

## I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT

### Equity Working Group Meeting #1 Summary

April 05, 2022



**ATTENDEES**

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Fa'alagilagi (Lani) Meni-Siliga, Carson  
Phyllis Ollison, Compton  
Kathleen Barajas, East LA (Unincorporated)  
Miyuki Gomez, East LA (Unincorporated)  
Viridiana (Viri) Preciado Cervantes, Walnut Park (Unincorporated)  
Tiesha Davis, Wilmington/San Pedro

**LA Metro**

KeAndra Cylear-Dodds, Executive Officer of Equity and Race  
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## *Metro 710 Task Force Meeting #4 Summary*

Ernesto Chaves, Director, Highway Programs  
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Susan DeSantis, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
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Samantha Sosa, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates

### **Introduction**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), 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 vision and goals for 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 2023.

Members of the 710 Task Force may also serve on working groups of the Task Force that meet as needed to research and analyze specific issues of interest to the project and to develop proposals for the Task Force to consider. The Equity Working Group (EWG) is focused on supporting the implementation of the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET), and providing input on each step of the Task Force process to ensure an equitable process and outcomes.

The 710 Equity Working Group Meeting #1 was held virtually on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. The intent of this meeting was to discuss the role of the EWG and opportunities for member involvement, review Metro's Equity definition and the EPET, meet fellow EWG participants, discuss equity challenges, concerns, and opportunities, review previous Task Force discussions on the Vision & Goals, and discuss opportunities to consider equity in the 710 South Corridor Vision & Goals. Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish was provided.

Prior to the meeting, the 710 Task Force received the agenda (**Appendix A**), presentation (**Appendix F**), and meeting materials (**Appendix B-D**). All detailed comments made throughout the meeting can be found in **Appendix E**.

## **710 Task Force Equity Working Group Virtual Meeting #1**

### **i. Meeting Logistics (Nora Casillas and Samantha Sosa)**

- > Nora Casillas opened the meeting with an overview of logistics, including live interpretation and Zoom participation.
- > Samantha Sosa provided a brief tutorial on how to use the Miro board interactive tool.

### **1. Welcome, Project Team Introductions, Agenda Review, and Meeting Objectives (KeAndra Cylear-Dodds)**

- > KeAndra Cylear-Dodds opened the meeting and welcomed participants, introduced members of the Metro and Consultant Team, and reviewed the agenda and meeting objectives.

### **2. Equity Working Group Overview + Definitions (KeAndra Cylear-Dodds)**

- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds provided an overview of how mobility options provided by Metro can reduce disparities through equitable project outcomes and community results.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds provided Metro's formal definition of Equity and emphasized that an inclusive process is equally important to yield equitable outcomes.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds introduced the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET) and defined the four elements covered by the I-710 project: Connecting Community Results to Project Outcomes; Analyze Data; Engage the Community; Plan for Equitable Outcomes.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds provided an overview of the Equity Working Group (EWG) role, which is to support the implementation of the EPET, review and provide input on various Task Force processes, and support the Task Force in understanding equity-related issues, topics, and solutions.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds highlighted the EWG's key points of involvement in the Task Force workplan schedule and process.

### **3. Equity Working Group Introductions (Susan Ambrosini)**

- > Susan Ambrosini asked all Task Force and CLC members in attendance to introduce themselves by sharing their name, community and/or organization affiliation, and reason for joining the Equity Working Group meeting.

### **4. Interactive Discussion: Equity Challenges, Concerns, and Opportunities in the Project Area (Susan Ambrosini)**


- > Ms. Ambrosini facilitated an open-ended discussion of equity-related challenges, concerns, and opportunities in the 710 South Corridor, with guiding questions shown on a slide (see

example slide on page 5) . Participants were able to respond verbally, or through written responses in the Zoom chat feature and Miro board.

**Discuss: Equity Challenges, Concerns, Opportunities**

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- > In general, what equity-related challenges do you experience or know about in the 710 South Corridor?
  - In your daily life, what are some challenges or barriers you face in your community along the 710 South Corridor (e.g., how you get to work or school; resources and amenities available to you in your neighborhood; jobs nearby or in the region; availability and affordability of housing)?
- > What types of concerns do you have about the 710 South Corridor related to equity?
- > Looking to the future, what opportunities do you see within the 710 South Corridor to help create equitable community results (e.g., all people have access to safe, affordable, and sustainable transportation options)?
- > How can the EWG support these opportunities through our discussions and the process?
- > What additional information do you need, if any, to assist with your efforts?

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- > Participants identified day-to-day challenges of living, working, and attending school adjacent to the freeway corridor, such as traffic congestion, pollution, noise, and health impacts. The following themes emerged across comments:
  - Freeway pollution, odors, noise, and vibration affect people living and attending school adjacent to the freeway and using recreational space along the LA River.
  - Freeway congestion and lack of transportation alternatives impact daily commutes to school and work, access to healthy food, and other services.
  - Communities experience chronic health impacts from the freeway, including asthma and cancer.
  - Safety issues such as poor lighting are prevalent in areas surrounding the freeway.
- > Participants identified opportunities to help create equitable community results. The following themes emerged across comments:
  - Investment in frequent and reliable public transportation with connections between destinations and local landmarks.
  - Improved safety for active transportation through infrastructure and lighting.
  - Action from Metro to inform jurisdictions of equity impacts of concentrating affordable housing near freeways.
- > Participants emphasized the importance of equity in the context of outreach, engagement, and participation processes. The following themes emerged across comments:

- Focus on bridging linguistic and technology gaps and meeting communities where they are.
- Engage unhoused residents living near I-710 and the LA River through direct outreach.
- Include restorative equity process to address historic injustice and earn the community's trust, in addition to equitable distribution of project benefits.

> A comprehensive overview of all comments made can be found in **Appendix E**.

#### **5. What We've Heard so Far from the Vision & Goals Process (Jessica Medina)**

- > Jessica Medina provided an overview of engagement and outreach methods to reach Vision & Goals survey participants, and an update on the Vision & Goals Survey results
- > Over 3,000 stakeholders received the survey via email, which was administered between 2/22/22 and 3/30/22
- > The survey included 3 open-ended questions and 1 closed-ended question
- > Metro has received 451 survey responses so far (24 Task Force members, and 427 members of the public) as of 3/30/22
- > Ms. Medina shared slides describing the survey results, highlighting respondents' priorities, their relationship to the study area, and their demographic information.

#### **6. Interactive Discussion: Considering Equity in the Vision & Goals (Susan Ambrosini)**

- > Ms. Ambrosini facilitated a Zoom poll to establish attendees' top 3 areas of concern to prioritize for potential improvements to the I-710 South Corridor. Areas of concern included: Air Quality; Travel Options; Community Health; Street Safety for all transportation users; Jobs and Economic Opportunities; Sustainability/Environment; Housing; Equity; Other
- > Poll results identified the top areas of concern as: Air Quality, Sustainability and Environment, and Equity.
- > Ms. Ambrosini briefly presented the draft Vision statement, and Goals, Objectives, and Strategies by Area of Concern.
- > With the Task Force's existing comments visible on the interactive Miro board, Ms. Ambrosini facilitated a discussion about the top 3 areas of concern, with participants sharing ideas and adding key questions, goals, and strategies to the discussion.
- > The following themes and considerations emerged in the discussion of Air Quality:
  - Identify disparities in air quality and impact within the study area and ensure that this process is reaching those most directly impacted.
  - How Metro can coordinate with other agencies, jurisdictions, and policies to address air quality issues from sources outside of their traditional transit/construction mandate.

- Gaps that impact accessibility of solutions, e.g., EV vehicle charging infrastructure for multi-unit apartment buildings.
- > The following themes and considerations emerged in the discussion of Sustainability and Environment:
  - Future construction impacts to the environment and wildlife.
  - Projects or investments in the freeway should work hand-in-hand with the LA River Revitalization project.
  - Environmental and aesthetic improvements should be cohesive and regularly maintained.
- > The following themes and considerations emerged in the discussion of Equity:
  - Procedural Equity: Process needs to be equitable, including those typically left out of processes or who face barriers due to language, technology, ability, or lack of housing and other resources. Participants should be reflected in project outcomes.
  - Restorative Equity: Focus on fixing historic and existing inequities and supporting community preservation in addition to future-oriented investment.
  - Distributive Equity: Implement and maintain improvements to the corridor in all affected communities, especially in those that are more in need of infrastructure and safety investment, access to resources, and healthy food. Project should not result in any displacement or freeway expansion.

**7. Closing Comments, Next Steps, and Thank You (Susan Ambrosini and KeAndra Cylear-Dodds)**

- > Ms. Ambrosini asked EWG members to review the draft Vision & Goals statement and the decision-making process outlined in the 710 Task Force Charter as homework to complete prior to EWG Meeting #2 on April 19, 2022.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds provided overview of upcoming Working Group and Task Force meeting dates and thanked participants for joining.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Logistics	
• <b><u>Meeting Format:</u></b>	Webinar
• <b><u>Participants:</u></b>	Task Force and CLC
• <b><u>Interactive Tools Used:</u></b>	Zoom Poll, Miro board

**Appendices:**

- A. Equity Working Group #1 Agenda
- B. Previous Plan Studies
- C. Gateway Cities COV I-710 Ad Hoc Committee: Principles for the I-710 Corridor
- D. Vision and Goals Slides
- E. Detailed Comment Log
- F. Equity Working Group #1 Presentation

## **Appendix A: Equity Working Group #1 Agenda**



## 710 Task Force

**Equity Working Group #1 Agenda / Agenda de la reunión # 1 del Grupo de Trabajo de Equidad**  
**Date and Time / Fecha y hora:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 5:00 -7:00pm / *martes, 5 de abril de 2022*  
**Location / Lugar:** Held Virtually via Zoom / *Realizado Virtualmente por Zoom*  
**Meeting Link / Enlace de reunión:** <https://tinyurl.com/Equity-WG1>  
**Meeting ID / ID de reunión:** 835 8053 1117  
**Passcode / Contraseña:** 5851  
**Call-in:** 213.338.8477

### 710 Task Force Purpose and Timeline / Propósito y cronograma del Grupo de Trabajo 710

The 710 Task Force was initiated in September 2021 and will meet monthly to re-evaluate the goals and needs of the corridor, develop multi-modal strategies to meet these goals and 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 present the Investment Plan to the Metro Board for consideration by the end of 2022.

*El Grupo de trabajo 710 se inició en septiembre de 2021 y se reunirá mensualmente para reevaluar los objetivos y necesidades del corredor, desarrollar estrategias multimodales para cumplir con estos objetivos y necesidades, identificar proyectos y programas potenciales a corto y largo plazo basados en esas estrategias, y crear un Plan de inversiones priorizado. Se espera que el Grupo de trabajo presente el Plan de inversión a la Junta de Metro para su consideración por los fines de 2022.*

### Working Groups / Grupos del Trabajo

Members of the 710 Task Force may also serve on working groups of the Task Force that will meet as needed to research and analyze specific issues of interest to the project and to develop proposals for the Task Force to consider.

*Los miembros del Grupo de trabajo 710 también pueden servir en grupos de trabajo que se reunirán según sea necesario para investigar y analizar temas específicos de interés para el proyecto y desarrollar propuestas para que el Grupo de trabajo las considere.*

### Meeting Objectives and Agenda / Objetivos y agenda de la reunión

#### Objectives

During this Equity Working Group #1 meeting, the working group will:

- Discuss the role of the Equity Working Group and opportunities for member involvement

- Review Metro’s Equity definition and the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET)
- Meet fellow EWG participants
- Discuss equity challenges, concerns, and opportunities
- Review what we’ve heard so far in terms of feedback on the 710 South Corridor Vision & Goals
- Discuss opportunities to consider equity in the 710 South Corridor Vision & Goals

**Objetivos**

*Durante esta reunión del Grupo de Trabajo de Equidad #1, el grupo va a hacer:*

- *Discutir la parte del Grupo de Trabajo de Equidad y oportunidades para la participación de los miembros*
- *Revisar la definición de equidad del Metro y la Herramienta de Planificación y Evaluación de Equidad (EPET)*
- *Conocer otros participantes del grupo*
- *Discutir desafíos, preocupaciones, y oportunidades de la equidad*
- *Repasar lo que hemos escuchado hasta ahora en términos de retroalimentación de la visión y las metas del 710*
- *Discutir oportunidades para considerar la equidad en las metas del Corredor Sur 710*

**Agenda Overview (2 hours) / Resumen da la agenda (2 horas)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
5:00-5:10pm (10 min)	<b>1) Welcome, Project Team Introductions, Agenda and Meeting Objectives</b> <i>Introducciones, bienvenida y revisión de la agenda y objetivos de la reunión</i>
5:10-5:25pm (15 min)	<b>2) Equity Working Group Overview + Definitions</b> <i>Descripción general y definiciones del Grupo de Trabajo de Equidad</i>
5:25-5:45 pm (20 min)	<b>3) Equity Working Group Introductions</b> <i>Introducciones del Grupo de Trabajo de Equidad</i>
5:45-6:15pm (30 min)	<b>4) Interactive Discussion: Discuss Equity Challenges, Concerns, and Opportunities</b> <i>Discusión interactiva: Discutir desafíos, preocupaciones, y oportunidades de la equidad</i>
6:15-6:25pm (10 min)	<b>5) What We’ve Heard so Far from the Vision &amp; Goals Process</b> <i>Lo que hemos escuchado hasta ahora en términos del Proceso de la Visión y las Metas del 710</i>



6:25-6:55pm (30 min)	<b>6) Interactive Discussion: Considering Equity in the Vision &amp; Goals</b> <i>Discusión interactiva: Considerar la equidad en La Visión y las Metas del Corredor Sur 710</i>
6:55-7:00pm (5 min)	<b>7) Recap of Discussion, Closing Comments, Next Steps, and Thank You</b> <i>Resumen de la discusión, comentarios finales, próximos pasos y agradecimiento</i>

## Pre-Work: Meeting Materials and Handouts / Trabajo previo: Materiales y folletos de la reunión

To prepare for this working meeting, attendees should read and review the following materials and, time permitting, independently research topics related to the meeting objectives and agenda (*above*):

- [Presentation](#)
- [Existing Conditions \(Part 1 and Part 2\)](#)
- [Previous Plan Studies](#)
- [Gateway Cities COV I-710 Ad Hoc Committee: Principles for the I-710 Corridor](#)
- [Vision and Goals Slides](#)

*Para prepararse para esta reunión, los participantes deben leer y revisar los siguientes materiales y, si el tiempo lo permite, investigar de forma independiente temas relacionados con los objetivos y la agenda de la reunión (arriba):*

- [Presentación](#) (Traducción disponible próximamente)
- [Existing Conditions \(Part 1 and Part 2\)](#) (Traducción disponible próximamente)
- [Planificación Previa](#)
- [Gateway Cities COV I-710 Ad Hoc Committee: Principles for the I-710 Corridor](#) (Traducción disponible próximamente)
- [Slides de Visión y Metas](#)

## **Appendix B: Previous Plan Studies**



We're developing a new vision for the 710 corridor.

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**710 Corridor Context:  
*Previous Planning &  
Community Documents***

# Objectives



- Relevant **planning & community documents**

### *What did we miss?*

Share your ideas on important documents that should be reviewed!

Email Michael Cano  
LA Metro Deputy Executive Officer  
[canom@metro.net](mailto:canom@metro.net)

- Long history of **issues & impacts** within the study area
- How past efforts have characterized **inequities**
- Takeaways from previous engagement to **acknowledge past community input**
- **Potential strategies** to improve the corridor

- Technical work, including **data & analyses**
- **Vision, goals, strategies and/or projects**
- Foundation for **advancing equity throughout project**

# Overview

- **22 documents reviewed** (published between 2011 and 2021)
- Today's presentation highlights **5 documents**:
  1. I-710 Health Impact Assessment Final Draft Report (2011)
  2. *"Beyond the Freeway"* 710 Livability Initiative (2019)
  3. NextGen Bus Plan (2020)
  4. LA County Goods Movement Strategic Plan (2021)
  5. Improving Environmental Justice and Mobility in Southeast Los Angeles (2021)
- Full summary of previous planning & community documents provided to Task Force

Documents are tagged using the following **six topics areas**:

Air Quality

Community Development /Services

Mobility

Outreach

Environmental Justice

Equity

# I-710 Health Impact Assessment Report

**Agency:** Gateway Cities Council of Governments

**Year:** 2011

**Geographic Area:** Gateway Cities



## Main topic

Environ. Justice

## Sub-topics

Mobility

Air Quality

## Summary

- Assesses proposed Corridor Project alternatives and evaluates selected health determinants to assess health outcomes linked to proposed actions of each alternative
- Includes a profile of existing health conditions and evaluation of potential impacts

## Findings

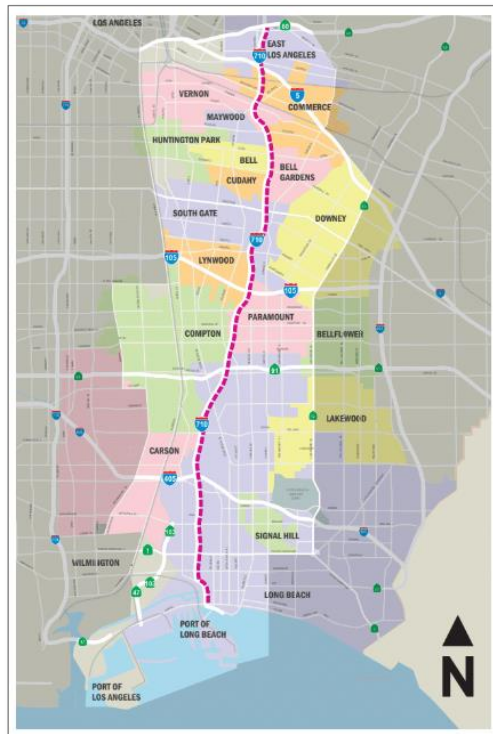
- **Public health and air quality would likely improve under all alternatives**, and as a result, the number of jobs available would increase along the corridor
- Noise-related health impacts will diminish the project's objective of improving public health
- **Project impacts on traffic safety are unclear**; some improvements would increase traffic safety, but increase in volume and speed under some alternatives could decrease safety
  - Public health/impacts/improvements would be dependent on proximity to freeway
- **Road widening strategies were not found to be health-beneficial**, the proposed alternatives miss important opportunities to improve public health

# I-710 Health Impact Assessment Report

**Agency:** Gateway Cities Council of Governments

**Year:** 2011

**Geographic Area:** Gateway Cities



## Main topic

Environ. Justice

## Sub-topics

Mobility

Air Quality

## Strategies

- Improve traffic safety
- Address road design deficiencies
- Address population growth

## Takeaways

- Ensure that the **low-income and minority communities receive equitable distribution of the benefits** from transportation activities without suffering disproportionate adverse impacts
- Include the corridor communities in the planning process in a meaningful way, **including provision of appropriate language translation**

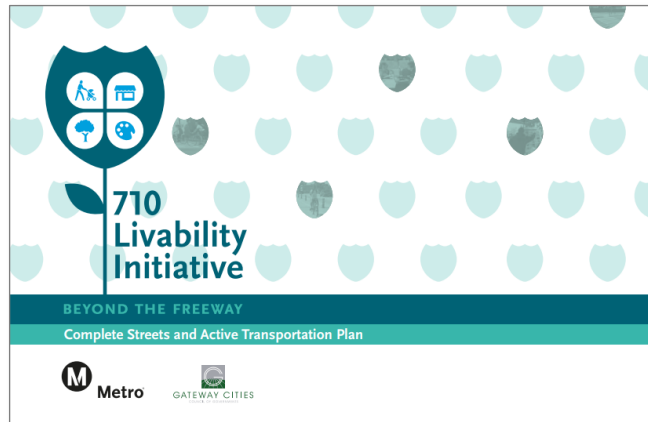


# 710 Livability Initiative (Beyond the Freeway)

**Agency:** Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Metro

**Year:** 2019

**Geographic Area:** Communities along 710 from LA/Commerce south to Long Beach/LA



## Main topic

Mobility

## Sub-topics

Equity

## Strategies

- Improve traffic safety along freeway ramps, intersection, corridor, transit, freeway underpass/ overpass,
- Public art enhancements
- Add and expand green space while addressing built environment deficiencies
- Improve air quality and public health through expansion of active transportation options

## Takeaways

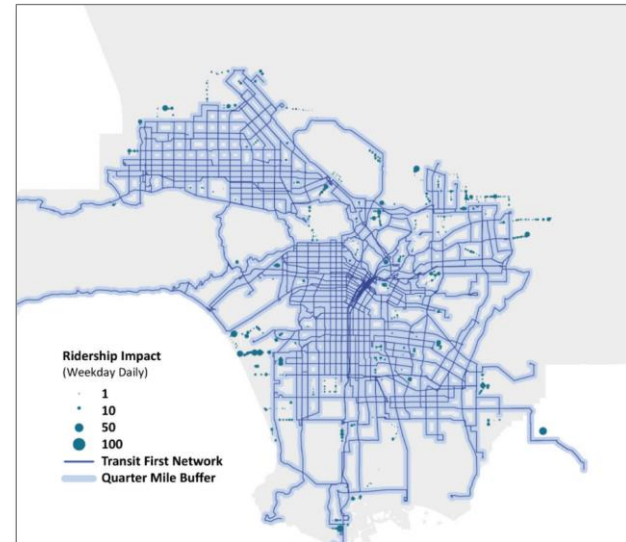
- Transportation systems mean different things for different people **based on where they work or live, or how they get around.**
- The quality and condition of infrastructure and the environmental setting on streets while traversing the I-710 **currently discourages active and public transportation options**

# NextGen Bus Plan

**Agency:** Metro

**Year:** 2020

**Geographic Area:** Project area network reaches 710 corridor



## Main topic

Mobility

## Sub-topics

Equity

Outreach

## Summary

- LA Metro's NextGen Bus Plan started in 2018 as a component of its Vision 2028 Plan. NextGen aims to implement a reimagined bus network that will improve service and attract new customers. This new bus network simplifies existing routes and refocuses service in areas with the greatest demand.

## Findings

- The Metro system was accessible to serve almost all trips and to most parts of the region
- Metro had been successfully serving commuter and long distance trips, but needed to rethink service for shorter trips and occasional destinations
- Short trips represented Metro's largest potential market
- Service did not match travel demand, especially during mid-day and late evening
- When driving is two times faster than transit, people prefer to drive

# NextGen Bus Plan

Agency: Metro

Year: 2020

Geographic Area: Project area network reaches 710 corridor



## Main topic

Mobility

## Sub-topics

Equity

Outreach

## Strategies

- Double the number of buses along the eight most frequented corridors
- Expand of midday, evening, and weekend service
- Reposition stops to be no further than 1/4th of a mile walk for most riders
- Creating a more comfortable and safer waiting environment

## Takeaways

- **Public transit systems are becoming more robust**, and active transportation projects along the I-710 corridor should support their growth
- Ensure those with the least access to non-driving transportation options are put at the forefront when planning for public transit strategies

# LA County Goods Movement Strategic Plan

Agency: Metro

Year: 2021

Geographic Area: LA County

## Main topic

Mobility

## Sub-topics

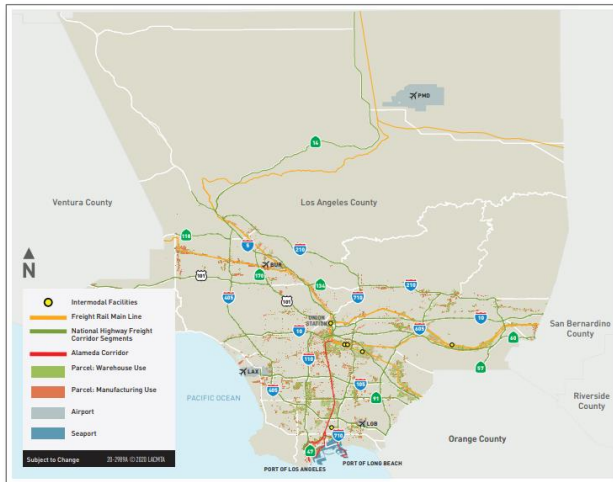
Equity

## Summary

- Metro's response to freight-related transportation planning challenges to support efforts to be economically competitive, environmentally sustainable and socially equitable

## Findings

- Metro has stated that increasing economic competitiveness of the LA Region must include a commitment to environmental sustainability and regional equity
- Stakeholders have noted that Metro should promote a sustainable freight competitiveness framework that is centered on equity



# LA County Goods Movement Strategic Plan

Agency: Metro

Year: 2021

Geographic Area: LA County

## Main topic

Mobility

## Sub-topics

Equity

## Strategies

- Create a formal, recurring equity freight working group
- Deploy cleaner truck technology to displace diesel operations on freight-intense highway corridors
- Form a high-level freight rail partnership to drive investment into LA County
- Lead a countywide discussion on the role of goods movement needs in curbside management planning and policies
- Partner across the region to foster workforce development programs that support future freight labor needs

## Takeaways

- **LA County must overcome a long history of equity impacts to many communities adjacent to freight corridors** by reducing displacement, implementing mitigations, creating employment opportunities and improving public health for those residents most burdened by the movement of trucks and trains through the region



# Improving Environmental Justice and Mobility in Southeast Los Angeles

**Agency:** USC Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center

**Year:** 2021

**Geographic Area:** Southeast LA



## Main topic

Environ. Justice

## Sub-topics

Mobility

## Summary

- Two-part case study to analyze environmental justice issues in low income, communities of color in Southeast Los Angeles (SELA). The first part examines the traffic and environmental impacts of heavy-duty trucks. The second part examines public transit accessibility.

## Findings

- Heavy-duty truck traffic in SELA is a mix of through traffic and SELA-generated traffic
- Main impacts of heavy-duty traffic in the area are air pollution and crashes
- Air pollution is best addressed at the regional level
- Focus groups with SELA Collaborative revealed that the community found cleanliness, reliability, and safety to be important factors of the transit system
- First-last mile strategies such as bikeshare and shuttles can increase job access

# Improving Environmental Justice and Mobility in Southeast Los Angeles

Agency: USC Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center

Year: 2021

Geographic Area: Southeast LA



## Main topic

Environ. Justice

## Sub-topics

Mobility

## Strategies

- Reduce emissions from truck traffic through vehicle-related technologies and policy that support their adoption
- Consider implementing geofencing to reduce truck traffic in residential areas
- Prioritize Metro Micro on-demand shuttle service to increase access to jobs
- Study implementation of a robust bikeshare program and bicycle infrastructure

## Takeaways

- Current and planned regulations to achieve zero emission truck targets will significantly reduce truck-related emissions; **the SELA region should participate in demonstration projects related to these policy and technology implementations**
- Local governments can **partner with CBOs to achieve localized safety changes**
- There is a need to communicate results to the larger SELA community through a mix of in-person meetings, social media, and print communications

**Appendix C: Gateway Cities COV I-710 Ad Hoc Committee:  
Principles for the I-710 Corridor**

**Gateway Cities COG  
I-710 Ad Hoc Committee  
Principles for the I-710 Corridor**

**Address the past harms created by the I-710 Freeway by improving conditions for those who live in and use the corridor, according to the following principles:**

**Process**

- A. Ensure community voices are incorporated into decision making about the corridor.
- B. Agencies with jurisdiction over different aspects or parts of the corridor – e.g., the I-710 freeway, arterial streets, LA River Channel, and utility corridors – need to collaborate and be accountable.

**Air Quality and Health**

- C. Improve air quality in communities along the I-710 Corridor.
- D. Reduce vehicle emissions, including from tires and brakes.
- E. Improve the overall health of corridor residents, including mental health.
- F. Make the I-710 corridor a national and state priority for deploying zero-emissions trucks, as well as personal vehicles.

**Safety**

- G. Make the freeway and other roads in the corridor safer for all users, whether they are in vehicles or not.
- H. Increase pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle safety by improving on- and off-ramps.
- I. Work with appropriate agencies to find safe places for people now living along the freeway.

**Mobility**

- J. Improve mobility by providing more transit and other multimodal travel options, including freight rail, to reduce congestion and bottlenecks.

**Community Experience & Aesthetics**

- K. No expansion of the freeway and no displacement of homes and businesses.
- L. Make the corridor more welcoming by engaging artists from the community and by adding native vegetation, which can also trap pollution.

- M. Enhance signage and way finding.
- N. Assist cities in addressing the impact of heavy vehicles on local streets and arterials.
- O. Improve pavement materials and maintenance.
- P. Ensure corridor communities, including smaller communities, receive benefits from moving goods in the corridor, not just impacts.

## **Economy**

- Q. Ensure corridor residents have access to job opportunities, including jobs that support families and pay living wages and jobs created in the efforts to improve the corridor.
- R. Improve economic health of the communities in the corridor, including responding to mobility needs and the need for affordable and low-income housing.
- S. Ensure sufficient equitable funding is provided to meet community goals in all cities, including smaller cities.
- T. Ensure support for small and local businesses.

## **To achieve these visionary principles, consider the following projects, programs, or policies:**

1. Build higher soundwalls to protect residents from air pollution, noise, and other impacts.
2. Conduct safety audit and targeted safety improvements.
3. Create Zero-Emission (ZE) Zone (encourage all vehicles traveling on the I-710 to be clean vehicles).
4. Install charging/fueling stations/ZE infrastructure at key locations throughout the corridor.
5. Support for regional transit program focused on supporting zero-car households, including community educational programs on transit use.
6. Propose and pass community stabilization policies that provide a holistic approach to support impacted communities, to include but not limited to community benefits and workforce agreements, inclusionary housing policies, locally owned business support, community land trusts.

## **Appendix D: Vision and Goals Slides**

# Vision Statement

## What is a Vision?

A Vision is a short statement that:

- > captures the collective outcomes the Task Force seeks to achieve.
- > describes the best future for the I-710 South Corridor.
- > embodies the aspirations and desires of the corridor communities and those who use the corridor.

## Why is the vision statement important for the 710 Task Force?

The 710 Task Force will develop and approve a Vision Statement and Goals that will serve as the foundation for the recommended multimodal strategies, projects and programs included within the I-710 South Corridor Investment Plan the Task Force will present to the Metro Board for consideration.

## Example

- > *Metro's Vision 2028 is "to deliver a mobility system that enables people to travel swiftly and easily throughout the LA County region, no matter where they want to go or when."*

# Goals

## What are Goals?

- > A general expression of community values and direction
- > An expression of a desired end result or an outcome (not actions or strategies).
- > A consideration of the “big picture.”
- > A general direction-setter (usually not quantifiable or time-dependent).

## Why are Goals important for the 710 Task Force?

The Task Force will develop multiple goals for the I-710 South Corridor to guide future phases of the Task Force Work Plan to develop the Investment Plan.

## Examples

Goals	Objectives
Mobility and Connectivity	Increase multimodal mobility and improve traffic flow
Accessibility and Equity	Improve transportation for disadvantaged populations
Safety	Reduce rates of fatalities, and serious injuries
Sustainability/ Public Health	Reduce pollution, GHG emissions, and other negative impacts
Economy	Achieve economic and fiscal sustainability and job growth

## **Appendix E: Detailed Comment Log**

## Appendix E: Detailed Comment Log

Written Comments			
TIME	Name	Organization/Community	Question/Comment
5:46	Taylor Thomas	Task Force- East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYECJ)	I think its underestimated how many people would utilize Metro's transit system instead of driving if service was frequent and expansive. There is a big disparity in what Metro invests in its highway programming versus public transit.
5:57	Lisa Patton	Task Force- Long Beach Transit	Expanding and Implementing Bus Rapid Transit
5:32	Kathleen Barajas	CLC- East Los Angeles	I joined today as I am on the CLC and want to be able to represent the disability community on the 710 project. Thank you.
5:58	Chris Chavez	Task Force- Coalition for Clean Air	Definitely agree with supporting public transit and active transportation (walking/biking). Also, is there any way to make Class I railroads (BNSF & UP) send cleaner locomotives to our region (Tier IV).
6:19	Natalia Ospina	Task Force- National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	How does this demographic breakdown compare with the demographics of the 710 corridor?
6:34	Morgan Capilla	Task Force- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST). The tool is actually out for public comment now in case anyone is interested. <a href="https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/public-engagement#3/33.47/-97.5">https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/public-engagement#3/33.47/-97.5</a>
6:38	Phyllis Ollison	CLC- Compton	Have areas been identified that are worse than others along the 710, and if so, have the causes been identified? Air quality
6:38	Natalia Ospina	Task Force- National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	One note to consider which tools take into account race (like EJ Screen) and which do not.
6:40	Chris Chavez	Task Force- Coalition for Clean Air	Re: the AB 617 comment- There are also AB 617 Community Emission Reduction Plans for both Wilmington, Carson and West Long Beach (WCWLB) and East LA, Boyle Heights and West Commerce (ELABHWC). The CERP's were developed through a steering committee process.
6:40	Morgan Capilla	Task Force- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Great Point- the CEJST does not currently account for race. EPA's EJScreen tool does account for race. <a href="https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/">https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/</a>
6:54	Kathleen Barajas	CLC- East Los Angeles	Implement and maintain improvements of the corridor in all affected communities, especially in those that are more in need.

Verbal Comments			
TIME	Name	Organization/Community	Question/Comment
5:41	Leticia Rodriguez	CLC- Bell	Day-to-day challenges related to being able to get on the 710/traffic congestion. We are impacted by the number of cars. It takes an hour to get to school and an hour and a half to get back. Commuting to and from school and work is a challenge.
5:43	Laura Cortez	Task Force- EYECJ- Bell Gardens	Black smoke, gas smell from traffic and trucks, and pollution disproportionately impacts our neighborhood. Freeway shares a wall with parks, homes in certain areas. This is an equity issue. Our communities share the burden of this.
5:44	Phyllis Ollison	CLC- Compton	Poor lighting along freeway. Lack of light was noticed while waiting for tow truck - presents a safety issue.
5:44	Chris Chavez	Task Force- Coalition for Clean Air	Air quality impacts. I had asthma as a child, and this has a real impact on life. This experience informs what strategies should be pursued for these communities. Also increased cancer risk, roadway dust is a concern. Public health challenges should be addressed.
5:46	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	How do we begin to change air quality and improve pollution/roadway dust, especially when the impacted area is so large?
5:46	Phyllis Ollison	CLC- Compton	There are a lot of trucks on the 710, but the Alameda Corridor was built to handle more trucks. What impact has this corridor had on transitioning more trucks off the freeway?
5:47	Dilia Ortega	Task Force- Communities for a Better Environment	Importance of air quality - there are heavy duty diesel trucks in the area. High school sports teams run along the LA River and we know there are elevated levels of particulate matter. Livability issues for people that live very close to the freeway.
5:50	Leticia Rodriguez	CLC- Bell	Is there a way for trucks to go on a different route than the 710?
5:50	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	The 710 corridor is actually a beautiful route. But it could be more consistent, more green.
5:51	Phyllis Ollison	CLC- Compton	I drove for more than 20 years on the 710. There's no alternative or anything faster - maybe a rail system or something else could be implemented. There has to be a better way to get from Long Beach to Pasadena or the Valley. Bad commute if the freeway is backed up.
5:54	Laura Cortez	Task Force- EYECJ- Bell Gardens	Housing - multiple cities are passing Housing Elements with affordable housing along the 710 corridor. Impacts are disproportionate. Unhoused community is significant along the freeway - there should be more outreach.

5:56	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	How do we address the language barrier on top of the educational barrier? How can we get information to them? A lot of people have skills but there may be barriers to employment.
5:58	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Being open and honest - take what we say and come up with solutions. This will help to get a better pool of advice.
5:59	Jen Ganata	Task Force- Communities for a Better Environment	Thoughts and ideas that come through this working group should be reflected in the other working groups too.
6:00	Miyuki Gomez	CLC- East Los Angeles	We have a lot of linguistic barriers, but we should be able to engage and address the different gaps. There is a big indigenous community in the area; a lot of voices are not being heard. More communities should have access to green space. Not everyone can afford gas, cars. There also need to be action steps - how are we acting on the ground and getting the word out about resources.
6:04	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Why is this named Equity Working Group?
6:06	Phyllis Ollison	CLC- Compton	Looked up the word equity before this meeting. Synonymous with fairness and justice. Is this correct?
6:08	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Points of reference/landmarks for the 710 corridor should be considered, such as the Alameda Corridor.
6:09	Miyuki Gomez	CLC- East Los Angeles	(Response to Tiesha) Do you mean like a community or historic landmark? It would be cool to have something along the corridor that would be important to locals, not necessarily a historic landmark or anything official, but a point that the community considers significant.
6:21	Tiesha Davis	CLC San Pedro	Would air quality and sustainability be grouped together? (question about Zoom poll topics)
6:26	Chris Chavez	Task Force- Coalition for Clean Air	A lot of investment is coming in from the State for clean trucks. What role does Metro have regarding deploying clean trucks?
6:29	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Have you studied the impact of trucks related to clean air in the past?
6:31	Chris Chavez	Task Force- Coalition for Clean Air	In terms of making sure we are reaching disadvantaged and low-income communities - is Metro looking at AQMD studies? Are we looking at these metrics and impacts in these communities?
6:35	Chris Chavez	Task Force- Coalition for Clean Air	Suggest looking to see where there are gap spots in EV charging infrastructure - especially with multi-unit dwellings.
6:36	Chris Chavez	Task Force- Coalition for Clean Air	Supportive of comment about AB 617
6:39	Phyllis Ollison	CLC- Compton	Certain cities have worse air quality than others. Has this been ranked or measured, or taken into account?

6:42	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Curbside appeal of features. Maintenance is important.
6:43	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Construction projects that impact the environment should be a consideration.
6:45	Chris Chavez	Task Force- Coalition for Clean Air	The 710 runs parallel to the LA River - projects shouldn't negate or interfere with river revitalization projects.
6:45	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Protect wildlife
6:46	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Make sure the 710 and LA River match, look appealing - this could also be an equity issue.
6:48	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	People want things to look like the movies - how can we preserve it, keep it safe and clean at the same time?
6:49	Dilia Ortega	Task Force- Communities for a Better Environment	Ensure that the process is equitable. Community should see themselves reflected at the end of the process. How can we engage members of the community that may not have access to technology?
6:50	Tiesha Davis	CLC- San Pedro	Don't forget the people that are homebound too.
6:50	Miyuki Gomez	CLC- East Los Angeles	The homeless population should be included. There is a huge population that is living in their cars next to the freeway. Also, why is it called the 710 to Pasadena when it doesn't go to Pasadena? There's a lot of politics involved, but the term isn't accurate. In East LA, there is no access to healthy food. Freeways have a tendency to create food deserts.
6:52	Ghirlandi Guidetti	Task Force- Legal Aid Foundation of LA-Long Beach	We should make explicit that when we think about equity, we need to create equity moving forward but also fix inequities in the past.

## **Appendix F: Equity Working Group #1 Presentation**

# Welcome!

*We will begin in a few moments.*

**Equity Working Group Meeting #1**

April 5, 2022



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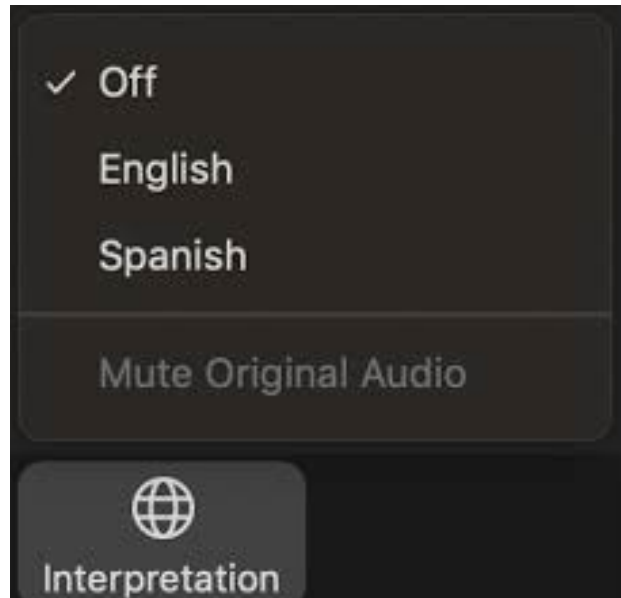
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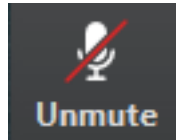


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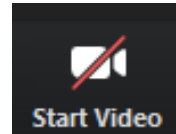
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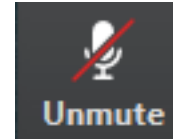
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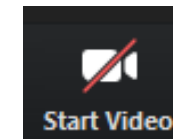
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**Interactive Discussion: Discuss Equity Challenges, Concerns, and Opportunities in the Project Area**  
*Discusión Interactiva: Discutir Desafíos, Preocupaciones y Oportunidades en el área del proyecto*

This section has three columns of sticky notes:

- Column 1 (Yellow):** "What equity-related challenges do you experience or know about in the 710 South Corridor? / ¿Qué desafíos relacionados con la equidad experimenta o conoce en el corredor 710 sur?"
- Column 2 (Green):** "What types of concerns do you have about the 710 South Corridor related to equity? / ¿Qué tipo de preocupaciones relacionadas con la equidad tiene sobre el corredor 710 sur?"
- Column 3 (Teal):** "What opportunities do you see within the 710 South Corridor to help create equitable community results? / ¿Qué oportunidades ve dentro del 710 South Corridor para ayudar a crear resultados comunitarios equitativos?"

**Interactive Discussion: Considering Equity in the Vision & Goals**  
*Discusión Interactiva: Considerando la Equidad en la Visión y Metas*

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- Column 1 (Yellow):** "Air Quality / Calidad del Aire"
- Column 2 (Light Green):** "Travel Options / Opciones de Viaje"

**Welcome!**

# Metro and Consultant Team



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# Agenda

- 5:00 pm Welcome, Project Team Introductions, Agenda, and Meeting Objectives (10 min)**
- 5:15 pm Equity Working Group Overview + Definitions (15 min)**
- 5:25 pm Equity Working Group Introductions (20 min)**
- 5:45 pm Interactive Discussion: Equity Challenges, Concerns, and Opportunities in the Project Area (30 min)**
- 6:15 pm What We've Heard so Far from the Vision & Goals Process (10 min)**
- 6:25 pm Interactive Discussion: Considering Equity in the Vision & Goals (30 min)**
- 6:55 pm Closing Comments, Next Steps, and Thank You (5 min)**

# Detailed Agenda

- > **5:00 pm Welcome, Project Team Introductions, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives**
- > **5:10 pm Equity Working Group Overview + Definitions**
  - Opportunities for member involvement
  - Metro's Equity definition and overview of the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET)
- > **5:25 pm Equity Working Group Introductions**
  - Self-introductions by participants, including name, organization and/or community, and what equity means to you/why you joined the Equity Working Group
- > **5:45 pm Interactive Discussion: Equity Challenges, Concerns, and Opportunities in the Project Area**
- > **6:15 pm What We've Heard so Far from the Vision & Goals Process**
  - Overview of the Vision & Goals Process
  - Summary of what we've heard from the Task Force and community members so far
- > **6:25 pm Interactive Discussion: Considering Equity in the Vision & Goals**
  - Overall reaction to the input on the Vision & Goals
  - What resonates? What is missing? What can be strengthened to address equity?
  - Introduction of homework between Meeting #1 and Meeting #2
- > **6:55 pm Closing Comments, Next Steps, and Thank You**

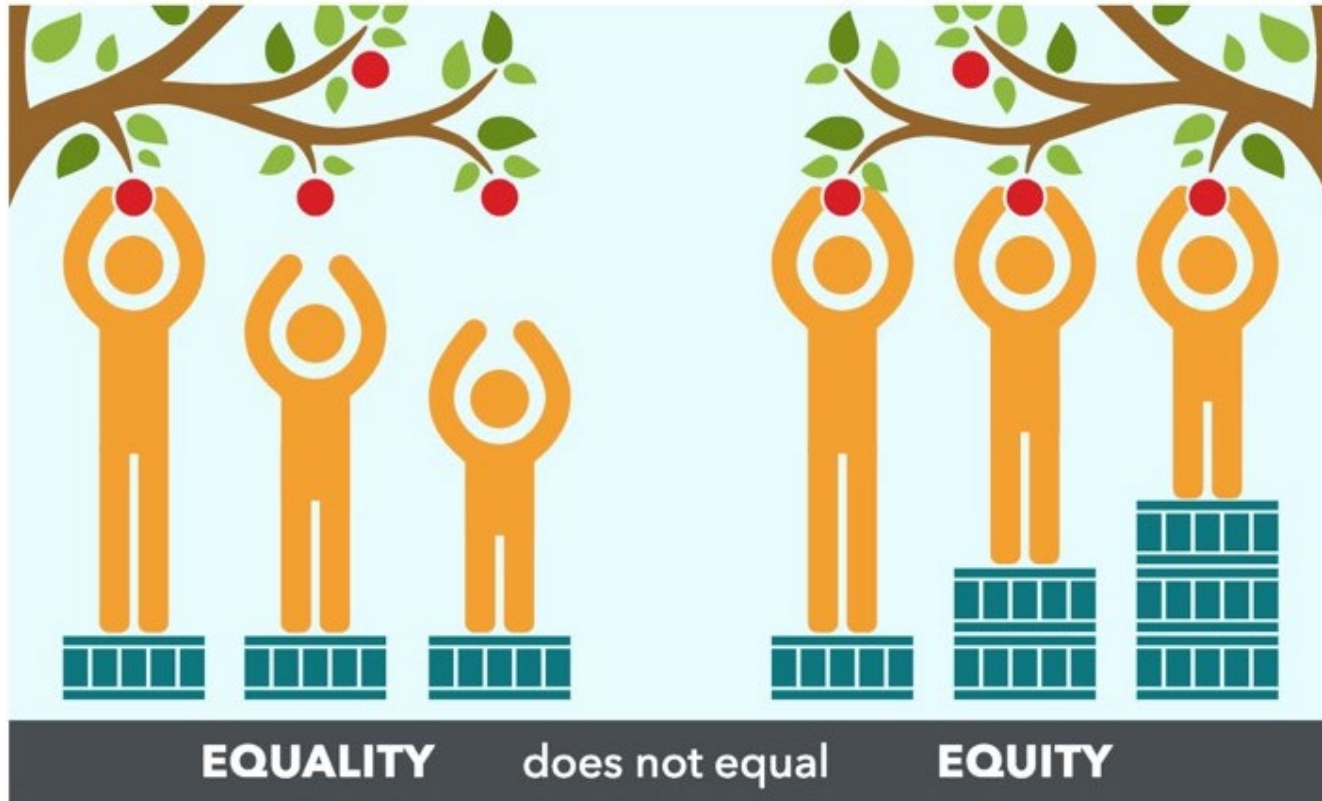
# Meeting Objectives

## During this meeting, the working group will:

- Discuss the role of the Equity Working Group and opportunities for member involvement
- Review Metro's Equity definition and the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET)
- Meet fellow Equity Working Group participants
- Discuss equity challenges, concerns, and opportunities in the Project Area
- Review what we've heard so far to shape the 710 South Corridor Vision & Goals
- Discuss opportunities to consider equity in the 710 South Corridor Vision & Goals

## 2. Equity Working Group Overview + Definitions

# Why does Metro focus on equity?



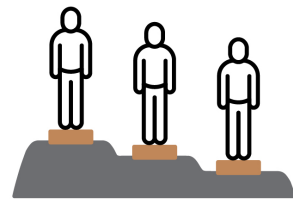
## Important Terms:

- ✓ **Disparities** – a noticeable and often unfair difference between people, communities, including race/ethnicity, health, etc.
- ✓ **Project 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.
- ✓ **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.

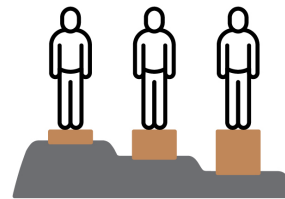
# Metro's Definition of Equity

Equity is both an outcome and a process to address disparities to ensure fair and just access to opportunities.

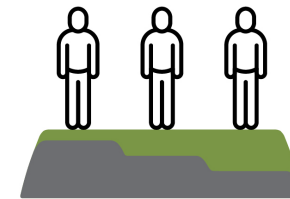
*Equality is not the same as equity, and ultimately we're striving for justice.*



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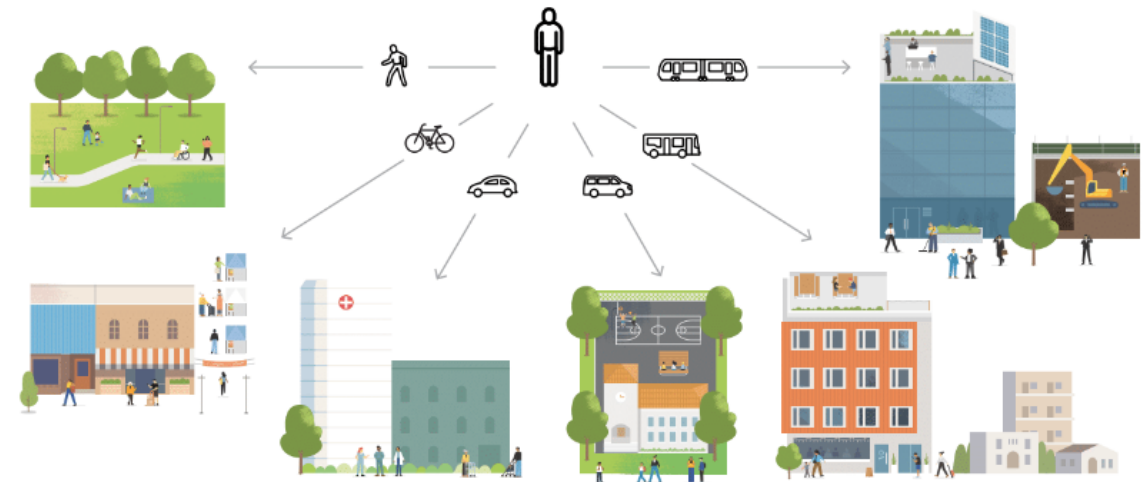


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# Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET) Update

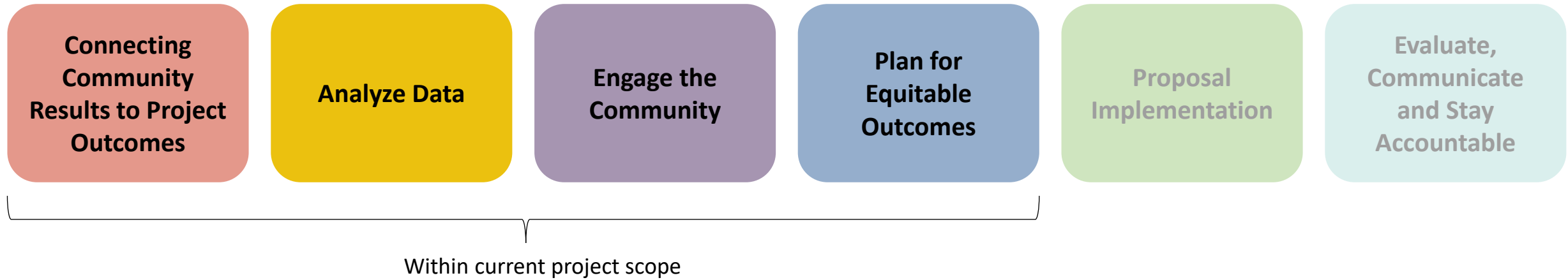
- > The EPET is intended to guide and enhance this process to help plan for equitable outcomes, understanding that inequities exist that can create disparate impacts.
- > The EPET will assist in:
  - 1) identifying disparities
  - 2) understanding root causes of those disparities, and
  - 3) developing and implementing an investment plan in a manner that provides more equitable outcomes

Metro recognizes that vast disparities exist in access to opportunities, including *jobs, housing, community resources, healthy communities and mobility options*. Transportation is an essential lever to enabling access and improving quality of life for LA County.



# Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET) Update

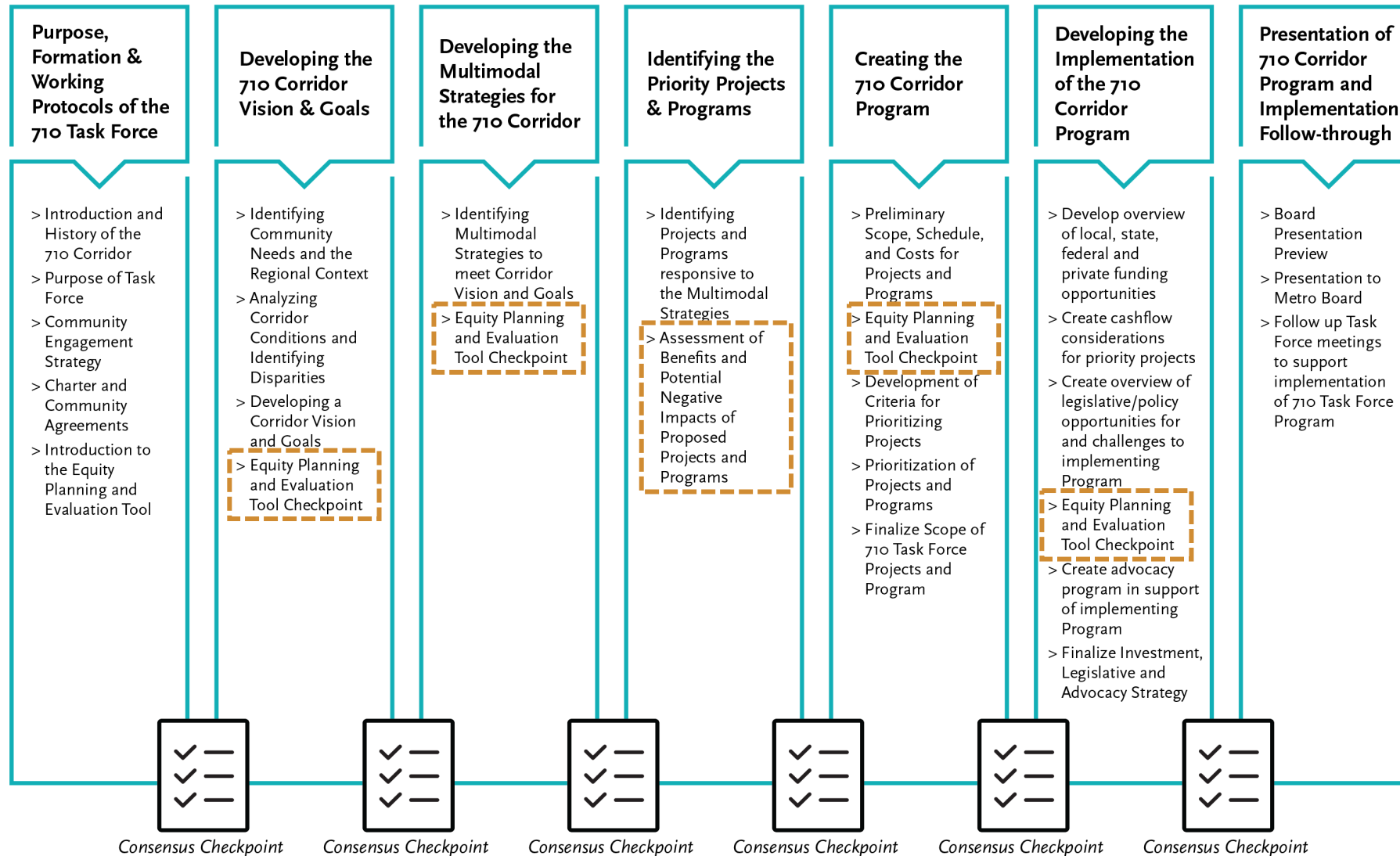
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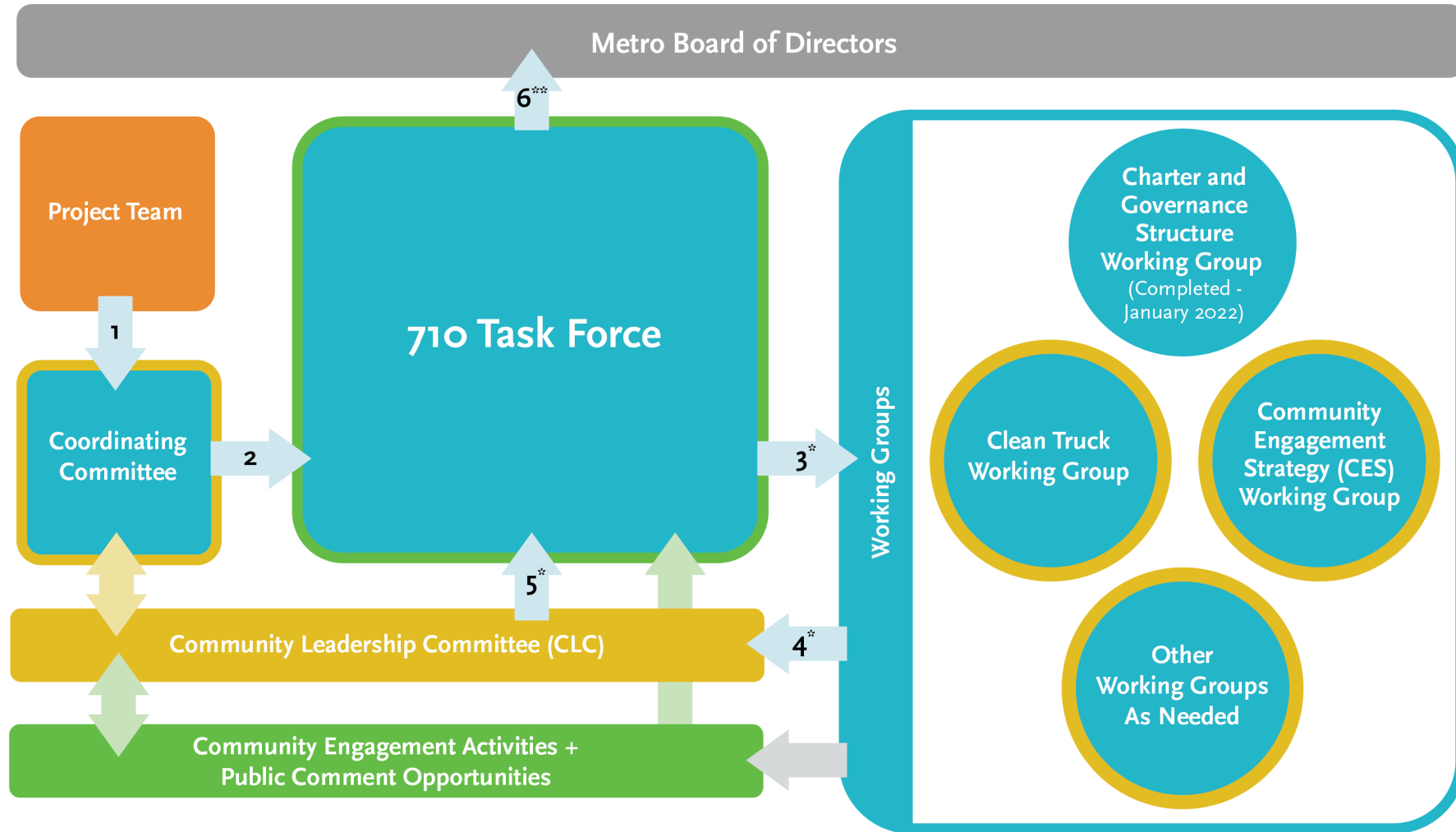
# Equity Working Group Role

- > Support the implementation of the **Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET)**
- > Review and provide input on the following Task Force process steps:
  - > **Vision & goals** with a focus on equity (EWG Meetings #1 and 2)
  - > **Equity-focused multi-modal strategies** to meet Vision & Goals
  - > **Equity-related impacts** and **equity-focused projects and programs** for Multimodal Strategies
  - > Detailed analysis of **equity assessment**
  - > Criteria for prioritizing projects and programs focused on **equity considerations**
  - > Draft Investment Plan with a focus on **equitable community results**
- > Support the Task Force in understanding **equity-related issues, topics, and solutions**

# Equity Working Group Role



# 710 Task Force: Process for Each Work Plan Phase



\*Steps 1-5 depict normal process for proposals. If needed, Steps 3-5 will be repeated.

Refer to Decision-Making Process chart for an explanation of decision points.

\*\*Step 6: Metro Board will consider and make the final decision on the 710 Task Force Investment Plan.

## LEGEND

Yellow - CLC Participation  
Green - Public Participation

# 3. Equity Working Group Introductions



# **4. Interactive Discussion: Discuss Equity Challenges, Concerns, and Opportunities In the Project Area**

# Discuss: Equity Challenges, Concerns, Opportunities

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- > In general, what equity-related challenges do you experience or know about in the 710 South Corridor?
  - In your daily life, what are some challenges or barriers you face in your community along the 710 South Corridor (e.g., how you get to work or school; resources and amenities available to you in your neighborhood; jobs nearby or in the region; availability and affordability of housing)?
- > What types of concerns do you have about the 710 South Corridor related to equity?
- > Looking to the future, what opportunities do you see within the 710 South Corridor to help create equitable community results (e.g., all people have access to safe, affordable, and sustainable transportation options)?
- > How can the EWG support these opportunities through our discussions and the process?
- > What additional information do you need, if any, to assist with your efforts?

# 5. What We've Heard so Far from the Vision & Goals Process


# Vision & Goals Development: Engagement Update

- > Metro social media
- > Metro Blog - The Source
- > Email communication
- > Project website
- > Communications toolkit
- > Flyers (digital and printed)
- > Digital advertisements
- > Meeting announcements



# Metro I-710 South Corridor Vision & Goals Summary Update

- > Over 3,000 stakeholders received the survey via email.
- > The survey was administered between February 22, 2022-March 30, 2022
- > 4 questions
  - 3 open-ended questions
  - 1 closed-ended question
- > 451 respondents (24 Task Force Members, 427 members of the public) as of March 30, 2022



**Metro I-710 Task Force Vision & Goals Survey**

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The 710 Task Force will develop a Vision and Goals Statement to guide recommendations in the forthcoming I-710 South Corridor Investment Plan, which will be presented to the Metro Board of Directors for consideration in 2023.

To ensure this statement reflects the values and priorities of 710 South Corridor communities, we want to hear from you. Please share your thoughts by taking a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. Survey responses, information gathered through upcoming meetings and additional outreach efforts will serve as the foundation for the Task Force approval of the Vision and Goals Statement at Task Force Meeting #7 on April 11, 2022.

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# Vision & Goals Survey: Questions

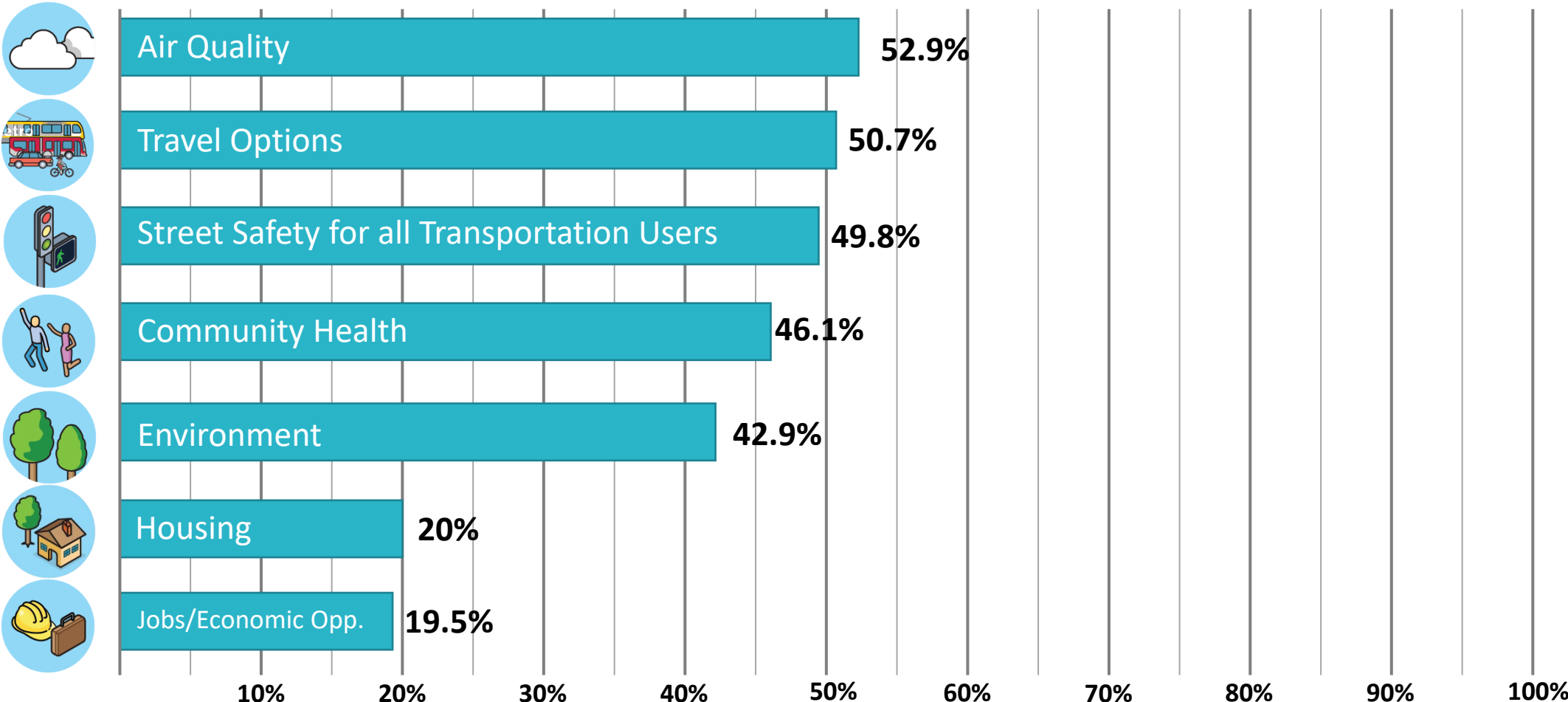
**Q1. Please tell us your vision for the I-710 South Corridor.**

**Q2. Which areas of concern are your priorities for potential improvements in the I-710 South Corridor? Please select up to 3:**

- Air Quality
- Travel Options
- Community Health
- Street Safety for all transportation users
- Jobs and Economic Opportunities
- Environment
- Housing
- Other

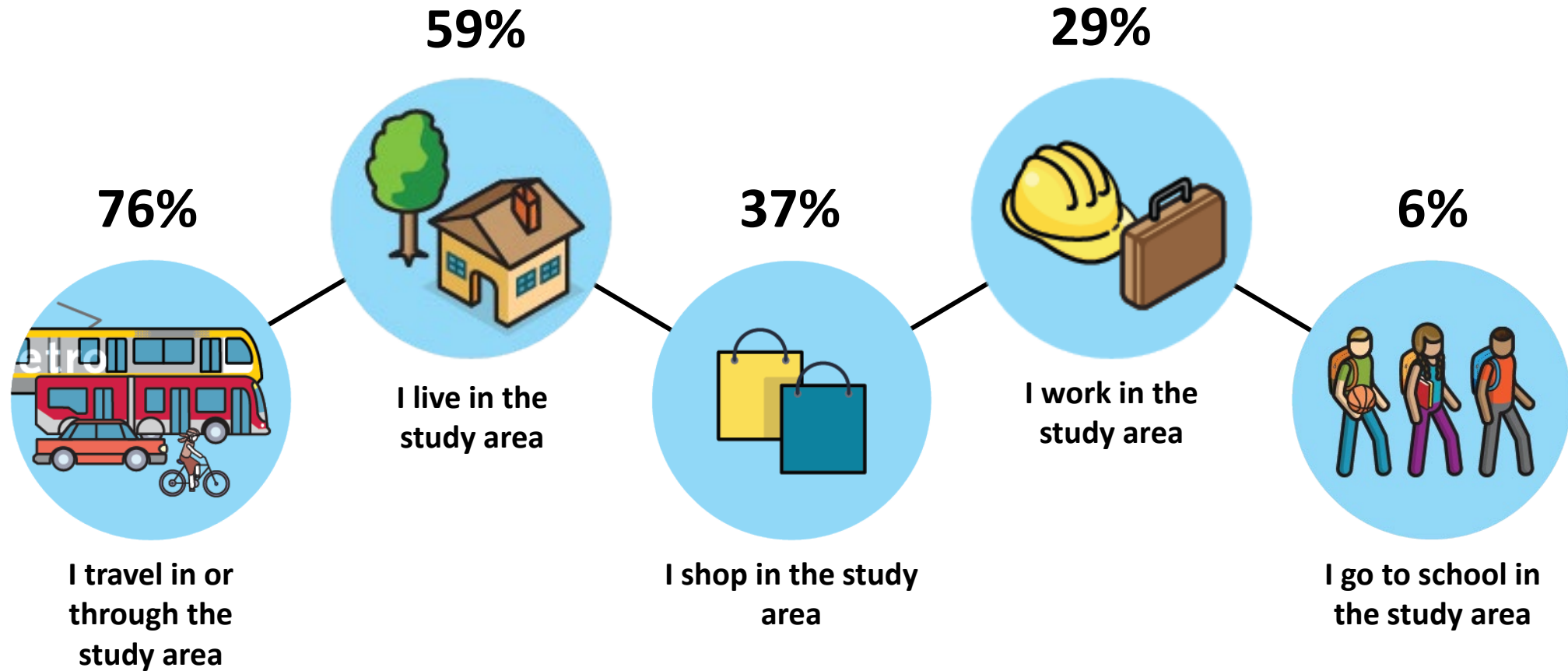
**Q3. Please tell us which goals should be pursued for the areas of concern you selected.**

# Which areas of concern are your priorities for potential improvements in the I-710 South Corridor? *Please select up to 3*

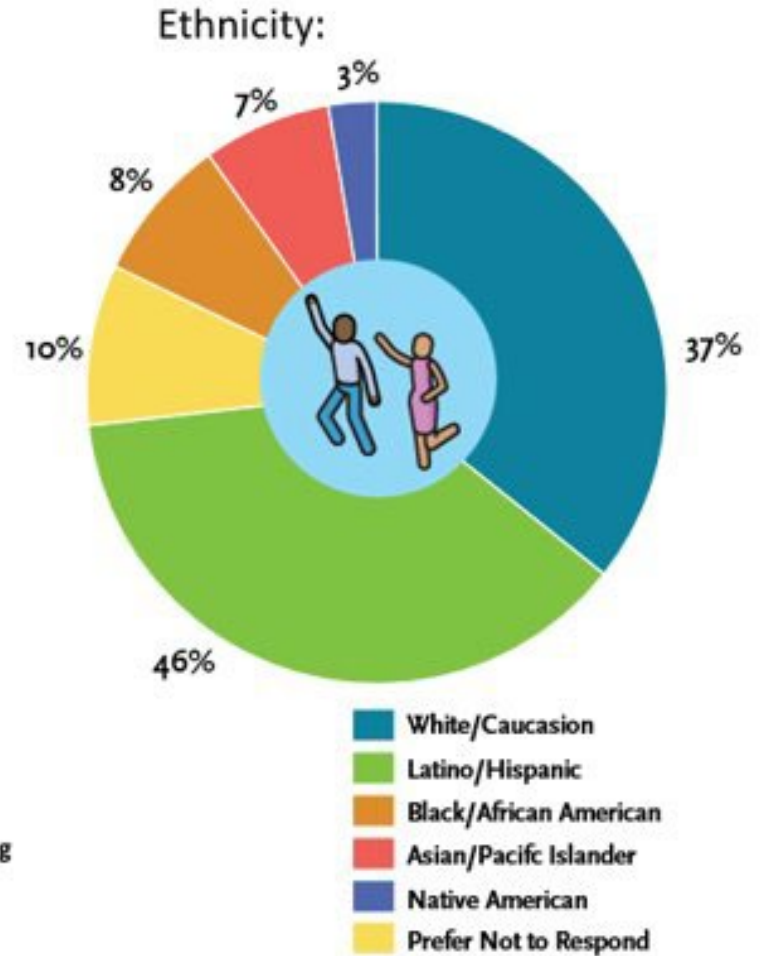
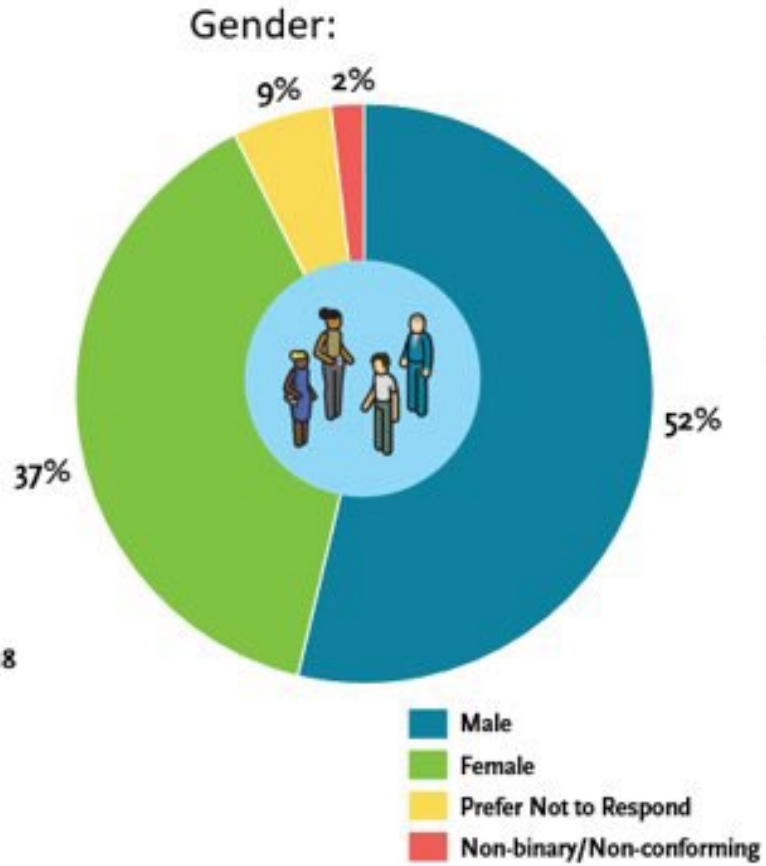
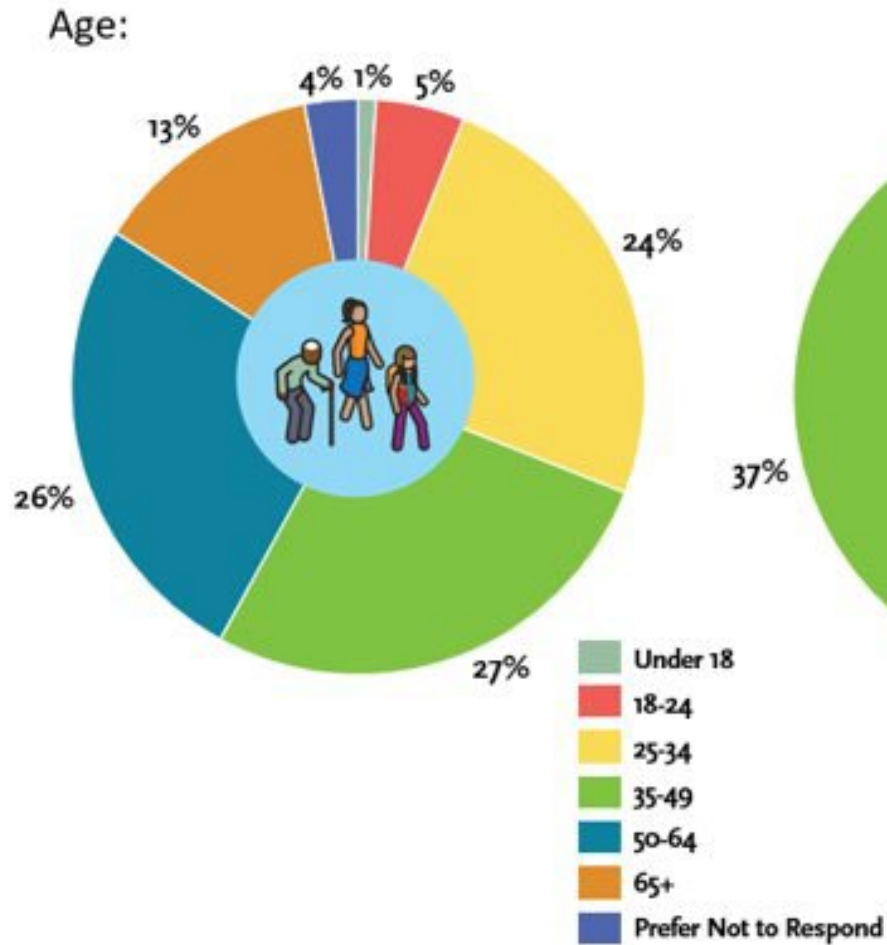


# What is your relationship with the I-710 South Corridor study area?

Please select all that apply.



# Demographics



# 6. Interactive Discussion: Considering Equity in the Vision & Goals

# Zoom Poll: Task Force Areas of Concern

**What do YOU think? Which areas of concern are your priorities for potential improvements in the I-710 South Corridor? Please select your top 3 areas of concern:**

- > Air Quality
- > Travel Options
- > Community Health
- > Street Safety for all transportation users
- > Jobs and Economic Opportunities
- > Environment
- > Housing
- > Other

VISION	An equitable multimodal shared-use transportation system that supports clean air, healthy and sustainable communities, economic resilience, and quality jobs; and provides safe, quality mobility options for all residents and users of the I-710 South Corridor.						
Areas of Concern	Air Quality	Community	Mobility	Safety	Economy	Sustainability and Environment	Equity
Goals	Improve Air Quality	Improve the health and quality of life of residents and stability of communities	Improve the mobility of people and goods	Provide safe streets, roads, and communities	Provide quality jobs, workforce development and economic opportunities	Address climate change and enhance the environment	Reduce or eliminate community disparities across all goals
Input on Vision & Goals	Clean Air	Healthy communities	Increased mobility for all communities and users	Adequate and safe alternatives to driving	Foster job growth and economic development	Protect our coast and communities	Increase access to opportunity and equity for corridor communities
	Reduce diesel particulate matter	Improve public/civic engagement	Efficient freight and passenger traffic	Safe travel options	Reduce economic impacts on surrounding communities	Reduce environmental impacts on surrounding communities	No freeway expansion or displacements
	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	Community connectivity	Resilient, sustainable I-710 Corridor transportation system	Safe streets	Create local jobs	Cleaner and thriving environment	Equitable transportation options
		Prioritize public health	Improve mobility and lessen traffic along the freeway	Holistically ensure safety to people living along the corridor	Increase educational opportunities	Enhance environmental health	Address racial disparities in resources, policies and development
		Improve quality of life	Greater access to health and community resources	Safe bicyclist and pedestrian environment	Create opportunities for local hire	Climate resilience	

# Vision & Goals Homework

## > Before Equity Working Group Meeting #2 on April 19, 2022:

- Review the Draft Vision & Goals Statement that will be presented at Task Force Meeting #7 (April 11) and consider:
  - Does the vision statement successfully integrate equity as you envision it for the corridor?
  - Are there other potential goals that need to be either added or expanded upon to ensure equitable outcomes for this project?
- Review the decision-making process outlined in the [710 Task Force Charter](#):
  - The Equity Working Group will consider making formal recommendations to the CLC and Task Force on improvements to the Draft Vision & Goals Statement, which may require testing for consensus on Mentimeter and formally voting via roll call on any proposals from the Equity Working Group

# 7. Closing, Next Steps, and Thank You

# Upcoming Meetings

## Working Groups

### Equity

> *Tuesday, April 19, 5-7pm*

### Zero-Emission Truck

> *Tuesday, April 19, 1-2:30pm*

## Task Force

### Task Force Meeting #7

> *Monday, April 11, 5-7:30 pm*

### Task Force Meeting #8

> *Monday, May 9, 5-7:30pm*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Equity Working Group Meeting #2: Special Meeting to review the Draft Vision & Goals Statement**

**Tuesday, April 19, 5-7 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

# Stay connected to this project



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**Thank you for joining us!**