



## **East Los Angeles LAC Meeting #2**

April 8, 2008

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

*Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

On Tuesday, April 8, 2008, the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles held their first Local Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a Project Overview and Update to the LAC regarding the EIR/EIS Corridor Project, to discuss desired outcomes and expectations of the LAC and to introduce the community participation framework. Present at the meeting were LAC members Gustavo Camacho, Diana Tarango, Eddie Torres, and Clara Solis. The LAC members were joined by Nicole Englund from Supervisor Molina's office and Maged El-Rabaa from the LA County Public Works Department. Also present were members of the project team Ernest Morales, Metro Project Director; Roy Choi, Metro Project Manager; Devon Cichoski, Metro Constituent Program Manager; Garret Damrath from Caltrans and Jerry Wood representing the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. Members of the outreach team included Esmeralda García Project Manager for MIG and Tony Torres representing DSO.

Ms. García reviewed meeting objectives and began the discussion with a round of self-introductions. Ms. García introduced Metro's Project Manager Roy Choi and Devon who proceeded with the presentation.

Mr. Choi provided an update on the I-710 Major Corridor Study, progress since the completion of the Tier 2 report and discussed the path moving forward for the I-710 EIR/EIS process. An update on the I-5 Freeway improvement efforts was also provided by Garret Damrath. Ms. Cichoski reviewed the Community Participation framework for the EIR/EIS process, while Esmeralda discussed the overall approach, project schedule, pre-scoping activities and the advisory committee process.

LAC members were encouraged to ask questions throughout the presentation. The following describes the comments, questions and concerns raised by the LAC members.

- Attempts were made to reach out to Humphreys elementary school to involve members of the school community in the LAC process. An appropriate representative to the LAC from the public health sector needs to be identified, and should be someone with knowledge and experience of the issues.
- I-5/I-710 coordination
  - They are both equally important and should be coordinated
  - What is the schedule for the I-5 Project?
  - The committee wants visuals to better understand projects and boundaries.
  - Who is the outreach consultant on the I-5 project?
  - Additional opportunities to provide feedback for scoping need to be addressed.
  - The I-5 project requires the same type of outreach as the I-710
  - Will Caltrans be conducting a Health Risk Assessment on the I-5 project?
  - The same guidelines used on I-710 should be applied to the I-5 study including the Health Risk Assessment and outreach program
  - The I-5 project has greater impacts to ELA than the I-710.
  - Metro committed to finding resources to integrate both projects.
- Schedules for both I-710 and I-5 should be provided
- Information about neighborhood impacts, economic impacts, potential loss of tax revenue due to the I-5 and I-710 improvements need to be provided to the community
- Do not focus as much on process with this Committee. Information and data on both I-5 and I-710 projects is needed.
- I-710 team should break down the components of the project. What will this committee be asked to give input on? How is this different from the last study?

## **CONCLUSION**

Ms. García asked the LAC to consider a second LAC meeting in May and/or June. The second meeting date was not set, but the LAC agreed to coordinate with Metro to schedule the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 PM.



