Los Angeles Light Rail Transit

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Operations Update 2018

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Welcome to Los Angeles

Los Angeles has a rich history of Light Rail Transit (LRT) service, which emerged from the Interurban and Tram systems of the early twentieth century to the Metro Rail system of today. This presentation will provide the following:

- Urban Insertion LRT topics related to safety and design including: pedestrian and motorist safety, interface with other vehicles, traffic management and train control, overview of incidences within the Metro Rail LRT system.
- Discussion on policy issues.



Los Angeles, California

West Coast, United States



Located on the west coast of the United States of America

Part of the Southern California Region

Los Angeles County is 4083 square miles/10575 square kilometers

88 municipalities

9.8 million people



Metro Rail

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority



Formed in 1993 via a merger of two agencies Urban bus and urban rail service

2438 buses 1433 square mile/3711 square kilometer service area

98 route miles/158 route kilometers of MetroRail service93 stations

1.1 million daily boardings



Metro Rail

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority



Railway/city line operations in segregated right of way owned by Metro

Limited street running operations



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Electric power using pantograph and overhead contact system

High floor vehicles with up to three car consists

Stations accommodate high floor light rail vehicles



Operations Typology

Light Rail Transit





Street Running Operations

- Typically used for at-grade operations
- Operations governed by city traffic signal/transit priority control at non gated grade crossings
- LRT operations at 35 miles per hour/56 kilometers per hour or lower
- Green band transit signal priority to enable nonstop operations from station to station
- Segregated guideway or mixed mode operations

Cab Signal Operations

- Used in at-grade or grade separated operations
- Gated grade crossings, where operator calls the gates down at each grade crossing
- LRT operations above 35 miles per hour/56 kilometers per hour
- Used in either pre-emption or priority mode
- Segregated guideway



Operations Typology

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Automatic Train Operations (ATO)

- Operator provides visual inspection of doors and track approach
- No grade crossings
- LRT set to operating speed
- Segregated guideway closed, exclusive railway right-of-way
- ATO is not driverless



Typical Light Rail Transit Corridor





Combination of Cab Signal and Street Running Operations





For At-Grade Stations next to Grade Crossings



Split Platform Stations

Near Side Far Side

Allows for vehicular left turns

Center Platform Stations preferred for single track situations



Side Platforms and Center/Median Running Guideway







Transit Parkway Design





Removal of two vehicular traffic lanes to allow for double track LRT alignment, bike lanes and transit parkway



City Traffic Control – Green Band Priority mode



Multimodal Safety, At-Grade Crossings

Light Rail Transit



A variety of techniques are available for enhancing pedestrian safety at light rail at-grade crossings.

Passive signing, pavement marking, barrier channelization, active warning devices, pedestrian gates



At-Grade Crossings, Signals and Gate Protection

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Bar Signals and other city traffic and transit priority devices in Street Running territory

Four Quadrant Gates, typically located in Cab Signal territory

Motorist Safety Signals



For Light Rail Transit Corridors, Line by Line Analysis

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2/22/16	8:37	10-73	Exposition and Normandie
3/5/16	21:47	10-73	Exposition and Hauser
4/13/16	8:29	10-73	Exposition and Denker
9/13/16	9:47	10-72	17th Street Station Ped Xing
9/26/16	1:27	10-73	Flower and Washington
10/17/16	11:00	10-72	Exposition and Arlington
10/30/16	8:40	10-72	Bagley GC
10/31/16	15:27	10-73	Halldale and Exposition
12/21/16	17:27	10-73	Colorado and 7th
1/8/17	11:00	10-73	Flower and 30th
2/11/17	21:57	10-72	Colorado and 7th
2/16/17	19:23	10-73	Exposition and Crenshaw
4/10/17	10:17	10-73	Exposition and Halldale
7/31/17	7:38	10-73	Colorado and Lincoln
7/31/17	19:19	10-73	Colorado and 11th
8/23/17	19:08	10-73	Colorado and 14th
9/15/17	13:27	10-73	Expo and 11th/Degnan
10/7/17	10:34	10-72	Expo and Normandie
10/9/17	7:37	10-73	17th Street Station
10/17/17	16:40	10-72	Crenshaw GC
10/23/17	20:29	10-73	Watt Way
10/28/17	11:23	10-73	17th Street Station
11/5/17	23:07	10-72	28th Street
11/15/17	17:12	10-73	Exposition and Raymond
12/2/21017	22:51	10-73	S. of Jefferson Station
2/6/18	21:24	10-72	Denker
3/2/18	15:24	10-73	7th Avenue
3/5/18	11:42	10-72	Lincoln and Colorado
4/11/18	15:09	10-73	Lincoln and Colorado
4/18/18	0:23	10-73	Exposition and Raymond
5/25/18	18:18	10-73	Exposition and Denker
9/2/18	11:02	10-73	23rd Street Station
9/24/18	10:20	10-72	Flower and Adams
11/7/18	13:29	10-73	17th Street S. Ped.Xing
11/16/18	19:33	10-72	

Number of Collisions	2016	2017	2018
Train versus Pedestrians	3	4	4
Train versus Vehicles	6	12	6

Exposition Line 10-72 Train versus Pedestrians 10-73 Train versus Vehicles

Operator's Rule Book code used to report incident

Raw data entry categorized by date, time, type of collision and grade crossing location



For Light Rail Transit Corridors, 10 Year Analysis



Metro Blue Line

FY18 Accident Rates:

1.20 per 100,000 miles

22 accidents per 1,835,961 miles



For Light Rail Transit Corridors, 10 Year Analysis





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Grade Crossing Policy

For Light Rail Transit Corridors, 10 Year Analysis

	TR	AIN/VEHR	SUM CLE A	MARY OF	FATALITIES PEDESTRIAN COLLISIO	NS	
			July 01	,2008 throu	gh June 30, 2018		
Data	Vehicle	Padastrais	Total	Let No.	Location	Samert	Contributing Factor -Suicide
11/22/2008	reinde	1		0112	SATH ST	LA	
01.08/2000	<u> </u>	4	-	1020	DEL AMONTA	CAB	
0521/2009		1		0091_0092	bet dwy@1370 Flw & dwy @ CalPress	LA	
05/21/2009		1		0450	48TH PL	CAB	
06/28/2009		1		1010	124TH ST	CAB	
FY 2009 TOTAL	0	5	5				
07/26/2009		1		1350	ARTESIA FWY OVER	CAB	~
11/20/2009		1		0930	WILMINGTON AVE	CAB	
12/27/2009		1		0420	VERNON AVE	CAB	~
02/19/2010		1		0820	CENTURY BLVD	CAB	
06/30/2010		1		0.104	DRIVEWAY NORTH OF 10 ON RAMP	LA	~
FY 20 10 TOTAL	0	5	5				
12/03/2010		1		1050	130TH ST	CAB	
01/20/2011		1		1750	WARDLOW RD	CAB	
02/22/2011		1		0840	103RD ST	CAB	
04/01/2011		1		1965	PCH STATION	LB	
05/27/2011		1		1319	ARTESIA PED	CAB	
06/06/2011		1		1529	DEL AMOSTA	CAB	~
Y 2011 TOTAL	0	6	6				
09/24/2011		1		1319	ARTESIA PED	CAB	
11/15/2011		1		1020	BETWEEN 124TH AND EL SEGUNDO	CAB	~
12/26/2011		1		1240	ALONDRA BLVD	CAB	~
01/03/2012		1		1810	SPRING ST	CAB	~
02/12/2012		1		0840	103RD ST	CAB	
03409/2012		1		1150	ELM ST	CAB	~
03/20/2012		1		0770	92ND ST	CAB	~
04/19/2012		1		0951	IMPERIAL STATION	CAB	~
06/12/2012		1		1080	STOCKWELL ST	CAB	
Y 2012 TOTAL	0	9	9				
07/13/2012		1		1040	EL SEGUNDOBLVD	CAB	
08/30/2012	1			1950	19TH ST	LB	
12/13/2012		1		1150	ELM ST	CAB	
01/11/2013		1		0426	VERNON STA	CAB	
02/09/2013		1		0820	CENTURY BLVD	CAB	

A TOTAL	1	5	6				-
09/05/2013		1	-	0880	1087H	CAB	~
09/27/2013		1		0426	VERNON STA	CAB	
06/28/2014		1		0570	GAGE AVE	CAB	
06/29/2014		1		0570	GAGE AVE	CAB	
Y 2014 TOTAL	0	4	4				
09/08/2014		1		2167	PACIFIC STATION	LB	
09/12/2014	1			1890	BURNETT ST	LB	
12/09/2014		1		0670	NADE AU ST	CAB	
01/30/2015		1		0340	24TH ST	CAB	
Y 2015 TOTAL	1	3	4				
09/28/2015		1		1322	ARTESIA STA	CAB	
12/10/2015		1		0390	41ST ST	CAB	~
06/21/2016		1		0198	TRINITY ST	LA	~
Y 2016 TOTAL	0	3	3				
08/13/2016		1		1350	ARTESIA FWY OVER	CAB	
01/06/2017		1		1040	EL SEGUNDOBLVD	CAB	
05/16/2017		1		0.980	1197H ST	CAB	~
Y 2017 TOTAL	0	3	3				
08/29/2017		1		1744	WARDLOW STA	CAB	~
Y 2018 TOTAL	0	1	1				
Grandtotal	2	44	45				16

10 Year Total – Metro Blue Line 246 Accidents Total 30 Fatalities, including 16 Suicide Related Fatalities 11 Mirror Accidents



Summary

Light Rail Transit Operations

- Accidents generally increase after the Revenue Service Date of the line, as ridership grows and/or due to line extensions
- More Train/Pedestrian collisions occur in Cab Signal territory than in street running territory
- More Train/Vehicular collisions occur in Street Running territory than in Cab Signal territory
- There are fatalities, in which half of the fatalities are suicidal, at least for one of the legacy lines Metro Blue Line
- The trend over time seems to be lower Train/Pedestrian and Train/Vehicular accidents, apparent over a 10 year period
- The lowest number of collisions occur in LRT Automatic Train Operations



Challenges



Safety Program Implementation

Policy Issues: Vision Zero



See you soon

