

West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor

Los Angeles, California

New Starts Project Development

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The Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (LACMTA) proposes to implement a light rail transit (LRT) system along a corridor of about 19 miles that would connect several cities and communities along its alignment from its northern terminus in downtown Los Angeles (Union Station) and its southern terminus at the Pioneer Station in the City of Artesia in Los Angeles County, California. The Project's initial segment, and Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) consists of a 14.8-mile light rail transit segment that would connect several cities located between its termini at the Slauson/A Line (Blue) connection and Pioneer stations in Los Angeles County, California. It includes nine stations, five with parking facilities, and a Maintenance and Storage Facility. The Project is part of the larger 19.3-mile LRT corridor that would connect to Los Angeles Union Station Metro station. The Project's current estimated capital cost is between \$4.9 billion and \$5.1 billion.

The LACMTA believes that the project would provide high-quality reliable transit service to meet the future mobility needs of residents, employees, and visitors who travel within and through the study area. This new transit service will increase mobility and connectivity for several historically underserved and transit-dependent communities, and improve travel times on local and regional transportation networks.

The LACMTA completed an alternatives study in 2019 and published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in July 2021. The LACMTA adopted an LPA in January 2022 and anticipates adoption into the regional fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan later in 2022. The LACMTA expects to complete the environmental review process in 2023 and anticipates entering the Engineering phase later in 2023. The LACMTA anticipates receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2025 and starting revenue service in 2033.