

## I-710 South Corridor Project

### Community Leadership Committee Meetings #3.5 Summary

May 23, 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  
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 Planner, Metro  
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

Leticia Rodriguez – Bell  
Natalie Diaz Rubio – Bell Gardens  
Emmanuel Godinez – Boyle Heights  
Fa'alagilagi (Lagi) Meni-Siliga – Carson

Alfonso Garate – Commerce

Phyllis Ollison – Compton

Miyuki Gomez - East LA (unincorp.)

Guadalupe Arellano - East LA (unincorp.)

Katheen Barajas – East LA (unincorp.)

Jose Rodolfo Vallejo - Huntington Park

Maria Reyes - Long Beach

Marcos Lopez - Long Beach

Marlene Sanchez - Long Beach

Kevin Shin - Signal Hill

Esmeralda Hernandez - South Gate

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

Tiesha Davis - Wilmington/San Pedro (San Pedro)

## 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 #3.5 was held on Monday May 23, 2022 from 5-7pm. The intent of this meeting was to (1) arrive at consensus relating to the Draft Vision Statement recommendation to the Task Force, (2) discuss and consolidate input relating to the Draft Goals, for recommendation to the Task Force, and (3) to discuss next steps on the CLC open seats.

### Agenda Item #1: Draft Vision Statement – Continued Conversation from Meeting #3

- 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.
- The CLC was informed that each member would have a chance to provide input on the Goals during this meeting. The CLC was then notified that the input received in today's meeting regarding the Goals would be provided to the Task Force as a summary and that a formal vote on Goals would not be taken.
- Amber reminded the CLC about the difference between "Vision" and "Goals" and reviewed the draft amended Vision Statement from the end of CLC meetings #2 and #3.
- The CLC reviewed the original Vision Statement, the revised Vision Statement, and a recommended new Vision Statement (referred to as the "Vision Statement Adjustment," below) that was proposed by the project team to respond to the two outstanding items from the end of meeting #3. At the end of meeting #3, 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 and that the word "users" should be included in the statement.
- Vision Statement Draft at the end of meeting #3
  - *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.*
- Vision Statement Draft adjustment recommended by the project team:

- *An equitable, multi-modal, **shared I-710 South Corridor, for the community and residents**, which **fosters** clean air, healthy and sustainable communities, economic **empowerment**; and provides safe, quality mobility options for all.*
- Because some of the CLC members felt strongly about inclusion of the word “users” the CLC first discussed this topic again and took an informal vote. Most people still did not want to use the word users in the Vision Statement.
  - Include users: 4
  - Do not include users: 9
  - Abstain: 1
- The CLC members were then asked which version of the draft statement they liked the best, the Vision Statement at the end of meeting #3 or the Vision Statement Adjustment. The CLC took an informal vote.
  - Vision Statement at the end of meeting #3: 3
  - Vision Statement Adjustment: 10
  - Abstain: 4
- A public comment period was held during the CLC discussion, so that CLC members could hear from the public about ideas and concerns relating to the Vision Statement.
- Because some CLC members abstained or did not like the new adjustment and based on public comment, CLC member Miyuki Gomez then proposed a modified Vision Statement:
  - *An equitable, multi-modal, **shared 1-710 South Corridor** transportation system that **allows the fostering** of clean air (**zero-emission**), healthy and sustainable communities, **economic empowerment**, and provides safe, quality mobility options for all **the community and residents**.*
- The CLC members were then asked if they generally supported the proposed Vision Statement from CLC member, Miyuki Gomez.
  - Support: 12
  - Support original Vision Statement Adjustment: 2
  - Support with edits: 1
- After public comment, and based on the consensus test beforehand, CLC member Miyuki Gomez made a motion to vote on the newest proposed Vision Statement. The motion was seconded by Guadalupe Arellano. The CLC took a vote on the revised Vision Statement, as presented by member Miyuki Gomez. *See Appendix A for vote tally.* The motion passed with:
  - Yes: 13
  - No: 2
  - Abstain: 0

## **Agenda Item #2: Draft Goals**

- Facilitators reviewed the draft goals with the CLC and described comment themes received by the CLC in the last meeting and in the CLC homework.
  - Comments from the last meeting, which related to the Goals included:

- Address historical inequities and provide resources to compensate for historical disinvestment.
    - Movement of goods and people should not be given equal weight. Goals need to be better distinguished between the two.
    - The goals are perfect.
    - Make sure that all communities are recognized for the work that they add to the community.
  - Comments from the homework, which related to the Goals included the following. In the parentheses vote counts are included for CLC members who “liked” the Goal followed by those who “liked the Goal, with modifications”
    - Improve air quality (7/1)
    - Improve health and quality of life of residents and stability of communities (7/1)
    - Improve the mobility of people and goods (6/2)
    - Provide safe streets, roads, and communities (7/1)
    - Provide quality jobs, workforce development, and economic opportunities (7/1)
    - Address climate change and enhance the environment (5/3)
    - Reduce or eliminate community disparities across all goals. (7/1)
    - Items to change
      - Improve air quality – *ensure that the air quality is healthy (not just clean).*
      - Address climate change and enhance the environment – *specifically mentioned creating and maintaining community-accessible green areas.*
      - Include "beautification."
- CLC members took up to 1 minute each to discuss their thoughts and feedback about the Draft Goals and facilitators took notes. The feedback will be compiled and summarized for the Task Force to take into consideration in their June meeting. *See Appendix B for summary of CLC comments relating to the Draft Goals.*
- A public comment period was held during the CLC discussion, so that CLC members could hear from the public about ideas and concerns relating to the Draft Goals.

### **Agenda Item #3: CLC Membership**

- Facilitators updated the CLC about CLC open seats. Based on one-on-one conversations between the project team and CLC members and CLC input during past meetings, the CLC application will be reopened to community members living in the jurisdictions not already represented. The CLC was also reminded that they can come up with a strategy to assign the At-Large CLC seat.

### **Wrap Up**

- After the CLC Membership topic, facilitators described that in the next CLC meeting, the group would discuss the multi-modal strategies which will get more specific, compared to the Goals.
- Amber reviewed upcoming meetings
  - Task Force: June 13, 2022, 5-7:30pm
  - CLC Meeting #4: June 16, 2022, 5-7pm

- Zero-Emission Working Group: June 21, 2022, 1-2:30pm
- Equity Working Group: June 23, 2022, 5-7pm

### **Appendix A – CLC Member Vote on the Final Vision Statement**

- Leticia Rodriguez - Bell – Yes
- Natalie Diaz Rubio - Bell Gardens – Yes
- Emmanuel Godinez - Boyle Heights – Yes
- Fa'alagilagi (Lagi) Meni-Siliga - Carson – No
- Alfonso Garate - Commerce – Yes
- Phyllis Ollison - Compton – Yes
- Miyuki Gomez - East LA (unincorp.) – Yes
- Guadalupe Arellano - East LA (unincorp.) – Yes
- Katheen Barajas – East LA (unincorp.) – Yes
- Jose Rodolfo Vallejo - Huntington Park – Yes
- Marcos Lopez - Long Beach – Yes
- Marlene Sanchez - Long Beach – Yes
- Kevin Shin - Signal Hill – Yes
- Viridiana (Viri) Preciado Cervantes - Walnut Park (unincorp.) – Yes
- Tiesha Davis - Wilmington/San Pedro (San Pedro) – No

### **Appendix B – CLC Comments on the Draft Goals**

Some CLC members felt that the goals look good as they are currently written. For others, CLC comment themes on the Draft Goals included:

- Several CLC members felt that the goals should be more specific (e.g. the word “improve” is too vague, and allows for incremental/small change to satisfy the goal).
- “Community” goal should be reworded. It is unclear what “stability of communities” means.
- “Sustainability/Environment” goal should include a reference to “beautification”
- “Noise reduction” should be included within a goal.

Related to these main points above, the CLC would like to make sure that the strategies identified are very specific and include targets and tangible goals. We will need to describe how to measure equity and measure success for each goal.