



I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT
Community Leadership Committee Meeting #4
Summary

June 23, 2022



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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
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
Samantha Sosa, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates
Trey Grogan, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates
Robert Cáliz, Cal Strategic Management

CLC Members

Leticia Rodriguez- Bell
Emmanuel Godinez - Boyle Heights
Fa'alagilagi Meni-Siliga – Carson
Alfonso Garate – Commerce
Phyllis Ollison – Compton
Martha Fierro – Cudahy
Kathleen Barajas - East LA
Guadalupe Arellano - East LA (unincorp.)
Jose Rodolfo Vallejo - Huntington Park
Marcos Lopez - Long Beach
Maria Reyes - Long Beach
Marlene Sanchez - Long Beach
Elizabeth (Liz) Zamarripa – Lynwood
Kevin Shin - Signal Hill
Esmeralda Hernandez - South Gate
Viridiana Preciado Cervantes - Walnut Park
Tiesha Davis - Wilmington/San Pedro (San Pedro)
Manuel Arellano - Wilmington/San Pedro (Wilmington)
Sinetta Farley – East Rancho Dominguez (unincorp.)
Jamilia Cervantes - Maywood

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 #4 was held on Thursday, June 23, 2022. The intent of this meeting was to (1) recap and consider the Vision discussion from the most recent Task Force meeting (2) discuss the potential project name change, and then if time permitted, (3) discuss multimodal strategies, projects, and programs, and (4) discuss the Early Investment Initiatives (Pre-Investment Plan Opportunities). During this meeting, only agenda items 1 and 2 were completed.

- **Introductions, Welcome, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives**

- Shannon Davis provided an overview of the agenda and after a member roll call, welcomed a new CLC member, Jamila Cervantes from Maywood.

- **Agenda Item #1: Vision Statement – Presentation**

- KeAndra Cylear Dodds started off the discussion by describing where we are in the process. The Task Force has asked the CLC to look again at the Vision Statement. Most of the discussion during the Task Force meeting revolved around goods movement, how it might be included in the Vision Statement, and how the statement can help ensure we prioritize people over goods, a topic also discussed previously by the CLC. At the same time, Metro's CEO, senior leadership, and Board Staff reminded the project team that Metro's enabling legislation mandates that Metro's mission is to serve all of the people of the County of Los Angeles and this includes residents, workers, businesses, industry and visitors. Metro's mission is to plan, build, fund, and operate a transportation system for the movement of people and goods. In sum, the project team was reminded that the Vision Statement must include 'goods'.
- Before diving into a description of the Vision Statement process, Michael Cano explained that in this month's Task Force meeting, the Task Force voted to approve the Guiding Principles of Equity and Sustainability.
 - **Equity Guiding Principle:** *A commitment to: (1) strive to rectify past harms; (2) provide fair and just access to opportunities; and 3) eliminate disparities in project processes, outcomes, and community results. The plan seeks to elevate and engrain the principle of Equity across all goals, objectives, strategies, and actions through a framework of Procedural, Distributive, Structural, and Restorative Equity, and by prioritizing an accessible and representative participation process for communities most impacted by the I-710.*

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- **Sustainability Guiding Principle:** *Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. A commitment to sustainability to satisfy and improve basic social, health, and economic needs/conditions, both present and future, and the responsible use and stewardship of the environment, all while maintaining or improving the well-being of the environment on which life depends.*
- Michael stated that the Task Force focused on the Vision Statement but did not discuss the Goals in their meeting.
- Michael then discussed the CLC's original Vision Statement proposal, along with two subsequent Vision Statement proposals. Both new proposals strive to integrate 'goods' as outlined by KeAndra above, while still making sure that the community comes first and they both use the CLC recommended Vision Statement as the basis. The Task Force also discussed some grammar issues in the CLC proposed statement, which some Task Force members suggested cleaning up.
 - Project Team's Recommendation from June 13, 2022: *An equitable, multimodal, shared I-710 South Corridor transportation system that fosters clean air, healthy and sustainable communities, and economic empowerment, and provides safe, quality mobility options for all the communities and residents **within the nation's most significant freight corridor.*** The Project Team originally recommended this statement after taking into consideration input from the CLC, Task Force, and Equity Working Group during the past three months, as well as the input from Metro Senior Leadership.
 - An alternate proposal that came from a Task Force member in the June Task Force Meeting: *An equitable, multimodal, shared I-710 South Corridor transportation system that fosters clean air (zero emissions), healthy and sustainable communities, and economic empowerment, and provides safe, quality mobility options for communities, residents, **and goods.***
- Michael described the role that the goods movement plays in Metro's work improving the shared use transportation system in LA County to support the movement of people and goods throughout the county, and that is in the statute that created Metro. Additionally, Metro's Board and CEO expect to see the movement of goods included in the Vision Statement that is brought forth for approval at the Metro Board. Including goods movement in the Vision Statement does have benefits, as it brings with it distinct and strong opportunities for funding for the I-710 South Corridor, as it generally is seen as the root cause of impacts that affect local residents, while benefits have been received in other parts of the state and nation. The Federal and State governments have created funding programs that are designed to improve corridors that have significant freight volumes and impacts on local communities. In other words, when it comes to seeking funding, it is important for the Vision Statement to signal to state and federal partners that improving how goods move through the corridor is not only important, but also a primary focal point for how to deliver the benefits for our communities, which we have heard the CLC articulate. Michael explained that we should not ignore goods movement by leaving it out of the Vision Statement; if we do, we lose our ability to tackle these issues in a way that leads with equity and supports communities with improvements that benefit everyone.

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- Michael then discussed enabling statute and local funding sources, Metro Board direction, and funding opportunities related to goods movement.
 - Michael ended the presentation by describing a New Consensus Proposal for the CLC to consider. Taking all stakeholder recommendations--including from the CLC and the Task Force, legislative and executive direction, and funding opportunities into consideration, the Project Team developed the following proposal for consideration by the CLC and Task Force:
 - *An equitable, shared I-710 South Corridor transportation system that provides safe, quality multimodal options for moving people and goods that will foster clean air (zero emissions), healthy and sustainable communities, and economic empowerment for all residents and communities in the corridor.*
 - After a general questions and answer segment, Public Comment was held.
- **Agenda Item #1: Vision Statement – CLC Discussion and Comment**
 - The CLC had an opportunity to discuss these developments and were asked their thoughts on the latest 2 proposals (one from a Task Force member as well as the New Consensus Proposal):
 - Proposal 1 (from Task Force member): *An equitable, multimodal, shared I-710 South Corridor transportation system that fosters clean air (zero emissions), healthy and sustainable communities, and economic empowerment, and provides safe, quality mobility options for communities, residents, and goods.*
 - Proposal 2 (New Consensus Proposal): *An equitable, shared I-710 South Corridor transportation system that provides safe, quality multimodal operations for moving people and goods that will foster clean air (zero emissions), healthy and sustainable communities, and economic empowerment for all residents and communities in the corridor.*
 - CLC members were each encouraged to speak on the topic. An example of the types of comments received during this time:
 - Confusion about this process.
 - Desire for more capacity building and trust building, in general during this process.
 - Feelings that the project team is just checking off the box and is not really giving the CLC a chance to decide.
 - Some members said that they were in favor of, prefer, or could live with proposal #2.
 - Some members said that they were not supportive of adding the word “goods” and did not like either new proposal.
 - Some CLC members described that the word “multi-modal” should be enough to refer to trucks and that we don’t need additional language.
 - Some CLC members described that we need to integrate “goods” and it would be beneficial to do so.
 - One CLC member stated that adding “within the most significant freight corridor” needs to have data backing it.
 - Comments were made that grammar and clarity were improved in proposal #2.
 - Manuel Arellano motioned for a vote that the CLC moves forward with a recommendation to the Task Force for Proposal #2. The motion was seconded by Fa’alagilagi Meni-Siliga. The initial tally

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was 11 yes votes, 4 abstentions, and 4 no votes. One CLC member who was in attendance but was having technical issues, provided her vote to the project team via **text** after the meeting, which brought the tally to **12 y**es votes, 4 abstentions, and 4 no votes. This vote meets the 60% threshold for this recommendation to go to the Task Force. During the meeting there was a question about whether abstentions should be counted in the tally to calculate pass/no pass. It was described that following Roberts Rule of Order, which is the standard protocol for group decision-making processes, abstentions are not counted in the tally and do not affect the outcome of yes/no votes. Some CLC members voiced concern that members may not have been aware of the protocol when casting their vote. **Other**s suggested that the protocol was standard.

● **Agenda Item #2: Project Name Change**

- Shannon Davis described that the Metro Board in May asked that the project name be changed “to be more inclusive of the priorities and approaches that will be advanced in the future of this project, with attention to more than just the freeway.” This new name will be presented to the board in September 2022.
- Shannon then discussed findings from the CLC homework concerning the project name change. The name ideas from the CLC homework were as follows:
 - I-710 Corridor Investment Plan (2 people)
 - 710 South Gateway to the World
 - I-710 Communities Network
 - Interstate 710 Project-Based Task Force
 - I-710 South Corridor Commitment Pledge
- Shannon opened the floor for CLC discussion
 - One member suggested "The I-710 Multimodal Communities Investment Plan"
- Public comment was also held during this agenda item.

● **Closing Remarks**

- Shannon Davis closed the meeting by describing recent and upcoming meetings. During the July meetings, the CLC will discuss the Early Investment Initiatives and select projects that the CLC supports for recommendation to the Task Force.
- Upcoming CLC meetings include:
 - CLC Meeting #5: 7/18/22- 5-7pm
 - CLC Meeting #5.5: 7/21/22- 5-7pm