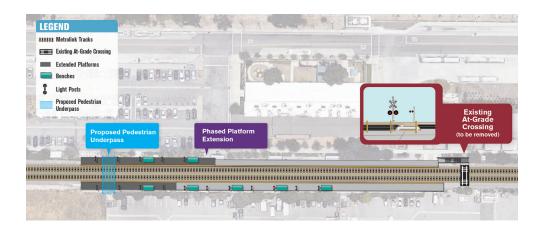


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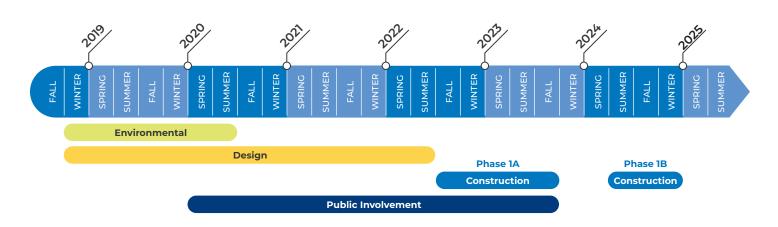


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The proposed Chatsworth Station and Signal Improvements Project is included in Phase 1 of the Metrolink SCORE project that will improve passenger safety and enable more frequent and reliable services.

## The Chatsworth Station and Signal Improvements Project will:

- Remove existing at-grade crossing
- Construct a new pedestrian underpass that will improve pedestrian access and safety
- · Decrease idling and reduce emissions
- Extend the existing platforms to a standard length of 680 feet during Phase 2 of construction
- Improve train operations by reducing station hold times and reducing commute times



#### 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.

### What is the Chatsworth Station and Signal Improvements Project and what improvements will be made?

The proposed Chatsworth Station and Signal Improvements Project is included in Phase 1 of the Metrolink SCORE Project that will reduce commute times, enhance service, and offer better connectivity for passengers transferring at Chatsworth Station between Metrolink and Metro's D Line. Improvements at Chatsworth Station include the replacement of the existing at-grade crossing within the station and a new pedestrian underpass. Passengers will benefit by not waiting more than 30 minutes for the next train in either direction when service demand and funding exist. Segments of the main track at Chatsworth Station will be rehabilitated by replacing wooden ties with concrete ties to improve reliability and enhance operation services.

## We appreciate your cooperation and understanding while we work to improve the Chatsworth Station.

## Have a question or a comment about the Chatsworth Station and Signal Improvements Project?

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### What are the benefits to the community?

The new pedestrian underpass and signal improvements would generate jobs and business opportunities, improve safety for pedestrians and trains, provide environmental benefits, and enable frequency increases and improves the reliability of Metrolink service. Los Angeles County would see reduced emission and lower traffic congestion on adjacent freeways, as Metrolink removes the equivalent of one lane of parallel freeway traffic during the peak hour in peak direction. The lane capacity equivalence is calculated with Metrolink conductor counts and Caltrans Annual Average Daily Traffic counts at peak load points within the corridor.

### How will the Chatsworth Station and Signal Improvements project improvements benefit riders?

Improvements at Chatsworth Station, combined with planned improvements at Simi Valley Station, would 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 more reliable and safer services. Additionally, the underpass would reduce train idling time and 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 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 Chatsworth Station and Signal Improvements project?

Construction is scheduled to begin in Fall 2022 with completion expected in the Spring 2025.

# Where can I get more information about this project?

For more information, please visit Metrolinktrains.com/SCORE

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