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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As part of the Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) Program, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) is advancing the Marengo Siding Extension Project (Project). The new rail infrastructure would be constructed along the existing San Bernardino Line, and entirely within Metrolink's right-of-way in the City of Los Angeles, near the Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center and west of Metrolink Cal State LA Station.

The Project would maintain the existing main track and construct the new siding track to the north and end near the railroad right-of-way near the curve at Fowler Street. The Project would extend the existing siding to the east by 3,325 feet. The extension will increase the total siding length to approximately 10,250 feet.

The Project will improve the rail system by including:

- New signals, signal houses and a signal tower
- A new turnout, which is the point where trains can be guided from one track to another; and
- Improvements to Marengo and Soto Street overpass

PROJECT BENEFITS



Safer, more reliable service – this project, when combined with other SCORE Phase I projects, will provide safety improvements and more frequent service when demand and funding exist. With the new siding track and combined with the El Monte project, in the future passengers will go to a train station and wait no more than 30 minutes for the next train in either direction.



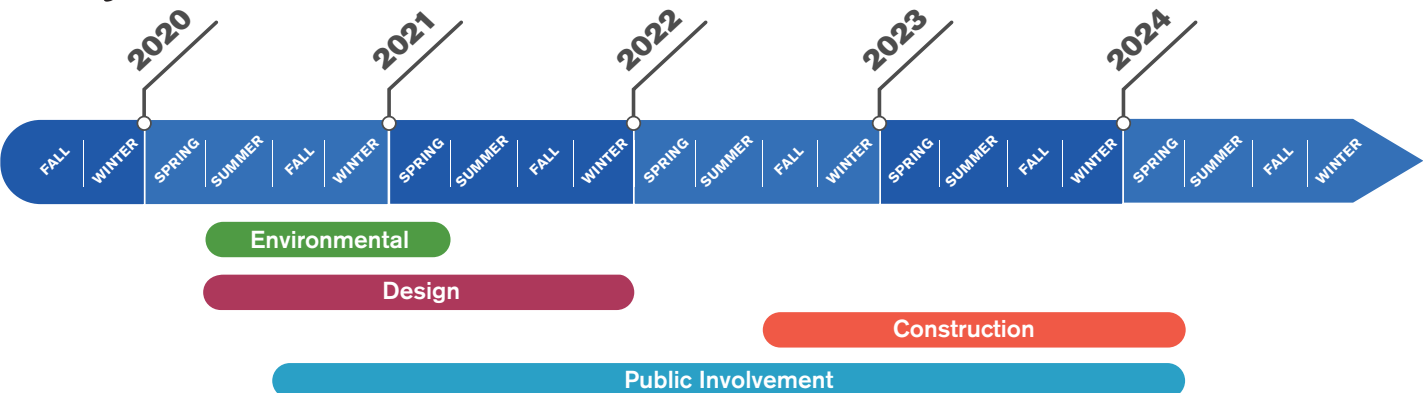
Improved on-time performance for the San Bernardino Line which will reduce passengers commute time and train delays.



Less idling time will reduce emissions.



PROJECT TIMELINE



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Southern
California
Optimized
Rail
Expansion

Ramona Gardens

Marengo Siding Improvements Project

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1 What is SCORE?

Metrolink's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) program is an ambitious capital program that will upgrade Metrolink's system in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

SCORE is a \$10 billion capital improvement program – grade crossing, station and signal improvements as well as track additions and work that accelerates progress towards Metrolink's zero-emissions future. Improvements that allow some cities to apply for quiet zones.

2 How is SCORE funded?

The majority of SCORE is unfunded. After local partners contributed over \$595 million, Metrolink successfully leveraged those funds against state-level grant opportunities. In 2018, Metrolink was awarded an \$876 million grant from the California Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for Phase One of SCORE. To date, Metrolink has raised approximately 17%, or \$1.7 billion, of the \$10 billion funding goal. Metrolink is now in the process of identifying and pursuing additional grant opportunities to reach the overall funding goal.

3 How are SCORE projects identified and prioritized?

In alignment with the State Rail Plan – a 20-year planning and implementation framework for California's rail network – Metrolink identified railroad improvements that would improve safety, enable more frequent service, and make existing service more reliable. Metrolink's planning team underwent a comprehensive analysis to identify and prioritize major bottlenecks and projects that greatly benefit the operations for multiple rail operators such as Metrolink, Amtrak, BNSF and possibly high-speed rail.

4 What is the Marengo Siding Improvements Track Project and what improvements will be made?

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) is advancing the Marengo Siding Extension Project (Project) to inspect, repair and maintain the existing track to operate smoothly and safely, while constructing a new siding track.

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The Project would also involve the protection-in-place of existing utilities, including existing drainage structures, or relocation where utility structures conflict with the proposed alignment.

5 What are the benefits to the community?

The Marengo Siding Extension Project would generate jobs and business opportunities, enhance safety for pedestrians, vehicles, and trains, improve service operations, and enable more frequent and reliable Metrolink service. Each year an increase in commuter rail ridership in Los Angeles County will generate new pedestrians and bicyclists, taking vehicles off the road, and reducing congestion and emissions, long term, for a better environment. The increased movement in everyday lives will improve the populations overall health and wellness while providing access to essential transportation.

6 How will the Marengo Siding Improvements project improvements benefit riders?

Improvements on the Marengo Siding Extension Project will increase train and passenger capacity by enabling more frequent train service at least every 30 minutes in both directions. The station improvements and track updates would allow Metrolink to provide passengers with more reliable and safer service. This relocation can improve Metrolink's service operation by minimizing the distance of the single-track territory and providing a longer passing siding for passenger trains. A reduction in train idling will allow passengers to make quicker transfers.

7 What are the economic benefits to the area?

The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) was commissioned to produce a study assessing the impact of the construction investment of the SCORE program. The benefits from SCORE will make the region increasingly attractive for the millions projected to arrive for the 2028 Summer Olympics and create regional prosperity in the decades to come. When service demand and future funding exist, Los Angeles County residents can expect to see 45,700 new jobs and \$9.801 billion in gross regional product by 2028. By 2050, there will be 704,900 new jobs and an collective total of \$356 billion in economic activity.

8 What is the timeline for the Marengo Siding Improvements project?

Environmental and design reviews began in summer 2020, and regulatory permitting will begin in winter 2020. Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2022, with completion expected in spring 2024.

9 Where can I get more information about this project?

For more information please visit metrolinktrains.com/score.

