

# FAQ's

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# Inglewood Transit Connector

### What is the proposed Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC) Project?

An elevated, 1.6-mile automated people mover (APM) system with three stations connecting the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line's Downtown Inglewood Station to one of the highest growing housing and employment centers in Los Angeles County, and new world-class sports and entertainment destinations.

### Where are the stations going to be located?

- **Station 1** will be located on the southeast corner of Market Street / Florence Avenue with a direct connection to the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line
- **Station 2** will be located at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Pincay Drive providing access to The Forum, and SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park
- **Station 3** will be located at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Hardy Street providing access to the SoFi Stadium and commercial uses at Hollywood Park, and the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center (IBEC)

### Why can't the Metro Crenshaw line be extended directly into Inglewood's new activity centers?

A 2017 Metro study concluded that an independent automated people mover system such as the ITC Project was more appropriate and that an extension of the Metro Rail system to the City of Inglewood's entertainment center was not viable due to impacts on Metro's mainline operations.

### What roadway enhancements are being proposed?

The ITC Project will maintain existing roadway capacity and include improvements such as new sidewalks, lighting improvements, traffic signal adjustments and other streetscape improvements along the ITC Project alignment.

### What type of ridership is anticipated for non-events and events, and by when?

Scenario	Daily VMT	
	Without ITC	With ITC
Future Opening Year (2026) Non-Event	3,906,593	3,874,725
NFL Game Event	1,368,495	1,172,624
Future Opening Year (2026) with Event	5,275,088	5,047,349

### What are the City of Inglewood's goals for the ITC Project?

- Provide safe, reliable, and convenient access to businesses in the City of Inglewood so that they are accessible to their workforce and customers
- Provide direct and convenient connection to the regional Metro Rail system, and to the City of Inglewood's new major employment, commercial, and activity centers
- Reduce the City of Inglewood's traffic congestion and alleviate growing demand on the existing roadway network
- Maintain existing roadway capacity
- Support the ongoing economic revitalization, and growth opportunities for transit-oriented development (TOD) within the Downtown TOD Plan area
- Encourage investment within the City of Inglewood
- Support regional efforts to become more efficient, economically strong, equitable, and sustainable
- Increase transit mode split, reduce vehicle trips, and reduce per-capita vehicle miles traveled to the City of Inglewood's major activity centers, with corresponding improvement in air quality, public health, and reductions in

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greenhouse gas emissions from transportation sources in accordance with the City of Inglewood's goals under SB 375 and State policy with respect to climate change

- Connect the Inglewood community and citizens to jobs, education, services, and destinations within the City of Inglewood and within the region by providing transit within safe and accessible walking distances

## **When would construction begin, and what is the expected duration/timeline for construction?**

The Draft EIR anticipates that the ITC Project will begin construction in Winter 2022 through Fall 2026.

## **Will the ITC Project be operational before the 2028 Summer Olympics?**

The City of Inglewood is working diligently to break ground in 2022 and begin operations by 2026 before the 2028 Summer Olympics.

## **What is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)?**

The City of Inglewood has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft EIR identifies and analyzes the potential environmental benefits and impacts associated with the operations and construction of the ITC Project.

## **What types of environmental impacts are being evaluated?**

The Draft EIR examines the potential impacts that would be generated by the ITC Project in relation to the following environmental topics: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas, Hazards and Hazardous Waste, Land Use, Noise and Vibration, Population, Employment and Housing, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities.

## **What are the anticipated environmental benefits, including reductions in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated by the ITC Project?**

The ITC Project will reduce vehicle trips and per-capita vehicle miles traveled to the City of Inglewood's major activity centers, with corresponding improvement in air quality, public health, and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from transportation sources. Over the life of the ITC Project, the ITC Project will reduce approximately 768,922 Metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent and greatly benefit the environment.

## **Are there any environmental impacts disclosed in the EIR?**

The DEIR identifies only three significant and unavoidable impacts, which include impacts to Air Quality during construction, Aesthetics, and Historic Resources.

## **What is included in the construction commitment program?**

The ITC Project includes a construction commitment program to proactively address the potential effects of the construction of the ITC Project on the community. The program includes the following:

- Business and community support programs, including advertising support for businesses, advance notice of construction activities that may affect businesses or the community, and access to a Project Public Liaison to address any concerns related to construction.
- Assessing traffic conditions to determine the need for additional traffic signals, signs, lane restriping, signal modifications, etc.
- Establishing detour routes after assessing effects on passenger, bicycle and vehicle traffic, and businesses
- Maintenance of adequate access for businesses and residents
- Coordination of any temporary street closures and restricted access with all special events

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- Notifying the public through signs and web-based media
- Coordination with residential and commercial neighbors on scheduled construction activities
- Implementation of educational safety awareness program at schools adjacent to construction activity along the proposed ITC Project to provide information to students and parents
- Working with City of Inglewood and LA County police and fire personnel regarding maintenance of emergency access and response times
- Closely monitoring and coordinating deliveries

## What type of public outreach has been conducted by the City of Inglewood?

In an effort to learn more about the local community's needs for the ITC Project, the City of Inglewood held over 50 community and stakeholder outreach meetings over the past three years during the planning, environmental, and design process.

Stakeholders have included local Inglewood block clubs, neighborhood watch groups and homeownership associations (HOA) such as the Renaissance HOA, Carlton Square HOA, Briarwood HOA, Regent Street HOA, and the Hyde Park Village HOA.

The City of Inglewood also engaged the NCAAP Inglewood Chapter, Inglewood Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Inglewood, Inglewood Unified School District, local churches, and community-based non-profits including the Social Justice Learning Center Institute, Move LA, The Enrichment Center, and the Coalition for Clean Air.

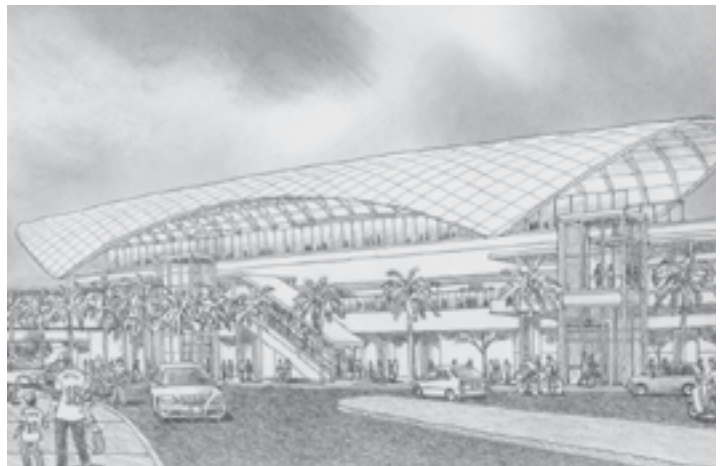
In addition, in July 2018, the City of Inglewood hosted a public scoping meeting for the ITC Project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at the Inglewood Senior Center, a convenient and accessible location for the local community. Approximately 95 area residents attended the meeting to learn more about the ITC Project and to provide feedback on the ITC Project's environmental studies.

## What funding has the City of Inglewood secured to date for implementation of the ITC Project?

In April 2020, the City of Inglewood secured a \$95,200,000 grant from the California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Improvement Program for the implementation of the ITC Project. The ITC Project received the 3rd largest grant award from the State and represents roughly 20% of the total amounts granted in Cycle 4.

In addition, in March 2020, the City of Inglewood secured unanimous approval from the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to transfer \$233,700,000 in Measure R highway funds to the ITC Project. This funding becomes available in Summer of 2021.

Currently, the City of Inglewood is developing a finance plan for the proposed ITC Project and is pursuing the development of additional sources of funds including but not limited to potential infrastructure impact fees and other taxes.



## How can I find out more information about upcoming procurement activities for the ITC Project?

The City of Inglewood plans to release a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit input from industry participants; the input will be evaluated to optimize the City of Inglewood's anticipated procurement process for the ITC Project. The RFI is projected to be released Q1 2021 and will provide an overview of the project scope and the anticipated procurement process. Please subscribe to the mailing list on the ITC Project website to receive the latest information on the ITC Project.

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## Who can I contact for more information on the ITC Project or to arrange a presentation to my neighborhood or business organization?

To provide input or request information, please send an email to [inglewoodtransitconnector@cityofinglewood.org](mailto:inglewoodtransitconnector@cityofinglewood.org).

## When are public comments due in response to the Draft EIR?

The Draft EIR and its technical appendices are available for public review and comment period from December 23, 2020 through February 8, 2021, at [cityofinglewood.org](http://cityofinglewood.org). Written comments on the Draft EIR and technical appendices must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021.

The City of Inglewood will hold an online Virtual Public Meeting to accept comments on the Draft EIR and provide information about the ITC Project on January 13, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please see Zoom meeting information to the right for instructions on how to join the meeting.

## Zoom Meeting Information

Weblink:  
[trifletticonsulting.zoom.us](https://trifletticonsulting.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 955 0543 4992  
Passcode: 572677

Join by phone by dialing one of the combinations below:  
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