

**CONSIDERATION OF A  
POSITION ON LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
C LINE EXTENSION ROUTE INTO  
TORRANCE -25-CMO-066**



CITY OF  
HERMOSA  
BEACH

# Overview

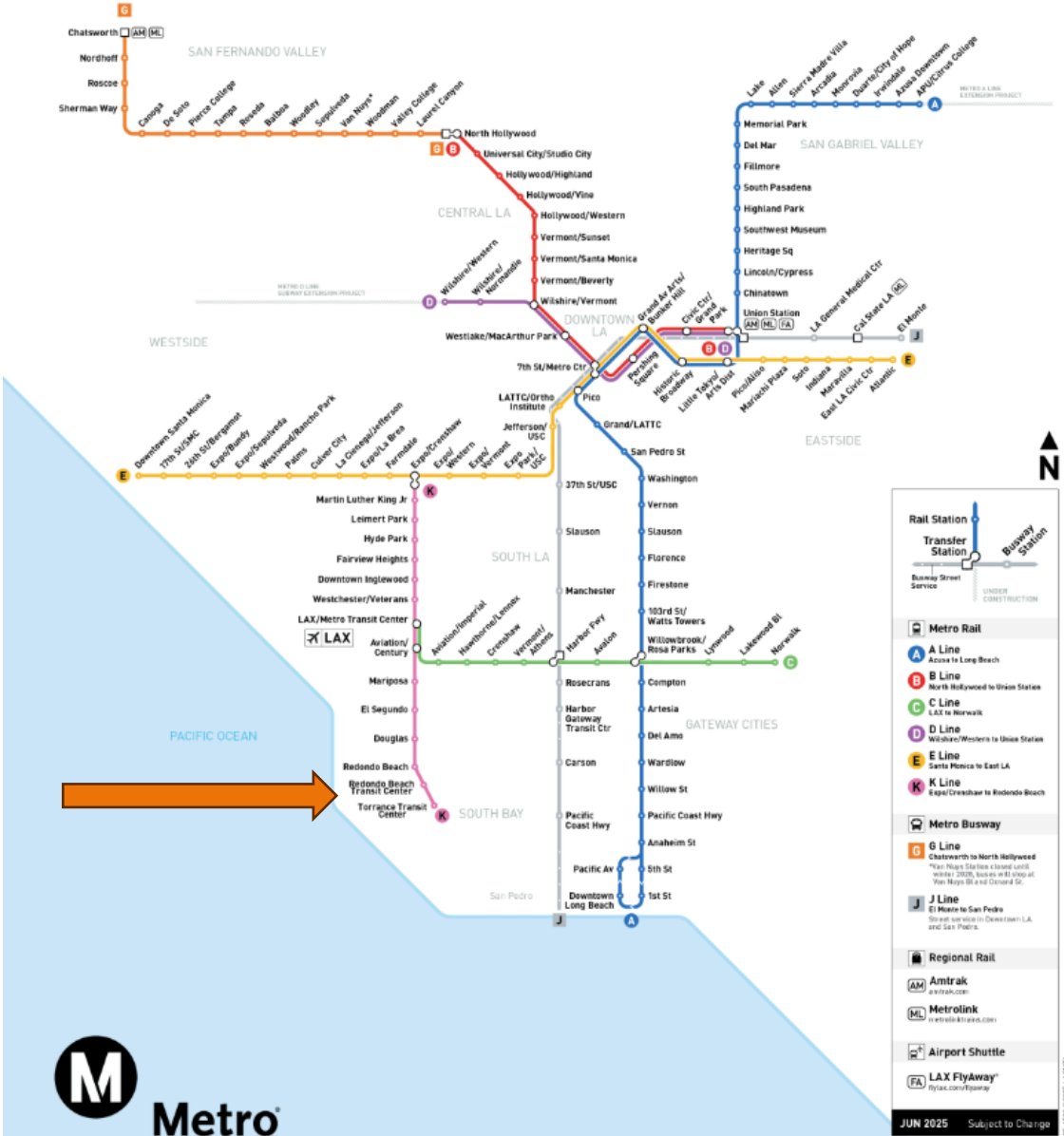
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# Background

Date	Description
<b>August 8, 2023</b>	City Council received and filed a letter in support of the Metro C and K Line operating plan.
<b>October 9, 2023</b>	Staff received email confirmation from Metro that the support letter from City of Hermosa Beach was withdrawn.
<b>October 10, 2023</b>	Staff provided City Council additional information regarding the Metro C Line extension into Torrance including public comments and letter from City of Redondo Beach in opposition of the Right-of-Way (ROW) Option and in support of the Hawthorne Option.
<b>May 23, 2024</b>	Metro Board of Directors selected the hybrid alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Proposed Project in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
<b>March 11, 2025</b>	Mayor Francois requested, and Councilmembers Seamann and Keegan supported, directing staff to return with an item to consider the City's position on the Metro C Line extension into Torrance.
<b>March 25, 2025</b>	Councilmember Jackson made a motion, and Mayor Pro Tem Seamann supported, an action to bring this item back once Metro released the final EIR.
<b>September 11, 2025</b>	Metro released the final EIR for certification ahead of Metro Board meeting in fall 2025



# Metro Rail & Busway System Map



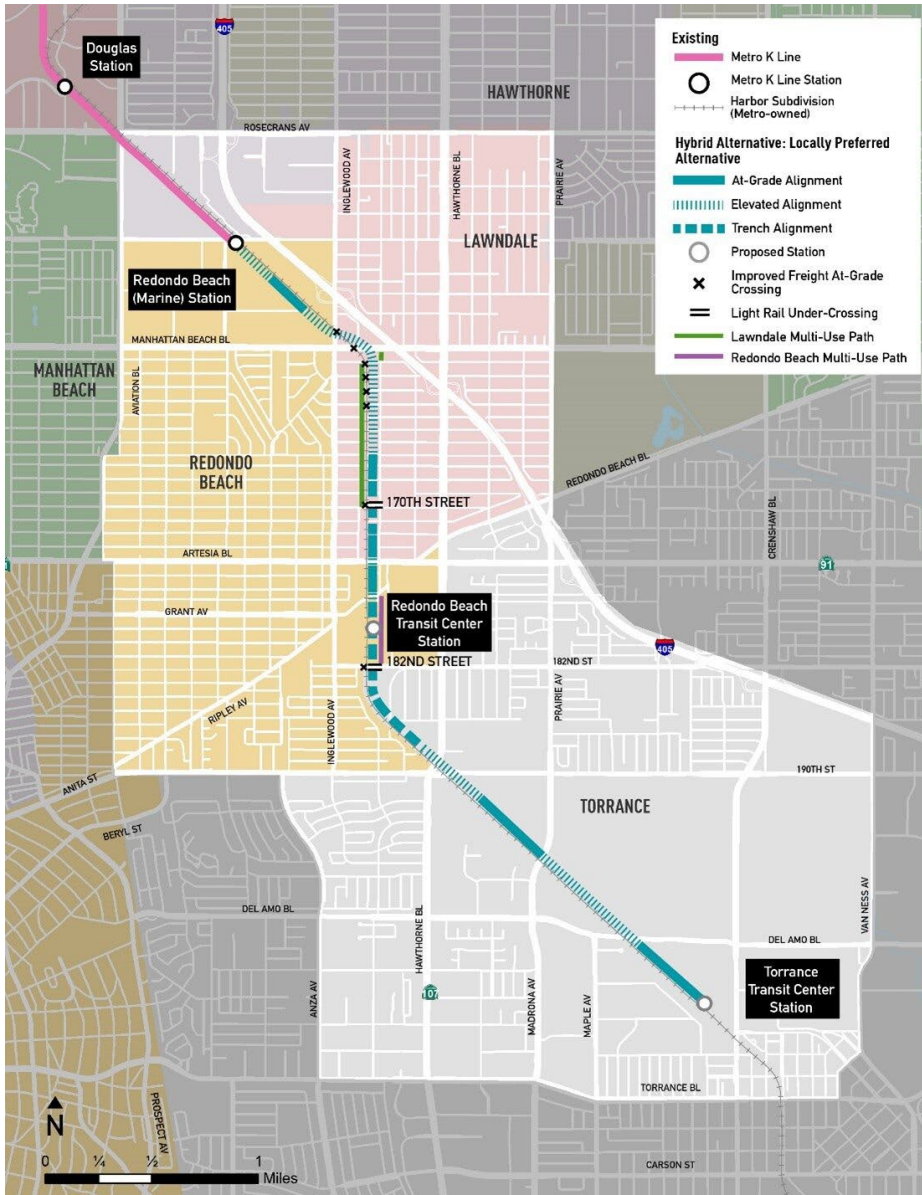
# Metro C Line Extension Routes



- ## Hawthorne Route

- Would build entirely new rail-corridor along Hawthorne Blvd
- Additional permitting required by Caltrans and federal environmental clearance estimated to extend project schedule by 2-4 years.
- Interruption of major regional thoroughfare with approximately 70,000 daily trips for duration of construction
- Additional acquisitions of commercial and residential properties required
- Removes regional transit connections to **Redondo Beach Transit Center** serviced by BCT, GTrans, Lawndale Beat, Torrance Transit, and Metro
- Projected daily ridership of 15,648 per day by 2042
- Projected Cost \$2.96 Billion (\$730 Million More than LPA Option)

# Metro C Line Extension Routes



- **Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)**

- Utilizes existing rail corridor operated by BNSF and Metro with minimal property acquisitions
- Includes below grade rail crossings at 170<sup>th</sup> and 182<sup>nd</sup> street to address public safety and noise concerns at major crossings
- Enhances regional transit connections to **Redondo Beach Transit Center** serviced by BCT, GTrans, Lawndale Beat, Torrance Transit, and Metro
- Creation of new dedicated multi-use paths in Lawndale and Redondo Beach
- Projected daily ridership of 11,500 by 2042
- Projected Cost \$2.23 Billion (\$730 Million Less than Hawthorne Option)



# Public Comment

- Comments Received from Public Agencies During Draft EIR Comment Period

Submission	Name
21	Carlos Huizar, City of Torrance
22	Yvette Hall, City of Lawndale
60	Immanuel Chiang, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
82	Elaine Lee, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 Division of Environmental Planning
94	Rochelle Campomanes, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
121	Mandy Huffman, Los Angeles County Sanitation District
123	Ruby Kwan-Davis, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
126	David Leger, South Bay Cities Council of Governments
127	Anthony Higgins, Caltrans – District 7
130	Brandy Forbes, City of Redondo Beach
132	Sean Carlson, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
138	Brenda Moun, City of Torrance Traffic Commission
675	Daren Gilbert, California Public Utilities Commission
1990	Kim Turner, City of Torrance

- 2,200 public comments received



# Recommended Action

- Staff recommends City Council:
  1. Consider whether to take a position on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) C Line extension into Torrance; and
  2. Authorize Interim City Manager, if a position is taken, to provide letter representing the City's position to the Metro Board.

