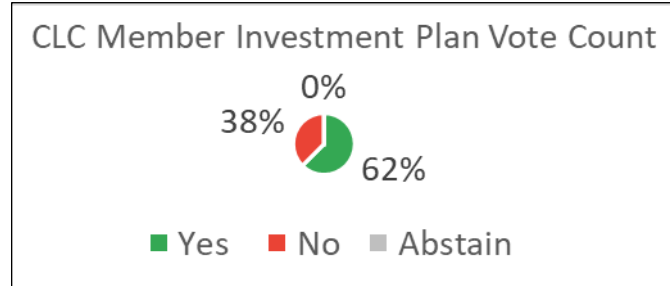


**Community Leadership Committee (CLC) Meeting #27
April 4, 2024**

CLC Motion- I support the adoption of the Investment Plan and its recommendations.

Final Vote Count- 15 **Yes (62%)**, 9 **No (38%)**, 0 Abstain (0%) = **24 Total**



CLC Member Vote and Statements

Luis Mesa, Bell- **Yes**

- I support the plan as presented. We will never have a perfect plan but it will be better after it is implemented.

Natalie Rubio, Bell Gardens- **Yes**

- *No statement*

Emmanuel Godinez, Boyle Heights- **Yes**

- *No statement*

Fa'alagilagi Meni-Siliga, Carson- **Yes**

- I know here in the City of Carson, the city will be taking comments from the residents on the funding and we are excited to hear from the residents on the projects being implemented in our city.

Alfonso Garate, Commerce- **Yes**

- *No statement*

Phyllis Ollison, Compton- **Yes**

- I am excited about the health and landscape changes that will occur in the communities along the Long Beach - East LA corridor and the employment opportunities that will result.

Irma Lopez, Cudahy- **No**

- We don't have a clarity regarding the public health statement in the corridor. It needs to be more clear in the Plan.

Guadalupe Arellano, East Los Angeles- **No**

- I think there is a lot of pending information that would help provide more information. There is a lack of transparency.

Kathleen Barajas, East Los Angeles- **Yes**

- I feel that the Plan addresses many of the needs of the communities it covers, and takes into account some specific needs of the disability community which I represent, which also benefits pedestrians and bicycle users.

Miyuki Gomez, East Los Angeles- **Yes**

- Data collection is critical for projects in the Plan and there needs to be a plan for how data will be collected and how everything will be implemented.

Sinetta Farley, East/Rancho Dominguez- **Yes**

- My major concern is that many times we as community people have been involved in processes and then we don't see the fruit of our labor. I hope that doesn't happen this time.

Jose Rodolfo Vallejo, Huntington Park- **No**

- The members of the CLC get confused about the voting language. The recommendations are going to be a proposal to the Metro Board, but I want to make sure they are implemented.

Dan Wamba, Lakewood- **Yes**

- I see a solid plan that is presented by Metro that honors our vision, goals and guiding principles to coherently prioritize and integrate many parameters present in the nature of these projects - well done.

Marcos Lopez, Long Beach- **Yes**

- I echo the others' concerns. I support the Investment Plan, but things change and I want to support my colleagues.
- I'm going to change my vote to a yes - but I want the concerns of the NO's to be uplifted and presented to the Task Force and Metro Board.

Maria Reyes, Long Beach- **No**

- I still have a lot of concerns. I know a lot of work has taken place with the Committee, however, I still have some concerns. When we mention the word "health", I would expect that one of these projects would be able to help towards health. My vote is no because I don't feel comfortable. We should be meeting in person and I want to be sure and be well informed in order to properly support this recommendation. I know a vote would help to continue projects and programs forward, but I don't want it to sound in the future that this is just a recommendation as opposed to a vote for actual implementation. My dream is for an impactful change regarding health, since it's such a critical issue.

Marlene Sanchez, Long Beach- **Yes**

- I support the adoption of the Investment Plan, I trust the people working on this plan.

Elizabeth Zamarripa, Lynwood- **No**

- I appreciate the work that we have all put into this plan and I appreciate that the current plan considers air quality. However, at this point, it seems to me that while much of the language and methods/plans focused on "improving" air quality and acknowledge harm that has already been done, they do not really focus on restorative efforts. In addition to these types of restorative plans, I would like to see a written commitment to protect our communities from future projects that put their health at jeopardy. The Plan looks good, however, I want a stronger emphasis placed on resident health and safety, as we will be most impacted.

Aide Castro, Lynwood- **Yes**

- Although I echo the concerns on public health, I understand that we can go back and forth on this for years. I trust the people working on this plan and I like the fact that we will be looking into the VMT impacts. Hopefully we can move forward with the understanding that Metro has the responsibility to create the transportation needed to make for a better corridor.

Jamila Cervantes, Maywood- **No**

- While I am extremely thankful for the truly incredible and meaningful work that all stakeholders have done, especially in conceptualizing greater access to public transit, I cannot in good conscious provide a "yes," knowing that some of these projects still do not include strong language against displacement and carceral surveillance.

Andres Duarte, Montebello

- *Absent*

Esmeralda Hernandez, South Gate- **No**

- I stand with my people who live in these communities and struggle with these things. I feel like I still have concerns regarding green space, and making sure our community has fresh air to

breathe. There are a lot of concerns still. We see how it's going to benefit the industrial users and the economy, but we aren't seeing how it will benefit the community itself.

Dora Douglas, Vernon- **Yes**

- I feel that all of these projects will benefit the communities along the Corridor.

Viridiana Preciado Cervantes, Walnut Park- **No**

- There are a lot of concerns we want to voice and have voiced since the beginning. I understand that Metro has done their best to hear our concerns. We see it as a we are working together as a team, which we appreciate. Even as our thoughts and opinions are being implemented, I understand that everyone isn't going to be content. There are still going to be a lot of concerns like health, green spaces, safety, and identifying which projects will be implemented in which communities.

Tiesha Davis, San Pedro- **No**

- I believe everyone worked hard over the last few years and beyond to get this far. We're one step closer.

Manuel Arellano, Wilmington

- *Absent*

Kevin Shin, At-Large (Signal Hill)- **Yes**

- While no plan will be perfect or meet everyone's needs, these decisions will not only effect us, but people who come after us. Much more work will need to be done and this will build a foundation for future improvements that will need to be done.

Key CLC Statement Themes

- **Support for the Plan:** Several CLC members expressed support for the investment plan, acknowledging that while it may not be perfect, it represents progress and improvement for the communities involved.
- **Community Engagement and Feedback:** There was an emphasis on the importance of gathering feedback from residents and involving the community in decision-making processes regarding funding and project implementation.
- **Health and Environmental Concerns:** Concerns about public health, access to green spaces, improved air quality, and overall community well-being were a common thread amongst CLC members. A need for clearer plans and commitments to address these issues was emphasized.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** Some CLC members expressed concerns about transparency in the decision-making process and the need for clearer communication about how the plan will benefit communities and address their needs.
- **Inclusivity and Representation:** CLC members highlighted the importance of including diverse perspectives, such as those representing the disability community, and ensuring that the Investment Plan benefits all members of the community.
- **Continued Collaboration and Improvement:** There was a recognition amongst CLC members that ongoing work and improvements will be necessary, and that concerns raised by dissenting voices should be addressed and incorporated into future iterations of the plan.
- **Commitment to Community Impact:** A desire for the plan to prioritize the needs and well-being of the communities affected by the projects, rather than solely focusing on economic or industrial benefits was expressed and echoed by multiple CLC members.
- **Acknowledgment of Complexity and Imperfection:** CLC members voiced a desired commitment to continually working towards improvement and addressing community concerns.