Westwood / UCLA

Because of its high projected ridership, the Westwood / UCLA station should be served by a robust network of streets and cut-throughs as part of the First/Last Mile pathway network. With three planned access points to the station, the main arterials of Westwood Blvd, Wilshire Blvd, and Gayley Ave. will be critical for station access.

Westwood pulls pedestrian traffic from Westwood Village to the north and the Westwood shops and destinations to the south. Despite the destination quality of Westwood Blvd, there are missing First/Last Mile improvements, such as lighting, enhanced bus stops, and some enhanced crosswalks. Wilshire Blvd. is a highly-trafficked thoroughfare that needs many pedestrian improvements. Bicycle Lanes are proposed on Wilshire Blvd. by the City of Los Angeles, however they are not recommended in the First/Last Mile network, because of the streets high volume of vehicular traffic, buses, and wide right-of-way.

Gayley Ave. will also connect the station to Westwood Village, the UCLA campus, and student housing and residential areas. Gayley Ave. already has trees along most of its length, but can be enhanced with better crosswalks, lighting, corner bulb-outs, a bike facility, and signage.

The Collectors proposed within the station area serve the active Westwood Village, as well as surrounding residential areas north and south of the station. In these areas, bike facilities, lighting and signage are typical enhancements proposed, since many areas already have an adequate tree canopy. In the blocks between Sepulveda Blvd. and Veteran Ave. Cut-Through paths could help to facilitate access to and from the station.

Overall the Westwood / UCLA station area currently has an adequate street grid. Sidewalk improvements, such as continental crosswalks and street trees, are already in place. Further enhancements can be added, however, to make the station area more transit-supportive.

Key Community Feedback

Community feedback from the workshops supported many of the recommendations made in the draft maps. At Westwood/UCLA, the following improvements were added to the draft pathway networks because of significant workshop feedback:

- Traffic Calming, Bicycle Facility, and Bicycle-friendly Intersections along Veteran Ave.
- Street Furniture on Westwood Blvd.
- Landscaping & Shade on Westwood Blvd.