

# ACEC – Los Angeles

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The  
**LINK** to  
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METROLINK





**We are a vital link  
between people and  
places throughout  
Southern California**

**6**  
Counties served

**7**  
Routes/Lines

**538**  
Route miles

**63**  
Stations

**30**  
Years and counting

**METROLINK REGIONAL RAIL SYSTEM**



|  |                                  |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Antelope Valley Line             |  | Station Served by Multiple Lines |
|  | Inland Empire-Orange County Line |  | Amtrak Pacific Surfliner         |
|  | Orange County Line               |  | Metro Rail/Metro Bus             |
|  | Riverside Line                   |  | LAX FlyAway Bus                  |
|  | San Bernardino Line              |  | Coaster Oceanside to San Diego   |
|  | Ventura County Line              |  | Sprinter Oceanside to Escondido  |
|  | 91/Perris Valley Line            |  | Future Station                   |
|  | Under Construction               |  | Under Construction               |

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# Back in 2019...

**PRE-COVID RIDERSHIP**  
40,000 Weekday Riders  
19,000 Weekend Riders

**Metrolink trains were full of riders – mostly commuters traveling into Downtown Los Angeles**



# Then the Pandemic Hit



**POST-COVID RIDERSHIP:**  
15,000 Weekday Riders  
12,000 Weekend Riders

# Two Years Later, Challenges Remain

- We have recovered only 37% of pre-pandemic weekday ridership.
- Leisure travel is relatively strong but cannot make up for the loss of traditional commuters.
- As the return to traditional back-to-office lags, regaining ridership will take time.





# Commuters Are Not Rushing Back on Board

|        | # Trips | % Total Ridership |
|--------|---------|-------------------|
| May-18 | 655,965 | 70%               |
| May-22 | 111,187 | 32%               |

The loss of traditional commuters accounts for 91% of total ridership lost.

# Our New Reality: From Commuter Rail to Regional Rail

## HOW WE'RE PIVOTING

- Developed Flex Passes for more travel flexibility
- Introduced new fare incentives to encourage lapsed and new riders to take the train



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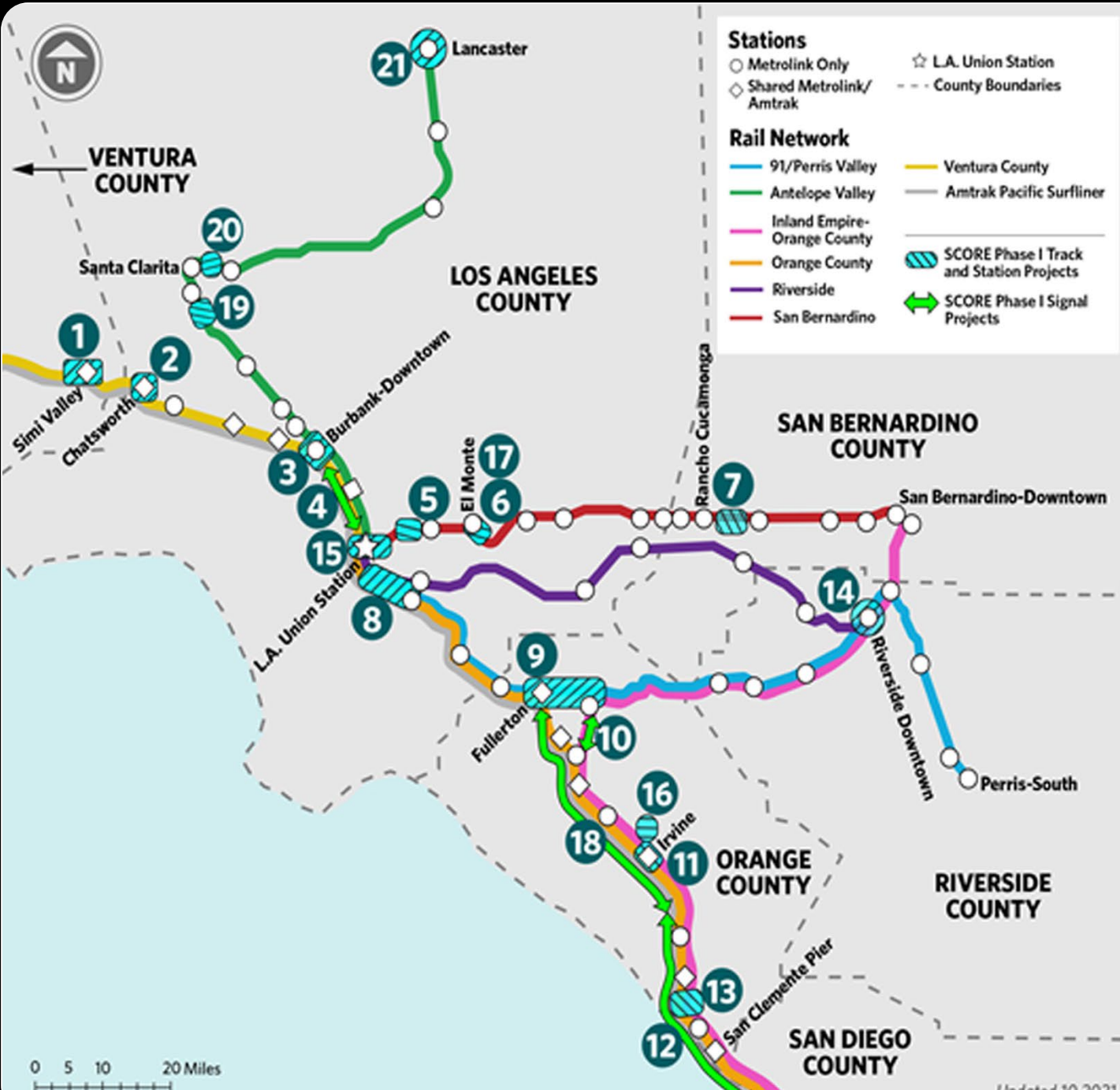
SCORE Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion

10  
year

\$10+  
billion

Our vision is to remain a vibrant passenger rail network that connects the people and places of Southern California and contributes to the State's ambitious climate goals.





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Southern California  
Coastal  
Rail  
Extension

## SCORE PHASE 1 PROJECTS

- 1 Simi Valley Double Track
- 2 Chatsworth Station Improvements
- 3 Burbank Junction Speed Improvements
- 4 Signal Improvements (Burbank-L.A.)
- 5 Marengo Siding Extension
- 6 El Monte Siding Extension
- 7 Rancho Cucamonga Siding Extension
- 8 Hobart to Commerce Capacity Improvements
- 9 Fullerton Interlocker (incl. Atwood-Esperanza 3rd Track)
- 10 Signal Improvements (Atwood-Orange)
- 11 Irvine Station Improvements
- 12 Signal Improvements (Avery-Songs)
- 13 Serra Siding Extension
- 14 Riverside - Downtown Station Improvements
- 15 Link Union Station
- 16 Orange County Maintenance Facility
- 17 Tyler Ave and Cogswell Rd Grade Crossing Improvements
- 18 Signal Improvements (La Palma-Avery)
- 19 Balboa Double Track Extension
- 20 Canyon Siding Extension
- 21 Lancaster Terminal Improvements

\*Note: Link US Phase A includes Metrolink's LAUS RYRM Project



# LINK Union Station

- Efficiency and connectivity
- Faster train approach and departure
- Reduced GHG emissions and fuel usage
- One-seat ride and more frequent and faster service between SoCal regional centers
- Capacity for growth
- Enables increased and enhanced services to achieve 30-minute trips
- Accommodates future demand for high-speed rail





# Burbank Junction Speed Improvement

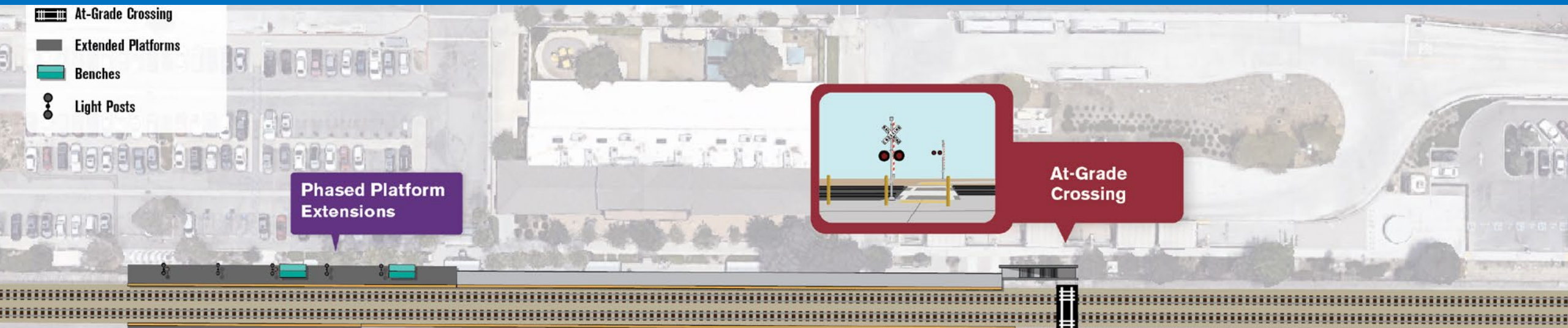
- Upgrade the existing turnout to a higher speed turnout, and installation of a new crossover
- Junction will service trains more efficiently while providing shorter wait times between trains
- Construction scheduled to begin this fall
- Project cost estimate: \$18,129,500





# Chatsworth Station Improvements

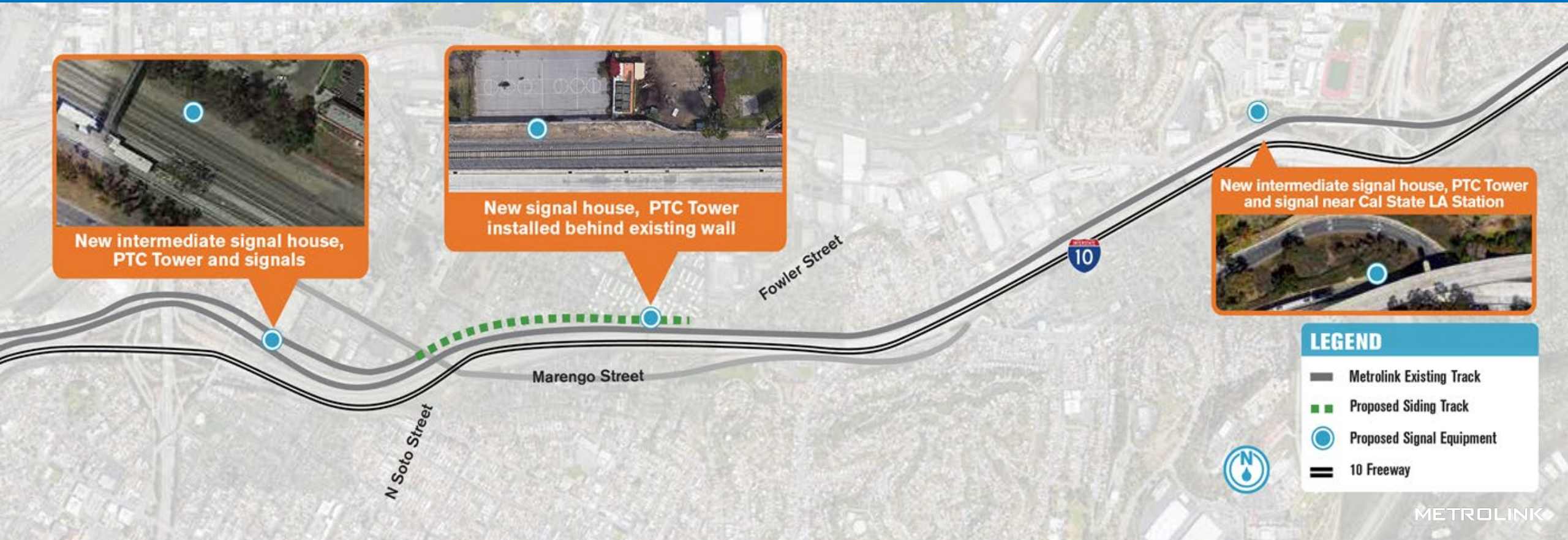
- Project includes an extension of the platform, as well as a new pedestrian underpass crossing
- Construction scheduled to begin the end of 2022
- Project cost estimate: \$25,736,360





# Marengo Siding Extension

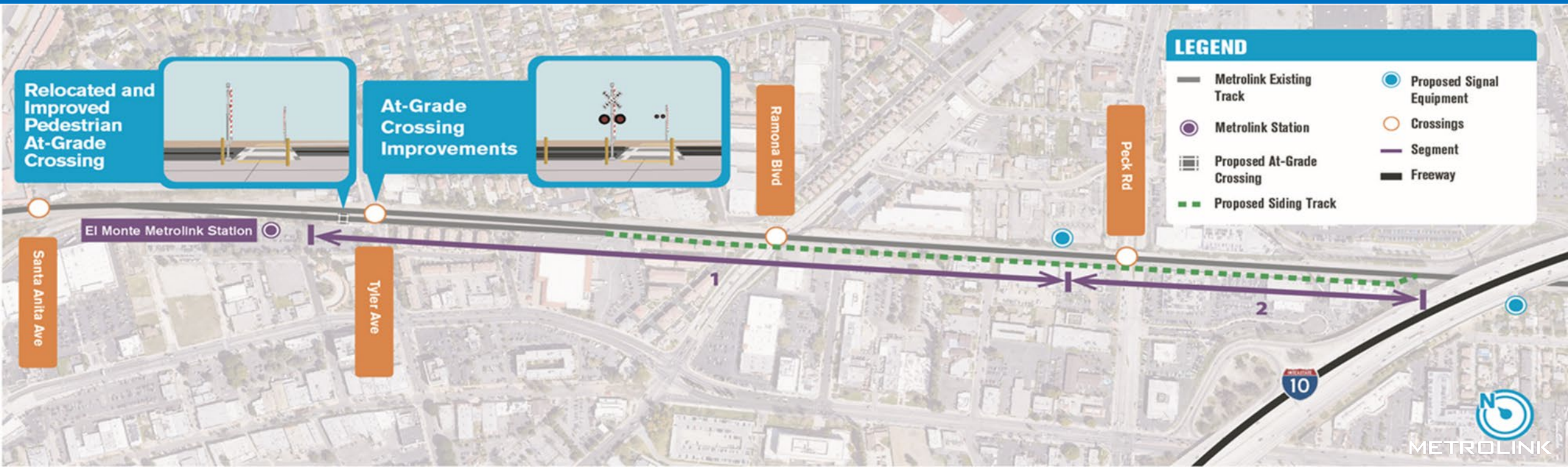
- Safety improvements to Marengo and Soto Street overpass
- Efficient operations and decrease idling of trains; reduce emissions
- Safety improvements at structures and along right of way
- Precursor to the LAC+USC Medical Center Metrolink Station





# El Monte Siding Extension Project

- More service: This Project will enable more frequent service.
- Improved service reliability: trains will no longer have to wait for one another to pass, improving on-time performance.
- Enhanced safety: improved at-grade crossings will facilitate Quiet Zone ready corridors that will also minimize train horn blowing.





# Simi Valley Double Track Project

- Adds 2.15 miles of track
- Up to five crossing improvements that will create a Quiet Zone ready corridor
- In the future, passengers can expect train service every 30 minutes
- Construction scheduled to begin Fall 2023
- Project cost estimate: \$100,564,794





# LA28 Olympic & Paralympic Games



- Vision is for the Games to be car-free for spectators
- Visitors will need Metrolink to connect to venues/destinations across the region
- Part of \$10 billion plan to improve regional rail ahead of the games

| LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Game Venues |          |                           |    |           |                                    |    |              |  |
|---|----------|---------------------------|----|-----------|------------------------------------|----|--------------|--|
| ID                                      | Cluster  | Venue                     | ID | Cluster   | Venue                              | ID | Cluster      | Venue  |
| 1                                       | Downtown | LA Memorial Coliseum      | 12 | Valley    | Sepulveda Basin                    | 23 | South Bay    | LA Stadium (SoFi)                              |
| 2                                       | Downtown | LA Football Club Stadium  | 13 | Valley    | Sepulveda Basin                    | 24 | Long Beach   | Long Beach Arena                               |
| 3                                       | Downtown | Galen Center              | 14 | Coastal   | UCLA Campus                        | 25 | Long Beach   | Long Beach Lot (Convention Center Parking Lot) |
| 4                                       | Downtown | LA Convention Center      | 15 | Coastal   | Pauley Pavilion                    | 26 | Long Beach   | Long Beach Waterfront (Alamitos Beach)         |
| 5                                       | Downtown | Staples Center            | 16 | Coastal   | Santa Monica Beach                 | 27 | Long Beach   | Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier                 |
| 6                                       | Downtown | Microsoft Theater         | 17 | Coastal   | Riviera Country Club               | 28 | Other Venues | Universal Studios                              |
| 7                                       | Downtown | Olympic Family Hotels     | 18 | South Bay | Dignity Health Sports Park Stadium | 29 | Other Venues | Rose Bowl Stadium                              |
| 8                                       | Downtown | Grand Park & LA City Hall | 19 | South Bay | Dignity Health Tennis Center       | 30 | Other Venues | Honda Center                                   |
| 9                                       | Downtown | USC Campus                | 20 | South Bay | VELO Sports Center                 | 31 | Other Venues | Frank G. Bonelli Park                          |
| 10                                      | Downtown | Dedeaux Field             | 21 | South Bay | Dignity Health Sports Park Fields  | 32 | Other Venues | Lake Perris                                    |
| 11                                      | Valley   | Sepulveda Basin           | 22 | South Bay | The Forum                          |    |              |  |



# Federal & State Funding is Vital to Passenger Rail

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes FTA State of Good Repair and Urbanized Area formula funds, which increases transportation funding for Southern California by 38% and 36% respectively to \$3.6 billion and \$4.9 billion annually. FRA programs increased to \$1 billion and \$2.5 billion annually. Law also created a \$3 billion Grade Crossing Upgrade Program.
- On May 13, Governor Newsom released the May Revise, projecting the largest surplus of any state budget in U.S. history – \$97B dollars, which will provide for \$49.2B in discretionary spending. Newsom is expected to prioritize passenger rail projects for the discretionary funds.







# Funding is essential, but we also need the support of:

- Riders
- General public
- Business community
- Elected officials





Questions?





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