

BURBANK TO LOS ANGELES PROJECT SECTION

GRADE SEPARATIONS



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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL

What is a Grade Separation?

A grade separation is a roadway that is realigned over or under train tracks to eliminate hazards. High-Speed Rail proposes to grade separate existing roads. Benefits of grade separations include:

Improves Safety

Grade separations eliminate conflicts between trains and vehicles/pedestrians.

Increases Speed

Trains can travel through areas at a greater speed.

Improves Train Operations Reliability

Provides an opportunity for increased passenger rail service.

Reduces Noise

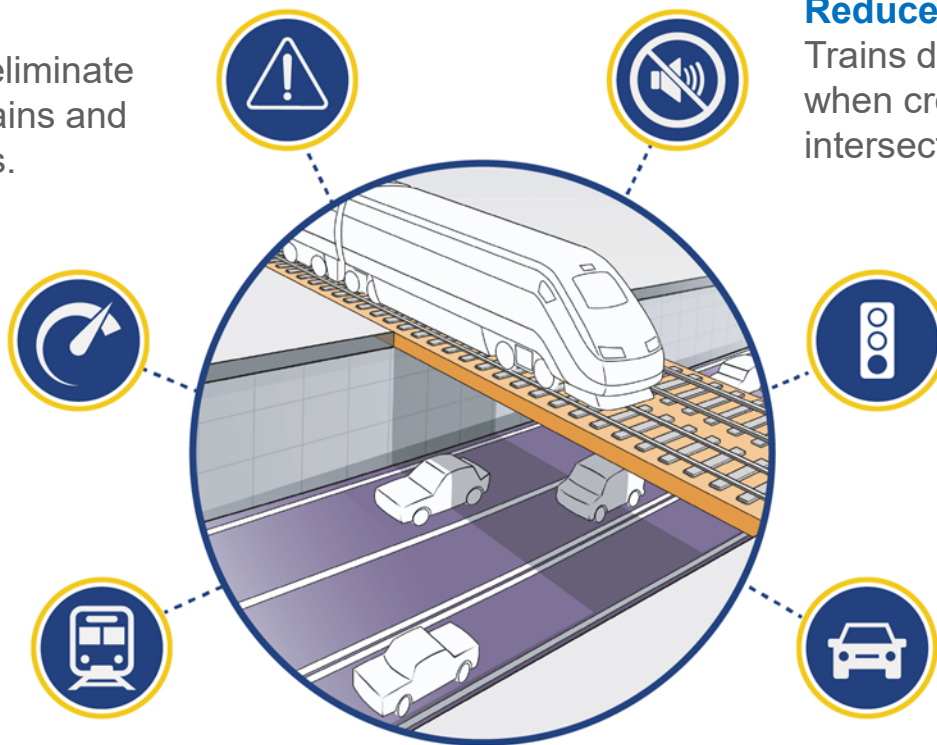
Trains do not sound horns when crossing an intersection.

Decreases Traffic Congestion

Trains can continue to flow when a train is crossing the intersection.

Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Vehicles do not have to idle while waiting for an approaching train.



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Evaluate potential impacts associated with grade separation elements in the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS), such as:

- Road alignments
- Utility relocations
- Property access
- Traffic circulation
- Construction related

Avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to surrounding properties



Sample Impacts at Grade Separation

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NEW GRADE SEPARATIONS

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- Maintains existing vehicular and pedestrian/bicycle circulation patterns to the greatest extent possible
- Construction staging areas primarily located within right-of-way already required for proposed improvements
- Minimize anticipated impacts to adjacent properties
- May cause permanent and temporary access impacts at adjacent properties



MODIFIED EXISTING GRADE SEPARATIONS

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Modifications could include:

- Construction of new bridge
- Widening of existing bridge
- Reconstruction of existing bridge
- Lowering or raising of existing roadway to meet vertical clearance requirement

Construction staging areas primarily located within rail right-of-way and acquired properties required for proposed improvements

May cause temporary and permanent access impacts at adjacent properties



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Grade Separations Included in Environmental Analysis

City of Burbank

1. Buena Vista Street

City of Glendale

2. Sonora Avenue
3. Grandview Avenue
4. Flower Street

Cities of Glendale/Los Angeles

5. Goodwin Avenue
 - Chevy Chase Drive (pedestrian & bicycle crossing only, closed to vehicles)

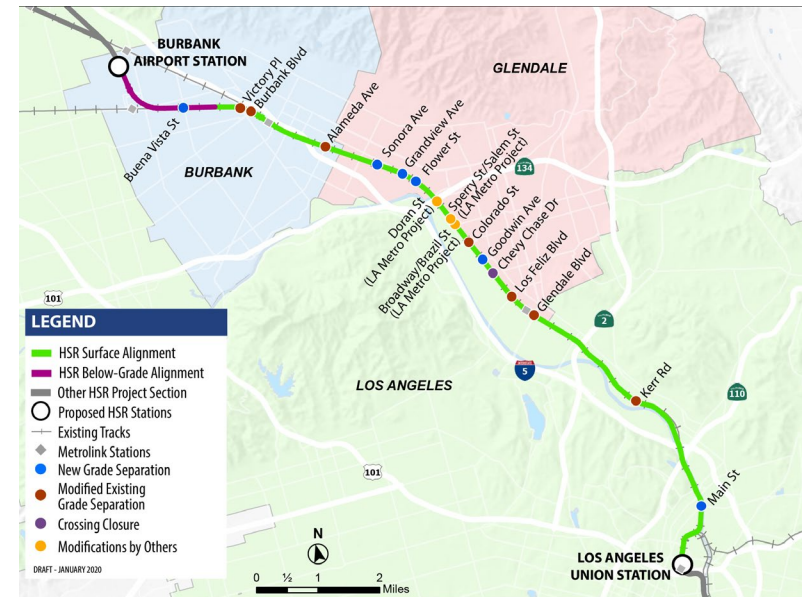
City of Los Angeles

6. Main Street

Metro Grade Separation

7. Sperry St./Salem St. (Glendale/Atwater Village)*

* Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil Streets will be closed; this Metro project is in environmental planning.



Grade Separation – Undercrossing Concept



BUENA VISTA STREET

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- Lowered HSR tracks below Buena Vista Street
- Roadway at same elevation with new bridge over railroad trench
- Maintains existing vehicle and pedestrian circulation patterns
- Temporary access impacts at adjacent properties



SONORA AVENUE

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL

- Hybrid design concept with partially elevated tracks and partially lowered railway
- Maintains existing vehicular and pedestrian circulation patterns
- Construction staging areas primarily located within right-of-way already acquired for proposed improvements
- Permanent and temporary access impacts at adjacent properties



GRANDVIEW AVENUE

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL

- Hybrid design concept with partially elevated tracks and partially lowered railway
- Maintains existing vehicular and pedestrian circulation patterns
- Construction staging areas primarily located within ROW already acquired for proposed improvements
- Temporary access impacts at adjacent properties



FLOWER STREET

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL

- Hybrid design concept with partially elevated tracks and partially lowered railway
- Maintains existing vehicular and pedestrian circulation patterns
- Construction staging areas primarily located within right-of-way already acquired for proposed improvements
- Temporary access impacts at adjacent properties



GOODWIN AVENUE

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- Undercrossing option along Goodwin Avenue, rail remains at-grade and the road travels under the tracks
- Existing roadway crossing at Chevy Chase Drive would be closed and a pedestrian crossing would be added
- Working closely with Atwater Village Neighborhood Council on options
- Permanent and temporary access impacts at adjacent streets and properties



MAIN STREET

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL

- Overpass option removes at-grade crossing conflict and improves overall safety
- Strengthens road for greater line of sight and stopping distance; also increases traffic capacity at posted speed limit while reducing traffic-related accidents
- Existing Main Street bridge will remain accessible as a historic landmark
- Permanent and temporary access impacts at adjacent properties



MODIFIED GRADE SEPARATIONS & CLOSURES

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Modified Existing (7 roads)

City of Burbank

1. Victory Place
2. Burbank Boulevard
3. Alameda Avenue

City of Glendale

4. Colorado Street
5. Los Feliz Road
6. Glendale Boulevard

City of Los Angeles

7. Kerr Road

Closed (3 roads)

1. Doran Street (managed by LA County Metro)
2. Broadway/Brazil (managed by LA County Metro)
3. Chevy Chase Drive (with new pedestrian crossing)



STAY INVOLVED

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