

**1-710 South Corridor Project**

**Community Leadership Committee Meetings #3 Summary**

**May 19, 2022 5-7pm**



**Attendees**

**Project Team**

Michael Cano, Executive Officer, Metro  
Ernesto Chaves, Highway Programs, Director, Metro  
KeAndra Cylear Dodds, Equity and Race, Executive Officer, Metro  
Jessica Medina, Equity and Race, Manager, Metro  
Maria Hsin, Equity and Race, Transportation Associate, Metro  
Shannon Davis, Co-Director, Here LA  
Amber Hawkes, Co-Director, Here LA  
Rachel Bennett, Urban Designer, Here LA  
Susan DeSantis, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Melissa Holguin, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Laura Herrera, Deputy Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Julie Nieto, Senior Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Nancy Verduzco, Tech Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Samantha Sosa, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Allison Crook, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates

**CLC Members**

Natalie Diaz Rubio - Bell Gardens  
Fa'alagilagi (Lagi) Meni-Siliga - Carson  
Alfonso Garate - Commerce  
Phyllis Ollison - Compton  
Martha Fierro - Cudahy  
Miyuki Gomez - East LA (unincorp.)  
Guadalupe Arellano - East LA (unincorp.)  
Jose Rodolfo Vallejo - Huntington Park

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Maria Reyes - Long Beach

Marcos Lopez - Long Beach

Marlene Sanchez - Long Beach

Elizabeth (Liz) Zamarripa - Lynwood

Kevin Shin - Signal Hill

Esmeralda Hernandez - South Gate

Viridiana (Viri) Preciado Cervantes - Walnut Park (unincorp.)

Tiesha Davis - Wilmington/San Pedro (San Pedro)

Sinetta Farley - East Rancho Dominguez (unincorp.)

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Introduction**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Caltrans District 7 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 South Corridor between the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and State Route 60. The Community Leadership Committee for the project will inform the Task Force, coordinate with other decision-making bodies, and help move the project forward.

Community Leadership Committee Meeting #3 was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, from 5-7pm. The intent of this meeting was to (1) reach consensus on the Vision Statement, so that the CLC could recommend adjustments to the Task Force and (2) welcome new CLC member, Sinetta Farley (representing East Rancho Dominguez).

### **➤ Agenda Item #1: Draft Vision Statement**

- Amber Hawkes provided a refresher about Vision and Goals and where we are in the process. The goal is for the CLC to submit a unified set of recommendations for the Vision Statement, to bring to the Task Force.
- Amber reminded the CLC about the difference between “vision” and “goals” and reviewed the draft amended vision statement from the end of CLC meeting #2. During CLC meeting #2, members added specific words to describe ‘multi-modal’, included the phrase ‘for the community and residents’, added the word ‘fosters’ to the clean air statement, and modified the statement to refer to ‘economic empowerment.’
- KeAndra Cylear Dodds provided context to the CLC about the upcoming June Metro Board meeting and the need to compile CLC recommendations on the Vision and Goals for the Task Force’s June meeting.
- Amber stated that the draft goals would be discussed on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Shannon discussed findings from the two rounds of homework that were assigned to CLC members, to solicit feedback about the Draft Vision & Goals, as well as a summary of CLC input from meeting #2.
  - Comment themes from the CLC meeting #2 included:
    - Simplify language
    - Make sure the statement puts the community first
    - Consider that Spanish and English statements may need to differ to capture the same terms and concepts
    - Include health as a priority
  - Comments from the CLC homework assignment:
    - What we like (number of CLC mentions, in parentheses)
      - Community (5)
      - Clean air (5)

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- Equitable (4)
  - Multi-modal (4)
  - Sustainable (3)
  - Economic empowerment (3)
  - Mobility options (3)
  - Safe (3)
  - Shared use (2)
  - What we want to change
    - Nothing (3)
    - Make it short (2)
    - The word "multi-modal"
    - Don't define "multi-modal"
    - Remove "etc."
    - Taking public transit
  - What is missing
    - Nothing (8)
    - Just need to reword
- Shannon reviewed key terms with the CLC and asked if anyone had questions about the terms. Key terms include:
- **Equitable:** An end state in which all groups have access to the resources, benefits, and opportunities necessary to improve the quality of their lives, which can include a more just decision-making process.
  - **Multimodal/mobility options:** Includes walking, taking public transportation, driving, rolling (riding a bike, scooter, wheelchair, skate).
  - **Shared-use transportation:** A transportation system that responds to the needs of all users of a transportation corridor that is shared by cars, bicycles, buses, trucks, etc.
  - **Sustainable community:** A community that can maintain and support itself and its residents generationally and sustain itself economically, socially, and environmentally over time.
  - **Economic empowerment:** Ensuring the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the community's economic growth.
- After the presentation, each CLC member was given 1 minute to discuss what they liked about the draft vision statement and what they wanted to change. **See Appendix A for a summary of comments received.**
- A public comment period was held during the CLC discussion, so that CLC members could hear from the public about ideas and concerns.
- After the public comment period, a Test for Consensus was conducted asking CLC Members about the placement of the phrase "I-710 South Corridor" and if the word "users" should be included in the statement." **See Appendix A for a summary of comments received along with the results of the "Test for Consensus."**

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### Wrap Up

- After the “Test for Consensus,” a formal vote was not taken in Meeting #3 on the Vision Statement, since there were topics that needed to be addressed. The CLC was informed that the Vision and Goals conversation would continue on Monday, May 23, 2022, at Meeting #3.5.
- The two outstanding items that the CLC brought up (specifically CLC members who expressed they had concerns) were that the phrase “I-710 South Corridor” was in the wrong place in the statement and that the word “users” should not be included in the statement.

### ➤ Upcoming Meetings

- Amber reviewed upcoming meetings
  - CLC Meeting #3.5: May 23, 2022, 5-7pm
  - Task Force: June 13, 2022, 5-7:30pm
  - Zero-Emission Working Group: June 21, 2022, 1-2:30pm
  - Equity Working Group: June 23, 2022, 5-7pm

## **Appendix A – CLC Member Comments on the Draft Vision Statement**

*Comments have been summarized, organized into themes and in some cases, paraphrased. Duplicate comments have not been included.*

### **General Comments**

#### **Simplify/Streamline**

- Remove multi-modal definition in parenthesis.
- Multi-modal is a key word that should be in the statement, for grant purposes.
- Replace “promotes” with “fosters.”
- Reduce redundancy of “community and residents.”
- The statement is lengthy. It should be short and sweet.

#### **Protecting Public Health**

- Fine with the way it has been changed.

#### **Other**

- Community and residents are different. Should include both terms.
- The “community” is important and should be reflected in the vision statement.
- Some CLC members did not want to see anything changed.
- Vision statement has improved since the last meeting.

#### **Use of the Word “Users”**

CLC members had a robust discussion about the use of the word “Users”. Some CLC members felt that it was important to reference users of the corridor, while others felt that that term should not be included because it should be about the community and residents first. Some CLC members also pointed out that the word “community” includes users. Facilitators took an informal poll to see how many CLC members wanted/did not want that term. Four (4) CLC members *wanted* the term users while nine (9) members *did not want* to use that term. Some members abstained. Because more CLC members did not want to use the term, the CLC moved forward without it.

#### **Test for Consensus**

After public comment, the CLC tested for consensus on a revised vision statement, written below (CLC edits in red):

*An equitable, multi-modal, shared transportation system for the **community and residents of the I-710 South Corridor**, which **fosters** clean air, healthy and sustainable communities, economic **empowerment**; and provides safe, quality mobility options for all.*

**I support: 7**

**I have concerns: 5**

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### **I will stand aside: 4**

- Natalie Diaz Rubio - Bell Gardens – I support
- Fa'alagilagi (Lani) Meni-Siliga – Carson – I have concerns
- Alfonso Garate – Commerce – I support
- Phyllis Ollison – Compton – I have concerns
- Martha Fierro – Cudahy – I have concerns
- Miyuki Gomez - East LA (unincorp.) – I will stand aside
- Guadalupe Arellano - East LA (unincorp.) – I support
- Jose Rodolfo Vallejo – Huntington Park – I will stand aside
- Maria Reyes - Long Beach – I have concerns
- Marcos Lopez - Long Beach – I support
- Marlene Sanchez - Long Beach – I have concerns
- Elizabeth (Liz) Zamarripa - Lynwood – I support
- Kevin Shin - Signal Hill – I support
- Esmeralda Hernandez – I support
- Tiesha Davis - Wilmington/San Pedro (San Pedro) – I will stand aside
- Sinetta Farley – East Rancho Dominguez – I will stand aside