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and educational institutions it will connect. Participants at listening sessions register and wear a headset to watch the video. Hollywood, Silver Lake, Echo Park, Koreatown, West Adams, Crenshaw, Florence and Hyde Park areas are part of the multi-year, \$425 million expansion plan.

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throughout the L.A. County with the greatest number of people who use it ... it runs about 14 miles."

The project could improve connections to the Metro B, C, D, and E subways and light rail lines. Short and long-term options are being considered for this corridor, including improved bus service, Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail Transit, and Heavy Rail Transit.

The 142 participants received gifts from Metro like plastic drinking cups, "I Love Metro" buttons, notebooks, keychains and food, including a box of tacos with beef, chicken or pork and a beverage. They voted on their choice for how Metro should proceed.

Residents voted on five different choices proposed by Metro. Sixty-four residents chose the option that offered immediate bus improvements, added new express buses that only stop at major streets and plans for future light rail construction.



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN CHAVEZ

Collegian reporter Edward Locke experiences the virtual reality headset that provides the viewer with an entire map of the Red Line and its destinations on April 30, 2022. Metro will continue to host meetings to introduce riders to their plans to expand by 2028.

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