Regional Connector Overview

- Completes a 2 mile gap within our rail system, connecting 3 lines (the Metro Gold, Exposition, and Blue Lines)
- Provides a “One Seat Ride” for travel across the county on light rail
- Provides for a sustainable mode of transportation, saving people time and money
Purpose and Need

• Los Angeles County population growth: nearly 2 million additional people by 2035
• 5.7 million persons-hours of daily delay
• Employment Density is 85,875 (Jobs/Square Mile)
  • LA County averages a 1,108 (Jobs/Square Mile)
• Transfers add up to 20 additional minutes per trip
• Payment of transfers add costs to riders
Corridor Challenges & Opportunities

• Topography
  – Existing hillside grades
  – Disconnect between neighborhoods
  – ADA access
Corridor Challenges & Opportunities

- Street configurations
  - Wide intersections
  - Narrow sidewalks
  - Hills and curves encourage speeding
Corridor Challenges & Opportunities

- Place-making
  - Surface Parking lots
  - Blank walls with no ground floor pedestrian activity
  - Tunnels and overpasses
Corridor Challenges & Opportunities

- **Residential**
  - Senior Housing
  - Adaptive Reuse
  - Lofts
- **Hotels**
  - Marriott Hotel
  - Omni Los Angeles Hotel
  - Bonaventure Hotel
Corridor Challenges & Opportunities

- **Financial District**
  - World Trade Center Complex
  - Bank of America headquarters
  - Wells Fargo Center

- **Civic Center**
  - City Hall
  - CalTrans
  - LAPD Headquarters
  - Central Library
• Museum/Cultural Destinations
  – Walt Disney Concert Hall
  – Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
  – Museum of Contemporary Art
  – Japanese American National Museum

• Future development
  – Historic Street Car
  – Grand Ave
  – Broad Museum
Community Led Design

- Site Reconnaissance/Survey
  - Potential station locations & entrances
  - Streetscape conditions
  - Relationship to neighborhood
  - Created Design Tool Kit

- Kick off workshop
  - Invited pre-identified stakeholders
  - Established roles, goals and next steps
  - Identified community priorities

- 3 Station Area Workshops
  - Financial District (5th & Flower Station)
  - Bunker Hill (2nd & Hope Station)
Design Approach & Goals

- Establish strong pedestrian corridors
- Use public spaces to create places
- Contribute to the resurgence
- Respect, reflect and reveal the character of each community along the corridor
Creating a Destination

• Orient station entrances for connections beyond the station area
  – Connect to Residential & Financial District
  – Connect to Museums & Theatres

• Station as a destination
Create a Pedestrian Experience

- Use of natural and dramatic lighting
  - Transparent Station Entrances
  - Street light with focused light beam on blank walls

Sculpture Garden
Re-Purpose Streets

- Improve pedestrian/street interface
- Widen Sidewalks
- Improve ADA access
Celebrating Neighborhood Identity

- Financial District
- Bunker Hill
- Historic Core
- Little Tokyo
Next Steps

• Further refine station design and entrances
• Additional Station Design workshops
• Collaborate with Metro Art
• Incorporate Community Linkages program