US 90A Southwest Corridor
INDUSTRY FORUM

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Housekeeping & Introductions

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- Introductions
METRO’s Creation

- Independent entity funded with a dedicated sales tax
- Texas law allows certain localities to establish independent transit authorities
- In 1978, Houston-area voters approved a referendum creating METRO
- Authorized a one cent sales tax to support its operations (now .75¢, because as of 1988, .25¢ rebated to City of Houston, Harris County and Multi-Cities)
- Chapter 451 of the Texas Transportation Code prescribes the agency’s governance and powers
METRO Services

- Local Bus
- Park & Ride/Commuter Services
- METRORail
- METROLift
- HOV/HOT Lanes
- METRO Star Vanpool
- Motorist Assistance Program (MAP)
- Houston TranStar
- METRO Police
- Bikes on Buses and Rail
- Regional Emergency Management Support and Community Assistance
## METRO Solutions - 2003 Transit System Plan

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<th>2003 Referendum</th>
<th>2017 Status</th>
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<td>About 44 new bus routes designed to enhance bus service</td>
<td>New Bus Network redesigned routes that meet same goal of more service with more frequency</td>
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<td>9 new Transit Centers</td>
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<td>9 new Park &amp; Ride lots</td>
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<td>New Two-way all-day Park &amp; Ride service in all corridors</td>
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<td>64.8 additional miles of Light Rail (22 miles to be complete by 2012)</td>
<td>15.2 additional miles of Light Rail complete (including 1.1 miles by the end of the year to complete Harrisburg, leaving only Westpark corridor line not completed)</td>
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<td>About 54 new Light Rail Stations (17 to be completed by 2012)</td>
<td>23 new Light Rail Stations completed</td>
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<td>8 miles Commuter Line</td>
<td>RFI released December 2016</td>
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<td>Approximately 20,000 new parking spaces</td>
<td>9,771 new parking spaces</td>
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<td>Bike Racks on buses and at transit centers</td>
<td>All buses and Transit Centers have bike racks</td>
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<td>METROLift Service mirrors bus expansion</td>
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US 90A Project Goals

- Improve regional transit system connectivity between the US 90A and major activity centers and destinations;
- Provide additional transit capacity in the US 90A Southwest corridor;
- Reduce existing and projected traffic congestion on freeways and thoroughfares within the corridor;
- Improve air quality by getting cars off the road and reducing the stop and go flow of traffic congestion;
- Meet the needs of planned, high-density mixed-use development that will depend on future high capacity transit service.
Project Timeline

Board Approves RFI  
**Nov 29, 2016**

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RFI released  
**Dec 6, 2016**

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Industry Forum at METRO  
**Jan 10, 2017**

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Last day to submit questions to METRO  
**Jan 16, 2017**

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RFI responses due to METRO  
**Feb 7, 2017**

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Informational Sessions with respondents & METRO  
**Feb-Mar, 2017**

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Board Briefings on RFI Findings  
**April 2017**