

## LA Metro Speeds Up Essential Construction During COVID-19 Traffic Lull



In a March 30 letter to Gov. Newsom, Transportation California – a non-profit coalition whose member groups account for more than 200,000 California jobs – stated its gratitude for the governor’s “recognition that critical infrastructure sectors are vital to the State of California and that if these sectors were to cease during this already grave period, it would exacerbate the already significant deleterious impacts to our safety, economy, and jobs.”

With those significant impacts in mind, some California cities are taking advantage of the empty streets of the coronavirus era to accelerate essential improvements to their transportation systems. In the Los Angeles region, where traffic levels have dropped 60% under shelter-in-place orders, Beverly Hills City Council has approved expediting the construction of LA Metro’s Purple Line subway extension to “minimize future impacts of the project during the future economic recovery period.”

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