

# **Vermont Bus Rapid Transit Project**

## **Los Angeles, California**

### **Small Starts Project Development**

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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) service along Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles. The Project consists of a 12.4-mile all-day, side-running BRT line with 13 station locations along Vermont Avenue from Hollywood Boulevard to 120<sup>th</sup> Street. Over 50 percent of the route is intended to operate in dedicated bus-only travel lanes in each direction along the curb. Stations are planned to be accessible for people with disabilities and to include shelters, real-time route and schedule information, enhanced lighting, and emergency call buttons and cameras for improved safety and security. The Project also includes enhanced crosswalks for higher visibility and improved safety for pedestrians, signage, striping, roadway pavement repair, and bus bulb-outs at stations to extend the pedestrian area and shorten the crossings for added pedestrian safety. LACMTA indicates the Project's current estimated cost is \$328 million and anticipates requesting \$149.9 million in CIG Small Starts funds.

Despite already being a high transit ridership corridor today, buses along Vermont Avenue experience significant performance deficiencies in vehicle speeds, schedule reliability, and passenger comfort due to severe traffic congestion and challenging operating conditions. The corridor also contains historically disadvantaged groups, with significant transit-dependent populations relying on the Vermont Avenue transit spine for connections to the rest of the region. The Project is expected to provide high-quality, reliable transit service to meet the mobility needs of residents, commuters, and visitors who travel within the City and County of Los Angeles and those connecting to other transit services to/from other cities and areas in the Los Angeles basin. It is also a key component of LACMTA's overall mobility solution needed to be in revenue service in time for the 2028 Olympic Games.

LACMTA anticipates the selection of a locally preferred alternative in March 2025, and completion of the environmental review process in June 2025. LACMTA further anticipates receiving a Small Starts construction grant in early 2026 and beginning revenue service in spring 2028.

