



**I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT**

**Community Leadership Committee Meeting #1**

March 31, 2022



## *Metro 710 Task Force – Community Leadership Committee Meeting #1 Summary*

### **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  
Laura Herrera, Deputy Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Julie Nieto, Senior Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Samantha Sosa, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates

### **ATTENDEES: CLC MEMBERS**

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

### **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 advise the Task Force, coordinate with other Task Force bodies, and help move the project forward.

The Community Leadership Committee Meeting #1 was held on Thursday, March 31, 2022. The intent of this meeting was to (1) Introduce CLC members & leaders to each other, (2) Review schedule, background, CLC Role, Vision & Goals, and decision-making, (3) Provide input on CLC open seats and membership targets, (4) Nominate and identify Coordination Committee representatives, and (5) Discuss the Vision & Goals for the project.

## **710 CLC #1 Virtual Meeting**

### **1. Introductions, Welcome, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives**

- Shannon Davis opened the meeting and turned it over to Arellano Associates to describe meeting logistics (interpretation and hand raising, etc.)
- Shannon Davis provided a schedule overview and described the three different discussion items.
- KeAndra Cylear Dodds introduced CLC project team leadership at LA Metro and other LA Metro team members introduced themselves.

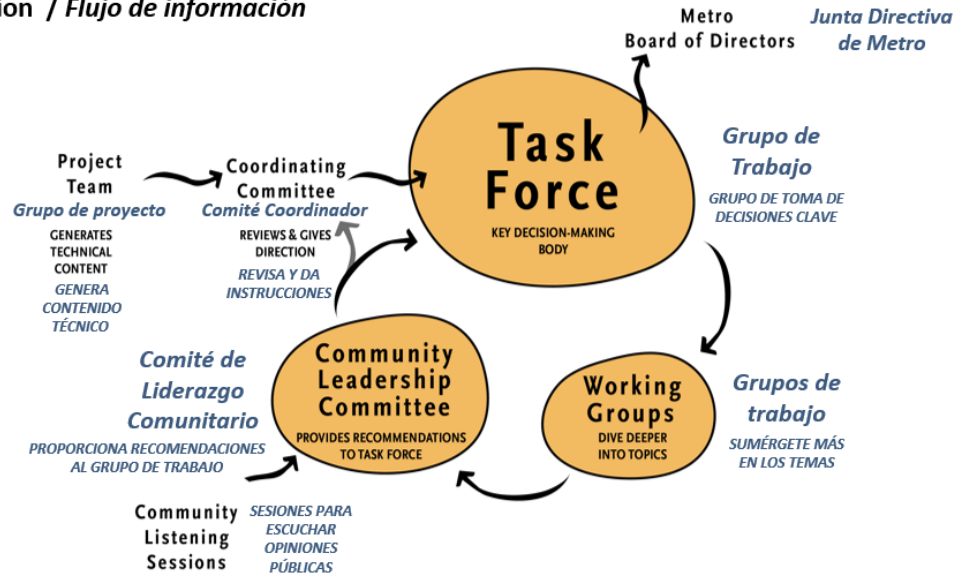
### **2. Agenda Item #1: Orientation and Background**

- Amber Hawkes conducted a roll call of CLC Members.
- Shannon Davis described the CLC selection process. The project team received nearly 400 applications. The 710 Task Force and Community Engagement Strategy Working Group came up with a series of criteria to select CLC members. These criteria included:
  - Point system criteria
    - Lives in the study area
    - Works in the corridor
    - Engaged community member (1 PT)
    - Lives in a highly impacted area (1 PT)
    - Lives in two or more highly impacted areas (2 PT)
    - BIPOC ( 1 PT)
    - Primary language is non-English (1 PT)
    - Under the age of 25 (1 PT)
    - Over the age of 64 (1 PT)
- Amber Hawkes described the steps for determining the number of seats on the CLC leadership. More highly impacted jurisdictions have more representation. From the highest top three impacted jurisdictions, two additional members were selected and from the next highest jurisdiction, one additional member was be selected. For jurisdictions that are not as highly impacted, the one top highest scoring applicant was selected (pending availability of applicants).
- Amber Hawkes described the membership demographics. This can be found in **Appendix A.**
- Amber Hawkes led a CLC member introduction ice breaker.

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- Ernesto Chaves provided project background information:
  - History, timeline, study area
  - What we’re working toward and what we’ve heard. This information can be found in **Appendix B**.
- Shannon Davis described the flow of information between the task force and other groups, as well as the role of CLC members. These are shown in the following graphics:

### Flow of Information / Flujo de información



#### CLC Members

- > Share your expertise, ideas and bring an open mind
- > Review & comment on materials presented
- > Collaborate, ensure constructive engagement, & build consensus
- > Commit to attendance every month
- > Provide recommendations & action items for the Task Force

#### Miembros de CLC

- > Comparta su experiencia, ideas y traiga una mente abierta
- > Revisar y comentar sobre los materiales presentados
- > Colabore, garantice un compromiso constructivo y genere consenso
- > Comprometerse a la asistencia todos los meses
- > Proporcionar recomendaciones y elementos de acción para el grupo de trabajo



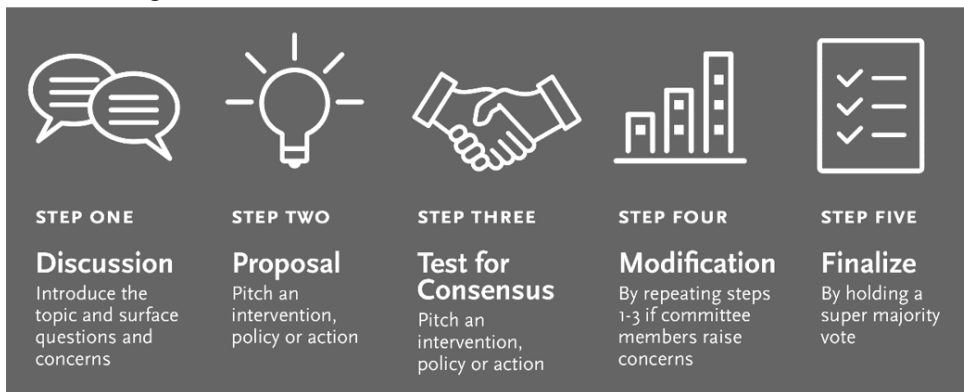
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<p><b>Metro, Caltrans, &amp; Consulting Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Develop agendas and presentations</li> <li>&gt; Facilitate conversations</li> <li>&gt; Prepare summary materials</li> <li>&gt; Develop materials for draft &amp; final Metro Board report</li> </ul>	<p><b>Metro, Caltrans, &amp; Consulting Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <i>Desarrollar agendas y presentaciones</i></li> <li>&gt; <i>Facilitar conversaciones</i></li> <li>&gt; <i>Preparar materiales de resumen</i></li> <li>&gt; <i>Desarrollar materiales para el borrador y el informe final de la Junta de Metro</i></li> </ul>
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- Amber Hawkes described the decision-making process. Before each official vote, the group will ‘test for consensus’ with the goal of hearing all sides of a topic and reaching consensus. A super majority is needed for a vote to pass. This is shown in the following graphics:

**Decision Making**



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- > To be able to hold a CLC meeting, we need to have 50% + 1 of CLC members in attendance. Please RSVP in advance of the meeting.
- > Some meetings will include a CLC vote.
- > We will do a roll call to receive your vote (yes/no/abstain).
- > A motion passes with at least 60% votes in agreement.
- > Voting is important to unify our vote to the Task Force.
- > Passed motions will be presented to the Task Force at their next meeting.

**Toma de decisiones**

- > *Para poder realizar una reunión de CLC, necesitamos que asista el 50% + 1 de los miembros de CLC. Por favor confirme su asistencia antes de la reunión.*
- > *Algunas reuniones incluirán un voto del CLC.*
- > *Haremos una lista verbal para recibir su voto (sí/no/abstención).*
- > *Una moción se aprueba con al menos 60% de votos de acuerdo.*
- > *Votar es importante para unificar nuestro voto al Grupo de Trabajo.*
- > *Las mociones aprobadas se presentarán al Grupo de Trabajo en su próxima reunión.*

- Shannon Davis discussed member logistics. If you need to miss a meeting, please let us know beforehand. Please review materials emailed to you (materials will be sent 1 week before the meeting) and provide feedback by the date of the missed meeting so that we may share it with the rest of the CLC. It is important that each member is responsible for reviewing information and staying up to date.
- Shannon Davis discussed compensation. Compensation is \$200 per CLC meeting. Compensation is \$50 per Working Group and Coordinating Committee meeting. Members will not be compensated for missed meetings. All members must complete a compensation agreement to accept, waive, or acknowledge ineligibility to receive compensation. The team will be providing a compensation agreement next week.

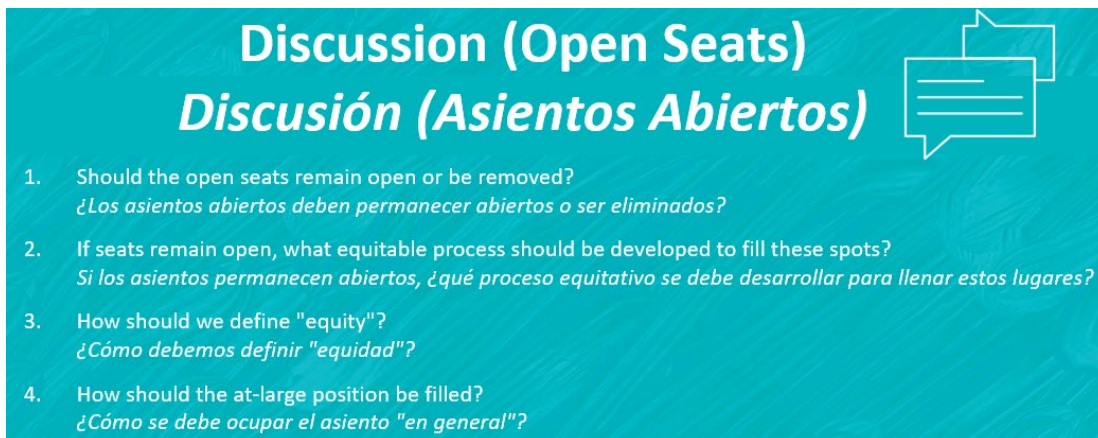
### Pause for Question-and-Answer period

### 3. Agenda Item #2: Discussion

- Amber Hawkes described three discussion topics for the evening:
  - **Membership for the open seats and at-large seat**
  - **Nominating Coordinating Committee members**
  - **Vision and Goals for the project**

### Membership for the open seats and At-large seat

- Amber Hawkes discussed details about the open seats and at-large seat. The 5 open seats are from Bellflower, Lakewood, Montebello, and Vernon (and At-large). There is one pending application for an open seat at East/Rancho Dominguez that will be brought to the Task Force in April for approval. One of CLC's tasks is to decide how to fill the at-large seat and come up with an equitable strategy to fill the open seats.
- Discussion topics for CLC members regarding the open seats were included in the following graphic:



**Discussion (Open Seats)**  
**Discusión (Asientos Abiertos)**

1. Should the open seats remain open or be removed?  
*¿Los asientos abiertos deben permanecer abiertos o ser eliminados?*
2. If seats remain open, what equitable process should be developed to fill these spots?  
*Si los asientos permanecen abiertos, ¿qué proceso equitativo se debe desarrollar para llenar estos lugares?*
3. How should we define "equity"?  
*¿Cómo debemos definir "equidad"?*
4. How should the at-large position be filled?  
*¿Cómo se debe ocupar el asiento "en general"?*

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- Member responses can be found in **Appendix C**. Most of the CLC members who spoke expressed that the seats should remain open for representatives from those identified jurisdictions, rather than being reallocated to other jurisdictions or by using another CLC application process that is different than what the current CLC went through.

### Nominating Coordinating Committee Members.

- Shannon Davis began the discussion about the Coordinating Committee and described Coordinating Committee roles and expectations. The Coordinating Committee supports the Task Force, helps define Task Force agendas, and sets the tone for the various groups and Committees. Details about the Coordinating Committee are in the graphic below:

#### Purpose

- > The purpose of the Coordinating Committee (CC) is to work with Metro and Caltrans staff to plan Task Force meetings and to support the work of the CLC, working groups, and other Task Force activities.

#### Composition/Compensation

- > The CC will be comprised of five members, including **two members from the CLC** and three members from the Task Force.

#### Leadership

- > Metro/Caltrans will facilitate the CC Meetings.

#### Time Commitment

- > CC will meet one week following each Task Force meeting.
- > Materials review and response is required.

#### Propósito

- > *El propósito del Comité Coordinador (CC) es trabajar con el personal de Metro y Caltrans para planificar las reuniones del Grupo de trabajo y apoyar el trabajo del CLC, los grupos de trabajo y otras actividades del Grupo de trabajo.*

#### Composición/Compensación

- > *El CC estará compuesto por cinco miembros, incluidos **dos miembros del CLC** y tres miembros del Grupo de Trabajo.*

#### Liderazgo

- > *Metro/Caltrans facilitará las reuniones de CC.*

#### Compromiso de tiempo

- > *CC se reunirá una semana después de cada reunión del Grupo de Trabajo.*
- > *Se requiere revisión de materiales y respuesta.*

- Shannon Davis asked who would be interested in serving on the Coordinating Committee and how the Coordinating Committee members should be selected. Discussion topics covered are included in the graphic below:



## Discussion (Coordinating Committee)/ *Discusión (Comité Coordinador)*

1. Taking the pulse: are you interested in serving on the CC?  
*¿Está interesado en servir en el CC?*
2. If more than two people are interested, how should CC members be selected?  
*Si más de dos personas están interesadas, ¿cómo se deben seleccionar los miembros de CC?*

- - Tiesha Davis stated that she is interested in serving on the Coordinating Committee. She thinks there should be a yes or no vote that we should tally up and decide.
  - Viri Preciado Cervantes stated that she is also interested in serving on the Coordinating Committee.
- Guadalupe Arellano motions for Tiesha Davis and Viri Preciado Cervantes to be Coordinating Committee members. Kevin Shin seconded this motion.

A vote was taken to confirm Tiesha Davis and Viri Preciado Cervantes as Coordinating Committee Members. The vote tally is shown in **Appendix D**. The vote passed with 16 “Yes” votes and 0 “No” votes or abstentions.

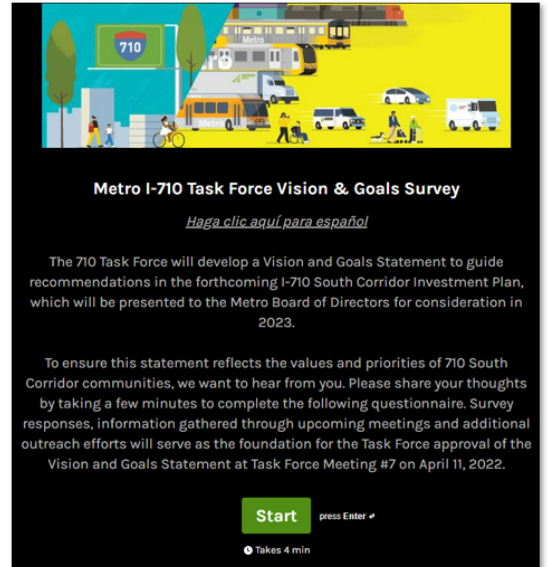
- Tiesha Davis and Viri Preciado Cervantes are confirmed as Coordinating Committee members by a unanimous vote. Metro representatives will follow up with the CC members.

### **Vision and Goals for the project**

- Amber Hawkes reminded CLC members where we are in the project process. She then gave the definition for vision and goals. A vision is an image of how you see the future. A goal is an action-oriented strategy that produces results.
- Amber Hawkes mentioned the Vision and Goals survey that was distributed. Around 3,000+ stakeholders received the survey via email that was administered Feb 22 - Mar 30. We received 436 responses as of March 30.
- Amber Hawkes discussed the survey questions which are shown in the following graphic:

## Vision and Goals Survey Questions/ Preguntas de la Encuesta de Visión y Objetivos

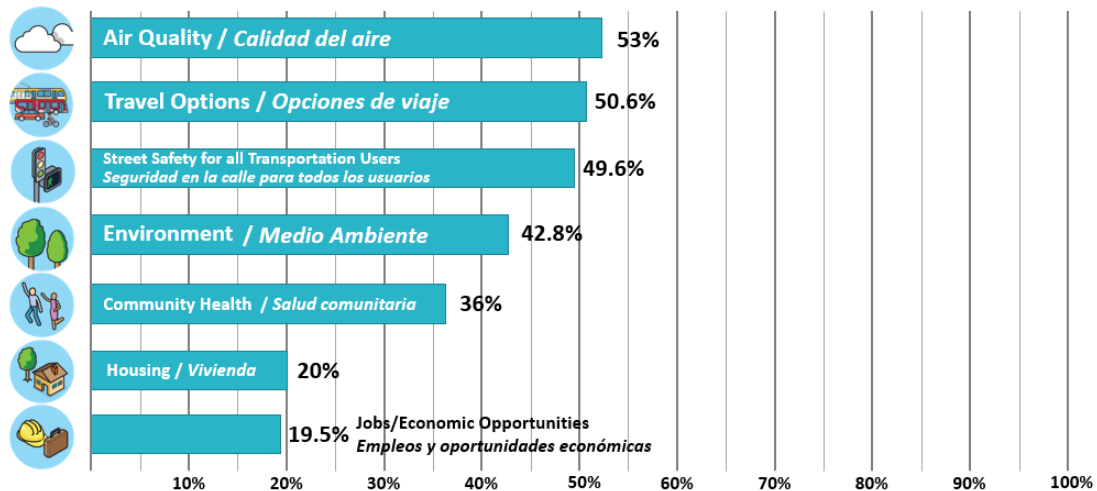
1. Please tell us your **vision** for the I-710 South Corridor.  
*¿Cuál es su **visión** para el Corredor Sur de la I-710?*
2. Which **areas of concern** are your priorities for potential improvements in the I-710 South Corridor? Please select up to 3:  
*¿Qué **áreas de preocupación** son sus prioridades para posibles mejoras en el Corredor Sur I-710? Seleccione hasta 3:*
  - Air Quality / *Calidad del aire*
  - Travel Options / *Opciones de viaje*
  - Community Health / *Salud comunitaria*
  - Street Safety for all transportation users  
*Seguridad en la calle para todos los usuarios*
  - Jobs and Economic Opportunities  
*Empleos y oportunidades económicas*
  - Environment / *Medio ambiente*
  - Housing / *Vivienda*
  - Other / *Otros*
3. Please tell us which goals should be pursued for the areas of concern you selected.  
*Por favor, díganos qué objetivos deben perseguirse para las áreas de preocupación que seleccionó.*



- Shannon Davis shared the main areas of concern among those surveyed. These areas are showcased in the graphic below:

## Vision and Goals Survey Questions/ Preguntas de la Encuesta de Visión y Objetivos

Which areas of concern are your priorities for potential improvements in the I-710 South Corridor? *Please select up to 3*  
*¿Qué áreas de preocupación son sus prioridades para posibles mejoras en el Corredor Sur I-710? Seleccione hasta 3*



### Discussion about Vision and Goals for the project

- Shannon Davis opened the discussion about the Vision and Goals for the project. She asked the following questions:
  - Any concerns/ideas/thoughts related to the vision & goals?
  - What is your vision?
  - What areas of concern are a priority for you?
- Discussion responses are in **Appendix E**. Conversation centered around environmental impacts, health and socio-economic impacts.

### 4. General Public Comment and Closing Remarks

- > A public comment period was held after the formal agenda. Public comments are available in **Appendix F**.
- > Kathleen Barajas stated that the seat should be opened from now. She questioned if the city halls in those areas be contacted regarding the open seats.
- > Kevin Shin stated that often the funding provided for new projects only provides capital improvement funds and expects the local municipalities to figure out how to upkeep. With many jurisdictional budgets already stretched thin, finding more money to pay for maintenance and upkeep of new infrastructure is challenging. It would be good for funding sources to include additional funding set aside for a period of upkeep.
- > Alfonso Garate stated that his main concern is the environmental impacts. The looming impact on the relocated by the expansion. City of Commerce is potentially impacted due to its location and size.
- > Elizabeth (Liz) Zamarripa stated that a goal should be to build more green spaces. It would improve the air quality and therefore residents' quality of life.
- > Elizabeth (Liz) Zamarripa also asked if the time for public comments could be extended at the next meeting.

### 5. Upcoming Meetings

- Amber Hawkes reviewed upcoming meetings.
  - CLC Meeting #2: Thursday, April 21, 5-7pm
  - Equity Working Group: 4/5/22 5-7pm
  - Zero-Emission Working Group: 4/19/22 1-2:30pm

**Appendix A** - Membership Demographics

**Race/Ethnicity\* / Raza/Etnicidad**

- 75% Latino
- 13% Black/African American  
*Negro / afroamericano*
- 13% Asian/Pacific Islander  
*Asiático / Isleño del pacífico*
- 4% Prefer Not to Respond  
*Prefiero no responder*

\*Rounded. Responses respondents could select more than one response, does not equal 100%  
 \*Redondeado. Respuestas los encuestados podían seleccionar más de una respuesta, no es igual al 100%

**Age\*\* / Edad**

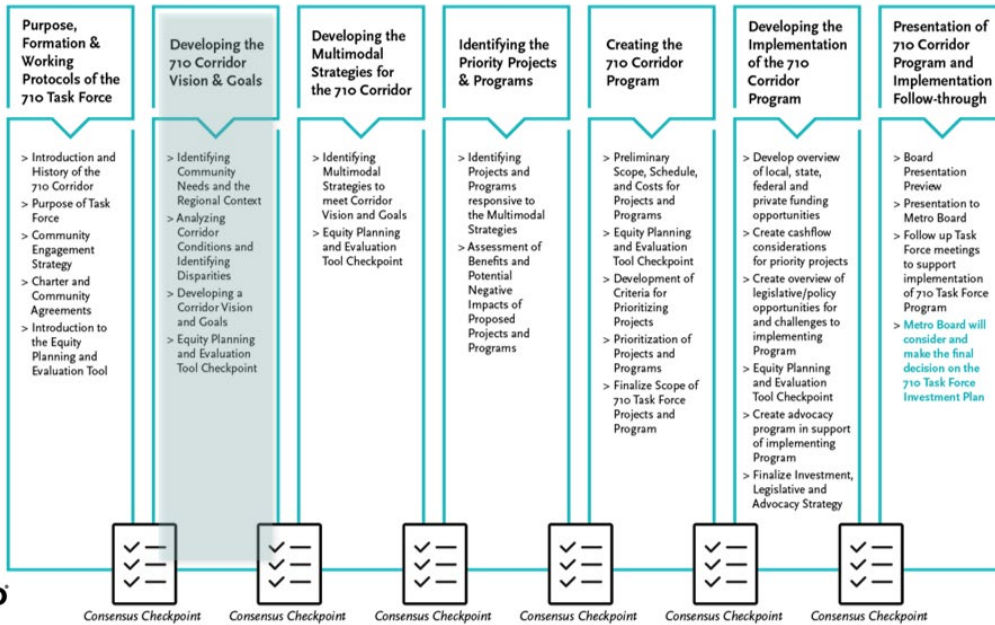
- 8% Under 18 / *menores de 18 años*
- 8% 18-24
- 17% 25-34
- 25% 35-49
- 33% 50-64
- 8% 65+

\*\*Rounded  
 \*\*Redondeado



**Appendix B** - What we're working toward and what we've heard

**What We're Working Toward**



<b>What We've Heard</b> <i>Lo que hemos escuchado</i>	<b>We need to find solutions now.</b> <i>Tenemos que encontrar soluciones ahora.</i>	<b>Easier &amp; more transparent community engagement process.</b> <i>Proceso de participación comunitaria más fácil y transparente.</i>
<b>Include most impacted residents in goal setting &amp; decision-making.</b> <i>Incluir a los residentes más afectados en el establecimiento de objetivos y la toma de decisiones.</i>	<b>Promote health in neighborhoods that need it the most to address pollution burden.</b> <i>Promover la salud en los vecindarios que más lo necesitan para abordar la carga de contaminación.</i>	<b>Zero emissions, targeted hire, no displacements, &amp; community investments.</b> <i>Cero emisiones, contratación dirigida, sin desplazamientos e inversiones comunitarias.</i>



**Appendix C** – Discussion: Open Seats

- Tiesha Davis responded that the seats should be kept open. You never know who decides to apply. We should be the voice of the cities. Not sure how to define equity. We should keep the checkpoint analysis. We should keep the same process that we went through as CLC applicants and keep it open for the same cities.
- Guadalupe Arellano responded that a candidate’s proximity to the freeway should be a critical factor. Impact should be the main consideration.
- Viri Preciado Cervantes responded that the seats should remain open. Equity is providing opportunities for those who have faced oppression - particularly people of color. Providing historical facts and events that happen around the 710 Freeway is important. The way the position should be filled is the same way we applied to this position. It keeps the process fair.
- Marcos Lopez also stated that the seats should remain open. We should consider having indigenous representation, as well as experts on pollution and mobility.
- Martha Fierro also stated that the seats should remain open.
- Emmanuel Godinez also stated that we should keep the seats open in their original assigned areas. We shouldn't move those seats to other areas because it is not equitable.

**Appendix D** - Vote Tally

Leticia Rodriguez – Bell - Yes  
Natalie Diaz Rubio - Bell Gardens - Yes  
Emmanuel Godinez - Boyle Heights - Yes  
Fa'alagilagi (Lani) Meni-Siliga – Carson - Yes  
Alfonso Garate – Commerce - Yes  
Phyllis Ollison – Compton - Yes  
Martha Fierro – Cudahy - Yes  
Miyuki Gomez - East LA (unincorp.) - Yes  
Guadalupe Arellano - East LA (unincorp.) - Yes  
Kathleen Barajas - East LA (unincorp.) - Yes  
Jose Rodolfo Vallejo - Huntington Park - Yes  
Maria Reyes - Long Beach - Yes  
Marcos Lopez - Long Beach - Yes  
Marlene Sanchez - Long Beach - Yes  
Elizabeth (Liz) Zamarripa – Lynwood - Yes  
Kevin Shin - Signal Hill - Yes  
Viridiana (Viri) Preciado Cervantes - Walnut Park (unincorp.) - Yes  
Tiesha Davis - Wilmington/San Pedro (San Pedro) - Yes

**Appendix E** – Discussion: Vision & Goals

- Tiesha Davis responded that water costs and housing are concerns that should be reflected in the Vision and Goals. Keeping rivers and streams clear are also concerns relating to the environmental category. Upkeep and maintenance in curbside appearance are also concerns. Let the work speak for itself – keep solutions simple.
- Martha Fierro responded that zero emissions and pollution reduction are critical goals that should be made clear.
- Guadalupe Arellano asks for clarification about what the end goal is for the process. She also asked for more time to process and think about this. The CLC Coordinators will provide “homework” before the next meeting, along with background materials to provide context for the CLC members.
- Marcos Lopez stated that the goals shown on the previous slide should all be part of the overall vision and goals. Zero emissions and multimodal transportation are critical components that should be reflected.

**Appendix F** - Public Comments - Selected

- Carlos Ovalle asked ultimately what is the CalTrans/Metro goal with regards to the 710 corridor.

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- Sofia Quinones stated to ensure transparency and equity, can you provide a map to the public that pinpoints more or less where individuals live that claim to represent the communities they claim to represent.
- Clara Solis stated we can't see people's responses in the chat. This is a violation of the Brown Act.