that are compatible with the existing heavy rail system. The three new stations will be located at Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax, and Wilshire/La Cienega. The project is the first section of a planned three- section extension of the Purple Line to Westwood and the Veteran’s Affairs Hospital.

Hours of operation in the opening year of 2024 will be from 5:00 AM to 12:00 AM on weekdays and weekends. Service will be provided every four minutes during weekday peak periods and every ten minutes during weekday off-peak periods and weekends. After 2035, hours of operation will be the same as in 2024, with service provided every 2.5 minutes during weekday peak periods and every five minutes during off- peak periods and weekends. Estimated daily linked trips on the project using current year inputs of population and employment are 20,700. This number is expected to grow to 33,700 daily linked trips by 2035.

The total project cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$2,821.96 million. The Section 5309 New Starts funding share is \$1,250.00 million.

Status

Following completion of an alternatives analysis in January 2009 and publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in September 2010, LACMTA selected the locally preferred alternative in October 2010. Under SAFETEA-LU, FTA approved the project into preliminary engineering in January 2011. The Final EIS was completed in May 2012, and a Record of Decision was issued in August 2012.

The project was grandfathered into the Engineering phase per the revised steps in the New Starts process outlined in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). LACMTA and FTA entered into an FFGA in May 2014, with revenue operations scheduled for October 31, 2024. The Project is currently in the construction phase and is approximately 24% complete. All contracts have been awarded and design, utility relocations and civil construction activities are underway.

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 1. Through FY 2018, Congress has appropriated a total of \$465.00 million for the project. Project is 43% complete.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars

Source of Funds	Total Funding (\$million)	Appropriations to Date
Federal:		
Section 5309 New Starts	\$1,250.00	\$465.00 million in total appropriations through FY 2018
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (CMAQ)	\$12.17	
Local:		
Measure R Sales Tax Revenue	\$583.89	
TIFIA Loan Proceeds Backed by Measure R Sales Tax Revenue	\$856.00	
LACMTA Lease Revenue	\$44.63	
Local Agency Funds	\$75.27	
TOTAL	\$2,821.96	

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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