



**I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT**

**Community Leadership Committee Meetings #5 & #5.5  
Summary**

July 18 and 21, 2022



710 South Community Leadership Committee #4 Summary

**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 DeLoza Guitierrez, Community Relations Director, Metro**  
**Erika Morales, Partner, Morales Partners**  
**Amber Hawkes, Co-Director, Here LA**  
**Susan DeSantis, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates**  
**Laura Herrera, Deputy Project Manager, Arellano Associates**  
**Samantha Sosa, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates**  
**Thomas Grogan, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates**  
**Adrian Farran, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates**  
**Eric Davidian, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates**  
**Robert Cálix, Cal Strategic Management**  
**Dave Levinson, AECOM**  
**Julie Rush, AECOM**

**CLC Members**

	7/18/22	7/21/22
Leticia Rodriguez		
Natalie Diaz Rubio	Y	Y
Emmanuel Godinez		
Fa'alagilagi Meni-Siliga	Y	Y
Alfonso Garate	Y	Y
Phyllis Ollison	Y	Y
Martha Fierro		Y
Amelia Carballo		
Kathleen Barajas	Y	Y
Miyuki Gomez		
Guadalupe Arellano	Y	
Jose Rodolfo Vallejo	Y	Y
Dan Wamba	Y	Y
Marcos Lopez	Y	Y
Maria Reyes	Y	Y
Marlene Sanchez	Y	Y
Elizabeth Zamarripa	Y	Y
Ivan Rojas		
Jamila Cervantes	Y	Y

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Amber Bobadilla	Y	Y
Kevin Shin	Y	Y
Esmeralda Hernandez		Y
Viridiana Preciado Cervantes	Y	
Tiesha Davis	Y	Y
Manuel Arellano		
Sinetta Farley	Y	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 Meetings #5 and #5.5 were held on Monday, July 18, 2022 and Thursday, July 21, 2022, respectively. The intent of these meetings was to: (1) hear about the recent Task Force decisions on the Vision and Goals and other Task Force decisions; 2) provide CLC insights about two remaining Goals, which the Task Force asked the CLC to revisit; (3) discuss projects submitted for consideration for the Pre-Investment Plan Opportunity; and 4) learn about the project's next phase. Both meetings are covered in this summary, since Thursday was an extension of Monday's meeting.

#### **Meeting Summary – Meeting #5**

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

- Erika Morales provided an overview of the agenda after a member roll call and welcomed two new CLC members, Dan Wamba and Amber Bobadilla from the cities of Lakewood and Paramount, respectively.

- **Agenda Item #1: Task Force Recap & Discussion about the Goals**

- Michael Cano described that the Task Force approved a project Vision Statement. It is mostly what the CLC approved, with a slight adjustment. The approved Vision Statement is:
  - *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, communities, and users in the corridor.*
- Michael then explained that most of the Goals, except for two, were approved by the Task Force. The approved Goals related to Air Quality, Mobility, Community, and the Environment. The Task Force requested that the CLC take another look at the Safety and Economy goals. The Task Force would like the Safety goal to be more specific because they felt it was too broad. The Task Force asked the CLC to consider the Economy Goal to make sure that it centered benefits to local communities, while still also referencing the regional economy.

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- Erika then guided the CLC through a conversation about the Safety and Economy goals. The two goals read:
  - *Safety: Make all modes of travel safer*
  - *Economy: Foster community access to quality jobs, workforce development, and economic opportunities*
- CLC comments about the Goals are summarized below (if more than two people said the same thing, the number of people is included after the comment, in parentheses):
  - **General Comments**
    - If this is written for a community audience, these goals might not be clear. For example, “all modes” might need to be qualified or to provide examples in parentheses. (2)
    - Multiple goals help to explain and expand on the Vision.
    - Words with commitment are critical.
  - **Safety Goal**
    - Provide examples about what safety for the community means.
    - Metro and transit safety is key (e.g. security) (2)
    - Safety for people riding their bikes (e.g. protection from vehicles)
    - Safety walking and biking across the I-710.
    - Lighting is critical for safety.
    - Should add “safety of 710 communities.”
    - Safer implies improvement; what do those proposed improvements look like?
    - What about adding the phrase “investing in all modes of travel”? Investing indicates that you are putting thought into making travel safer for everyone.
  - **Economy Goal**
    - Reference the community’s youth.
    - Don’t use the word “foster”. (2) Use the word “invest” instead. (3) We need a strong word.
    - Use the words “accessible” or “attainable”.
    - Make it easier for me to continue living in place. Aging-in-Place.
    - Let’s keep this goal focused on the community (Add a regional economic goal rather than changing this goal) (3)
    - I am good with the goal as written.
  - **General questions answered during the conversation**
    - What does “all modes” mean?
    - If another regional economic goal is added, would the goals still be given equal importance?
    - What audience are the goals written for?
- KeAndra Cylear Dodds gave an update on the next steps. The Task force is going to hear the CLC’s feedback and consider how to finalize the two remaining goals.
- Public comment was then held after the CLC discussion.

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- Before diving into Agenda Item #2, KeAndra, Michael Cano, and Ernesto Chavez from LA Metro, provided a general check in.
  - The Metro team recognized the time that CLC members have taken as active members. KeAndra explained that Metro recently received an email from a Task Force member, who said the email was written on behalf of some CLC members.
  - The first comment was a request for clarification about the process and decision-making structure / roles of the CLC and the Task Force. KeAndra reminded those in attendance that the CLC, as per the Charter, is an Advisory Body for the Task Force. The CLC can participate in Working Groups. The CLC provides recommendations to the Task Force. Even if the Task Force's decision is different than what the CLC wanted, CLC comments also go to the Metro Board for consideration.
  - The second comment brought up was about voting. KeAndra clarified that to abstain means to not have your vote count in the total. KeAndra asked how the CLC wants to treat voting by text or email. In the last meeting a CLC member had technical difficulties and voted remotely. KeAndra asked the CLC if there were concerns about this or thoughts.
  - The final main comment was about the speed of the meetings (i.e. they move too quickly, that meetings should be offered in a hybrid format, meaning remote and in person, and that there are too many meetings and materials to review). KeAndra asked the CLC how they feel it is going, described that we have been doing check-in calls, info sessions, and providing homework.
  - CLC members then discussed the decision-making, rules/voting, meetings and ideas brought up by the Task Force member in the email to Metro. CLC comments are summarized below:
    - It is a good idea to have two meetings. We make progress, which makes sense, and it is flowing well. Two meetings help keep the topics fresh in our minds.
    - Do you get compensated for both meetings? (Yes.)
    - Hybrid meetings are a good idea, but you must consider if people don't want to show up or cannot.
    - The homework has worked well.
    - I am a student, and this is a lot to balance. I would rather have only one meeting a month. I've already planned my schedule and it's hard to balance more.
    - Please send reminders about the homework.
    - Please clarify *in writing* what quorum is, what the voting options are, etc.
    - How do the check-in calls work? The calls occur in between meetings at key milestones.
    - From a newer member: I understand that we are an advisory body to the Task Force, however we are the community members directly impacted and it doesn't sit well that what we say is merely a suggestion, not a decision.
    - When we are voting, please repeat what we are voting on using limited terminology, so people do not get confused. (3)
    - We were not clear about what abstentions meant (2).

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- It is not fair for people to vote through message/email, since we cannot witness that.
- The relationship between the CLC and the Task Force might need to be clearer. If this is an equitable process, then offering the Task Force the last word on decisions is not necessarily reflective of the will of this committee.
- I did not think that the CLC had the final say. We give our input to the Task Force. It's weighed heavily, but the ultimate decision must be with Metro. Perhaps in the beginning this should have been emphasized. I was not surprised and it makes sense that the Task Force made minor changes to our wording. (2)

### ● Agenda Item #2: Pre-Investment Plan Opportunity

- Michael Cano described the Pre-Investment Plan Opportunity. This is separate from the Investment Plan. These are separate, existing projects that are currently seeking funding from established sources.
- The Metro Board asked the Task Force to come back in September with a list of projects (a minimum of 3) that are community supported. This will go to the Task Force in August.
- Metro can do things like provide letters of support, help with advocacy, etc., for projects that are community desired.
- Metro put out a request to Task Force members and agencies, CLC, members of other committees and working groups, and other partners to see what programs are being nominated for funding opportunities in this calendar year. The projects have to be located in the corridor (within the study area) and they have to be already applying for grant funding for the 2022 cycle (e.g., from local cities).
- CLC discussion was then opened about the projects that were submitted. Erika mentioned that we will cover some of the projects on Monday and some on Thursday. She read details about the projects and then took a pulse to see how CLC members feel these projects align with the project's vision and goals. **The numbers of CLC members who think each project aligns with the project's Vision and Goals are in bold after each project.**
  - Atlantic Ave Corridor Improvements **Project: 12**
  - Slauson Corridor & Citywide Pedestrian, Bike, Transit Improvements: **12**
  - Citywide Complete Streets Improvement Project & Atlantic Ave Improvements: **11**
  - Randolph Street Bike and Facilities Improvement Project: **10**
  - Lakewood Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project: **9**
  - Shoreline Drive Re-Alignment (Shoemaker Bridge Replacement Project): **6**

Commented [HM1]: I would recommend using a colon before the number as this initially made it look like -12 (negative 12). Might just be me, though.

### Meeting Summary – Meeting #5.5

- **Introductions, Welcome, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives**
  - Erika Morales provided an overview of the agenda and after a member roll call.

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### ● Agenda Item #1: Pre-Investment Plan Opportunity

- Erika Morales provided a refresher about the Opportunity, covering the same talking points as those discussed in Meeting #5. Please see those talking points under Agenda Item #2, for Meeting #5.
- CLC discussion was then opened about the projects that were submitted, beginning with project #7, picking up where we left off from Monday's meeting (where participation went down). **The numbers of CLC members who think each project aligns with the project's Vision and Goals are in bold after each project.**
  - Zero Emissions Truck Program: **12**
  - Gage Avenue Corridor Improvement Project: **11**
  - Atlantic Complete Street Corridor: **11**
  - Florence Complete Street Corridor: **11**
  - Community Health Benefit Program: **11**
  - Long Beach Transit (LBT) Solar Charging Electrification Project: **10**
  - Southeast LA Transit Signal Priority: **6**
  - Garfield Ave Complete Streets: **6**
  - Medium/Heavy Duty ZEV Infrastructure Blueprint (Drayage Truck Charging Depots on the I-710 Corridor): **5**
  - Goods-Movement Resiliency & Enhanced Energy Now (GREEN) Project: **5**
  - National Highway Freight Network Improvement Program - State Route 47-Seaside Avenue & Navy Way Interchange Improvement Project: **4**
  - Port of Los Angeles National Multimodal Freight Network Improvement Program: Rail System Improvement Projects: **3**
  - POLA Supply Chain Safety, Sustainability, and Efficiency Program: **3**
  - Garfield Avenue Capacity Enhancement Project: **2**
  - Port of Los Angeles National Multimodal Freight Network (NMFN) Improvement Program: Maritime Support Facility Access/Terminal Island Rail System Grade Separation: **1**
- Additional CLC Comments:
  - A CLC member noted that we should invest in zero emissions trucks and zero emissions charging stations for trucks on Port of LA property.
  - We would like to know the cost for the projects.
  - If we have a lot of new trucks (even if they are zero emissions), what will it do to traffic flow? They can go onto streets and impact the community. Where do they park, etc. Where would charging infrastructure be?
  - Charging stations need to be limited to trucks doing business in the area.
  - Overall, we want Zero Emissions, safe and complete streets. These are the types of projects that are community supported.
- After the discussion, Erika presented the next steps.
  - The recommendations will be presented to the Task Force, who will in turn provide recommendations to the Metro Board of Directors.

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- Public comments were held.
- **Agenda Item #2: Multimodal Strategies, Projects, & Programs**
  - Erika introduced the next phase of the project, describing the goals. She redefined “multimodal” and then gave an example of a strategy, project, and program. In next month’s meeting, we will be discussing possible strategies, projects, and programs.
  - Public comments were held.
- **Closing Remarks**
  - Erika then closed the meeting by describing recent and upcoming meetings. She also described the CLC’s four open seats. A CLC member suggested opening next month’s meeting by talking about the open seats, so the CLC can decide how they’d like to proceed.
  - Upcoming CLC meeting:
    - CLC Meeting #6: 8/18/22- 5-7pm