



I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT

Task Force Meeting #3 Summary

December 13, 2021



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Sylvia Betancourt, Project Manager, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma

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Christopher Chavez, Deputy Policy Director, Coalition for Clean Air
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Introduction

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) initiated the I-710 South Corridor Task Force (710 Task Force) to develop a community-supported, regionally significant, multimodal approach to addressing major mobility, safety, air quality, and equity needs for moving people and goods through the I-710 between the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and State Route 60. The 710 Task Force will review and assess the purpose and need of investment in the I-710 corridor, develop multi-modal improvement strategies, identify programs and projects to advance these strategies, create an investment and implementation plan, and provide recommendations to the Metro Board in 2022.

The 710 Task Force Meeting #3 was held on December 13, 2021. The intent of this meeting was to continue developing the governance structure of the Task Force, including the community's role, and introduce the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool. The meeting included a graphic illustrator ([Appendix A](#)) to visually capture key themes, and meeting highlights and provided simultaneous interpretation in Spanish, Tagalog, and Khmer.

Prior to the meeting, the 710 Task Force received the agenda, presentation, and meeting materials. *Please see [Appendix B-E](#) for the meeting materials and [Appendix J](#) for the presentation slides.*

710 Task Force #3 Online Meeting

1. Introductions, Welcome and Agenda Review (Erika C. B. Morales, Partner, Morales + Morales Partners)

- > Erika C. B. Morales opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Ms. Morales provided the meeting call-in and interpretation details. She also provided instructions on how to utilize the “Q&A” or “Raise Hand” zoom functions to ask questions or communicate during the meeting.
- > Ms. Morales provided an overview of the agenda for the meeting. She mentioned that the meeting format was updated for this meeting to include public comments throughout and at the end of the meeting.

2. Working Group and Listening Session Report Outs

- > Michael Cano provided an overview of the Clean Truck Working Group held on November 29, 2021. Highlights from the working group included funding opportunities available at the state and federal levels and defining goals for the Clean Truck Program.
- > Ms. Morales gave highlights on the questions asked and feedback received from community members during the Listening Sessions held on December 8 and 9, 2021.

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- > Mr. Cano summarized the Community Engagement Strategy Working Group held on November 22, 2021. The meeting included a recap of the EIR/EIS engagement and lessons learned, plans for Listening Sessions, and a proposal for the Community Leadership Committee.
- > KeAndra Cylear-Dodds explained the difference between the different types of 710 Task Force meetings.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds presented a proposal for the Community Leadership Committee (CLC), including the proposed responsibilities, qualifications for members of the committee, selection criteria, and compensation.
- > Ernesto Chaves reported out on the Charter and Community Agreements Working Group held on November 22, 2021. The meeting included a recap of the EIR/EIS engagement and lessons learned along with an introduction to the 710 Task Force Governance. Additionally, discussions on the leadership structure of the 710 Task Force and Community Leadership Committee and defining consensus and decision making were facilitated.
- > Jessica Medina explained a seven-step process that is would be part of the decision-making process for the Task Force. As part of the decision-making process, an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) would be created, consisting of two members from the Community Leadership Committee and three members from the 710 Task Force.
- > The following guiding questions were presented to gain feedback from the Task Force:
 - Are there other details to consider for the CLC?
 - Are there the right guidelines for the CLC?
 - Do you have suggestions for ensuring an inclusive application process?
 - Do we have the right balance of representation for the ESC members?
 - Would you add any values or attitudes for which 710 Task Force members should commit?
 - Do these decision-making steps allow sufficient discussion, debate, and consensus-building opportunities?
- > Comments were made by the following Task Force members:
 - Luke Klipp – Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, District 4
 - Chris Chavez – Coalition for Clean Air
 - Ghirlandi Guidetti – Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
 - Alec Cronin – National Resources Defense Council
 - Fernando Gaytan – Earthjustice
 - Sharon Weissman – Port of Long Beach
 - Joe Lyou – Coalition for Clean Air
 - Sylvia Betancourt – Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA)
 - Natalia Ospina – National Resource Defense Council

- Dilia Ortega – Communities for a Better Environment
- > Some of the points raised were:
 - Questions and comments regarding how to make best use of the input and feedback the community provides and how to best respond to the issues and concerns of the communities around the corridor.
 - Preference for additional outreach in these communities to increase participation and representation of all stakeholders, as well as establishing a process that will empower stakeholders to have a clear impact on the outcomes.
- > Two verbal comments and one written comment were provided by community members during public comment.
- > Detailed discussion is available in [Appendix F](#).

3. Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET)

- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds introduced Metro’s Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET). She began by defining equity and equality.
- > The EPET is a set of six questions to help guide the project development process and guide planning for equitable outcomes. While using the tool, there is also a focus on people combined with data and community engagement. Additionally, the tool incorporates a benefit/burden analysis.
- > The tool is meant to be dynamic and flexible and a guiding tool throughout the Task Force process starting with the vision and goals of the community and also the baseline existing conditions data.
- > Comments were made by the following Task Force members:
 - Ghirlandi Guidetti – Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
 - Alec Cronin – National Resources Defense Council
 - Dilia Ortega – Communities for a Better Environment
- > Some of the points raised were:
 - Interest in the tool, as well as interest in knowing how the tool was developed, including how the tool has been used before.
 - Members also expressed interest in knowing if the results of the process will be made public.
- > One written comment was provided by a community member during public comment.
- > Detailed comments are available in [Appendix G](#).

4. Work Plan and Schedule Update Discussion

- > Mr. Cano provided an overview of the current work plan and schedule for the Task Force.

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- > The work plan is divided into phases through December 2022, updated from the previous schedule of May 2022, to allow for multiple Task Force, Working Groups and community meetings throughout the process.
- > The next phase is to develop the 710 Corridor Vision and Goals.
- > Comments were made by:
 - Sharon Weissman – Port of Long Beach
 - Luke Klipp – Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, District 4
 - Natalia Ospina – National Resource Defense Council
 - Jennifer Ganata - Communities for a Better Environment
- > Some of the points raised included:
 - Members expressed concern regarding the amount of information needed to be processed and digested between meetings, as well as the amount of time provided to discuss the material during meetings.
 - Members also expressed preference for extending the time between meetings to allow them to read through the materials without rush.
- > One verbal comment was provided by a community member during public comment.
- > Detailed comments are available in [Appendix H](#).

5. Next Steps

- > Ms. Morales provided dates for future meetings for Task Force members.
 - Charter Working Group: Monday, January 24 from 1-2:30pm
 - Clean Trucks Program Working Group: Monday, January 25 from 1-2:30pm
 - Community Engagement Working Group: Wednesday, January 26 from 1-2:30pm
 - Task Force Meeting #4 will be held on Monday, January 10 at 5pm
 - Task Force Meeting #5 will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 5pm
- > Mr. Chaves noted that an existing conditions data package will be shared prior to the next Task Force meeting in January. The report will provide data to inform the discussion on the goals and vision of the corridor.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds reminded participants about the compensation policy that was approved by the Metro Board of Directors. Additional details will be sent to participants that are eligible for compensation.
- > Future meetings will be announced at the Task Force meeting on January 10.

6. General Public Comment and Closing Remarks

A public comment period was held after the formal agenda. Members of the public could make a comment by leaving a comment in the Q&A or verbal comment using the “Raise Hand”

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feature on Zoom. Written comments were read by Ms. Morales. Public comments are available in **Appendix I**.

7. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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TASK 710 FORCE

MEETING THREE

WELCOME BACK!

CLEAN TRUCK WORKING GROUP
FUNDING GOALS REDUCE DISPARITY
INFRASTRUCTURE CLIMATE IDENTIFY BARRIERS



NEXT DISCUSSION
VISION & GOALS
BASELINE DATA



WORK PLAN AND UPDATES
GET FEEDBACK ENGAGE
DEVELOP VISION AND GOALS

STRATEGY PRIORITY PROJECTS
EVALUATION INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

SHARE DATES FOR THE YEAR



EPET WILL BE USED AT SPECIFIC CONSENSUS POINTS



FINDINGS WILL BE SHARED
BEST PRACTICES WILL BE USED

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE FORMATION

ATTEND ADVISE STRATEGIZE REVIEW MATERIALS SELECTION CRITERIA

OPTIONAL WORKGROUPS DIVERSE MULTILINGUAL COMPENSATION



CHARTER & COMMUNITY

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE CLC EQUITABLE DEFINED CONSENSUS

PRIORITIZE PEOPLE & NEEDS

LEADERSHIP CO-CHAIRS



EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

STARTING JANUARY 2-MEMBERS FROM CLC
DETAILED CHARTER 1 COMMUNITY BASED ORG

5 MEMBER BODY CO-CHAIR MODEL

WHAT DOES CONSENSUS LOOK LIKE?



WOULD HELP TO INVOLVE COMMUNITY IN COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

REGARDING LISTENING SESSION: THIS IS NOT ABOUT EXPANSION CORRECT? RIGHT!

LET'S NOT MOVE TOO QUICKLY WITHOUT NAILING DETAILS

HOW WILL PUBLIC INTERACT?

THIS IS A PILOT

ITERATIVE PROCESS

LET'S REACH OUT IN OTHER WAYS THAN ZOOM



GOALS
BETTER ACCESS FREEDOM TO MOVE

EQUALITY ≠ EQUITY



METRO MOVES MORE QUICKLY DEALING W/ CORPS THAN THE PEOPLE



EX: AIR FILTRATION

CLC SHOULDNT JUST ADVISE BUT HELP MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING TO TASK FORCE

CONSENSUS BUILDING PROCESS

WORKING WITH CLC AND TASK FORCE



CLC INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNITY ORG MEMBER GROUP/ORG. AFFILIATED

IM LOOKING FOR MORE BALANCE

AWARE OF 8617 PROJNET?

OPPORTUNITY TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY

WE NEED BETTER DECISION PROCESS



NOT ALL WILL BE HAPPY

TASK 710 FORCE

MEETING THREE

FOR TRUE **COMMUNITY** REACHOUT TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE ADJACENT TO **FREEWAY**

WE NEED TO **NOTIFY** PEOPLE THIS IS HAPPENING

THOSE MOST AFFECTED SHOULD BE INVOLVED

ELECTRONIC & PRINT ADS FROM METRO?

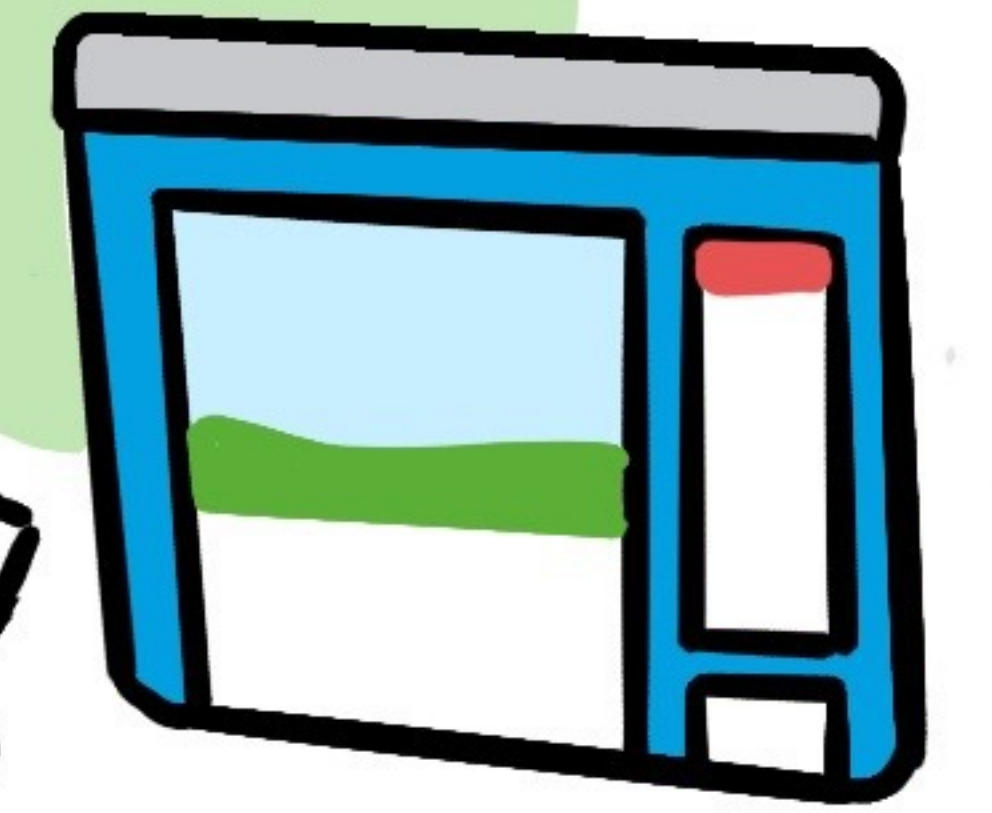
GREAT IDEA! Will DISCUSS!

TASKFORCE

HOW DO WE SIGN-UP FOR NEXT MEETING

ATTEND

WEBSITE UPDATED REGULARLY



KEEP A **FIRM** SCHEDULE

SHARE TOPICS & QUESTIONS AHEAD OF THE MEETING

VERY IMPORTANT

COMMON OUTREACH



SHARE IN AS MANY WAYS POSSIBLE

INSTAGRAM
TWITTER
TIK TOK

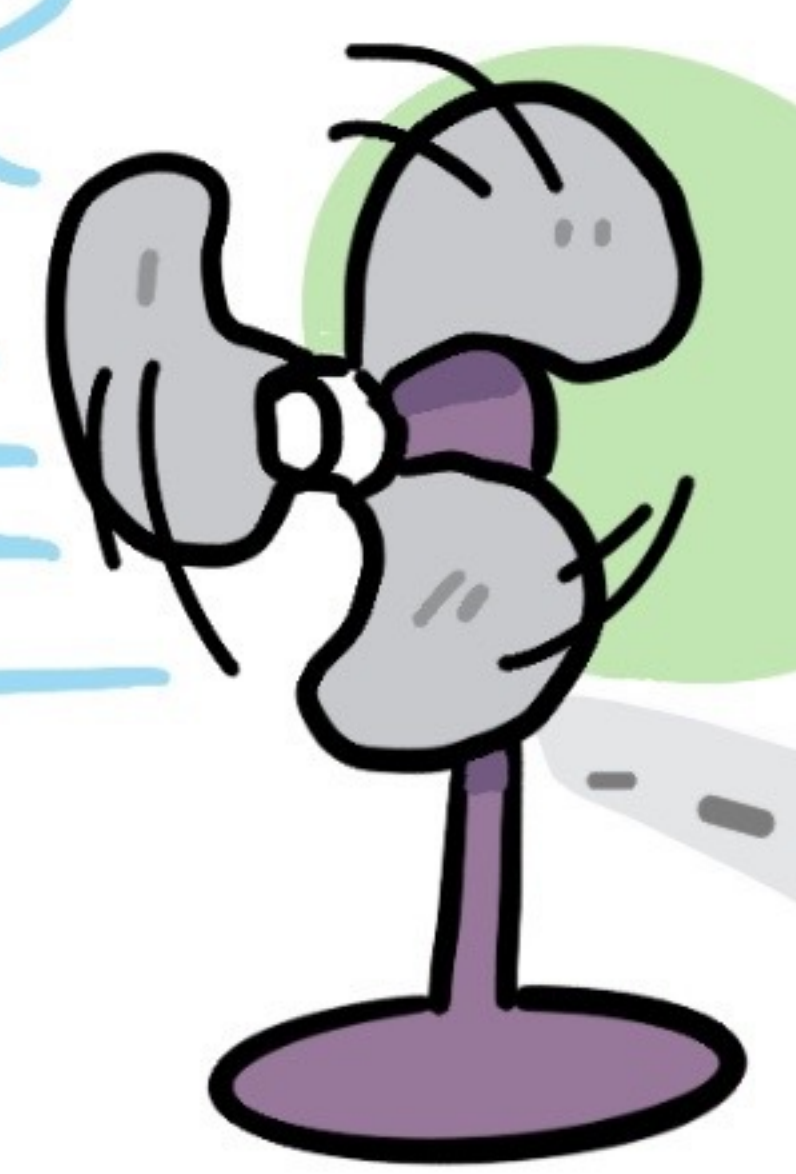
GIVE KIDS **FIYERS** AT SCHOOL



LET'S AIM TO MEET **EPA STANDARDS**

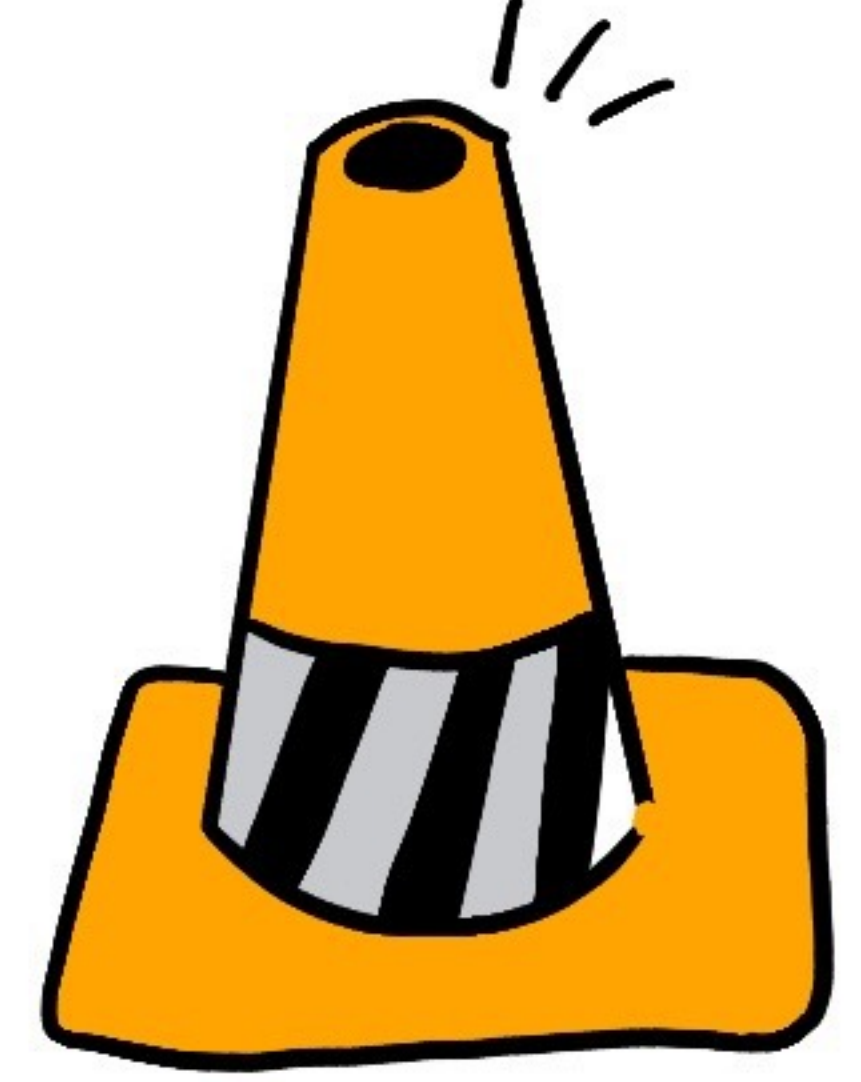
LET'S HAVE AN **AIR MONITORING PROGRAM**

AIM TO BE LIKE OTHER PARTS OF LA



A GOOD **GUIDEPOST**

USE DATA FROM OTHER PARTS OF LA AS REFERENCE IN TERMS OF **EQUITY**



HOW CAN PEOPLE **APPLY?**

NOW HIRING



WILL BE PUBLIC SOON

LEARN ABOUT PEOPLE

DIVERSE IN DIFF WAYS

EASY

GAUGE INTEREST



PUBLIC COMMENT



710 Task Force

Task Force Meeting #3 Agenda / Agenda de la reunión # 3 del Grupo de Trabajo
Monday, December 13, 2021 / *lunes, 13 de diciembre de 2021*
5-7:30 p.m.

Interpretation in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog will be provided.

Meeting Link / enlace de reunión: <https://bit.ly/3xksjyu>
Meeting ID / ID de reunión: 881 5503 3286
Passcode / Contraseña: 5851
Call-in: 213.338-8477

Llamada en español: 571.317.3112
Código de acceso: 339-179-405

សេចក្តីលម្អិត អំពីការហៅចូលប្រជុំ: 646.749-3335
លេខកូដចូលប្រើ: 215-565-653

Mga Detalye sa Call-in sa Pagpupulong: 786.535.3211
Kodigo: 235-934-581

- 5:00 pm > Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Review / *Introducciones, bienvenida y revisión de la agenda*
- 5:10 pm > Working Group and Listening Sessions Report Outs / *Resúmenes de las Sesiones para Escuchar Opiniones Públicas y de las Reuniones de Grupos de Trabajo*
- 6:10 pm > Introduction the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET) / *Introducción a la Herramienta de Planificación y Evaluación de la Equidad (EPET, por sus siglas en inglés)*
- 6:50 pm > Work Plan and Schedule Update Discussion / *Discusión sobre el plan de trabajo y la actualización del cronograma*
- 7:10 pm > Next Steps / *Siguientes Pasos*

7:15 pm

> General Public Comment and Closing Remarks / *Comentario Público y Observaciones Finales*





710 Task Force

710 Task Force Community ~~Advisory~~ Leadership Committee ~~(CAC)~~ (CLC) Proposal

- **Role:** Advise the 710 Task Force
- **Options for the ~~CAC~~ CLC formation and responsibilities**
 - Responsibilities:
 - Review and advise on TF goals, proposals, and recommendations at consensus checkpoints
 - Participate in working groups
 - Help ground truth data and findings
 - Advise on community engagement strategy and efforts
 - Number of members
 - 10 or 15 members?
 - Qualifications
 - Must live or work within the 710 South Corridor study area (see attachment)
 - Consider demographic and geographic diversity
 - Selection Process
 - Application process? Nomination process? Who would nominate?
 - Meet bi-monthly



710 Task Force

Draft 710 Task Force Governance Structure

Background: The 710 Task Force is a collaborative process led by Metro and Caltrans District 7 to convene a robust and diverse array of approximately 50 community, industry, public and private stakeholders that are impacted by or dependent upon the movement of people and goods through the 710 Corridor, inclusive of local communities adjacent to the I-710 South freeway.

The 710 Task Force was initiated in September 2021 in response to actions taken in May 2021 by the Metro Board and Caltrans to suspend further work on the original I-710 South Corridor Improvements Project that was under environmental review due to concerns over air quality, public health, displacement and environmental impacts on residents living in communities adjacent to the corridor.

The goal of the task force is to re-evaluate the needs of the corridor, develop multi-modal strategies to meet these needs, identify potential projects and programs in the short and long-term based on those strategies, and create a prioritized investment plan. The Task Force is expected to report to the Metro Board and State of California with outcomes by Spring 2022.

Purpose of the 710 Task Force Governance Structure: During the second 710 Task Force meeting, the project team heard several requests to find ways to better incorporate the community into the 710 Task Force process. In response, Metro and Caltrans will provide a general comment opportunity at the beginning of future meetings and add public comment opportunities after each agenda item. Additionally, we propose the creation of a ~~community advisory committee~~ Community Leadership Committee that will advise the task force throughout its process. Furthermore, to foster the leadership of Task Force members and improve the process, we propose the creation of an Executive Steering Committee which would work with Metro and Caltrans to plan meetings and support the ~~community advisory committee~~ Community Leadership Committee and the Task Force. Below you will find more details on a draft governance structure for the Charter and Community Agreements Working Group to discuss.



- **Executive Steering Committee (5 members)**
 - Membership
 - 3 Co-chairs OR a Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice Chair of Task Force
 - Members from the Task Force
 - 1 seat should represent each of the following:
 - Community based organizations
 - Cities/Governmental agencies
 - Goods Movement/Transportation Industry/Labor
 - 2 members from the Community Steering Committee



- Role
 - Work with Metro and Caltrans Staff to plan meetings
 - Support ~~Community Advisory Committee~~ Community Leadership Committee and Task Force activities
 - Other tasks as necessary
- Meet 2 weeks before each task force meeting

• ~~Community Advisory Committee~~ Community Leadership Committee

- Role: Advise the 710 Task Force. This will be discussed by the Community Engagement Strategy Working Group, but may include:
 - Reviewing and advising on TF goals, proposals, and recommendations at consensus checkpoints
 - Participate in working groups
 - Helping to ground truth data and findings
 - Advising on community engagement strategy and efforts
- Meet bi-monthly
- **710 Task Force Members** (50 members)
 - Role:
 - Elect Exec. Committee Members
 - Work with the ~~Community Advisory Committee~~ Community Leadership Committee to incorporate their advice into the task force recommendations
 - Listen to, reflect on, and work to incorporate public comment
 - Develop recommendations on 710 Corridor multimodal strategies, projects, programs, and investment strategy
 - Meet every 4 weeks



- **Workgroups** (20 max for each)
 - Groups
 - Clean Truck Program WG
 - Community Engagement Strategy WG
 - Charter and Community Agreements WG
 - Others as necessary
 - Role
 - Research and analyze specific issues
 - Develop proposals for the Task Force to consider
 - Meet as needed

- **Facilitator and Consultants**
 - Staff
 - Erika Morales, Facilitator
 - Arellano Associates
 - Cambridge Systematics
 - AECOM
 - Role
 - Facilitate and support the Task Force process
 - Support updates on Task Force progress
 - Provide technical analysis, data, maps, and other information as needed to support the Task Force’s work
 - Provide technical writing and administrative support for Task Force activities (e.g., elections, reports, etc.) and documentation
 - Support implementation of Task Force workplan to achieve their objectives

- **Metro and Caltrans Administrative Staff**
 - Metro Staff
 - Jim de la Loza, Chief Planning Officer
 - Laurie Lombardi, Senior Executive Officer, Countywide Planning & Development



- KeAndra Cylear Dodds, Executive Officer, Equity and Race
- Michael Cano, Deputy Executive Officer, Countywide Planning & Development
- Ernesto Chaves, Deputy Executive Officer, Countywide Planning & Development
- Mark Dierking, Manager, Community Relations
- Jessica Medina, Manager, Equity and Race
- Caltrans Staff
 - Gloria Roberts, Chief Deputy District Director, District 7
 - Paul Marquez, Deputy Director, Planning
 - Jeffrey Newman, Chief of Staff, District 7
 - Ron Kosinski, Deputy Director, Environmental Planning
- Role
 - Staff manages and administers the 710 Task Force Process
 - Metro Board and Caltrans Leadership will review and determine how to proceed on the 710 Task Force Recommendations



Consensus and Decision-Making Considerations

Background: During the second 710 Task Force meeting, the project team also heard ideas and initial feedback on potential ways to reach consensus in Task Force Meetings. Consensus will be vitally important to ensure the Task Force can progress through the work plan in a manner that ensures the final deliverable reflects the needs of the impacted communities and regional stakeholders. Below, you will find themes from that conversation as well as examples to consider and Draft Consensus and Decision-Making Considerations for the 710 Task Force. While the latter have been drafted by project staff from the themes and examples, the Charter and Community Agreements Working Group is tasked with developing the recommendation that will be considered by the Task Force at Meeting #3.



Themes from Task Force Meeting #2

- **Process**
 - Hearing from as many stakeholders as possible within the Task Force
 - Aiming for at least 70% of the group agreeing
 - Making room to hear from the folks that have the least amount of power
- **Attitudes/Values**
 - Having an open mind about ideas and outcomes and creating space to pose questions that get us to clarifications and figuring out solutions collectively
 - Not sticking to preconceived ideas about what will happen with the 710 Corridor, but being willing to be convinced of different approaches
 - Coming to shared values with respect for differences and balancing competing priorities



Examples to Consider

- **Metro's 710 EIR/EIS**, the precursor to the 710 Task Force. Metro will recap this process during the working group meeting.
- **Seeds for Change**, an organization in the UK that provides technical assistance and capacity building services for collaboration prepared [a helpful short guide to consensus decision-making](#). In preparation for the Charter Working Group Meeting, consider the following:
 - Page 5 – Diagram depicting the process is not linear and may broaden from the point of introducing a question to the point of coming together to a decision.
 - Page 7 – Detailed flowchart of the consensus process, with seven stages and guiding questions and considerations.
- **Metro's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)** uses a modified version of the consensus process and provides an example of how the detailed consensus process flowchart can be adapted to fit the needs of a committee. Note that the PSAC process includes a reflection step at the end of each decision-making process. While the PSAC regularly makes recommendations through reports to the Metro Board, the 710 Task Force will only provide one report, with multiple recommendations, at the end of the of the Task Force process.



item two: decision-making models: types of decision-making



for PSAC decisions

generally, we expect this group to adapt the “consensus” and “majority rule” models for major decisions and/or recommendations



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item two: decision-making models: change the proposal, if needed

modified process



:: step one ::

DISCUSSION
introduce the topic and surface questions and concerns



:: step two ::

PROPOSAL
pitch an intervention, policy, or action



:: step three ::
TEST FOR CONSENSUS
using degrees of agreement



:: step four ::

MODIFICATION
by repeating steps 1-3 if committee members raise concerns



:: step five ::

FINALIZE
by holding a simple majority vote; provide an opportunity for formal dissent



:: step six ::

REFLECT
by discussing how feedback was received by the Metro Board; revisit the committee's strategy, if needed



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Draft Consensus and Decision-Making Considerations for the 710 Task Force

In preparation for the Working Group meeting, consider the following options that are drafted from the sample materials shared above:

- **Values/Attitudes/Agreements** – What are the values that all Task Force Members are asked to commit to when engaging in the consensus decision-making process?
 - *Cooperation Between Equals* – Seeing all Task Force Members as equals in the process and as sharing power across different communities and stakeholder groups so there is a respectful and trusting atmosphere
 - *Exploration of Differences* – Exploring the different needs and perspectives of as many communities and stakeholders before forming a proposal
 - *Building Common Ground* – Creating space for open discussion and identification of information and ideas to be considered and find commonalities
 - *Identification of Inclusive and Actionable Win-Win Solutions* – Working together to find solutions that everyone actively supports, or at least does not actively oppose, and that can be implemented in the process or integrated into the recommendations for consideration by the Metro Board and Caltrans.

- **710 Task Force Consensus Process** – Which of the following steps make sense to include in our consensus process? Which don't make sense? Do we need any additional steps to facilitate having an inclusive and collaborative process?
 - **Working Groups** – Between Task Force Meetings, Members participate in smaller working groups to research and develop proposals related to a specific topic.
 - *Step 1. Working Group Proposal Development* - A facilitated discussion in working group meetings to clarify the issue, surface questions and concerns, and develop a proposal that aligns with our values and can include:
 - *Exploration of Differences* - Opportunity to identify needs and opinions before developing alternatives.



- *Win-Win Ideas and Solutions* – Working Group Members share ideas for solutions that address questions and concerns raised during discussion.
 - *Building Common Ground* – Working Group Members contribute to developing a proposal that combines the most useful ideas and solutions while weeding out some of the options.
 - *Step 2. Testing for Consensus* – Summarizing proposal and considerations that will be presented to the Task Force. See considerations below for process and thresholds.
- **Task Force Discussion** – At Task Force Meetings, Members hear report-backs or proposals from Working Groups and collaboratively strengthen any proposals related to the specific topic after hearing public comment.
 - *Step 3. Working Group Presentation* – Working Groups present to the Task Force to initiate the decision-making process in a public meeting.
 - *Step 4. Facilitated Discussion and Public Comment* – A facilitated discussion to clarify the issue and proposal and surface questions and concerns from the Task Force Members and the Public:
 - *Exploration of Differences* – Task Force Members and the Public have an opportunity to identify additional needs and opinions *before* modifying the proposals.
 - *Win-Win Ideas and Solutions* – Task Force Members and the Public have an opportunity to share additional ideas or solutions.
 - *Step 5. Testing for Consensus* – See considerations below for process and thresholds.
 - *Step 6. Modifications* – Repeating any steps above to make the proposal even stronger.
 - *Building Common Ground* – Members of the Working Group presenting a proposal lead in combining the most useful ideas and solutions while weeding out some of the options.



- **Task Force Vote**

- *Step 7. Formalizing a Task Force Decision* – A facilitated vote and discussion about implementation of the decision made by the group:
 - *Voting* – See considerations below for process and thresholds.
 - *Identification of Implementation Actions* – Work out what needs to happen, by when, and by who.

- **Voting Process and Thresholds** – As we advance towards formalizing a decision, what are the thresholds we should reach before advancing into the next step of the process?

- Testing for Consensus and Formalizing a Working Group, Committee, or Task Force Decision
 - Process/How: Thumbs up / thumbs down, degrees of agreement (e.g. from one to four to show level of support or opposition), other option?
Threshold: Simple majority (50% +1), supermajority (66% or 70%), other option?

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The 710 Coalition has been convened to develop multimodal and multipurpose strategies, projects and programs, and investment priorities to advance social equity, environmental sustainability, economic vitality, and access to opportunity for local communities and the Los Angeles region. Metro recognizes that deep-rooted and pervasive racial and socioeconomic inequities exist that create disparate impacts, even when the intention is to help all, and we must understand the root causes of those inequities to develop solutions that help those faring the worst to improve access to opportunity for all.

The **Equity Planning & Evaluation Tool (EPET)**, which begins on page six, is tool to enhance this process and help ensure equitable outcomes. It will assist the 710 Coalition in 1) identifying disparities that impact mobility, economic opportunities, and health outcomes, and how related services, programs, and projects are experienced; 2) understanding the root causes of those disparities, and 3) developing and implementing strategies, projects, programs, and investment priorities in a manner that provides more equitable outcomes.

What is “Equity”?

Equity is both an outcome and a process to address racial, socioeconomic, and gender disparities, to ensure fair and just access – with respect to where you begin and your capacity to improve from that starting point – to opportunities, including jobs, housing, education, mobility options, and healthier communities. It is achieved when one’s outcomes in life are not predetermined, in a statistical or experiential sense, on their racial, economic, or social identities. It requires community informed and needs-based provision, implementation, and impact of services, programs, and policies that reduce and ultimately prevent disparities.

Equity means that Metro’s service delivery, project delivery, policymaking, and distribution of resources account for the different histories, challenges, and needs of communities across Los Angeles County; it is what we are striving towards.

How should we use the Equity Planning & Evaluation Tool?

The EPET should be used as a guide throughout the 710 Coalition’s process. The tool should be reviewed by the Coalition at the beginning of the planning process and revisited to answer questions throughout the development and implementation processes. The questions are best answered by a diverse group, including people with a variety of demographic backgrounds, lived experiences, and expertise.



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The following definitions, guidance, and examples will help you complete the EPET.

Glossary of Key Terms

- **Community** = A geographic and/or social group of people with a shared identity, affiliation, and/or origin. For EPET purposes, “community” includes people who may be served or are otherwise impacted by Metro’s services, including but not limited to, Metro riders, program participants, residents and/or local business owners.
- **Community Results** = The community level condition of well-being we would like to achieve. It lacks disparities based on race, income, ability, or other social demographic.
- **Community Indicator** = Quantifiable measures of community results, disaggregated by race/ethnicity and income.
- **Equity Opportunity** = A decision that is designed to enhance positive impacts or reduce negative impacts for historically marginalized communities or others facing disparities in access to opportunities.
- **Ground Truth** = To validate or ensure assumptions and recommendations with external stakeholders, particularly those that will be most impacted by future actions.
- **Opportunity Areas** = Key indicators of success including Employment, Housing, Education, Health, Transportation, Community Development, Criminal Justice, Environment, and Safety.
- **Proposal Outcome** = A clearly defined future state of being at the program, local, or agency level resulting from the proposed action that ultimately supports the community result.
- **Performance Measure** = Quantifiable measures to forecast and track how well the proposed action will work or is working. They may be quantitative, qualitative, or otherwise describe actual impact. They may also be short-term, mid-term, or long-term.
- **Root Cause** = The fundamental baseline reason for a problem or situation; there may be multiple “steps” between the root cause and the identified problem(s) but these steps are directly connected through cause-and-effect.
- **Stakeholder** = A broader term than extends beyond “Community” (above) and includes individuals and organizations both engaged in and impacted by Metro’s services and investments, but may not share a geographic, social or cultural identity, affiliation and/or origin. For EPET purposes, this may include elected officials, municipalities and jurisdictions, public agencies, large and/or private corporations, etc.

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Proposed Action:

Team Members:

1. **Connecting Community Results to Project Outcomes:**

- a. Briefly describe the issue(s) you intend to address. This may include a proposed but not fully designed policy, program, initiative, plan, project and/or other proposed action.
- b. What opportunity area(s) does this proposed action have the ability to impact? (Ex: Employment, Mobility, Health, Education, etc.)
- c. What are the desired community results¹ to which this action will contribute?

¹ See the “Desired Community Results and Sample Proposal Outcomes” below.

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2. Analyze Data:

- a. List your data sources, including qualitative, quantitative, or anecdotal.²
- b. Is there an impacted geographic area? If so, what is the geographic area?
- c. What are the demographics of impacted area, users, or other community?
- d. What does the data tell us about existing community disparities in race, ethnicity, and income, that may influence the proposed action's outcomes? (Ex: Unemployment rates, housing-cost burden, park access, traffic collisions, asthma rates, etc.)
- e. What disaggregated performance metrics data do you have available for your proposed action? Consider data associated with similar or related programs, policies, services, or infrastructure.
- f. Does the performance metrics data show any existing disparities in race, ethnicity, income, etc. related to your proposed action potential impact? (Ex: pedestrian deaths are higher for black residents) If so, what is the root cause?³
- g. What would be a more equitable outcome? (Ex: pedestrian deaths are proportionate for all races and decreasing everywhere)
- h. What data are we missing, which might be more helpful in analyzing the proposed action , and how can we obtain it?

² See the list of potential data sources below.

³ Ask why at least five times. Social disparities today are often the result of a domino effect of policies, programs, decisions, and practices stemming from a root cause; it often takes time to determine.

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3. Engage the Community⁴:

- a. What do we know about the community, particularly any marginalized groups, and their history, relationship, or previous engagement with Metro?
- b. What historic investments, decisions, events, developments, or disinvestment strategies have contributed to current community conditions and how have they been considered in this proposed action?
- c. Who are the community members most vulnerable to negative impacts and/or living in historically marginalized or neglected areas that are affected by this proposed action? Consider community members that might be indirectly or unintentionally impacted.
 - i. How and at what stages did you engage them? (Ex: focus groups, surveys, community meetings, consultation with advisory boards, CBO partnership, etc.)
 - ii. How did you provide the information and tools they needed to fully participate as a partner?
 - iii. Did they raise concerns about other disparities or problems that this proposed action could address?
 - iv. Were there barriers that prevented some community members from engaging with Metro?
- d. What did you learn from the engagement about the root causes that produce or perpetuate racial/ethnic, income, or other inequities related to this proposed action?
- e. Given what you have learned from the data and asking the community, who is most likely to benefit or be burdened from this proposed action? What are the potential unintended impacts or consequences of the proposed action?

⁴ See the list of community engagement resources below.

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4. Plan for Equitable Outcomes:

- a. How has your proposed action been designed to ensure equitable outcomes?
- b. How will your proposed action address root causes to decrease racial/ethnic, income, and/or other inequities, increase positive outcomes, and reduce negative impacts on historically marginalized communities?
- c. How has your community engagement with those most affected by your proposed action informed your desired proposal outcomes and plan?
- d. What performance metrics will measure and track impacts?
- e. How will the anticipated proposal's impact support your desired community result(s) in section 1?
- f. Are there any unresolved issues? Are there complementary strategies that you can implement to support more equitable outcomes? Can existing partnerships maximize positive impact of your proposed action?
- g. How does advancing equity through this proposed action help achieve any of the Vision 2028 Goals?

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5. Proposal Implementation

For proposed efforts that Metro directly manages, controls, develops, implements, and/or coordinates:

- a. Describe your implementation plan, including any transition to Program Management, Operations, or another Metro implementing team.
- b. How will you engage stakeholders through implementation? What percentage of the total project budget for implementation is dedicated to community engagement? (Ex: Translation services, social & print media, meetings, etc.)
- c. Is your plan realistic, considering the timeline, project scope, past related efforts, political conditions, and need to complete any required federal or state equity assessments (Ex: Title VI Equity Analysis, CEQA, etc.)?
- d. Does the implementing team have adequate personnel, resources, and/or mechanisms to ensure successful implementation and/or enforcement?
- e. Is the proposed action adequately resourced to ensure on-going data collection, public reporting, and community engagement as noted below?

For proposed efforts that Metro may fund, coordinate, and/or initiate but does not directly implement:

- a. Describe Metro's role in the proposed action and, if any, in the final product implementation. Even if Metro does not have a direct role in final implementation, also describe intended outcomes or final products.
- b. Describe any engagement activities that Metro either conducted and/or required of implementers as part of the proposed action, including budget or funds allocated to engagement.
- c. Describe any data collection activities that Metro either conducted and/or required of implementers as part of the proposed action. Also describe to what level the data is disaggregated.

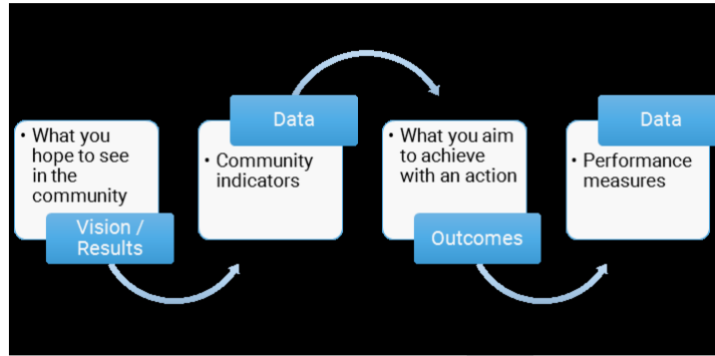
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6. Evaluate, Communicate, and Stay Accountable

- a. If a different Metro team will implement the plan, meet with that team to discuss program evaluation, ongoing community engagement, data collection, and an accountability plan.
- b. How will actual racial and socioeconomic equity impacts and project outcomes be measured, documented, and evaluated? What data needs to be collected and how will you collect it?
- c. What is your plan to report back to the community with updates from ongoing project evaluations and findings?
- d. What is your communication and engagement strategy to address unintended negative or major project impacts?
- e. How will you continue to partner and deepen relationships with stakeholders and other agencies to ensure internal and public accountability?
- f. Prepare and attach a summary of your EPET analysis. Explain who the action might impact, noting specific historically marginalized communities or others facing disparities in access to opportunities, and how the action is designed to 1) enhance positive impacts and/or 2) reduce negative impacts for them. Note any mitigations for negative impacts. Use this summary in any associated board report, box, or other document explaining this decision.

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Creating Effective Community Results and Proposal Outcomes



Source: Curren R., Nelson, J., Marsh, D.S., Noor, S., Liu, N. "Racial Equity Action Plans, A How-to Manual.": Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society, University of California, Berkeley, 2016

Desired Community Results

Proposal Outcomes:

See sample responses below.

Opportunity Area	Equitable Community Result	Community Indicator (Lists of are not exhaustive.)	Proposal	Equitable Proposal Outcome	Performance Metric
Employment	All people have access to high-quality living wage jobs and unemployment is low.	Unemployment Rates; Average Household Income; Average Commute Time; Transit availability; etc.	Bus Service Realignment	Increase bus options to jobs for low-income and communities of color.	Number and type of jobs accessible by bus within a typical commuting time by census tract.
Housing	All people have access to safe and affordable housing options and protections.	Housing cost burden; Home ownership rate; number of people that are unhoused; etc.	Joint Development Project	Increase the number of affordable rental housing options	Number of housing units affordable to most low-income residents.
			TOC Policy and Implementation Plan	Improving housing stability near transit for low-income renters	Number of cities with tenant protection policies.
Education	All people have access to affordable, high-quality, and culturally sensitive educational opportunities.	Access to educational facilities; Educational attainment; etc.			
Health and Safety	All people have access to health resources and a healthy and	Life expectancy; Health insurance coverage; Access to health facilities; Park			

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	sustainable built environment and land uses.	access; Rates of childhood obesity and asthma; Access to fresh/healthy food retail; etc.			
Transportation	All people have access to safe, affordable, and sustainable mobility options that connect all communities to resources and opportunities.	Non-private vehicle travel mode share; rates of traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries; transportation cost burden			
Community Development	There are equitable opportunities for businesses, community investment, and economic opportunity that protects and preserves legacy businesses and cultural character.	Percentage of businesses owned by women and people of color; Duration of small/independent businesses serving marginalized communities			
Criminal Justice	All people experience equal rights, treatment, and protection under the law, free from discriminatory enforcement or impacts.	Arrest rates; fare evasion ticketing rates; crime rates; rates of personal searches, etc.			
Environment	All neighborhoods are free from toxic exposure and pollution with access to clean and healthy open spaces and infrastructure.	Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; Particulate matter concentrations; Number or rate of sensitive uses (homes, schools, childcare, senior facilities) within 500 feet of high-pollutant sources,			

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		such as freeways, active oil drilling, and manufacturing/ industrial uses; access to safe drinking water			
Safety	All people have access to safe roads and streets, regardless of geography as well as all users of Metro's transit system feel comfortable and at ease when using the service.	Decreased collisions involving someone killed or severely injured; decrease in specific crash type in a project area over time; user experience of safety on transit system			

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Here are potential resources to use in answering the questions in the “Analyze Data” and “Engage the Community” sections.

Potential Data Sources

- United States Census Bureau - <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>
- National Equity Atlas - <https://nationalequityatlas.org/>
- Enterprise Opportunity 360 - <https://www.enterprisecommunity.org/opportunity360/measure>
- CalEnviroScreen - <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>
- Race Counts - <https://www.racecounts.org/>
- Healthy Places Index - <https://map.healthyplacesindex.org/>
- Transportation Injury Mapping System - <https://tims.berkeley.edu/>
- SCAG Local Profiles - <http://www.scag.ca.gov/DataAndTools/Pages/LocalProfiles.aspx?openitem=3>
- USC Price Center for Social Innovation Neighborhood Data for Social Change - <https://data.myneighborhooddata.org/stories/s/xs7q-jqmb>
- Metro Equity Focused Communities Map
- NextGen Transit Propensity Map

Potential Community Engagement Resources

- PolicyLink Community Engagement Guide for Sustainable Communities - <https://www.policylink.org/resources-tools/community-engagement-guide-for-sustainable-communities>
- King County Community Engagement Guide - https://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity/~/_media/5CCCBCFFBA8F405191A93BB D5F448CBE.ashx
- Nelson Nygaard Principles For Equitable Public Outreach & Engagement During Covid-19 and Beyond - <https://nelsonnygaard.com/principles-for-equitable-public-outreach-engagement-during-covid-19-and-beyond/>
- Simon Fraser University Beyond Inclusion: Equity in Public Engagement- <https://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/dialogue/ImagesAndFiles/ProgramsPage/EDI/BeyondInclusion/Beyond%20Inclusion%20-%20Equity%20in%20Public%20Engagement.pdf>
- Collective Impact Forum Community Engagement Toolkit- <https://www.collectiveimpactforum.org/sites/default/files/Community%20Engagement%20Toolkit.pdf>
- City of Portland Community Engagement Manual- https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/comm_engage_manual.pdf
- Lidiya Girma Community Engagement Planning Guide - https://sustainablect.org/fileadmin/Random_PDF_Files/Equity_Action_PDFs/CommunityEngagementPlanningGuide.pdf

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- State of Washington Department of Health Community Engagement Guide - <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1000/CommEngageGuide.pdf>

The EPET was developed using guides, reports, and other tools including:

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- Curren R., Nelson, J., Marsh, D.S., Noor, S., Liu, N. “Racial Equity Action Plans, A How-to Manual.”: Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society, University of California, Berkeley, 2016
- Bernabei, Erika. “Racial Equity: Getting to Results.”: Government Alliance for Race and Equity, 2017
- Seattle Racial Equity Toolkit
- Metro Transit (St. Paul, MN) Equity Tool
- COVID-19 Equity Framework and Rapid Response Tool (City of San Antonio, Office of Equity)

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APPENDIX F: Working Group and Listening Session Report Outs Discussion Detailed Comments

Task Force Member Comments

Luke Klipp – Senior Transportation Deputy, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, District 4 (3 comments)

I spoke with Supervisor Hahn about this project. There is the concern among the community stakeholders about the perception that Metro seems to move more quickly to address concerns about businesses or large government entities than to address concerns from the communities. And we have had a significant amount of community engagement for quite some time on this project and people feeling that it did not necessarily change much of the trajectory of the project.

In looking at Technical Advisory committee that is currently allocating funding for projects along the 710 corridor, that the CLC could be empowered to provide recommendations for things that could be funded in a near term fashion to address some of the community issues that we have been hearing about, things that people want to see, whether its air filtration at home, more trees on streets, improved mobility, improved streets for the communities along the corridor. But that this CLC not just be a group of folks who are meeting and providing advice to the Task Force from the community perspective, but that they are a receptacle for members of the community to make requests for things that could be funded in the near term, whether that is through 710 South Measure R or M funding or some other source. This are things that could be implemented through a process were the CLC provides its recommendation to this Task Force that then go into some form for staff to go to the Metro Board for recommendation.

Chris Chavez – Coalition for Clean Air

Regarding the Listening Session held, I was able to attend and appreciate the process. I want to make sure that the process here is not about freeway expansion. I appreciate the conversations you have had with the leadership council and community engagement process, the AB617 process needs to be coordinated across neighborhood sub efforts. I am also happy to be part of the bridging process here.

Ghirlandi Guidetti – Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Regarding the formation of the CLC. It would be helpful to have community members involved in the process, help the community and the members make sense of the process for those we would actually want on that committee.

Alec Cronin – National Resources Defense Council

I need clarification on the CLS and Task Force process. No idea right now on process but will get back to the group on recommendations.

Luke Klipp – Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, District 4

I wanted to follow up and see if we have any recommendations from the public on actual funding recommendations from the Task Force or CLS. This recommendation would not change the role of the TAC, it just saying “if the TAC can do this for somethings, the CLC should be able to do the same for other things.” If there are improvements that the communities are seeking to help mitigate some of the issues in the corridor that can be done in a short-term basis, that the CLC can make recommendations to the Task Force to empower folks to do that. Supervisor doesn’t to just be a group of folks who are just going to talk, she wants to empower them to make recommendations and direct resources in a meaningful way.

Fernando Gaytan – Earthjustice

You are describing a consensus, but I am not sure what the ask is, are you requiring a vote? I am also not sure we have spoken enough about the ESC and how they are chosen?

Sharon Weissman – Port of Long Beach

I am looking at the proposed makeup of the ESC, I am trying to understand the makeup. Can you explain the difference between the community organization and the ESC? I have a concern that there are too many people and users of the I-710 and we have one from Goods Movement Transportation and Labor and I am wondering how we balance it out?

Ghirlandi Guidetti – LegalAid Foundation of Los Angeles

Generally, it looks good, I worry that the devil is in the details, and I worry about moving too quickly with this. One detail, how will the community engage with working groups and the Task Force members, only through these meetings? We should give folks a few days after each meeting to percolate and provide robust responses and details. We need to make sure we understand exactly what we are saying before we agree.

Joe Lyou – Coalition for Clean Air

I am trying to understand what we are trying to come up with. I think what Metro needs here is a better process, and I think we need to understand that nothing we come up with will solve all the problems and make everyone happy. We do need to consider any legal issues. I really like that Metro is being inclusive and trying to solve and hear issues which has not happened in the past. That being said, I think any time you try to bring 50 people together a decision is less likely to be found. It's Metro responsibility to try and put together the best process and end result. I am hesitant here because it seems like we are putting a lot of pressure on the community to solve these problems, but they don't have a lot of understanding. It is hard to get your head around a lot of bureaucracy, there may be some other examples of programs/ and process from the past that have been successful that we should look at. The Task Force and working group members here are trying to get involved and do the right thing. A lot of these people are getting paid very little, if anything, to be involved and engage effectively, and it is hard to give the thumbs up if we do not fully understand the process.

Silvia Betancourt – Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma

In terms of the health of those along the corridor, we are looking for voices from this area. If we want to reimagine the freeway we need clean trucks, I want to be sure that the freeway usage is heard and that the kids and residents that live here are given an equal voice and that it is not just a seat at the table but that these voices and opinions are heard.

Natalia Ospina – Natural Resource Defense Council

I wanted to build off Silvia's comments, there are a lot of places for input, and it is not entirely clear if or how proposals are being considered and taken seriously - how will formal proposals be taken, brought before the Task Force, and implemented?

Dilia Ortega – Coalition for a Better Environment

I encourage Metro to do outreach beyond virtual webinars, this is not the ideal way to get public input. We have invested over 20 years into this process, I am still confused about the process and hope things are made more clear.

Ghirlandi Guidetti – Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Generally, it looks good, I worry that the devil is in the details, and I worry about moving too quickly with this. One detail, how will the community engage with working groups and the Task Force members, only through these meetings? We should give folks a few days after each meeting to percolate and provide robust responses and details. We need to make sure we understand exactly what we are saying before we agree.

Public Comments

Cascia CA

How can we download the slides from this meeting?

Cascia CA

Thank you. Can you double check date on this slide that's on screen now? It should be Wednesday January 26, 2022. Thank you.

Katrinka Foster

Why should there be an application process? This should be totally voluntary; an application process feels more work related. Especially if it is for community response.

Katrinka Foster

It's my understanding that applications must be submitted to join the CLC or any of the community base committees. And if so, what would the qualifications be and how would you determine who can and can't be on the committees? I hope this clarifies my question.

Clara Solis

This will not be true community outreach unless you do proper outreach to people who live adjacent to the freeway so that they know that this is going on and that it is happening, and that the opportunity to join a community exists. I would also like to see that there is proportional representation from all communities along the corridor, so if there is an issue to vote on, all communities are properly represented. Otherwise, people that are most impacted will not know what is happening.

Theral Golden

The 710 project is here to improve and reduce the pollution along the 710 corridor. I agree with the previous caller and that those who are affected should be involved. If clean air is what we are looking for, we should be meeting EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) standards in this corridor, and we should be more practical in solution finding.

Mary Ann Arias

I am getting a sense of where we are right now. I think it is a great ask to get the community to share ideas on how to engage the community. I have a few ideas that I will send to you guys. I got this notice via email which was great. More specific things and what to expect ahead of time would be very helpful for folks to be prepared and then to know where their responses are going. Community outreach is great and needs to be a top priority and a schedule of meetings sent ahead of time is a great idea to get the community involved.

APPENDIX G: Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET) Detailed Comments

Task Force Member Comments

Ghirlandi Guidetti – Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Has this Equity Tool been used before by Metro, how was it developed?

Alec Cronin – National Resources Defense Council

How often will the Equity Tool be used and what is the timeline and implementation process?

Dilia Ortega – Communities for a Better Environment

As you use this Equity Tool, how will the results be made public? Are there any guides for breaking down outreach and the process for engagement?

APPENDIX H: Work Plan and Schedule Discussion

Task Force Member Comments

Sharon Weissman – Port of Long Beach

If we are expected to participate monthly, can we get a schedule ahead of time for all meetings?

Luke Klipp – Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, District 4

Thank you for the Task Force Workplan. How does it align for our monthly meetings, it seems like a lot to go over in only a 2-hour time period. It would be helpful to know what work we can do in between or how to actually do the work.

Natalia Ospina – National Resource Defense Council

It is helpful to create a buffer with materials, like Equity Tool and presentation. I need more time to review and provide good feedback and we need a few days to be able to weigh in after the meetings. The work group level and the thinking and discussion is not clear to me. Understanding the structure and how it will affect the workplan would be helpful.

Jennifer Ganata – Communities for a Better Environment

I agree with Natalia and Dailia, we need to go back and check in with the coalition we represent. It's good to know we have an open communication line with you, so we have time to review and further reach out.

Natalia Ospina – National Resource Defense Council

What goals and specific visions are you still looking for in January? Because you have heard already from the Task Force members.

APPENDIX I: General Public Comment

Written – **Clara Solis**

How can people apply for the community committees? It seems like having an application will discourage people from applying.

Written – **Mary Ann Arias**

As long as it's flexible and the priority of getting as many members of the community aware of the exact meeting times well ahead of time (e.g., Facebook, TikTok, Nextdoor app, Twitter, Instagram, community posters at gas stations or etc.,) and easy ways to get involved, I think it should be good.

Written – **Mary Ann Arias**

I think a goal of getting the air quality around the corridor to be comparable to air quality around other areas of Los Angeles, at a minimum, would be a goal that would satisfy all members of the community living along the corridor. This will need to be done with a comprehensive air monitoring plan around the corridor, as well as representative air monitoring in areas outside of the corridor.

Written – **Jose Santana**

I wonder if Metro would consider placing ads on electronic and print media about the next I-710 corridor Task Force meetings to do a better community outreach and inform the community of what is happening with the new chapter of projects in the corridor.

Written – **Cascia C.**

How do we sign up for Task Force meeting number four?