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Friday, October 30, 2009, by Neal Broverman

Possibly emboldened by the imminent Gold Line extension opening, Mayor Villaraigosa said he's pushing hard to expedite the numerous transit projects currently in the planning and construction stages. At the Los Angeles Business Council's Annual Mayoral Housing, Transportation, and Jobs Summit held today at UCLA, the mayor called his push the **30/10 plan** (Metro is saying it will take three decades to construct a dozen new rail and bus lines in the city, the mayor says we can do it in one), reports Streetsblog. No real specifics on this new push were unveiled (including, err, financing details), other than Villaraigosa saying he will gather a countywide coalition of support, similar to the one gathered to pass Measure R. In a press release: "Once a strong coalition of support for '30/10' is built, they will reach out to Congress, the Obama Administration, and others to build support and develop a financing plan for the acceleration of the projects."

The Westside subway extension
The Regional Connector light rail connector in Downtown Los Angeles
The Crenshaw corridor transit project
The Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line
The Expo light rail line on the Westside Phase 2
The Green Line connection to LAX
The Green Line extension to the South Bay
A San Fernando Valley 405 Corridor Connection
The Orange Line Canoga Extension
West Santa Ana Branch Corridor
San Fernando Valley North-South Rapidways
Eastside Extension to El Monte or Whittier

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