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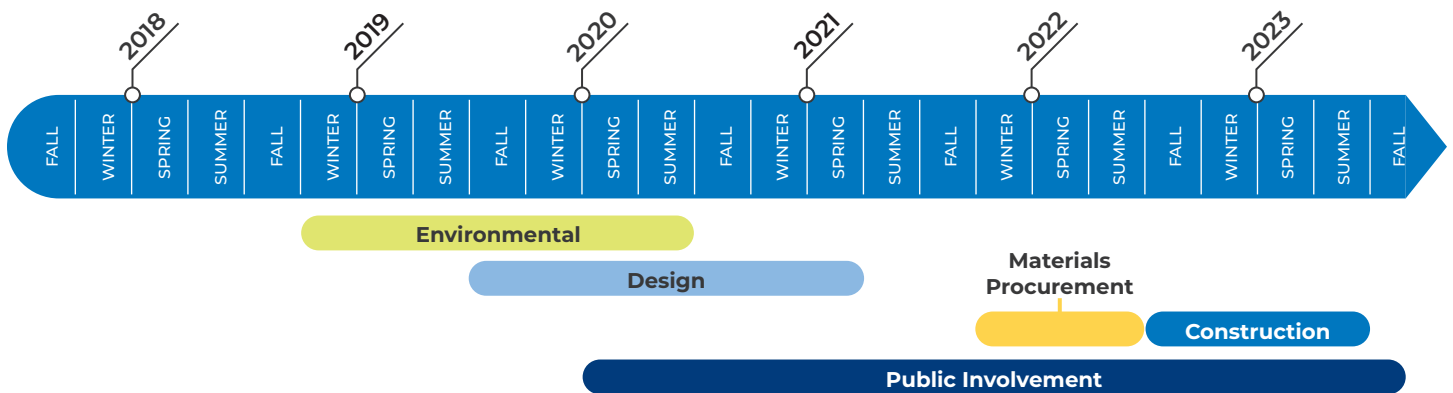


Burbank Junction Speed Improvement Project:

The proposed Burbank Junction Speed Improvement (Project) is included in Phase 1 of the Metrolink SCORE project that will improve the train service by allowing more frequent and safer operations, as well as increasing service speeds at the Burbank Junction.

The Burbank Junction Speed Improvement Project will:

- Interchange the existing Brighton Siding trackwork with new higher speed trackwork.
- Realign a small portion of existing main line tracks and install new trackwork between the existing main lines which will allow for increased travel speeds and more fluid train operations through the junction.
- Reconfigure and lengthen existing tracks, allowing the junction to service trains more efficiently while providing smaller headways between trains.
- Improve and replace approximately 0.5 mile of existing track.
- Install new right of way safety fencing to improve safety in the area.
- Reduce commute time for passengers up to a minute and a half per train with increased speed and improved operation when combined with other SCORE projects, including a recently completed Burbank to LA signal improvement project.



Burbank Junction Speed Improvement 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 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 23%, or \$2.3 billion, of the \$10+ billion funding goal. Metrolink is 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 conducted 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, UPRR and possibly high-speed rail.

Are there any benefits to the community?

The project would generate jobs and business opportunities, provide environmental benefits, and increase the capacity and the reliability of Metrolink service. Los Angeles County would see reduced traffic congestion and emissions on adjacent freeways, as Metrolink removes the equivalent of one lane of parallel freeway traffic during the peak hour in peak direction. Lane capacity equivalent calculated using Metrolink conductor counts and Caltrans Annual Average Daily Traffic counts at peak load points within corridor. Reduced traffic congestion would also result in fewer accidents, reduced air pollution and emissions, and decreased energy consumption.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding while we work to improve the City of Burbank.

Have a question or a comment about the Burbank Junction Speed Improvement Project?

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How will the Burbank Junction Speed Improvement Project benefit riders?

In the future, passengers will go to a train station and wait no more than 30 minutes for the next train in both directions. Commute times for passengers would be reduced by up to a minute and a half with the increased speed and fluid operations.

Are there any 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 Paralympics and create regional prosperity in the decades to come. Through construction and service improvements, 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 Burbank Junction Speed Improvements project?

Construction is scheduled to begin Fall 2022 with completion expected in Summer 2023.

Where can I get more information about this project?

For more information, please visit Metrolinktrains.com/SCORE

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