



I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT

CLC Meeting #8 Summary

October 20, 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**
- Maria Hsin, Equity and Race Transportation Associate, Metro**
- Lilian De Loza Guitierrez, Community Relations Director, Metro**
- Erika Morales, Partner, Morales Partners**
- Amber Hawkes, Co-Director, Here LA**
- Melissa Holguin, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates**
- Susan DeSantis, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates**
- Laura Herrera, Deputy Project Manager, Arellano Associates**
- Samantha Sosa, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates**
- Adrian Farran, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates**
- Trey Grogan, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates**
- Allison Crook, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates**
- Robert Cálix, Cal Strategic Management**
- Julie Rush, AECOM**

CLC Members

	In Attendance (21)
Natalie Diaz Rubio	Y
Emmanuel Godinez	
Fa'alagilagi Meni-Siliga	Y
Alfonso Garate	Y
Phyllis Ollison	Y
Martha Fierro	Y
Amelia Carballo	Y
Kathleen Barajas	Y
Miyuki Gomez	Y
Guadalupe Arellano	Y
Jose Rodolfo Vallejo	Y
Dan Wamba	Y
Marcos Lopez	Y
Maria Reyes	Y
Marlene Sanchez	Y

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Elizabeth Zamarripa	Y
Jamila Cervantes	Y
Amber Bobadilla	
Kevin Shin	
Esmeralda Hernandez	Y
Viridiana Preciado Cervantes	Y
Tiesha Davis	Y
Manuel Arellano	Y
Sinetta Farley	Y
Luis Mesa	Y

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 #8 for the *Long Beach – East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan* was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022. The intent of this meeting was to: (1) hear an update from Metro about related but separate efforts, including Metro’s NextGen project and Metro corridor projects updates; (2) hear from the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) Ad-Hoc Committee; and (3) discuss the project’s next phase, which includes the identification of evaluation criteria relating to the Multimodal Strategies, Projects, and Programs.

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☞ Introductions, Welcome, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives

- Co-Facilitator, Erika Morales provided an overview of the agenda, along with an introduction to the project team.

☞ Agenda Item #1: Task Force Recap

- Co-Facilitator, Amber Hawkes discussed the most recent Task Force Meeting which covered three topics:
 - Metro Capital Projects Update
 - Metro NextGen Update
 - Preliminary Findings from MSPP Survey
- Co-Facilitator, Amber Hawkes then led a roll call while asking each CLC member about the upcoming meeting dates to see which members can likely attend.
 - The next upcoming meeting will be a Special Combined Task Force and CLC Meeting on Monday November 14, in person at South Gate Park Auditorium (4900 Southern Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280). There will be a CLC and Task Force “meet and greet” with dinner from 5-6pm followed by a meeting 6-8pm. In-person attendance is highly

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encouraged, though the meeting will also be available virtually. The meeting will be compensated for CLC (and Task Force) members.

- 13 CLC members can attend; 4 cannot attend; and 3 are unsure

The next possible meeting date is Monday November 21; however, this date has not yet been set.

- 12 CLC members could attend; 4 could not attend; and 2 are unsure

More information will follow about meeting logistics and timing.

☞ Agenda Item #2: Metro Program Updates

- Erika Morales opened this section and introduced two Metro representatives, Joe Forgiarini and Dolores Roybal.
- The goal of this section is to learn about two ongoing efforts underway at Metro, which are separate but related to the *Long Beach – East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan*
- The CLC was asked to consider what they liked and what could be improved about what they hear.
- Joe first presented the NextGen project which looks to improve bus service throughout the County.
 - First real bus restructuring effort in 25 years. The goals are to simplify the network and make sure it is fast, frequent and reliable.
 - Joe described the NextGen lines with improvements that pass through the study area, for example corridors along Vernon Avenue, Slauson Avenue, and Florence Avenue, among several others.
 - He also described the interaction between Metro and the many municipal service providers in the region.
 - Joe provided an overview of improvements that will be introduced to achieve NextGen goals.
- Dolores Roybal then presented on a variety of Metro corridors within and near the I-710 Corridor, including the Eastside Transit Corridor - Phase 2, the LA River Path, the West Santa Ana Branch, and the Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor.
- CLC questions and comments (along with Metro provided answers) regarding the NextGen presentation:
 - Regarding Metro Micro, is that service part of NextGen? *Metro recently launched a Metro Micro ride sharing program with vans which can be reserved for \$1 in eight zones around region. For example, there is a Watts/Compton program, which is not directly part of NextGen but it is a related effort.*
 - Is there a way to publicly advertise the NextGen buses to get more riders interested? Is this part of the budget? *Yes, Metro is doing and will do various types of publicity and advertising. Please see the Metro website for more information.*
 - What is the timeframe for the plan and how adaptable is it? *The plan was approved by the Metro board in October 2020. It was rolled out and initially implemented in 2021. Some items like signal priority/bus priority is still ongoing. Metro will continually review the bus network to make continued improvements.*
 - For the short trips, is there a vision or plan for these trips? How were these trips envisioned, for leisure or business? *Metro identified short term trips for all sorts of users, whether someone is riding transit for leisure, work, or other purposes.*

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- Will the short trips and buses that serve them still follow the same standards as the longer trips, in terms of wait time, etc.? *Yes, the on-time performance requirements and schedule accuracy will be delivered for short term trip services.*
- CLC questions and comments (along with Metro provided answers) regarding the Metro Corridors update:
 - Are there any measures that ensure these projects will not negatively impact the existing communities, for example through displacement? *Yes, we are working with the cities and various community groups. This is an ongoing dialogue and Metro is looking to work with these existing partners to see what methods can be pursued to mitigate impacts and create solutions together. Each project has identified mitigation measures as part of the environmental process, which are a good place to start.*
- After CLC comments, there were two public comments. The first was about air pollution, in particular that the owners of big rig trucks should be required to shift to electric and to use charging stations throughout the corridor to improve air quality and health. The second comment was about the desire for bus shelters and canopies and a question about how many bus stops will be improved with these amenities.

≠ Agenda Item #3: Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), Ad-Hoc Committee Update

- Nancy Pfeffer from the Gateway Cities COG presented the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendations relating to the project.
 - Nancy first presented the background of the COG, when it was founded (1996) and a bit about the 27 member cities, along with the four policy priorities:
 - Transportation
 - Air Quality (including Climate)
 - Housing/Homelessness
 - Economic Development
 - Nancy explained that the Ad-Hoc Committee was formed to represent the interest of the Corridor in this effort and described categories of goals (e.g., process, air quality, health, safety, mobility, economy, community experience and aesthetics)
 - The Committee's recommendations include:
 - Five pages of recommended strategies, projects, programs, and policies
 - Twenty-four individual line items
 - Comprehensive list including:
 - New ideas from Ad Hoc Committee members
 - COG-led Complete Streets Plans for intersecting arterials
 - Previously considered "early action" strategies
 - Metro NextGen transit initiatives (e.g., bus priority corridors)
 - Ongoing Measure R Local Early Action Program
 - Timeline chart lists all elements of recommendation list
 - Interested CLC members can find more information on the COG website.
- CLC comments included:
 - Two CLC members were concerned that Compton was not included as part of the Ad-Hoc Committee, while multiple people on the committee were representing the Long

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Beach/Signal Hill area. Ms. Pfeffer explained that the COG was trying to limit the size of the committee due to quorum requirements and the decision about membership was made by the COG's board. Compton is seriously impacted by the freeway in terms of traffic and other impacts.

- Public comment was held without any speakers, although there was a question in the chat about what was going to be done about removal of bus stops and buses being late.

☒ **Agenda Item #4: Evaluation Criteria for the Multimodal Strategies, Projects, and Programs**

- Amber Hawkes presented interim survey findings relating to the Multimodal Strategies, Projects, and Programs. To date some highlights include:
 - Over 21 CBO events have been completed, over 3,000 stakeholders engaged, and over 1.5 million impressions online and through social media.
 - 755 map comments have been recorded with almost 1,500 survey responses.
 - Most comments so far relate to transit, followed by general comments, then pedestrian improvements and bicycle improvements.
- Amber then introduced the topic of Evaluation Criteria, which is the next phase of the project.
 - Once we have a full list of Projects and Programs, they will undergo evaluation & prioritization in the next phase.
 - Evaluation Criteria are defined as: the benchmark or standard against which the projects and programs will be evaluated to measure relevance, impact, sustainability, effectiveness, and fit. Think in terms of "outcomes" or "desired states".
- Amber provided an overview of what sorts of evaluation criteria could fit within which of the project goals and encouraged the CLC to review the slides and think about the topic as we move forward.
- This topic will be discussed again as we look for CLC feedback.
- The issue of maintenance was brought up by a CLC member as a critical component of evaluation criteria, in particular relating to the maintenance and cleaning of bike lanes.
- Public comment was held.

☒ **Closing Remarks**

- The facilitators then closed the meeting by reporting on Working Group progress (ZET and Equity Working Groups).
- The facilitators described the next Special Combined Task Force/CLC meeting on Monday, November 14, 5-8pm and the potential CLC meeting on Monday, November 21.