Positioning LA County for the Future

- Los Angeles County is projected to grow by 2.3 million people in the next 40 years
- The time is now to plan for future growth
- LA County is on the cusp of becoming the infrastructure capital of the world
- We have an opportunity to be forward-thinking, embrace innovation and leave an infrastructure inheritance for future generations
A Collaborative Regional Process

• Metro conducted a bottoms-up process with regional partners for the past three years to identify major projects for future implementation

• Metro staff has maintained an open dialogue with stakeholders throughout plan development
Project Sequencing Process

• Modeling Process
  – Scored and ranked highway and transit projects
  – Applied Board-approved performance methodology
  – Considered high-performing existing projects for acceleration without impacting other projects

• Other Sequencing Factors Considered
  – Geographic equity
  – Cash flow availability
  – Cost of project
  – Status of environmental process
Public Input Process

- 9 Metro-hosted public meetings throughout the County
- 1 Metro-hosted virtual online public meeting
- 2 Co-hosted public meetings
- 14 Telephone Town Halls
- **84 meetings** attended by Metro staff
- Voice mail
- Written comments received through:
  - US Mail
  - E-mail
  - Comment cards at public meetings
  - Flip charts at public meetings
  - Social media

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Public Input

• General themes from the public:
  – Accelerate projects, especially rail
  – Provide more reliable bus service and BRT lines
  – Increase/don’t increase funding for Local Return
  – Increase funding for Active Transportation
  – Increase funding for senior, disabled and student programs
  – Increase funding for Metrolink
  – Build in funding for safety, security and technology
  – Continue part of the tax to keep the system in good working condition
Public Poll Results

• After educating the public about the transportation plan, 72 percent would vote for the “no sunset” ballot measure

• Benefits that resonate most:
  – Keep fares affordable for seniors, students and the disabled
  – Create jobs
  – Repair potholes
  – Earthquake-retrofit bridges
  – Improve freeway traffic flow
Ballot Measure Overview

- In June, Metro Board approved an ongoing sustained local investment plan – a “No Sunset” plan
- New ½ cent sales tax starting in July 2017
- Replace Measure R tax starting in 2039
- Continues until voters decide to end it
Opportunities of the No Sunset Plan

• Allows more capacity to accelerate projects
  – 12 projects accelerated
  – 42 years of acceleration at a project value of $9.4B

• Two projects added
  – Gold Line Eastside Extension – 2nd Alignment
  – High Desert Multi-Purpose Corridor – LA County Section

• Three projects upgraded later in plan
  – Orange Line to Gold Line BRT to light rail
  – Vermont Corridor to heavy rail
  – Lincoln Blvd. BRT to light rail

• Increases funding for Local Return
  – 16% to 17% starting in 2018; 20% starting in 2040

• Increases Metrolink funding
  – 1% increase starting in 2040 after meeting service improvements

• Sustainable funding for all programs
Goals of the Plan

• Improve freeway traffic flow
• Expand rail and enhance bus service
• Repave local streets and fix potholes
• Keep fares affordable for seniors, students and the disabled
• Embrace technology and innovation
• Create jobs and more quality of life
• Keep the system in good working condition
• Provide accountability and transparency
Accountability and Transparency

• Ordinance directs use of revenues
• Provides solid commitment to projects
• Provides accountability and transparency to the taxpayers (Taxpayers Oversight Committee)
• Establishes a comprehensive assessment of the plan every 10 years
• Ensures funds remain under local control
• Allows for innovation
Benefits of the Ballot Measure

• Accelerates more major projects
• Enhances programs for seniors, students and the disabled
• Accounts for innovation and technology advancements
• Provides flexibility as transportation needs evolve
• Allows us to maintain our aging infrastructure
• Optimizes opportunities to leverage additional funding
• Grows the economy
• Ensures sustainable funding for the future
• Provides ability to tackle the transportation infrastructure challenges of today, tomorrow and beyond
Next Steps

• Placement on the ballot by County Board of Supervisors – July/August
• Metro begins public information program – July
• Staff presents Program Management Plan – October
• Update Long Range Transportation Plan – 2017
Questions?