

Exposition Light Rail Transit Project



Expo Board Presentation
Monthly Project Status Update
April 2, 2009

PHASE 1



Design

- Baseline Design is approximately 96% complete
- Venice/Robertson design is 92% complete

Construction

- Construction is approximately 35% complete

Construction Packages

- Negotiated 15 of the 20 construction packages totaling \$362 million

Project Budget

- Currently within the construction and overall project budget
- There are still outstanding issues that could pose a significant risk to the budget



Project Schedule

- **Contractor's latest schedule update shows a 32-week project delay**
 - Delay in completing the cable design for LADWP overhead power lines at the La Cienega structure is driving most of the delay
 - Delay in starting the Flower/Adams overcrossing due to need to complete 100% drawing comments required for Caltrans permits/approval
 - Delays in the wire pulling associated with LADWP overhead power lines at the La Brea structure
 - Authority has requested a recovery schedule from the contractor
- **Areas of potential further delay**
 - Incorporation of the Pedestrian Overcrossing at Farmdale Ave
 - Culver City aerial station
 - Storage and Inspection Facility
 - Blue Line Tie-In

Current Construction Activities

- Continued placing concrete for the trench invert slab and began rebar installation for the trench wall (Seg A)
- Continued retrofit of Caltrans Flower Street Bridge over the I-110 Freeway (Seg A)
- Completed installation of reinforcing steel and began placing concrete for Western Avenue Station (Seg B)
- Continued installing structural backfill for Abutment No. 1 at La Brea Overcrossing Structure (Seg C)
- Continued setting wall form panels for Abutment No. 6 at La Cienega Overcrossing Structure (Seg C)
- Began falsework for the La Brea Overcrossing Structure (Seg C)



Slab Placement and Wall Rebar Installation at Trench Structure





**Flower Street Overcrossing Above I-110 Freeway
After Completion of Girder Demolition**





**Concrete Placement for Western Avenue Station—
East Platform Footings**





**Conduit Installation at Exposition
Portal of Trench Structure**



Erection of Falsework for La Brea Overcrossing Structure



Project Issue Summary

▪ Harvard Pedestrian Tunnel

- Contractor is assembling CIDH cages for structural reinforcement over the pedestrian tunnel
- Staff is developing an initial list of potential pedestrian safety improvements that could possibly be implemented at Foshay Learning Center
 - Staff is coordinating the possible improvements with CD 8, LADOT, CPUC, Metro and LAUSD
 - Staff will prepare and submit a report to the CPUC's Consumer Protection and Safety Division no later than May 20, 2009

Project Issue Summary (Cont.)

■ Farmdale Pedestrian Overcrossing

- Staff has completed the Draft CEQA and NEPA Document
 - Staff met with CPUC Environmental Staff to discuss project status
 - The Draft CEQA/NEPA Document will be submitted to FTA and CPUC this week for review
 - Begin Preliminary Engineering on the Farmdale Pedestrian Overcrossing and closure of Farmdale Avenue
 - Began assembling the amended application for submittal to CPUC

■ Storage and Inspection Facility

- CEQA/NEPA environmental clearance received
- Completion of design scheduled for Fall 2009
- Construction completion anticipated for Fall 2010

Project Issue Summary (Cont.)

- **Proposed Joint Development at Venice/Robertson Station**
 - Culver City is contemplating a joint development project adjacent to the Venice/Robertson station
 - Culver City has committed to reimburse design costs associated with modifications to the LRT bridge foundations to accommodate a subterranean parking structure
 - A reimbursement agreement is needed to cover the differential in construction costs should Culver City's design be implemented
 - A decision by Culver City is needed this month in order to begin the steel fabrication required for the City improvements

Government/Community Relations

- Held Expo Park/USC Station groundbreaking media event on March 6, 2009 (Seg A)
- Provided project status updates to the following organizations:
 - Figueroa Corridor Business Improvement District (Seg A)
 - Baldwin Villas Senior Center (Seg B)
- Attended regularly scheduled meetings, including:
 - Ted Alexander Elementary School PTA Meeting (Seg B)
 - West Adams Neighborhood Council Meeting (Seg B)
 - South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Meeting (Seg C)
- Hosted an informational booth at 7th & Fig Farmers Market
- Attended monthly update meeting with USC and Expo Park to discuss coordination of events and construction activities
- Attended bi-monthly coordination meetings with LA Trade Tech staff to discuss construction activities, impacts and mitigation measures

PHASE 2



DEIR Release and Public Comment

- Public comment period began on January 28, 2009 and closed on March 27, 2009 after a 14 day extension requested by the community
- Conducted 3 public hearings on February 18, 23, and 25
 - Over 525 stakeholders attended the public hearings
 - Over 174 provided verbal comments
- Over 3,000 public communications were submitted
- Key areas of concern for stakeholders include:
 - Grade crossing configurations
 - Location of maintenance facility
 - Inclusion of bikeway within the project

Government/Community Relations

- Participated in the following coordination meetings
 - City of Santa Monica regarding maintenance facility location
 - LADOT and City of Santa Monica regarding bikeway
- Conducted several briefings with agencies, organizations, businesses, schools and environmental groups
 - Santa Monica City Council
 - Southern California Edison (SCE)
 - Culver City Chamber of Commerce
 - Century City Chamber of Commerce
 - Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
 - Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District
 - Culver City Downtown Business Association
 - Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau
 - Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)
 - St. Anne's Catholic Church
 - St. John's Health Center
 - Casden Development
 - Bergamont Station
 - Water Garden
 - Heal the Bay
 - Yahoo!

Phase 2 Milestones		
Activity	Forecast Completion Date	Status
Scoping Meetings & Report	May - 07	Complete
Screening of Alternatives	Oct - 07	Complete
Administrative Draft to FTA	Nov - 08	No longer applicable
Conversion to CEQA Document	Dec - 08/Jan - 09	Complete
Public Comment Period/Hearings on DEIR	Jan/March - 09	Complete
Board Discussion of Preferred Alternative	April - 09	
Board Adoption of Final EIR	Oct - 09	
Design-Build Contract Award	Jan - 2010	

