



## Fact Sheet

### Background

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) – in partnership with Los Angeles Metro (Metro) – is conducting a feasibility study to evaluate and improve mobility in the San Gabriel Valley. The Study is evaluating short- and long-term transit options designed to enhance communities and the lives of residents, commuters and visitors, with a focus on our most vulnerable populations: transit-dependent populations and equity-focus communities constrained by existing transportation systems.

The San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study was initiated following the Metro Board’s February 2020 decision to withdraw the State Route (SR) 60 alternative for the **Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2** project to extend the Metro L Line (Gold). The Metro Board approved funding for this feasibility study recognizing that the San Gabriel Valley communities in the study area are reliant on public transit for to access jobs, schools, healthcare, and recreational facilities, and are committed to high-quality transit options but lack transit choices.

The SGVCOG conducted Phase 1 of the feasibility study between July 2021 and June 2022 and has recently begun the Phase 2 analysis. During Phase 1, the team evaluated 15 possible alternatives for improving mobility in the San Gabriel Valley. The concepts were scored based upon such criteria as whether they increased access to major transit hubs, fulfilled near-term mobility needs, improved transit service, supported land use development, and more. Upon conducting this evaluation, the SGVCOG elected to reduce the list of alternatives from 15 to the seven most feasible options followed by narrowing the list of alternatives from seven, down to three, and carrying those forward into Phase 2.

The Phase 2 analysis is being conducted July 2022 to July 2023; it entails narrowing the three current alternatives to one by continuing to identifying best route options, design segments, ridership forecasts, and conceptual engineering with ultimately arriving at the final alternative(s) description, while continuing to seek ongoing input from the community.

### Study Purpose & Benefits

The purpose and future benefits of this Study will be to:

- Identify feasible transit solutions that enhance communities and lives by providing a high-quality mobility project to the San Gabriel Valley
- Meet the Metro Strategic Plan goals of developing and providing equitable and accessible transit services
- Reduce travel times and manage roadway congestion
- Enhance connections to regional/local transit networks

The San Gabriel Valley Study is evaluating transit improvements, including:

- New infrastructure, such as new bus, rail or other fixed guideway lines
- New connections to existing east-west infrastructure such as the Metro L Line (Gold), Foothill Silver Streak commuter buses, and Metrolink commuter trains; new connections may require new or enhanced north-south services
- Improvements to existing transit service, such as expanded transit schedules to provide convenient service all day long

This Study is an important first step in identifying a solution that serves the Study Area cities and communities. Over the course of the Study, the Study team will continue to analyze data and gather input from stakeholders – with a focus on underserved communities – to learn about the area’s transportation needs and to elicit meaningful feedback on the alternatives.

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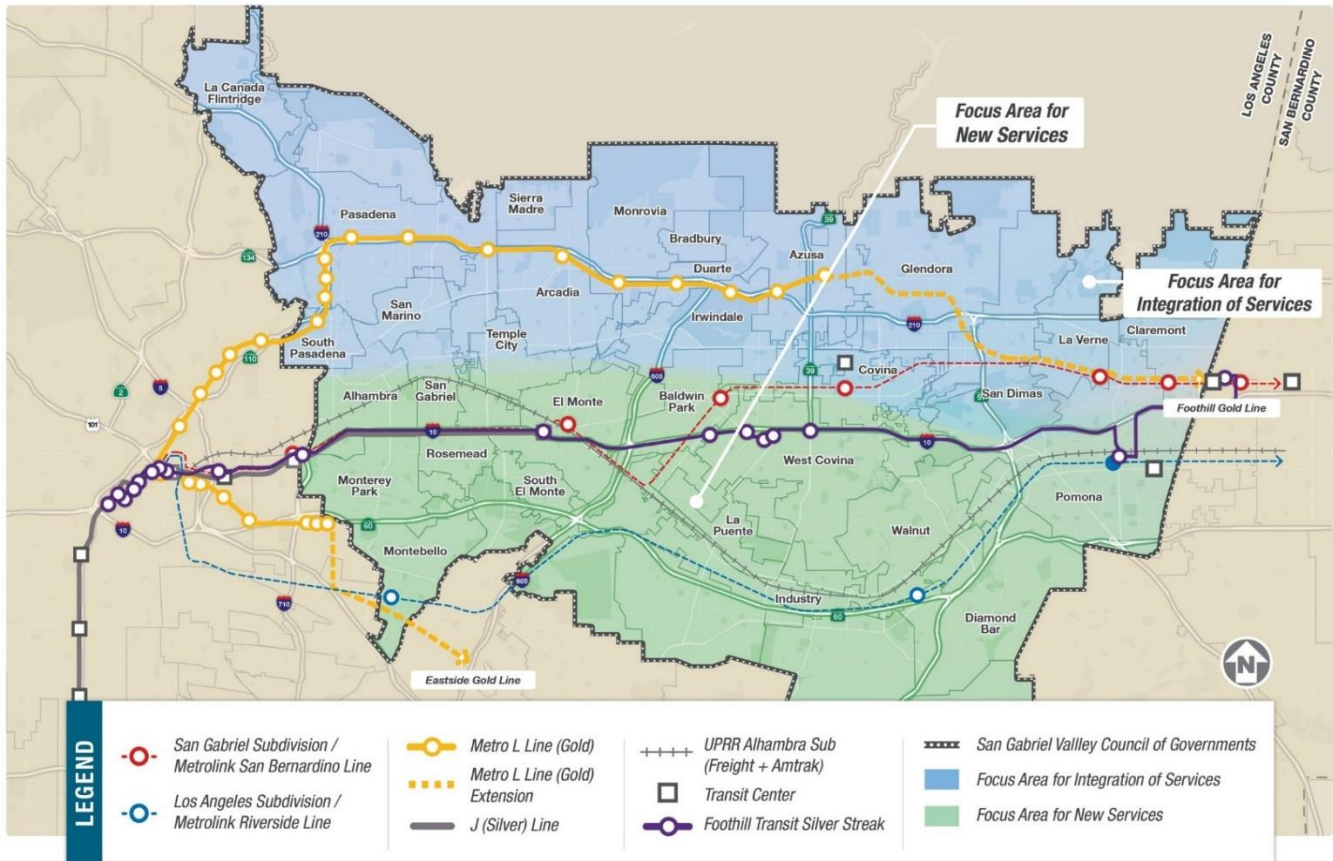
### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Access to opportunity should be at the center of decision-making around public investments and services. This is especially true for transportation, which is essential for access. Vast disparities in access among neighborhoods and individuals in LA County make opportunities harder to reach for some, whether it's jobs, housing, education, health care, safe environments or other essential facets of a thriving, vibrant community. Transportation infrastructure, programs, and service investments must be targeted toward those with the greatest mobility needs first, in order to improve access to opportunity for all. To learn more about Metro's work on equity and race, visit <https://www.metro.net/about/equity-race>.

### Funding

Metro has identified \$635.5 million in local sales tax measure funds available starting in FY 2022 for near-term (15 years) improvements, with long-term (2053) improvements subject to funding availability. Funding plans will be subject to Metro Board approval.

### Study Area Map



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