

6.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

6.1 INTRODUCTION

This section documents the Mid-City/Westside Transit Corridor Study Public Involvement Program process over the course of three phases. Phase I, the Major Investment Study (MIS) was completed in March 2000. Phase II including the scoping process and the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) was completed in June 2001, Phase III including the lead agency response to comments and release of the Final EIR is represented by this Final EIS/EIR document. This section is not intended to address each and every concern raised, but rather to document the community participation activities and the environmental review process. Responses to public comments are contained in Chapter 7.0 Response to Comments on Draft EIS/EIR.

The goals of the public involvement program have been to:

- Create a public involvement process that allows all those with a relevant stake in the MIS/EIR an opportunity to participate in its development;
- Identify, catalog, and respond to issues of concern to the public with regard to the MIS/EIR and identify potential mitigation measures where appropriate; and
- Manage the public involvement program in a manner that maximizes public participation in the planning and environmental processes of the Project.

6.2 SCOPING AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation (NOI/NOP)

The Federal Notice of Intent (NOI), in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), was issued on May 19, 2000, and was printed in the Federal Register on May 19, 2000 (Volume 65, No. 98). The NOI announced Metro and Federal Transit Authority's (FTA) intent to prepare a joint EIS/EIR document in accordance with Federal and State environmental guidelines. It included information on the Project background, the alternatives, the MIS process, FTA procedures, scoping meetings, and contacts and sources of further information. The NOI and NOP commenced the 30-day public scoping period for the EIS/EIR to help determine the scope and content of the environmental analysis. The scoping comment period for the NOI closed on June 23, 2000.

In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Preparation (NOP) announcing Metro and FTA's intent to prepare an EIR was also mailed on May 8, 2000. Like the NOI, the NOP described the proposed Project and requested input from agencies, organizations, and individuals. The alternatives and the anticipated effects were briefly described. The scoping comment period for the NOP also closed on June 23, 2000. The State Clearinghouse designated this as Project No. 2000051058.

The NOI and NOP are included as Appendix B.

Stakeholder Identification

Throughout the public involvement process, individuals, community organizations, businesses, homeowner associations, business groups, and public agencies that may be affected by, or have an interest in, the Mid-City/Westside Transit Corridor study were identified. Key objectives were to identify and contact key community stakeholders, to inform stakeholders and their communities about plans to improve transit on the Westside, and to gather public comment. The stakeholders that have been identified to date and contacted are listed below.

Chambers of Commerce and Business Groups

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| Culver City Chamber of Commerce | Culver City Downtown Business |
| Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce | Assoc./Business Development District |
| Mid-City Chamber of Commerce | First AME Assistance Corporation (FAME |
| Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce | Renaissance) |
| West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce | Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition |
| Los Angeles Business Council | Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission |
| Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber | Walter N. Marks, Inc. |
| of Commerce | Orthopaedic Hospital |
| Simitaur Constructs | Esperanza Community Housing Corporation |
| LA Neighborhood Initiative | DAWA Center |
| Figueroa Corridor Business Development | Central City Association |
| District | Downtown Center Business Development |
| AEG/Staples Center | District |
| J.T. Graves, Inc. | Shammus Group |
| African Marketplace, Inc. | Shrine Auditorium |
| Ward AME Economic Development Corporation | South Park Stakeholders |
| West Angeles Community Development | Exposition Park Family Services Center |
| Corporation | Crenshaw Community Advisory Committee |
| | Mid-City Project Area Committee |

Homeowner and Neighborhood Associations

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| Ballona Creek Renaissance | Neighbors for an Improved Community |
| Baldwin Hills Homeowners Association | Rancho Higuera Association |
| Baldwin Hills Neighborhood Alliance | South of Robertson Neighborhood Association |
| Baldwin Vista Homeowners Association | South West Association of Neighbors |
| Crenshaw Neighbors | Second Avenue Block Club |
| Culver City Homeowners Association | Victoria Park Association |
| East Culver City Neighborhood Alliance | Village Green Homeowners Association |
| Empowerment Congress West Area NDC | West Adams Heritage Association |
| Friends 4 Expo | West Adams Neighborhood Council |
| Hayden Tract Business Group | West Angeles Community Coalition |
| Lafayette Neighborhood Association | North Area Neighborhood Council |
| | Palms Neighborhood Council |
| | United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council |

Schools, Colleges and Universities

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| Turning Point School | Al-Madinah School |
| University of Southern California | Foshay Middle School |
| Los Angeles Trade Tech College | Dorsey High School |
| Adams Middle School | Weemes Elementary School |
| Echo Horizon School | |

Stakeholder Outreach

Project Fact Sheet

A project fact sheet was prepared that provided an update of the current planning process for the study. The fact sheet, plus illustrative maps, discussed the new transit improvements under evaluation in the Mid-City/Westside Corridor Study Area, the importance of the Corridor, other studies that are being conducted, current transportation needs, the study area, alternatives and a schedule. The team distributed the project fact sheet to all interested stakeholders via mail, fax, meetings, and community open houses.

Update Mailing

Various means were used to invite public comment on the Project. At the initiation of the study period, the team mailed a letter to over 12,000 addresses, including but not limited to homeowner associations and business interests, throughout the Mid-City/Westside Transit Corridor. The mailing resulted in the distribution of public information about the study in homeowner association newsletters and meetings. The letter updated stakeholders about important milestones and the status of the study process, and contained information on important decisions made by the Metro Board regarding the study. The public information materials also included the names and contact information of who to send comments to, and information on how to access the Project hotline number. The mailing materials encouraged everyone's participation and feedback.

In addition, letters and flyers were sent to the stakeholders throughout the Study Corridor, and follow-up phone calls were made, when necessary.

A number of homeowner associations, neighborhood associations, and interest groups submitted comments at each community open house, as well as by mail, fax, and e-mail. Most of the submitted comments came from individuals interested in the Project, but unable to attend one of the community open houses, or from individuals that desired to have a formal role in the process.

Website/Media Outreach and Coordination

The discussion that follows is a description of outreach conducted through the internet and local media.

The Project team placed community calendar articles in the *Larchmont Chronicle*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Sentinel*, the *Westside Weekly*, and independent publications (i.e., *Wilshire*, *Westsider*, etc.).

Contacted the following newspapers:

- *The Wave*
- *Brentwood Media Group (Monthly)*
- *Downtown News*
- *Jewish Journal*
- *Korea Times*
- *Santa Monica Mirror*

Placed advertisements in the following newspapers during the week of May 17, 2000:

- *LA Times (Our Times Editions)*
- *LA Times (Southern California Living)*
- *The Sentinel*
- *L.A. Independent*
- *Wilshire Independent*
- *Culver City Chronicle*
- *Westsider*

Hotline

A hotline was set up to provide the public with immediate access to accurate, up-to-date information about the Project. The hotline briefly described the planning process and the opportunities for public involvement.

Callers had the option of leaving a detailed message, or simply leaving their contact information so that they could receive additional information.

Summary of the EIS/EIR Scoping Process

The public scoping comment period for the EIS/EIR commenced on May 23, 2000, and ended on June 23, 2000. Homeowner associations, chambers of commerce, community organizations and the general public were contacted by phone, as a supplement to the mailings, to encourage their members' participation in the environmental review process and in determining the scope and content of the EIR.

Public Scoping Meetings

After completion of the MIS and during the scoping period (May 23 through June 23, 2000) for the Draft EIS/EIR, the public had the opportunity to attend five scoping meetings. The locations and dates of these scoping meetings are provided in **Table 6-1**.

| TABLE 6-1: MID-CITY/WESTSIDE CORRIDOR EIR SCOPING MEETINGS | |
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| Location | Date |
| Peterson Automotive Museum, Miracle Mile, Los Angeles, CA | May 23, 2000 |
| Veterans Administration Hospital of West Los Angeles | May 31, 2000 |
| Ken Edwards Center, Santa Monica | June 6, 2000 |
| California African-American Museum, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, CA | June 7, 2000 |
| Veterans Memorial Complex, Culver City | June 8, 2000 |
| SOURCE: The Robert Group, 2004. | |

A total of 380 persons attended the five community open houses:

- 81 at the Petersen Museum on Miracle Mile
- 88 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Los Angeles
- 93 at the Ken Edwards Center in the City of Santa Monica
- 39 at the California African American Museum in Exposition Park
- 79 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in the City of Culver City

Outreach Meetings

A total of 36 outreach meetings/briefings were conducted subsequent to the end of the scoping period, with various interested stakeholders to inform them of the study, elicit their feedback, and identify the issues of concern.

Summary of Scoping Comments

A total of 324 comment letters on the scope and content of the Draft EIS/EIR were received during the scoping period. A summary of the scoping comments and commentors is included to this section, while the following provides a brief summary of the primary issues raised by commentors during scoping.

Public Safety. Members of the public expressed concern about the safety aspect of rapid transit, especially in residential areas, adjacent schools and at intersections, and indicated pedestrian safety at intersections and near schools as their most significant concern.

Environmental Issues (Noise and Vibration). Participants commented on the potential for noise and vibration impacts both during construction and later during ~~actual~~ operation of the line.

Traffic and Parking. Many commentors indicated a general concern, regarding how traffic flow patterns might change due to the Project, both during construction and once operations began. There were specific questions about whether traffic around stations would increase, and whether parking would spill over into neighborhoods around stations.

The scoping comments were distributed to the EIR technical consultants to ensure that the public's concerns were addressed, to the greatest extent feasible, and incorporated into the EIR discussion of impacts.

Agency Coordination

A number of government agencies and organizations with a vested interest in the development of a transit system have also commented on the Project.

Scoping comment letters were received from the following agencies and organizations:

- City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Manager
- City of Culver City, Transportation Department
- City of Beverly Hills
- Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission
- State of California, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse
- Native American Heritage Commission
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks
- County of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks
- Southern California Association of Governments
- Southern California Gas Company
- Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- Los Angeles Unified School District

6.3 PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

At the end of the public scoping period all comments were reviewed and work commenced on preparation of the Draft EIS/EIR in compliance with NEPA and CEQA, the public review period the Draft EIS/EIR commenced on April 6, 2001, and ended on June 15, 2001. During the public review period, the Draft EIS/EIR was placed in document repository sites to provide on-going information about the Project. Public hearings were also held to receive oral and written testimony on the Draft EIS/EIR from the public. In compliance with NEPA and CEQA, notice of the meetings was provided to the public well in advance of their occurrence. Consideration of the Draft EIS/EIR by the Metro Board of Directors occurred following the completion of three public hearings and the close of the public comment period.

On June 28, 2001, the Metro Board considered the findings of the Draft EIS/EIR, as well as all public comments received and adopted a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

Public Hearings on the Draft EIS/EIR

Public hearings were held to provide the public with information regarding the findings of the Draft EIS/EIR and to receive formal comments. Comments on the Draft EIS/EIR were received from April 15, 2001, through the close of the comment period on Friday, June 15, 2001. Formal public hearings were held on the following meeting dates and at the specified locations:

Monday, May 7, 2001, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Petersen Automotive Museum, Connor Pavilion, 6060 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles

Wednesday, May 9, 2001, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Church of God in Christ, 3045 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles

Tuesday, May 15, 2001, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Veteran's Administration Building, Room 1281, 11301 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles

A number of homeowner's associations, neighborhood associations, and interest groups attended and submitted comments at each public hearing, as well as mailed, faxed and e-mailed their comments. Most of the written comments came from individuals interested in the Project, but unable to attend one of the public hearings, or from individuals that desired to have a formal role in the process. In addition, each public hearing was presided over by an administrative law judge and public comments were received orally throughout the public hearing. A total of 477 persons attended the three public hearings and signed in. The following is a summary of attendance and oral comments received at each hearing:

May 7, 2001, Petersen Automotive Museum: 147 Attendees, 1 elected official representative, 44 verbal comments received.

May 11, 2001, West Los Angeles Church of God in Christ: 80 Attendees, 4 elected official representatives, 35 verbal comments received.

May 15, 2001, Veteran's Administration Building: 250 Total Attendees.

Noticing for the Draft EIS/EIR

Various means were used to invite public comment on the Project at formal public hearings. Notices were mailed to all stakeholders in the Project database that included over 12,000 addresses including to homeowners associations and business interests, throughout the Mid-City/Westside Transit Corridor.

In addition, letters and flyers were sent to the stakeholders throughout the Study Corridor, and leave behinds placed on Metro owned buses in the Study Corridor.

Following is a description of notices distributed through the Internet and local media:

Placed community calendar articles in:

- the *Larchmont Chronicle*,
- the *Los Angeles Times*,
- the *Sentinel*,
- the *Westside Weekly*,
- independent publications (i.e., *Wilshire*, *Westsider*, etc.)

Contacted the following newspapers:

- *The Wave*
- *Brentwood Media Group (Monthly)*
- *Downtown News*
- *Jewish Journal*
- *Korea Times*
- *Santa Monica Mirror*

Placed advertisements in the following newspapers:

- *LA Times (Our Times Editions)*
- *LA Times (Southern California Living)*
- *The Sentinel*
- *L.A. Independent*
- *Wilshire Independent*
- *Culver City Chronicle*
- *Westsider*

The scoping comments were distributed to the Draft EIR technical consultants to ensure that the public's concerns were addressed, to the greatest extent feasible, and incorporated into the Final EIR discussion of impacts. Chapter 7.0 Response to Comments on Draft EIS/EIR of this document responds to the comments received on the Draft EIR.

6.4 METRO BOARD ADOPTION OF LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Environmental Process

Compliance with NEPA and CEQA must be achieved before the proposed Project can be approved. The goal of this legislative act is to ensure that local decision-makers are aware of the environmental consequences of a decision before it is made.

An extensive environmental review process has been conducted to date. Included in this process are the following:

- ***Notice of Preparation (NOP)***—A notice of preparation of an EIR was prepared by Metro and circulated by the State of California EIR Clearinghouse on May 8, 2000.

- **Notice of Intent (NOI)**—A notice of intent to prepare an EIS was published in the Federal Register on May 19, 2000 (Vol. 65, No. 98). The NOI provided a brief description of the proposed Project and invited comment on issues that would be addressed in the environmental document.
- **Public Scoping Workshops**—To invite public comment about the Project, six workshops were held between May 23 and June 8, 2000, which were attended by more than 380 persons. Letters of invitation were mailed to over 12,000 addresses along the Wilshire and Exposition alignments. The 30-day public scoping comment period extended through June 23, 2000, and all comments received about the Project were documented and reviewed as a part of the preparation of the Draft EIS/EIR. Additionally, Metro staff attended more than 42 community meetings with business, civic and homeowners associations during the scoping period and subsequent preparation of the Draft EIS/EIR. Results of this public outreach were presented to the Metro Board of Directors in February 2000.
- **Public Comment Period**—Following the release of the Draft EIS/EIR, a public comment period was held which extended from April 6, 2001 through June 15, 2001. The draft document was placed in public libraries and other repository sites as an effective way of providing ongoing information about the Project. The document was also available on the Metro internet site (www.mta.net) and information about public hearings and other ongoing Project activities was available via the Project telephone line (310-366-6443). Public hearings were held on May 7, May 9, and May 15, 2001, to receive oral and written testimony on the Draft EIS/EIR from the general public. A total of more than 600 persons attended these hearings. Metro provided notice of these public involvement meetings in compliance with CEQA and NEPA.
- **Responses to Comments**—Responses to all comments on the Draft EIS/EIR were compiled subsequent to the public comment period and incorporated into the Final EIS/EIR. Please refer to the full Final EIS/EIR for a full presentation of comments and responses.
- **Metro Board Actions**—The Metro Board took action on June 28, 2001, on several elements of the Project. First, the Board adopted separate Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPAs) for the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Route and for the Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Transit (LRT) Route. The Board also gave the directive that the Wilshire BRT Project be addressed in a separate environmental document which was certified in August 2002. Therefore, the LPA described in this Final EIS/EIR focuses on the implementation of a LRT Project along the Exposition route only.

6.5 OUTREACH IN SUPPORT OF FINAL EIS/EIR

Following the close of the Public Comment Periods and Action of the Metro Board on June 28, 2001, the Project design was advanced through Preliminary Engineering (see Appendix A for engineering design). As described in Chapter 2.0 Alternatives Considered, the LPA was modified in response to community concerns to reduce or eliminate impacts of the Project.

Station Area Workshops

Three Station Area Workshops (**Table 6-2**) were held in November and December of 2002 to present and discuss the proposed Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail station locations, and to begin the discussion of station design options. The workshops were held in locations in close proximity to the route. Approximately 190 people attended the three workshops.

| TABLE 6-2: STATION AREA WORKSHOPS | |
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| Location | Date |
| Exposition Park Family Services Center | November 19, 2002 |
| Veterans Memorial Complex | November 21, 2002 |
| Baldwin Hills Recreation Center - Baldwin Hills (Los Angeles) | December 03, 2002 |
| SOURCE: The Robert Group, 2004. | |

Working Group Meetings

Upon completion of the scoping and Draft EIS/EIR process with the larger community, two “Working Groups” were identified to discuss issues relative to their specific segment of the Mid-City/Exposition LRT Corridor. The Working Groups comprised of representatives from the various stakeholder groups (Table 6-3). The Mid-City Working group focused on the route from Vermont Avenue to La Cienega Boulevard, and approximately 40 people participated in the two meetings. The Downtown Working Group covered the route from 7th Street Metro Station to Vermont Avenue including Exposition Park, and included approximately 60 participants. Each group addressed the following topics: Final EIR/EIS Process, Operating Scenarios, Station Area Design and Location, Maintenance Areas, and Downtown Branching Alternatives.

| TABLE 6-3: WORKING GROUP MEETINGS | |
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| Location | Date |
| Mid-City Working Group | |
| West Angeles Church | August 07, 2003 |
| West Angeles Church | September 25, 2003 |
| Downtown Working Group | |
| California Science Center | May 22, 2003 |
| Los Angeles Coliseum | July 11, 2003 |
| Los Angeles Convention Center | September 18, 2003 |
| SOURCE: The Robert Group, 2004. | |

Key Stakeholder Meetings

The Project Team conducted five key stakeholder meetings to study-specific issues analyzed in the Draft EIS/EIR. The meetings included four to eight participants per meeting (Table 6-4).

| TABLE 6-4: FOCUSED STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS | |
|---|----------------|
| Location/Topic | Date |
| Mid-City/Crenshaw Station Parking | |
| West Angeles CDC | March 10, 2004 |
| Mid-City Pedestrian Circulation | |
| Dorsey High School | March 16, 2004 |
| Downtown Hill Street Alternative | |
| California Hospital Medical Center, LA Superior Court | March 18, 2004 |
| Mid-City La Cienega Station Parking | |
| City of Los Angeles Council District 10 | March 19, 2004 |
| SOURCE: The Robert Group, 2004. | |

In addition to those meetings described above, numerous opportunities were provided for individuals and community groups to inform themselves about the Project and offer their input. These meeting dates and participants are listed in **Table 6-5**. As part of refined planning for the bikeway element of this component, Metro has directly involved cycling activists and planners from the greater Los Angeles County area. The bikeway design, which is now integral to the Mid-City/Exposition LRT Project, reflects input from this group. It focuses on safety, accessibility, usability and consistency.

| TABLE 6-5: OUTREACH MEETINGS SUBSEQUENT TO PUBLIC HEARINGS/LPA | |
|---|--|
| Date | Meeting Participant |
| November 12, 2002 | Interagency TAC Meeting #2 |
| November 13, 2002 | City of Culver City |
| February 2, 2003 | Interagency TAC Meeting #3 |
| February 26, 2003 | East Culver City Neighborhood Alliance |
| March 14, 2003 | Exposition Park Stakeholders Committee |
| March 21, 2003 | Friends 4 Expo |
| April 8, 2003 | Council District 10 |
| April 9, 2003 | Council District 9 |
| April 14, 2003 | Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Subcommittee |
| April 16, 2003 | Exposition Park State Board of Directors |
| April 18, 2003 | Friends 4 Expo |
| April 24, 2003 | Staples Development Corporation |
| April 24, 2003 | South Park Stakeholders & LADOT Briefing on Downtown Branching Study |
| April 30, 2003 | Central City Association |
| May 7, 2003 | Los Angeles Trade Technical College |
| May 16, 2003 | Shamus Group (Downtown Stakeholder) |
| May 22, 2003 | Working Group (Downtown stakeholders) @ CA Science Center |
| June 11, 2003 | Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency |
| June 17, 2003 | California Science Center, Orthopedic Hospital |
| June 24, 2003 | South Park Stakeholders Group |
| June 27, 2003 | University of Southern California |
| July 7, 2003 | Los Angeles Coliseum Board |
| July 11, 2003 | Working Group (Downtown stakeholders) |
| July 15, 2003 | Gold Line Tour with Exposition Park Stakeholders |
| July 16, 2003 | Exposition Park State Board |
| July 17, 2003 | Gold Line Tour with Working Groups |
| July 21, 2003 | Natural History Museum |
| July 24, 2003 | City of Culver City (TAC briefing) |
| August 1, 2003 | Los Angeles Unified School District |
| August 6, 2003 | Los Angeles City Council District #10 |
| August 7, 2003 | Mid City Working Group @ West Angeles Church |
| August 12, 2003 | Convention Center |
| August 14, 2003 | Interagency TAC - Culver City Segment |
| August 20, 2003 | Los Angeles City Council District #8 |
| September 3, 2003 | Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission |
| September 4, 2003 | Los Angeles Trade Technical College |

| TABLE 6-5: OUTREACH MEETINGS SUBSEQUENT TO PUBLIC HEARINGS/LPA | |
|---|--|
| Date | Meeting Participant |
| September 9, 2003 | Figuroa Corridor Business Improvement District |
| September 10, 2003 | Convention Center Authority |
| September 17, 2003 | Culver City Grade Crossing Study/Policy Briefing |
| September 18, 2003 | Downtown Working Group |
| September 19, 2003 | West Angeles EDC |
| September 23, 2003 | Culver City/LADOT |
| September 25, 2003 | Mid City Working Group (Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza) |
| October 1, 2003 | Exposition Park State Board |
| October 2, 2003 | Los Angeles County Supervisorial District #2 |
| October 7, 2003 | Bikeway & Redevelopment Issues |
| October 13, 2003 | Empowerment Congress West Neighborhood |
| October 14, 2003 | CRA CAC |
| October 22, 2003 | Caltrans |
| October 24, 2003 | Rep. Diane Watson's office |
| October 27, 2003 | Crenshaw Neighborhood Council |
| October 28, 2003 | California Public Utilities Commission |
| November 21, 2003 | Westside Urban Forum |
| December 3, 2003 | City of Santa Monica |
| December 4, 2003 | LADOT & Culver City Grade Crossing Policy Briefing |
| December 29, 2003 | Downtown Branching Alternatives Tour |
| January 15, 2004 | Central City Association and South Park Stakeholders |
| January 20, 2004 | Shamus Group |
| January 21, 2004 | Westside Cities Working Group |
| January 27, 2004 | LADOT, LABOE. Culver City – Jefferson Grade Crossing |
| January 29, 2004 | City of Culver City & Caltrans Briefing on Downtown Branching Alternatives |
| February 20, 2004 | Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency |
| March 10, 2004 | West Angeles CDC |
| March 16, 2004 | Foshay and Dorsey High Schools |
| March 17, 2004 | Culver City DOT |
| March 19, 2004 | City of Los Angeles Council District 10 |
| March 31, 2004 | Los Angeles County Supervisorial District #3 |
| April 6, 2004 | Hill Street Mitigation Meeting Council District 10 |
| April 7, 2004 | Los Angeles County Supervisorial District #2 |
| April 22, 2004 | LA Mart Expo Park Stakeholders |
| August 10, 2004 | Los Angeles County Supervisorial District #2 |
| August 27, 2004 | Staples Center |
| September 1, 2004 | Exposition Park Stakeholders |
| September 1, 2004 | Los Angeles Trade Technical College |
| September 8, 2004 | Culver City |
| September 29, 2004 | Culver City |
| October 4, 2004 | Friends 4 Expo Steering Committee |
| October 13, 2004 | Olympic Auditorium |
| October 16, 2004 | Gold Line Tour with Culver City representatives |

| TABLE 6-5: OUTREACH MEETINGS SUBSEQUENT TO PUBLIC HEARINGS/LPA | |
|---|--|
| Date | Meeting Participant |
| October 21, 2004 | Culver City Homeowners Association |
| October 23, 2004 | Friends 4 Expo Community Update Meeting at Dorsey High School |
| October 25, 2004 | Los Angeles City Council District #8 |
| October 26, 2004 | South Park Stakeholders and Figueroa Corridor BID |
| October 29, 2004 | Los Angeles City Council District #9 |
| November 1, 2004 | Exposition Park Stakeholders |
| November 3, 2004 | Central City Association |
| November 4, 2004 | Mid-Corridor Working Group |
| November 12, 2004 | Exposition Park Stakeholders Meeting |
| November 16, 2004 | Culver City Council Reps |
| November 18, 2004 | Friends 4 Expo Steering Committee |
| November 22, 2004 | Regional Elected Officials/Staff Tour of Project Alignment |
| November 30, 2004 | Bikeway Working Group |
| December 3, 2004 | Central City Association |
| December 14, 2004 | Figueroa Corridor Business Improvement District |
| January 4, 2005 | Central City Association |
| January 6, 2005 | Los Angeles City Council District 4 |
| January 19, 2005 | United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council |
| January 27, 2005 | Friends 4 Expo Steering Committee |
| February 9, 2005 | Culver City staff |
| February 22, 2005 | West End Working Group - La Cienega station |
| March 9, 2005 | West End Working Group - Venice/Robertson station |
| March 20, 2005 | USC Earth Day Event - On-campus |
| April 6, 2005 | USC staff |
| April 21, 2005 | Culver City staff |
| April 27, 2005 | USC staff |
| May 5, 2005 | Culver City staff |
| May 6, 2005 | Los Angeles City Council District 10 |
| May 12, 2005 | USC staff |
| May 17, 2005 | Palms Neighborhood Council |
| May 20, 2005 | USC staff |
| May 21, 2005 | Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative Conference at USC |
| May 23, 2005 | Friends 4 Expo Steering Committee |
| June 9, 2005 | Culver City staff |
| June 16, 2005 | Friends 4 Expo General Meeting |
| June 28, 2005 | Mid-Corridor Working Group |
| June 28, 2005 | City Council District 10 Staff |
| August 1, 2005 | Downtown Working Group |
| August 8, 2005 | South Park Stakeholders |
| August 9, 2005 | Orthopaedic Hospital |
| August 23, 2005 | Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council |
| August 31, 2005 | West End Working Group |
| September 7, 2005 | Exposition Park and California Science Center Board of Directors |

| TABLE 6-5: OUTREACH MEETINGS SUBSEQUENT TO PUBLIC HEARINGS/LPA | |
|---|---|
| Date | Meeting Participant |
| September 8, 2005 | Historic Downtown Los Angeles Business Improvement District (BID) |
| September 15, 2005 | Dorsey High School |
| SOURCE: The Robert Group, 2005 | |

6.6 RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL EIS/EIR

Upon completion of the Final EIS/EIR, consisting of all substantive public comments received, responses to those comments, and the revised EIS/EIR, the document will be placed in repository sites as indicated in Distribution List in Appendix C to provide on-going information about the Project. In compliance with NEPA/CEQA, notice of hearings regarding certification of the document will be provided. Since circulation of the Draft EIS/EIR, the Metro Board of Directors elected to separate the Project into two distinct projects: the Wilshire BRT and the Mid-City/Exposition LRT. In order to encourage public participation and effective communication, notices regarding the availability of the Final EIS/EIR will be made available to all previously contacted stakeholders associated with the Exposition portion of the corridor.

The Project cannot be implemented until the Final EIS/EIR is certified with all necessary mitigation measures and an adopted Mitigation Monitoring Program. Following certification of the Final EIS/EIR by the Metro Board, the State Clearinghouse will consider the document and a Notice of Completion (NOC) will be filed for the Project. The Federal Transit Administration will then prepare a Record of Decision (ROD) completing the environmental clearance phase of Project development.