



**SCORE** Southern  
California  
Optimized  
Rail  
Expansion

**SIMI VALLEY DOUBLE TRACK  
PROJECT  
NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2021 EDITION**

# Welcome!



Welcome to the newest edition of the Metrolink SCORE Simi Valley Double Track Project newsletter. Our newsletter will provide updates on the Simi Valley Double Track Project as well as the overall SCORE program and individual projects in the region. We welcome your feedback!

## **What is the SCORE Program and the Simi Valley Double Track Project?**

The Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) Program is a \$10 billion capital improvement program representing Metrolink's ambitious plan to upgrade its system before the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. As part of SCORE, Metrolink is proposing the Simi Valley Double Track Project at the Simi Valley Station on Metrolink's Ventura County Line (VCL) which will enable more frequent service, with train service expected every 30 minutes in each direction; and improve service reliability and on-time performance, as trains will no longer have to wait for one another to pass. Additionally, the new platform access with an underpass crossing will create a convenient and safe walkway for pedestrians. Improved at-grade crossings will facilitate [Quiet Zone](#) ready corridors that will minimize train horn blowing. For more information visit: <https://metrolinktrains.com/score>

## **PROJECT PROGRESS TO DATE**

### **Simi Valley Double Track Draft Environmental Impact Report Meeting**

On March 25, 2021, a public meeting for the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was held for the proposed Simi Valley Double Track Project as part of Metrolink's environmental review process. This Public Meeting was held to garner comments on the findings of the Draft EIR for the project. A 45-day public comment period was held from March 18th through May 3rd with various ways for the community to provide comments including: mailed letters, the Virtual Meeting Room comment form, the website comment form, email, and verbal and written comments at the Public Meeting.

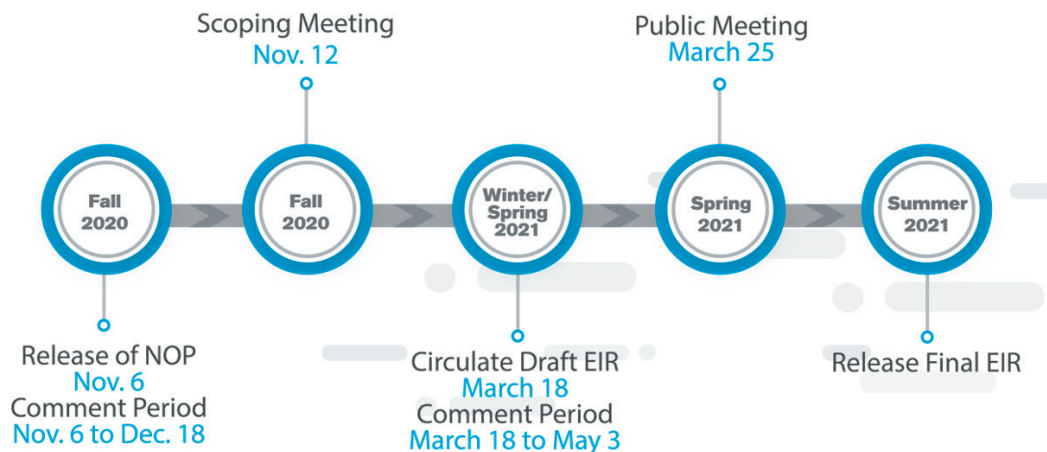
The meeting included a presentation from Metrolink which provided an overview of the Simi Valley Double Track Project components and benefits; the environmental process; an introduction of the DEIR; and next steps. The Public Meeting concluded with a Question-and-Answer portion during which there was further discussion about the double track's alignment, potential property impacts, noise and vibration, quiet zones, and the differences between Phase 1 and 2 of construction. The meeting was attended by 10 participants, including representatives from Ventura County Transportation Commission and the City of Simi Valley.

A video featuring the proposed work area is available for viewing. Click [here](#) to view the video of the Project area.



The DEIR may be viewed online at: [metrolinktrains.com/simi-valley-project](http://metrolinktrains.com/simi-valley-project). For additional information, please email [communityrelations@scrra.net](mailto:communityrelations@scrra.net) or contact Jeanette Flores at (213) 494-8161.

### Environmental and Preliminary Design Phases

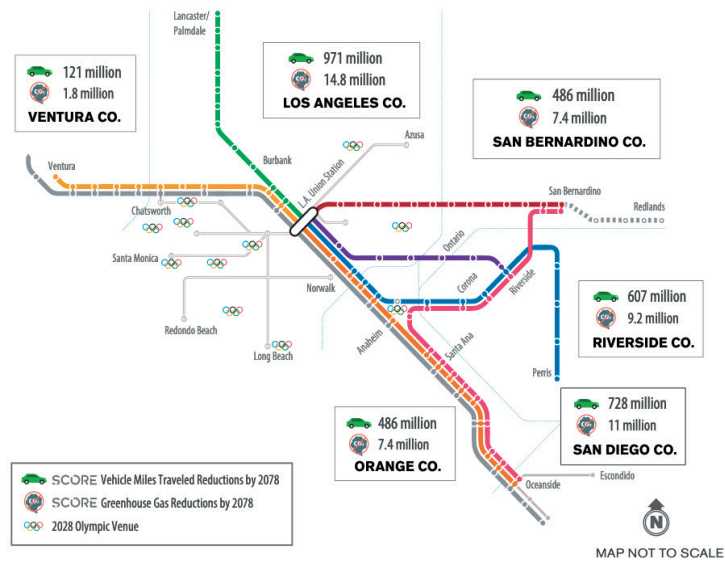


### Final Environmental Impact Report

The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will include all collected comments from the DEIR comment period and will be presented to the Metrolink/SCRRRA Board of Directors on **July 23, 2021**, for certification. The meeting begins at **9:00 a.m.** and is open to the public. Interested parties can view the FEIR at [metrolinktrains.com/simi-valley-project](http://metrolinktrains.com/simi-valley-project) and access the meeting online at <https://metrolinktrains.com/about/board-meetings/agendas-documents/>

### SCORE Environmental Impact to Southern California

The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) was commissioned to study the benefits of investments in the SCORE program, including the **environmental impact**. The benefits from SCORE across the five county Southern California region will reduce the public cost associated with transportation emissions and build healthier communities. *The figure on the next page shows Vehicle Miles Traveled and Greenhouse Gas Reductions.*



For complete information and to view a copy of the entire [SCORE Environmental Impact to Southern California brochure](#), visit SCORE Means More for SoCal ([metrolinktrains.com/score](http://metrolinktrains.com/score)).

## NEWS FROM METROLINK

### What is Metrolink Doing to Keep Trains Clean?

At Metrolink safety is our foundational value. As the world continues to change around us, the work we must do to protect your safety evolves and expands. Here is how we protect our riders – from added cleaning staff to enhanced cleaning, Metrolink implemented enhanced cleaning protocols at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak to help protect against the spread of the virus. Enhanced cleaning protocols include:



- New, state-of-the-art antimicrobial air filters on all our train cars to ensure the air passengers breathe throughout their journey is safe and clean. They improve the air flow aboard our trains and destroy 99.9% of impurities including bacteria and viruses.
- [How Full Is My Train?](#) Use this tool to see recent ridership of the train you plan to take and be assured there will be plenty of space for physical distancing.
- Updated our nightly deep train cleaning routine to include disinfecting high touchpoint surfaces such as doors, restrooms, headrests, armrests, handrails, tables and trash areas.
- Addition of staff that performs touch-point cleaning on our passenger cars more frequently throughout the day.
- Electrostatic sprayers that apply nontoxic disinfectant on all areas of our passenger cars every day.
- Doubled the number of hand sanitizer stations available to two in every car on every train.
- Daily disinfect the locations where our essential employees work – including crew bases, dispatch centers and the downtown office.

To learn more about Metrolink's Health and Safety program, [click here](#).

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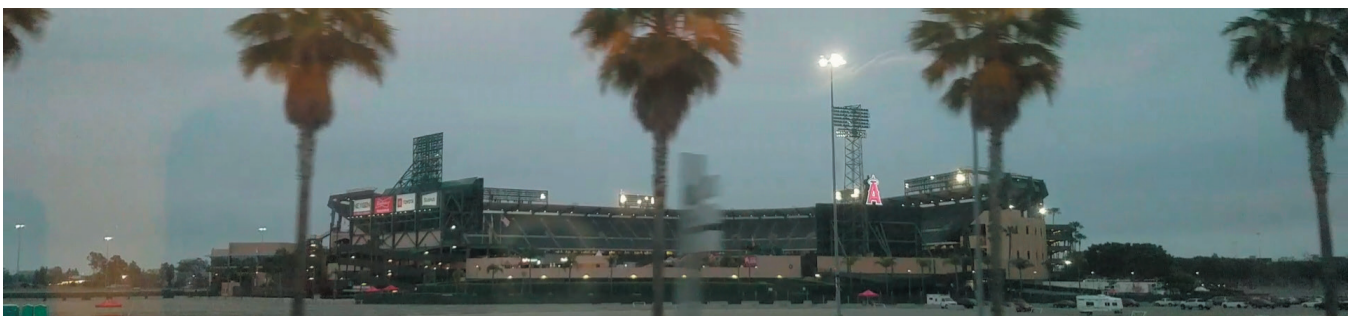
### **New Saturday Service**

Just in time for summer, and for the first time in its history, Metrolink launched new **Saturday service on its Ventura County Line** beginning Saturday, May 29— Memorial Day weekend. The new Saturday service connects Ventura County residents in Moorpark and Simi Valley through the San Fernando Valley stations at Chatsworth, Northridge, Van Nuys, Burbank Airport and Burbank Downtown, and Glendale with Los Angeles Union Station. The Ventura County Line Saturday service is part of Metrolink's regular schedule and will be offered year-round.

### **A Rider's Experience: Metrolink from Oceanside to Simi Valley**

Recently I had the pleasure of riding the Metrolink system for the first time. I took the train as if I were a commuter riding from Oceanside to Simi Valley on the Ventura County Line. My hats off to the folks who do this on a regular basis, as the 4:35am train departure was a bit of a challenge given that I – as many of us – have had the convenience of working from home (WFH) with zero commute for the last year.

An early morning start meant plenty of parking at the Oceanside station and an easily purchased ticket. As I waited on Platform 2, the morning train arrived with a shining light and a horn blow to notify us. After a short wait, I was able to board a well-lit, open and clean train. Masks are still required on board and signage is clear to indicate this and social distancing. The seats were comfortable, and I was happy to see that I could charge my phone or other electronic device with the outlets relatively accessible.



As I presented my ticket to the conductor, I explained this was my first time on Metrolink. I received a friendly welcome, timing updates, and an offer to help me with train connection information once in Downtown LA.

As we pulled away, I was excited for my trip. Given the slow down on travel with the pandemic, this was a big outing.

Just like morning commuters on a mission to get to their offices, the train was on a mission. Each stop was short and sweet. We passed through San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, Irvine, Tustin, Santa Ana and Orange in record time. One of my favorite stops along the way was in Anaheim with a great view of Angel Stadium. The ballpark was a welcome site, and I was already making plans to ride the train to a baseball game with the family in the near future.

The next stop at the Fullerton Station brought back a lot of memories. As a Cal State Fullerton graduate, I hopped on Amtrak many times to visit family in San Diego. It was great to reflect a bit on the good old days.

The train continued to Buena Park, Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs and before I realized it, the announcement was made for our final destination – Union Station.

As the train weaved along the route northbound past the City of Vernon, the Downtown LA skyline rose out of my window. The announcement was made that this was the final stop for this train and that all riders would be required to depart. I hopped off the train and, again, out of practice because of WFH, I was facing the rush of passengers coming toward me. I adjusted quickly and headed for the Exit sign with the crowd.

I took advantage of the short break until my next train departure and grabbed a Chai Tea and a croissant, then headed back to the platform.



and just enjoy the sights, free from the worry of driving and take care of work tasks on the laptop along the way. With summer fast approaching, I'll definitely be taking advantage of the Metrolink \$10 Weekends and the Ventura County Line Saturday Service. I can't wait until my next ride!



Once on board, I chose an upstairs car with a table. This is great if you want to use your laptop, read a book or write without having to access everything from your lap. I appreciated the view and the comfortable seats.

This train pushed through Glendale, Burbank, Burbank Airport, Van Nuys, Northridge and on to Chatsworth in no time. Before I knew it, we had arrived in Simi Valley - my final destination!

I thoroughly enjoyed the ride on the Metrolink Ventura County Line. It was great to sit back



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