

Tour 1: Wilshire BRT / Metro Orange Line Technical Tour – Limit 100

Wilshire Boulevard is the most heavily used bus corridor in the County of Los Angeles. In addition to being the most heavily used transit corridor in the County, Wilshire Boulevard has the distinction of having some of the highest average daily traffic (ADT) volumes in the City of Los Angeles. The Wilshire BRT Project, completed in November 2015, added 7.7 miles of dedicated peak period curbside bus lanes, as well as other street, signal improvements and further enhancements to the existing transit signal priority system.

The tour will include a short trip along this busy corridor with a brief stop at the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Red/Purple Line station. There you will be able to observe and hear about one of Metro's successful joint development projects sitting on 5.64 acres or one entire City block. The project, completed in August 2007, consists of 3.24 acres of Metro-owned property ground leased to the developer, 449 apartments (20% affordable), 35,000 square feet of ground floor retail, new subway portal and elevator access. Another 2.4 acres was sold to the Los Angeles Unified School District to construct an 800-student middle school completed in October 2008 and opened in Fall 2009. Also, a new bus layover facility sitting on an adjacent 1.02 acre parcel was also constructed.

From there, the tour will continue on to the North Hollywood Metro Orange/Red Line Station where the group will take a short trip on the Metro Orange Line. The initial segment opened from North Hollywood to Warner Center on October 29, 2005, with an extension to Chatsworth Station which opened on June 30, 2012. The Metro Orange Line is an 18-mile BRT service that operates along a privately owned dedicated right-of-way. Key features includes branded buses, 18 rail-like stations, off-vehicle fare payment/all-door boarding, transit signal priority, bike paths/lanes, miles of sound walls, 9 park-and-ride lots, and 55 acres of landscaping. Recently, the Metro Board approved implementation by 2020 of an all-electric fleet of articulated battery powered buses.

Tour 2: Metro Silver Line BRT / ExpressLanes / El Monte Station Technical Tour – Limit 80

In 2009, Metro embarked on a major initiative to improve transit service and travel choices for commuters along the busy I-10 San Bernardino Freeway and I-110 Harbor Freeway approaches into downtown Los Angeles. As one of several U.S. cities participating in the Federal Highway Administration pilot program called ExpressLanes, Metro purchased a brand new fleet of dedicated, clean fuel CNG buses, upgraded station amenities, increased service, improved safety and security on a newly installed high occupancy toll (HOT) lane corridor, converted from existing carpool lanes.

Prior to implementation, five Metro express bus lines from outside branches would independently converge into the shared corridor. With the creation of the Metro Silver Line, these branch lines were converted to local feeder lines into Harbor/Gateway Transit Center to the south of downtown LA and El Monte Station to the east of downtown LA. The feeder lines would then connect with the new Metro Silver Line, a simplified BRT express service in the shared corridor to provide fast, frequent and consistent service into downtown LA. The Metro Silver Line is a 26-mile BRT serving over 16,000 daily boardings. Key features include branded buses, frequent service (approximately every 4 minutes during hours), rail-like stations, all-door boarding, transit signal priority, and 8 park-and-ride lots.

The tour will include a trip along the ExpressLanes corridor with a visit to the newly built El Monte Station in the San Gabriel Valley, which is the busiest bus station west of the Mississippi River. There you will be able to see and hear about one of Metro's successful development projects featuring a

multilevel boarding concourse, full service Metro Bike Hub for first/last mile commutes, a Greyhound Station, ExpressLanes and Foothill Transit service center. From there, the tour will continue on to the Harbor/Gateway Transit Center in the South Bay, where the group will look at new customer facing upgrades to existing stations. During the tour, there will also be discussion points about safety, security, fare collection, noise, real-time information, cross jurisdictional responsibilities, and lessons learned.