



## Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan

### Community Leadership Committee (CLC)

### Meeting #24 Summary

January 18, 2023 | Held Virtually



## Attendees

### Project Team

Michael Cano, Executive Officer, Metro  
Lilian De Loza Gutierrez, Executive Officer, Metro  
KeAndra Cylear Dodds, Executive Officer, Equity and Race, Metro  
Jessica Medina, Manager, Equity and Race, Metro  
Amber Hawkes, Co-Director, HERE  
Shannon Davis, Co-Director, HERE  
Erika Morales, Morales-Partners  
Susan DeSantis, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Laura Herrera, Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Nora Casillas, Deputy Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Eric Davidian, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Leticia Bustamante, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Robert Cáliz, Cal Strategic Management  
Jonathan Overman, Cambridge Systematics  
Dave Levinsohn, AECOM  
Aryeh Cohen, AECOM  
Julia Lester, Ramboll  
Chris Degroof, Northstar Alliances  
Leila Bardales, Northstar Alliances

### CLC Members

	Name	Jurisdiction	In Attendance Jan 18
1	Luis Mesa	Bell	Y
2	Natalie Rubio	Bell Gardens	Y
3	Emmanuel Godinez	Boyle Heights	
4	Langi Meni-Siliga	Carson	Y
5	Alfonso Garate	Commerce	Y
6	Phyllis Ollison	Compton	Y
7	Irma Lopez	Cudahy	Y
8	Miyuki Gomez	East LA	Y
9	Guadalupe Arellano	East LA	Y
10	Kathleen Barajas	East LA	Y
11	Sinetta Farley	East/Rancho Dominguez	Y
12	Jose Rodolfo Vallejo	Huntington Park	Y
13	Dan Wamba	Lakewood	Y
14	Marcos Lopez	Long Beach	Y
15	Maria Reyes	Long Beach	Y
16	Marlene Sanchez	Long Beach	Y
17	Elizabeth Zamarripa	Lynwood	Y
18	Aide Castro	Lynwood	Y
19	Jamila Cervantes	Maywood	

20	Andres Duarte	Montebello	Y
21	Esmeralda Hernandez	South Gate	
22	Viridiana (Viri) Preciado Cervantes	Walnut Park	Y
23	Tiesha Davis	San Pedro	Y
24	Manuel Arellano	Wilmington	Y
25	Dora Douglas	Vernon	Y
26	Kevin Shin	At Large	Y
27	Open	At Large	N/A
28	Open	Bellflower	N/A
29	Open	Downey	N/A
30	Open	Paramount	N/A
31	Open	Signal Hill	N/A

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

This month's Community Leadership Committee Meeting for the *Long Beach – East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan* was held on Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 7:00pm. The meeting aimed to:

- (1) Recap Recent Meetings
- (2) Review Timeline and Upcoming Dates
- (3) Provide an Overview of the Draft CMIP
- (4) Review Draft Key CMIP Recommendations

### **Meeting #24 Summary**

- **Introductions, Welcome, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives**
  - Host Laura Herrera welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed meeting logistics.
  - Co-facilitators Amber Hawkes and Shannon Davis welcomed attendees, reminded everyone of the project team and conducted the CLC roll call. There were 23 CLC members in attendance.
  - Co-facilitators then outlined the agenda for the meeting.
- **Agenda Item #1: Previous Meetings Recap**
  - There was one project meeting since the CLC last met; the Task Force met in December and discussed draft tiering results and funding strategy.
    - Key comments from the Task Force included:
      - Importance of aligning projects with vision, goals, guiding principles.
      - Projects that are recommended for funding should include funding for related projects across various modes.

- Evaluation and Readiness should impact the final scoring and results.
- Community input should be a significant factor in determining the funding strategy.

- **Agenda Item #2: Review Timeline and Upcoming Dates**

- Co-facilitator Shannon reviewed the schedule and next steps, including what is needed and expected from the CLC.
  - We're moving toward finalization of the CMIP in early 2024.
  - We are now at a critical step where the CLC and Task Force will review the draft plan.
  - Shannon then handed the presentation over to Michael Cano from LA Metro.
- Michael Cano from LA Metro mentioned that he is excited to share the Draft CMIP at the end of the month. Michael reminded the CLC about where we have come from, with the beginning of the project in 2021. At that time, there was distrust and concern about the impact of the freeway on corridor communities. At this time, thanks to the hard work of the CLC and Task Force, the technical team is now ready to present a Plan that aligns with the stated goals and project priorities – a true investment in the community.
  - Michael told the CLC that there will be a good amount of content to review (the Draft Plan) and thanked the CLC for their hard work that made this Plan possible.
  - Michael thanked the technical team and Metro staff for putting together a product that we can all be proud of.
- Co-facilitator Shannon then continued with outlining the timeline:
  - She reminded people that we are now: "Creating an Investment & Policy Strategy for Implementation."
  - At today's CLC meeting, we'll discuss the Draft CMIP and its coming release, along with ongoing community-based organization (CBO) engagement. In February, there will be continued discussion about the Draft CMIP by the CLC. On the February 15 meeting, the CLC will have a Test for Consensus and then in the February 22 meeting, we would like to hold a vote.
- Amber reminded the team that this meeting is the first of three to talk about the CMIP and mentioned that the CLC and Task Force feedback from recent meetings will be shared with the Metro Board.
- Amber mentioned that the draft will be publicly released at the end of January, followed by a 30-day comment period, which will end at the end of February. Then the Task Force will vote on the Draft CMIP. Amber also reminded CLC members about the upcoming virtual and in-person community meetings, thanking CLC members for suggesting locations, and asking them to attend and spread the word about the meetings.
- **CLC Questions and Comments**
  - CLC Member Tiesha asked the team to repeat the dates for the community meetings and the team re-shared the dates.
- **Public Comment: No Comments**

- **Agenda Item #3: Overview of the Draft CMIP**

- Co-facilitators reviewed the format of the CMIP. As a reminder, "CMIP" stands for the Corridor Mobility Investment Plan (CMIP), which will be shared at the end of the month.

- The CMIP is a multi-year planning vision document (a living document updated over time) that identifies initial project funding priorities; plans, develops, identifies, and refines projects; identifies, and refines projects; and addresses equity needs to advance the corridors Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles.
- Co-facilitator Amber provided an overview of how the Plan is organized, reminding people that there might be tweaks to what is included in each chapter as the technical team refines it.
- Currently, there are 8 chapters in the CMIP:
  - 1 – Background: Overview of the project, local context, list of stakeholders. People less familiar with the plan should start here.
  - 2 – Progress: Discusses the Project Charter, Task Force, CLC, Public Outreach, and Working Groups.
  - 3 – Existing Conditions & Future Projections: Includes descriptions of the study area, land use, demographics, and mobility context.
  - 4 – Vision, Goals & Guiding Principles: Presents where the Plan came from and how the vision, goals, and guiding principles are applied to the Plan.
  - 5 – Development of Strategies, Projects & Programs: Includes a full list of projects and programs.
  - 6 – Evaluation Process: Outlines the qualitative and quantitative criteria for each principle and describes how the projects and programs are evaluated.
  - 7 – Funding Strategy: Outlines funding details, process, targets, and related details.
  - 8 – Projects & Programs Recommended for Initial Funding: Describes the projects recommended for funding and details about these projects.
- **CLC Questions and Comments**
  - CLC Member Luis asked the approximate number of pages of the CMIP.
    - Facilitator Laura mentioned that the entire document will be over 100 pages.
- **Public Comment: No Comments**
- **Agenda Item #3: Draft Key CMIP Recommendations**
  - Co-facilitator Amber reminded the CLC members about the intensive evaluation and prioritization process that has been completed for the projects and programs on the initial list.
  - We now have a draft list of projects recommended for initial funding through Measure R and Measure M. The Plan also suggests leveraging additional funding to fill the gap between what is needed and what is available.
  - Amber explained a key frame for today’s conversation; the CMIP is organized via three main tranches:
    - 1 – Recommended Initial Projects and Community Programs
    - 2 – Modal Programs
    - 3 – Planning and Technical Assistance for Equity Focus Communities. This third tranche has been included as a direct response to the CLC and Task Force input. It helps to respond to equity needs in the corridor and the expressed concern by stakeholders that not all communities along the corridor have projects ready for implementation.

- Shannon introduced the draft list of projects recommended for Measure R/M funding and reminded people that there will need to be additional funding to fully implement the projects on the list.
- Facilitators also reviewed the criteria used to identify projects on the list (i.e., Tier, Readiness, Mode, Goal Attainment, Feasibility, Support already Existing, Geography).
- Projected costs and funding allocation were presented for each of the projects on the list.
- Co-facilitator Amber showed how the CMIP will present information about each selected project, so that it will be easier for the CLC to review the materials when they receive them.
- Amber reviewed the list of recommended projects in more detail, organized by project category (or mode). The first mode discussed was: Arterial Roadways & Complete Streets.
  - **CLC Comments & Questions on Arterial Roadways & Complete Streets:**
    - CLC Member Phyllis asked why there was “TBD” listed for the full cost of the Compton Creek Underpass project.
      - Technical team member, Dave Levinsohn, mentioned that the project is too early to develop a cost estimate.
    - CLC Member Marcos asked how to ensure that a project moves forward in the way it was promised, i.e. if there is a protected bike lane as a part of the Complete Streets corridor it should not become a sharrow or some sort of less-safe facility.
      - Michael Cano said that LA Metro can provide requirements within the funding agreement that will help to ensure that the project is realized as intended.
    - CLC Member Phyllis asked if “Complete Streets” refer to the whole street.
      - Co-facilitators mentioned that it is the idea that the street is enhanced for all modes, for example walking, biking, taking transit, driving, etc.
    - CLC Member Luis asked where the street segments proposed would end, because some of the corridors extend outside of the study corridor.
    - There was some discussion about the corridors included on the list and how much funding was allocated to each one.
      - Technical team member Jon Overman said that they could take the mileage and make a more specific cost estimate, but that largely these costs are for the entire project.
      - For Long Beach Blvd, for example, the project is in an earlier, more conceptual stage, without specific details currently.
      - CLC Member Phyllis commented that Atlantic and Long Beach corridors are parallel and run through the same cities.
      - Michael Cano mentioned that the initial investment allocated to the Long Beach Blvd corridor is to jumpstart progress for the corridor.
    - CLC Member Phyllis asked if any of the projects or other investment are happening or would need to happen prior to the 2028 Olympics.
      - Michael Cano mentioned that there is a related LA Metro planning effort for the 2028 Olympics underway currently, which includes mobility enhancements, some of which are within the I-710 corridor.

- Co-facilitator Shannon then moved on to the Freeway Interchanges & Safety Improvements category.
  - **CLC Comments and Questions on Freeway Interchanges & Safety Improvements**
    - Michael Cano mentioned that this is an example of the point he made at the start of the meeting. Projects included in this category reflect community desires, focusing on safety and livability, rather than freeway widening. The Particulate Matter Reduction Pilot Project, for example, is focused on bringing in the best partners and best approach to address a key environmental problem that affects the corridor acutely, given the presence of many trucks on the freeway.
    - A CLC comment in the chat mentioned that East LA is an example of a community that has been torn apart by freeways.
    - Michael Cano mentioned that yes, this is true. There are other projects including a grant submittal in with USDOT to look at all freeway crossings in the area.
    - CLC Member Marcos mentioned that almost all the bridges that cross the river also connect to the highway. This is a safety issue, especially for pedestrians and cyclists.
    - A comment in the chat said that it is critical to look at school data indicating increased levels of health issues in East LA.
- Co-facilitator Shannon then moved on to the next category, Goods Movement.
  - Michael Cano mentioned that this category is about moving goods but doing it in a safer and cleaner way. This category reflects the CLC's emphasis on "Zero Emissions."
- Co-facilitator Amber then moved on to the final category, Transit.
  - This category includes Bus Stop Improvements, Bus Priority Lane Corridors, and more.
- Co-facilitators reminded the CLC that so far, we have only been discussing the first tranche, Initial Projects, and will now move on to Community Programs, within that first tranche. Key information presented about Community Programs includes the following:
  - There are four different pathways for moving community programs forward, including:
    1. Collaboration to develop new strategy/program.
    2. Supporting it as a part of an external agency program.
    3. Supporting it as a part of an existing Metro program.
    4. Supporting it as a part of LB-ELA Corridor Plan implementation.
  - Community Programs would be advanced in the following manner:
    - Sorted – Programs will be sorted to see which agencies would be most appropriate to lead them.
    - Evaluated – Metro will evaluate relevant community programs to better understand which ones Metro already leads.
    - Collaboration - Metro will collaborate and partner to identify funding sources, implementation pathways, and appropriate sponsors.
    - Funded – Some of the programs that are transportation related will be funded through an initial investment, up to \$40M.
  - Facilitators then moved on to the second tranche of key CMIP content: Modal Programs.

- After the initial investment has been allocated, remaining projects and programs are organized into “Modal Programs.”
- There are five types of projects/programs that are put into Modal Programs, including:
  1. Near-term Tier 1 projects that were not selected for initial funding.
  2. Longer-term Tier 1 projects that require additional time and effort to develop them.
  3. Tier 2 projects that need additional development and refinement to become more aligned with project goals.
  4. Equity-focused planning to identify equity-related gaps and provide technical assistance for communities who need it the most.
  5. Pilot programs, strategic initiatives, and planning studies that advance project goals and principles.
- The Modal Programs provide the following benefits:
  - Supporting the delivery of investments in the corridor.
  - Recommending investments in projects/programs that are in line with Task Force and CLC vision.
  - Fostering goals related to air quality, community, and health.
- The third and final category of key CMIP content is Technical Assistance. This was added to the CMIP because the CLC and Task Force specifically brought up the concept.
  - Communities should not be left behind because they do not have projects ready to be implemented or because they do not have the know-how or capacity to seek funds and carry out beneficial projects. This includes working with Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) and local jurisdictions to ensure their needs are fully incorporated in planning studies and future work, conducted in the Corridor.
- **CLC Questions and Comments**
  - CLC Member Marlene asked about West Long Beach projects that can be included for funding in the CMIP, noting that there is a lack of projects in the current list, within West Long Beach.
    - Co-facilitators responded that the technical team would investigate this question and get back to the CLC. An online Dashboard that maps all the projects will also soon be released, so that the CLC can see where projects included in the CMIP are located geographically.
- Co-facilitator Shannon then explained the Funding Strategy included in the CMIP. This section of the CMIP includes:
  - Considerations and criteria to allocate Measure M and Measure R funds to the identified projects and programs.
  - Assessment of how these funds can be leveraged to maximize State and Federal funding.
  - Overview of relevant State and Federal funding programs.
- Co-facilitator Amber outlined the Measure M/R funding available for the CMIP and presented a summary of dollars allocated to each category of improvements included in the Plan.
- **Public Comment: No Comments**

- **Closing Remarks**

- *Co-facilitators Amber and Shannon closed out the meeting by reminding attendees about the two upcoming CLC meetings dates as well as key dates for reviewing the CMIP. An online survey has been sent out, where CLC (and Task Force) members can also provide feedback on the CMIP, in addition to the two upcoming CLC meetings in February.*
- *The facilitators thanked CLC members for their continued participation.*