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## Marengo Siding Extension Project

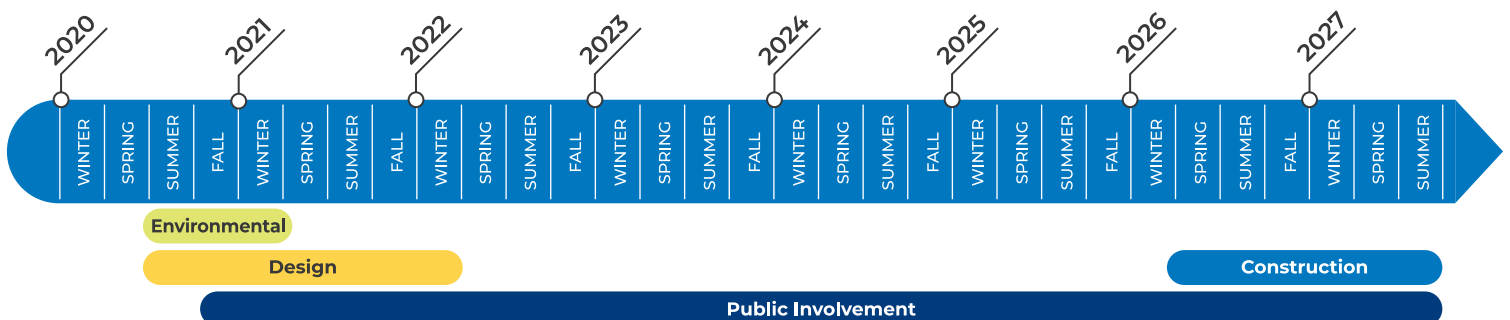


**Marengo Siding Extension Project:** The proposed Marengo Siding Extension Project is included in Phase 1 of the Metrolink SCORE project that will provide safety improvements and more frequent and reliable services.

### The Marengo Siding Extension Project will:

- Construct the new siding track to the north and end near the railroad right-of-way near the curve at Fowler Street
- Increase the total siding length to approximately 10,250 feet
- Improve on-time performance for the San Bernardino Line which will reduce passengers commute time and train delays
- Install a new turnout, new signals, signal houses and a signal tower

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.



# Marengo Siding Extension Project Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## 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.

## 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 24%, or \$2.4 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.

## 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.

## 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. 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 west of the Metrolink Cal State LA Station. The Project would maintain the main track in its existing location and construct the new siding track to the north and ending 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. Extending the existing siding will relocate the area where trains pass one another, providing a longer passing siding for passenger trains. 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.

## We appreciate your cooperation and understanding while we work to improve the City of Los Angeles.

### Have a question or a comment about the Marengo Siding Extension Project?

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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 a collective total of \$356 billion in economic activity.

## 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 the spring of 2026 and conclude in the summer of 2027.

## Where can I get more information about this project?

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