



Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan
Equity Working Group Meeting #9 Summary

January 12, 2023



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INTRODUCTION

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 initiated the Long Beach-East Los Angeles (LB-ELA) Corridor 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 Long Beach-East Los Angeles Task Force will review and assess the purpose and need for investment in the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor, develop multi-modal improvement strategies, identify programs and projects to advance these strategies, create an investment and implementation plan, and provide recommendations to the Metro Board in 2023.

Members of the LB-ELA Task Force may also serve on working groups of the Task Force that meet as needed to research and analyze specific issues of interest to the project and to develop proposals for the Task Force to consider. The Equity Working Group (EWG) is focused on supporting the implementation of the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET) and providing input on each step of the Task Force process to ensure an equitable process and outcomes.

The LB-ELA Equity Working Group Meeting #9 was held virtually on Thursday, January 12, 2023. The intent of this meeting was to: Review the Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects, and Programs (MSPP) and provide input and suggestions for any projects or programs that may be missing from the Initial List, particularly to support the Equity and Sustainability Guiding Principles.

Prior to the meeting, the Equity Working Group received the agenda (**Appendix A**) and presentation (**Appendix C**). All detailed comments made throughout the meeting can be found in **Appendix B**.

LB-ELA TASK FORCE EQUITY WORKING GROUP VIRTUAL MEETING #9

i. Welcome, Agenda, and Meeting Objectives (Susan Ambrosini)

- > Susan Ambrosini opened the meeting with an introduction of the project team, the meeting agenda, and meeting objectives.
- > Ms. Ambrosini gave a recap of the Equity and Sustainability Guiding Principles.
- > Ms. Ambrosini gave a recap of Equity Working Group meeting #8.

ii. Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs (Susan Ambrosini and KeAndra Cylear-Dodds)

- > Susan Ambrosini took a poll of how many EWG members reviewed the Initial List either on their own time or at a previous meeting.
- > Ms. Ambrosini reviewed the project timeline and where we are in the process.
- > Ms. Ambrosini reviewed the list of input sources for the Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects, and Programs (MSPP), including previous studies and initiatives, agencies and local jurisdictions, and public/community input.
- > Ms. Ambrosini explained that the Initial List is grouped by six improvement categories, each of which includes projects and programs that help to advance one or more of the goals. The improvement categories are:
 - Active Transportation (Bicycle/Pedestrian)
 - Arterial Roadway
 - Community Programs & Policies
 - Goods Movement
 - Transit (Bus & Rail)
 - Freeway
- > Ms. Ambrosini provided an overview description of the Initial List, which includes over 200 projects and programs so far.
- > Ms. Ambrosini explained that projects highlighted in blue are larger ‘umbrella’ projects or programs that include multiple jurisdictions or are study-area-wide.
- > Ms. Ambrosini provided a detailed description of Programs, which typically support continuous planning and implementation of a specific project type at a local level, such as traffic calming features. Programs introduce greater flexibility for jurisdictions to meet ongoing community needs, and can be written with conditions attached to ensure that funds or resources are distributed according to areas or populations of highest need.
- > KeAndra Cylear-Dodds began the review of the Initial List by re-introducing the improvement categories, and stating the intent to discuss Arterial Roadways, Goods Movement, and Freeway projects and programs first, recognizing that EWG discussions have typically focused on Community Programs, Active Transportation, and Transit.
- > The project team switched from sharing the slideshow to the Miro Board for the discussion of the Initial List, organized by improvement category.
- > For each improvement category, Ms. Cylear-Dodds introduced the project sub-categories and a summary of project types, followed by discussion questions. Comments and ideas were captured live on the Miro board throughout the discussion.
- > The discussion of the Initial List generally included suggestions for what should be added to the list, and suggestions on the process of evaluation, design, and implementation.
 - Suggestions on what should be added to the list included:
 - i. Highway lighting improvements

- ii. Stormwater capture/flood diversion/water management
- iii. Habitat restoration
- iv. Landscaped mini-roundabouts for traffic calming, urban greening, and visual improvements
- v. Designated safety cars and/or waiting areas for vulnerable transit users
- Suggestions on Evaluation/Design/Implementation included:
 - i. Bike projects should take the character of the streets into account. For example, streets with lots of trucks need to have a protective barrier or buffer (e.g., bollards).
 - ii. Goods Movement worker health monitoring and labor condition provisions
 - iii. Projects should not cause displacements
 - iv. Equitable siting of infrastructure
- > The discussion covered all six improvement categories. For some questions, the project team offered to provide more detailed responses following the meeting. These responses can be found in Appendix D.

iii. Closing Comments and Thank You (KeAndra Cylear-Dodds)

- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds shared the upcoming meeting dates.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds shared how to stay connected with the project.

iv. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Logistics

- **Meeting Format:** Webinar, Miro Board
- **Participants:** Task Force and CLC

APPENDICES

- A. Equity Working Group #9 Agenda
- B. Detailed Comment Log
- C. Equity Working Group #9 Presentation
- D. Equity Working Group #9 Follow-up Responses

Appendix A: Equity Working Group #9 Agenda

Equity Working Group #9 Agenda / Agenda de la reunión #9 del Grupo de Trabajo de Equidad

Thursday, January 12, 2023 / jueves, 12 de enero de 2023

5:00-7:00 pm

Meeting Link /Enlace de reunión: tinyurl.com/EquityWG-9

Meeting ID / ID de reunión: 853 6643 7069

Passcode / Contraseña: 5851

Call-in/ Teléfono: 213.338.8477

Meeting Objectives and Agenda / Objetivos y agenda de la reunión

Objectives

During this Equity Working Group #9 meeting, the working group will:

- Review the Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects, and Programs (MSPP)
- Provide input and suggestions for any projects or programs that may be missing from the Initial List, particularly to support the Equity and Sustainability Guiding Principles

Objetivos

Durante esta reunión del Grupo de Trabajo de Equidad #9, el grupo hará lo siguiente:

- Revisar la Lista Inicial de Estrategias, Proyectos y Programas Multimodales (MSPP)
- Proporcionar información y sugerencias para cualquier proyecto o programa que pueda faltar en la Lista Inicial, particularmente para apoyar los Principios Rectores de Equidad y Sostenibilidad

Agenda Overview (2 hours) / Resumen de la agenda (2 horas)

Time / Hora	Agenda Item / Tema del programa
5:00-5:10 pm (10 min.)	Welcome, Agenda, and Meeting Objectives * <i>Bienvenida, revisión de la agenda y objetivos de la reunión</i>
5:10-6:50 pm (1 hr. 40 min.)	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs <i>Punto #1 de la Agenda: Lista Inicial de Estrategias, Proyectos y Programas Multimodales</i>
6:50-7:00 pm (10 min.)	Closing Comments and Thank You <i>Comentarios finales y agradecimiento</i>

***Note: If this is your first time participating in an Equity Working Group meeting, please log on at 4:45 pm for meeting instructions and Spanish interpretation assistance, if needed.**

**Nota: Si es la primera vez que participa en una reunión del Grupo de Trabajo de Equidad, únase a la reunión a las 4:45pm para obtener instrucciones de los protocolos de Zoom y asistencia de interpretación en español, si es necesario.*

Appendix B: Detailed Comment Log

Written Comments			
TIME	Agenda Section	Name, Organization/Community	Question/Comment/New Idea
5:48 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Ghirlandi Guidetti, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	To the point being discussed, whether the project will use targeted/local hire is an essential element of whether we should support the project. (The point about needing to know the details of each project.)
6:25 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Gracias Nora, so helpful
6:26 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Alberto Campos, Southeast Los Angeles Collaborative	Nora, the link is not working for me
6:39 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Ghirlandi Guidetti, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Are water collection programs part of any of the environmental initiatives? It seems like a good time to raise water again.
6:40 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Yes
6:48 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Ghirlandi Guidetti, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Thank you. 0187 includes the provision of green space/greenbelts; parklets; tree planting; drought tolerant planting; habitat restoration and connectivity; brownfield remediation, natural trail restoration, and green infrastructure, among others. Is water capture part of "others"?
6:49 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Marisol Barajas, Long Beach Transit	I need to leave. Very insightful. Thank you all!
6:50 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	I second adding water
6:59 PM	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	tyy!
Post-meeting	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs	Marlene Sanchez, CLC – Long Beach	The West Side is the most congested area of Long Beach. A lot of apartments. But we do not have a Bank. We also have a structure built to be a Police Station, and it's still there, but I have yet to idea what it is used for nowadays. At one point, there was an ATM there, but not anymore. Speaking of striving for equality, this is the perfect situation, even if it's just an ATM; better than nothing. Much better than driving to Signal Hill.

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Verbal Comments			
TIME	Agenda Item #1: Initial List of MSPP Project/Program Category	Name, Organization/Community	Question/Comment
5:20 PM	Arterial Roadway	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	We know Metro has committed to no widening of freeway - how can we ensure that arterial roadways within surrounding cities do not cause displacement or harm?
5:23 PM	Arterial Roadway	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	where arterial roadways can serve shared purposes for multimodal mobility, is where they can advance equity. E.g., when done correctly, bike/pedestrian improvements can be equitable. Placing bike lanes on busy arterials next to trucks is not equitable.
5:24 PM	Arterial Roadway	Luke Klipp, Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 4	Much of previous planning efforts have been geared to move trucks through arterials most efficiently. When thinking about equity for areas experiencing the impacts of these planning decisions, we need to invest in safety and mobility for folks living within the communities, not trucks moving through the communities
5:27 PM	Arterial Roadway	Susan Adams, CLC – At Large	Is there a solution we can invest in to eliminate the pollution from the air from trucks/other vehicles
5:29 PM	Arterial Roadway	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Rezoning to prevent incompatible land uses such as an elementary school adjacent to a warehouse. Can include amortization policies to give polluting land uses a certain amount of time to comply or leave.
5:33 PM	Arterial Roadway	Marlene Sanchez, CLC – Long Beach	When schools are located adjacent to freeways, we should explore possibilities to close these schools in the interest of students' health
5:37 PM	Goods Movement	Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice	Our equity principle speaks to repairing past harms. To the extent that ports and other entities are already funding/investing in new industry solutions, what is our role here and how can we ensure that Metro's limited funding is used specifically to repair past harms and invest in impacted communities. What is the role of the EWG in using financial and political capital and whats the timeline?
5:42 PM	Goods Movement	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Interested in the process by which zero-emission infrastructure will be sited. We need equitable processes to ensure that we don't site infrastructure in a way that attracts trucks and induces traffic in residential communities, for example. We need commitments to equitable processes to support these types of projects.
5:45 PM	Goods Movement	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	How are we making sure that ports are in alignment with emissions requirements for freight rail?
5:46 PM	Multiple	Guadalupe Arellano, CLC – East Los Angeles	Can we add a timeline? (multiple questions) Can we add the status (near/med/long term) to the projects
5:52 PM	General	Phyllis Ollison, CLC – Long Beach	Are projects considering housing/density expansion along the corridor?
5:59 PM	Goods Movement	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Worker conditions, e.g., truck drivers, independent owner-operators end up having health issues. Can we introduce programs that assess and improve health of goods movement workers?

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6.01 PM	Goods Movement	Susan Adams, CLC – At Large	Improvements to freeway lighting that make it safer for trucks (and all drivers). [Project team note: Lighting is included on some of the specific SHOPP projects]
6.02 PM	Freeway	Guadalupe Arellano, CLC – East Los Angeles	Are there any projects to support transitions from 710 to other freeways (10, 60)?
6.06 PM	Freeway	Luke Klipp, Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 4	What Metro defined as 'interchange improvements' in previous version of the project, were most impactful parts of that project (e.g., requiring significant property takings). Want to ensure that these project types won't come at the expense of equity.
6.08 PM	Freeway	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	- Congestion pricing is concerning because some folks from within the community are single-occupant drivers out of necessity. - Want to ensure that interchange improvements/aux lanes are not actually freeway widenings - Concerns around Freeway Lids, Caps, Bridge decks as expansion of concretization
6.14 PM	Freeway	Ghirlandi Guidetti, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Particulate Matter Reduction Pilot stands out as a project that has the potential to advance equity.
6.15 PM	Freeway	Luke Klipp, Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 4	Agree with Ghirlandi about PM Reduction, but want to make sure that it doesn't encourage more driving and end up as a justification for increased pollution
6.17 PM	Transit	Marisol Barajas, Long Beach Transit	Are bus-only lanes/BRT included on the list anywhere? [Project team note: Yes, on Atlantic Blvd - project 0019]
6.21 PM	Active Transportation	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	New buffer/barrier-protected bike routes can advance equity - if it were up to me, all new bike facilities would be protected, especially on streets with potholes due to truck traffic
6.22 PM	Active Transportation	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	LA River should meet potential as active transportation asset but needs improvements
6.24 PM	Active Transportation	Alberto Campos, Southeast Los Angeles Collaborative	Prioritize bike paths/active transportation facilities that connect adjoining cities
6.25 PM	Active Transportation	Ghirlandi Guidetti, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	ADA improvements can advance equity, we should definitely be prioritizing these projects
6.27 PM	Active Transportation	Susan Adams, CLC – At Large	Can you clarify what is meant by 'roll'? And is it assumed that the surfaces on which to walk, bike, or roll would be smooth or is that something we need to include? [note from project team: sidewalk/street surface improvements are included in Complete Streets projects as well as Program 0201: Pedestrian/Bicycle Enhancements and Safety Features]
6.29 PM	Active Transportation	Tiesha Davis, CLC – Wilmington/San Pedro	Are bike lanes required by law for each city? Would new bike lanes really benefit a smaller city like San Pedro with fewer streets and more limited space?
6.40 PM	Community Programs	Ghirlandi Guidetti, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Water collection programs as part of environmental initiatives. Even if included in individual projects, could be a good candidate for a broader program considering our need for water retention; could be related to river restoration as well

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6.42 PM	Community Programs	Marlene Sanchez, CLC – Long Beach	Roundabouts with small gardens would improve safety and visual quality
6.42 PM	Community Programs	Phyllis Ollison, CLC – Compton	These are all good ideas to advance equity, but how do we deal with public outreach and communication to inform communities about these opportunities?
6.45 PM	Community Programs	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	- many of these can advance equity, but comes down to process. Want to emphasize importance of engaging indigenous folks living here and drawing on their expertise, especially around issues of urban greening and landscape, public art/aesthetics - Vegetation buffers/buffered landscaping can be powerful, but can also be done wrong. One was installed between school and freeway and drew a rat infestation that impacted the school.
6.48 PM	Community Programs	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Habitat restoration/conservation for birds and other species is an important part of repairing harm
6.51 PM	Community Programs	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Maywood Riverfront Park example – de-concretization of river, habitat restoration, stormwater capture all connected.
6.52 PM	Community Programs	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Also flood diversion could be a great nexus for all these issues.
6.54 PM	Transit	Luke Klipp, Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 4	Would like to think about what can be done more quickly as immediate opportunities to advance equity. Provide basic bus services and transit amenities (shelters, lighting, shade, cleanliness) that allow folks to ride transit with dignity
6.55 PM	Transit, Active Transportation	Aide Castro, CLC – Lynwood	What's the point of putting these projects together if we don't feel safe using them? I personally don't feel safe. Maybe include law enforcement community to identify areas with safety issues as we design projects. We have a new linear park nearby but doesn't feel safe due to lack of people/security. Not just about lighting. [note from project team: transit security addressed in projects 0136, 0149]
6.59 PM	Transit, Active Transportation	Laura Cortez, EYECJ	Safety zones on buses that specifically protect women and queer folks (Mexico City uses this model)
7.01 PM	Transit, Active Transportation	Aide Castro, CLC – Lynwood	Leading Pedestrian Intervals for safety

Appendix C: Equity Working Group #9 Presentation

Welcome!

We will begin in a few moments.

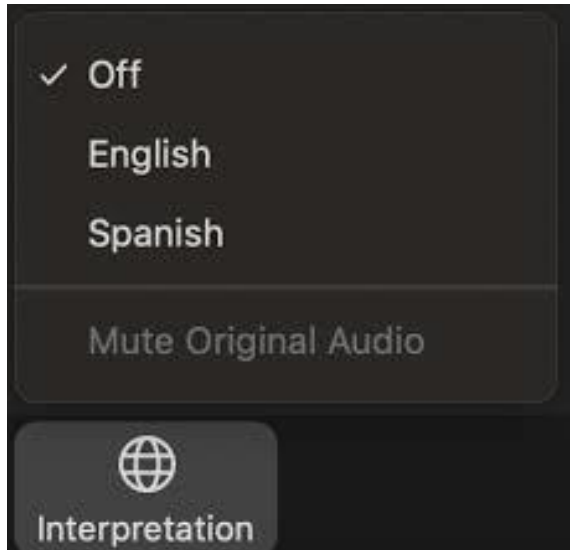
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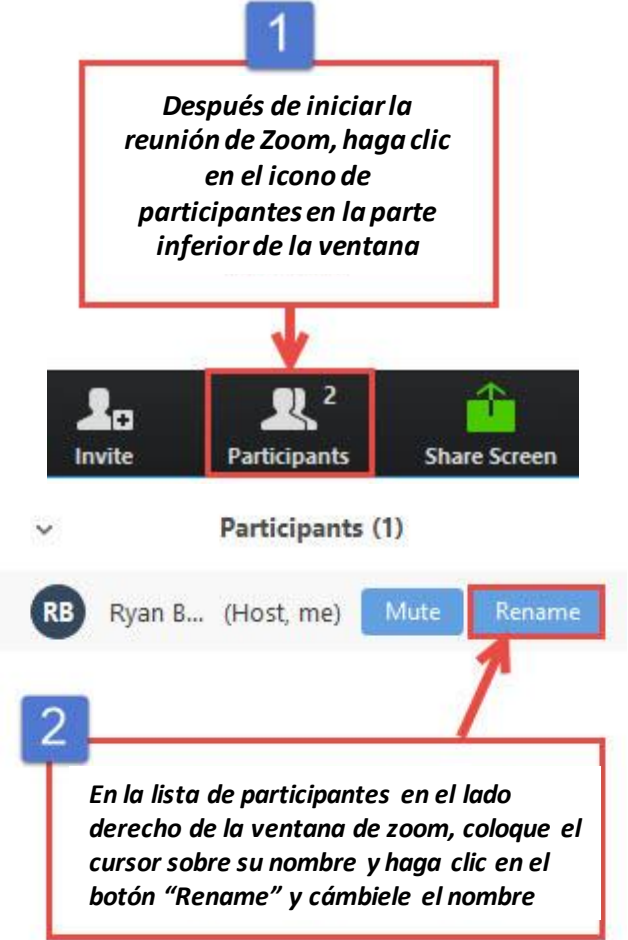
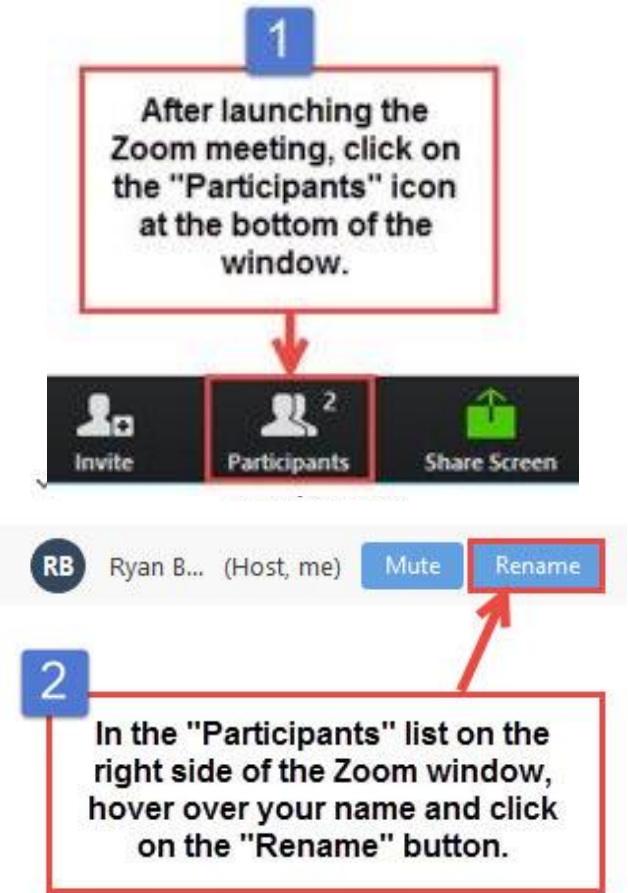
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Agenda

5:00pm Welcome, Agenda, and Meeting Objectives (10 min)

- > Overview of presentation and discussion topics, and recap of previous meeting

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- > Review Initial List of Projects and Programs (broad discussion of categories and sub-categories)
- > Discussion: Q&A / Detailed explanation of specific projects and programs as needed
- > Discussion: What is missing from an equity perspective?

6:50 pm Closing Comments and Thank You (10 min)

Welcome!

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Review of Guiding Principles

> Equity Guiding Principle

- A commitment to: (1) strive to rectify past harms; (2) provide fair and just access to opportunities; and 3) eliminate disparities in project processes, outcomes, and community results.
- The plan seeks to elevate and engrain the principle of Equity across all goals, objectives, strategies, and actions through a framework of Procedural, Distributive, Structural, and Restorative Equity, and by prioritizing an accessible and representative participation process for communities most impacted by the I-710.

> Sustainability Guiding Principle

- Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- A commitment to sustainability to satisfy and improve basic social, health, and economic needs/conditions, both present and future, and the responsible use and stewardship of the environment, all while maintaining or improving the well-being of the environment on which life depends.

Equity Working Group Meeting #8 Recap

Summary

- > Held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, October 27th
- > 18 Participants (11 Task Force, 7 CLC)
- > Meeting topics included:
 - Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs Update
 - Potential Evaluation Criteria & Performance Measures Discussion

Highlights

- > Reviewed progress on the Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET)
- > Reviewed suggestions to-date for Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs and discussed next steps in the process
- > Equity Research Institute presented on equity metrics and equitable implementation

Agenda Item #1: Initial List of Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs

Poll for Equity Working Group Members

Poll Question

Have you attended any of the following meetings or reviewed the associated materials?
(Select all that apply)

- CLC Meeting #10 on December 19, 2022
- Lunch & Learn Session on January 5, 2023 (or video recording)
- Task Force Meeting #16 on January 9, 2023
- Reviewed the Initial List of Projects and Programs on your own
- None of the above

Topic Overview: Initial List of Projects & Programs

In this section, we will...

- Review the categories and sub-categories on the Initial Project List and the process by which it was assembled
- Discuss/clarify specific projects and programs as needed

Time Target for Today's Discussion

- 1 hour 40 minutes

Equity Working Group actions needed:

- Make sure you understand how the project list was developed and how it is organized
- Provide initial feedback about gaps and types of projects and programs included

Note: We will meet again on Thursday, January 26th to continue our discussion of the project list

What We're Working Toward



Initial List of Projects & Programs: Anticipating the Next Phase

Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs

Compile complete list of Projects/ Programs

Task Force, CLC, and WG review

Revised list of Initial Projects / Programs

Task Force, CLC, & WG recs

Bundle projects for evaluation

Public feedback throughout

Evaluation Framework

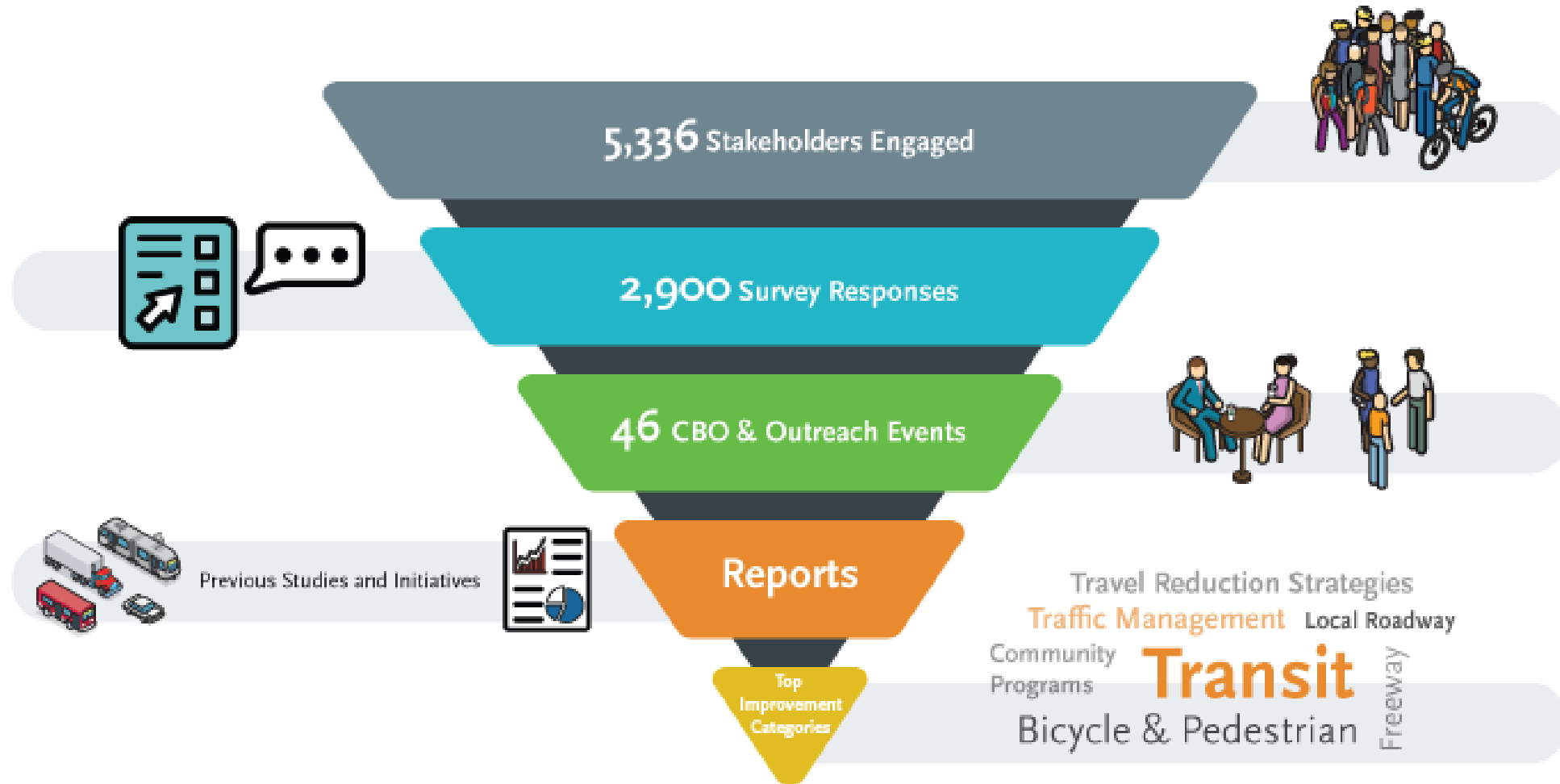
Develop criteria and performance measures

Task Force and CLC feedback

Evaluate bundled projects by these criteria and measures

Public feedback throughout

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Sources

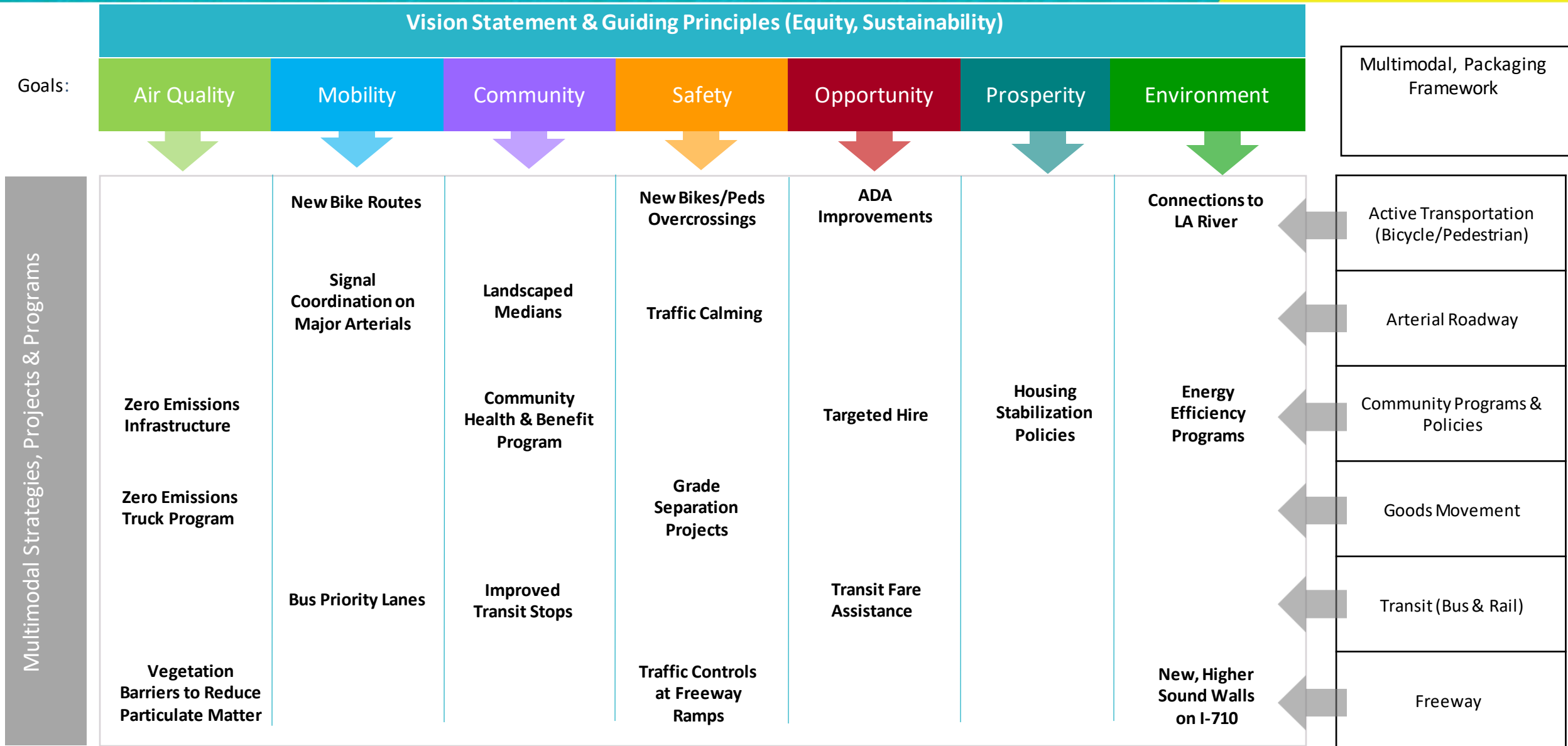


Initial List of Projects & Programs

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Begin with Vision & Goals



Initial List of Projects & Programs: Next, Group Similar Projects



Initial List of Projects & Programs: Describing the Initial List

Initial Project List



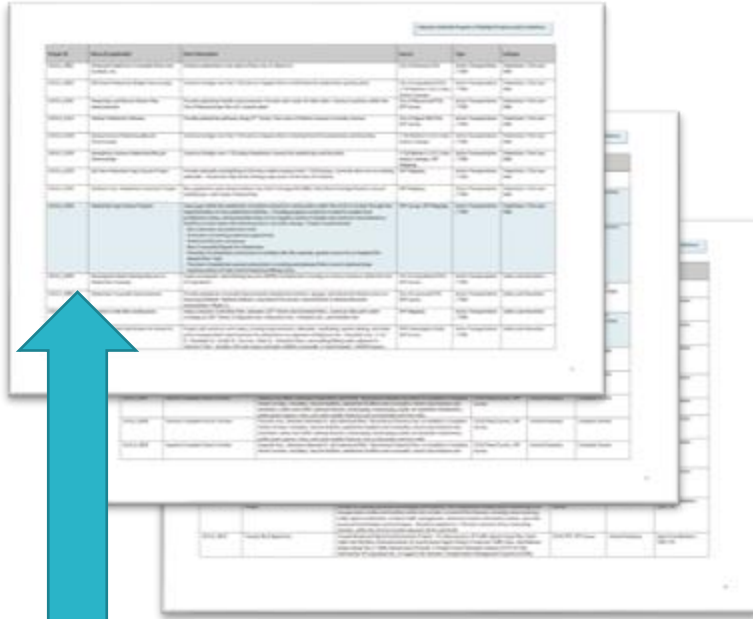
Overview: Over 200 projects and programs in the Initial List so far.

Detail:

- Some projects are specific and advanced (e.g., already have engineering/environmental studies done/underway by an agency or a local jurisdiction).
- Other projects and programs are new ideas that will need further study if recommended for the Draft Investment Plan.

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Describing the Initial List

Initial Project List



Size: Some items in the Initial List are larger and some are smaller.

The projects that are highlighted in blue are larger projects or programs (e.g., they cover a larger geographical area)

LB-ELA_0017	Regionally significant bike projects from the Metro Active Transportation Plan	Implement regionally significant active transportation projects adopted as part of the Metro Active Transportation Plan (over 40 projects throughout the study area). See Attachment A for more detail.	Metro ATSP, SPP Survey, SPP Mapping, CA-7	Active Transportation / TDM	Bicycle Routes / Facilities
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Initial List of Projects & Programs: Describing the Initial List

Attachment A

Attachment A - Proposed Bike Routes in the LB-ELA Corridor

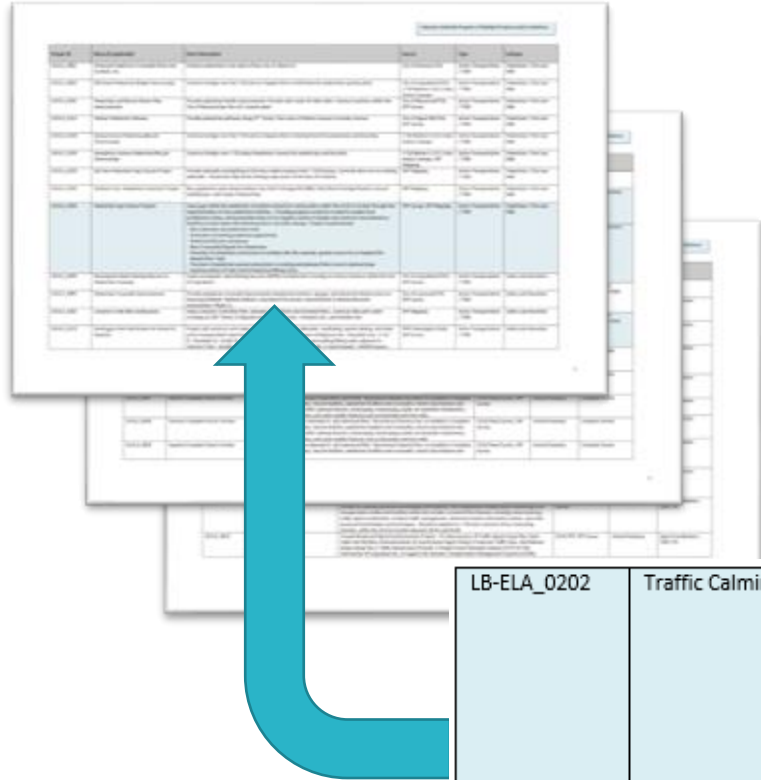
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Groupings: Some projects or programs are a large grouping of other smaller projects.

For example, all recommended new bike routes are placed in a separate more detailed list (**Attachment A**) because there were so many.

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Describing the Initial List

Initial Project List



Programs: Yet other items in the Initial List are a Program of projects. A program is meant to have a long life, so that new projects, such as Traffic Calming, can continue to be identified by different communities within the Corridor over a span of several years. A program is also flexible in that conditions can be placed on how the funds are distributed.

LB-ELA_0202	Traffic Calming	<p>Implement Traffic Calming Features within the LB-ELA Corridor to slow traffic on local streets or near schools. Collaborate with local jurisdictions (Cities, unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County) to design, construct, and implement traffic calming features in areas that experience frequent speed violations and/or high levels of accident rates. Based on available funding, provide financial support in order to help leverage local funds for project construction and implementation. Traffic calming features could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed limit reductions, signage, variable speed signs, and enforcement devices - Speed bumps - Truck restrictions (trucks over a certain weight) on non-designated truck routes, including signage and geofencing alerts - Roundabouts - Bulb outs - Stop signs, traffic signals, striping, raised decorative pavement, and other traffic controls - Road diets - Speed enforcement cameras - Enhanced use of signage, striping, flashing crosswalks, other pedestrian warning devices in school zones 	SPP Survey, SPP Mapping	Arterial Roadway	Traffic Calming
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Initial List of Projects & Programs: Categories

Projects are organized by “improvement category”:

All projects and programs should support a multimodal future for the Corridor.

Project categories represent different modes:

Active Transportation

Goods Movement

Arterial Roadways

Transit

Community Programs

Freeway

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Transit

- *Add regional rail to improve localized transit service*
- *Make transit stops ADA-accessible and climate resilient*
- *Need for more micro-mobility options*
- *Add transit incentive programs, ride shares, vanpools, new shuttles, and low-income subsidies*

Community Programs

- *Add model programs related to air quality, environmental, housing, regional occupation*
- *Add HVAC upgrades and community health screenings and diagnostics at schools adjacent to the freeway*
- *Dense communities are targets for active transportation, but many community members rely on their cars*

Goods Movement

- *Adding Rail as an option to reduce truck trips, unless it is electrified, will impact the health of people living in communities along the corridor.*

Freeway

- *Add electrification of freight railroad (more cargo on rail)*
- *Improve the freeway pavement for strength, durability, and coating for heat absorption to reduce heat island effects*
- *Improve freeway signage and lighting, and freeway aesthetic improvements (designs on sound walls)*
- *Consider the impact of congestion pricing on low-income communities*
- *Take note of funding opportunities on the horizon and build consensus on target projects concurrently*

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Categories

- The initial list incorporates many projects and programs in the **Community Programs, Active Transportation, and Transit** categories, which have generally been the focus of previous Equity Working Group discussions.
- Today we'd like to hear input from this group on the other categories first: **Arterial Roadways, Goods Movement, and Freeway.**

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Arterial Roadway

Active Transportation

Arterial Roadways

Community Programs

Goods Movement

Transit

Freeway

Arterial Roadways Sub-Categories:

- 1. Complete Streets*
- 2. General Local / Regional Roadway*
- 3. Signal Coordination / TSM / ITS*
- 4. Traffic Calming*

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Arterial Roadway

Summary of Project Types:

Complete Streets

- New green spaces, trees, bioswales
- Bike and pedestrian improvements
- Public art
- Signage
- Transit stop amenities (furniture, shelters)
- Operational / safety improvements
- ADA upgrades
- LED street lighting
- Stormwater retention

Traffic Calming

- Speed Reductions
- Speed Bumps
- Truck Restrictions in Neighborhoods
- Roundabouts
- Road Diets
- Stop Signs, Traffic Signals
- Speed Enforcement Cameras
- Flashing Crosswalks
- School Zone Warning Devices

General Local / Regional Roadway

- Stormwater treatment
- Upgrade traffic signals, crosswalks, sidewalks, driveways, curb ramps, etc.
- New/improved bridges
- ADA upgrades
- Intersection Improvements
- Pedestrian circulation and safety
- Streetscape improvements
- Bike and pedestrian improvements
- Roadway widening/realignment

Signal Coordination / TSM / ITS

- Traffic / Ped signal upgrades
- Video camera installation
- Equipment upgrades
- Emergency vehicle priority
- Signage
- Signal Synchronization
- Advanced technologies to manage traffic and to inform traveling public

Arterial Roadways: Discussion

What questions have come up in your review of the Arterial Roadways projects and programs so far?

What are some projects in this category that can advance equity?

Are there any other ideas that could help to reduce disparities for users of major roadways and their surrounding communities?

- Think about safety, experience, and health/environmental impacts

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Goods Movement

Active Transportation

Arterial Roadways

Community Programs

Goods Movement

Transit

Freeway

Goods Movement Sub-Categories:

- 1. Freight Rail / Goods Movement TDM*
- 2. Ports*
- 3. Truck Programs / ITS*

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Goods Movement

Summary of Project Types:

Freight Rail / Goods Movement Travel Demand Mgmt.

- On Dock Rail Expansion
- New Inland Port, Greater Use of Freight Rail
- Port Railyard Expansion & Modernization
- Freight Rail Grade Separations

Ports

- Interchange Improvements
- Grade Separations
- Roadway Realignments, Safety, and Landscape Improvements
- Wharf Expansions & Vessel Emission Reductions
- Cargo Operational Efficiencies

Truck Programs / Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Zero Emissions Truck Programs
- Zero Emissions Infrastructure
- Empty Container Management
- Use of Advanced Technologies to Optimize Sequencing of Container Delivery and Pick-Ups to Reduce Congestion near Railyards & Ports

Goods Movement: Discussion

What questions have come up in your review of the Goods Movement projects and programs so far?

What are some projects in this category that can advance equity?

Are there any other ideas that could help to reduce disparities related to goods movement activity?

- Think about the distribution of benefits and impacts, including environmental and health impacts

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Freeway

Active Transportation

Arterial Roadways

Community Programs

Goods Movement

Transit

Freeway

Freeway Sub-Categories:

- 1. Congestion Pricing Option*
- 2. Freeway Amenities / ITS*
- 3. Freeway Improvements*
- 4. Zero Emissions Lanes on I-710*

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Freeway

Summary of Project Types:

Congestion Pricing Option

- Congestion Pricing to charge single occupant vehicles while carpools, buses, zero emissions trucks and zero emissions autos would travel free.

Freeway Improvements

- Interchange Improvements
- Ramp Safety & Redesign
- Auxiliary & Operational Lanes
- Traffic Controls to Project Bikes / Peds at Freeway Ramps
- Truck Bypass Lanes
- Freeway Lids, Caps, and Widened Bridge Decks to Provide "Greenbelt" Connections over I-710/LA River

Freeway Amenities / ITS

- Particulate Matter Reduction Pilot Project
- Freeway Repair & Safety projects
- Soundwalls
- Drought Tolerant Landscaping

Zero Emissions Lanes on the I-710

- Zero Emission Truck Travel Zone Restrictions
- Zero Emissions Truck Lanes

Freeway: Discussion

What questions have come up in your review of the Freeway projects and programs so far?

What are some projects in this category that can advance equity?

Are there any other ideas that could help to reduce disparities related to Freeway use?

- Think about the safety, experience, and distribution of environmental/health impacts

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Active Transportation

Category: Active Transportation

Active Transportation

Arterial Roadways

Community Programs

Goods Movement

Transit

Freeway

Active-Transportation Sub-Categories:

- 1. Pedestrian & First/Last Mile Improvements*
- 2. Bike Routes & Facilities*
- 3. Safety & Amenities*
- 4. Travel Demand Management*

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Active Transportation

Summary of Project Types:

Pedestrian & First/Last Mile Improvements

- New pedestrian/bike overcrossings
- New pedestrian/bike pathways
- New pedestrian/bike connections to rail, transit, LA River
- New Crosswalks, sidewalks

Safety & Amenities

- High visibility crosswalks
- Wider sidewalks
- Pedestrian/bike crossing enhancements
- Bike parking, lighting, repair stations
- Bike share programs
- Traffic controls for pedestrians/bikes
- ADA improvements
- Shade structures, trees, landscaping
- Security & lighting

Bike Routes & Facilities

- New Bike Paths/Trails
- New Buffer/Barrier-Protected Bike Routes
- New Bike Lanes
- New, Signed Bike Routes

Travel Demand Management

- Vanpools/carpool programs
- Telecommuting programs
- Promotional Campaigns to encourage Alternative Modes of Travel

Active Transportation: Discussion

What questions have come up in your review of the Active Transportation projects and programs so far?

What are some projects in this category that can advance equity?

Are there any other ideas that could help to reduce disparities for people who walk, bike, or roll?

- Think about safety, experience, access to opportunities, and accessibility

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Community Programs

Active Transportation

Arterial Roadways

Community Programs

Goods Movement

Transit

Freeway

Community Programs Sub-Categories:

- 1. Job Creation / Work Opportunities*
- 2. Air Quality / Community Health*
- 3. Environment*
- 4. Housing Stabilization / Land Use*

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Community Programs & Policies

Summary of Program Types:

Job Creation / Work Opportunities

- Targeted Local Hire
- Employment Recruitment Initiatives
- Vocational Educational Programs
- Economic Stabilization Policies
- Workforce Education & Development
- Partnerships with Employers
- Partnerships with Academic Institutions

Environment

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction
- Renewable Energy / Solar Power Project
- Urban Greening, Tree Canopy, Green Space
- Greenbelts, Drought Tolerant Planting Parklets
- Habitat Restoration and Connectivity
- Public Art / Aesthetics
- Zero Emissions Infrastructure for Autos

Air Quality / Community Health

- Zero Emission Infrastructure for Autos
- Bus Electrification
- Community Health Benefit Programs
- Air Filters for Schools & Community Facilities
- Environmental Building Improvements
- Health Education / Outreach
- Community Health Screening
- Vegetation Barriers/Buffer Landscaping

Housing Stabilization / Land Use

- Housing / Rent Stabilization Policies
- Anti-Displacement Programs
- Rental Assistance Programs
- Inclusionary Housing
- Transit Oriented Communities
- Homeless Programs
- Partnership with Community Orgs
- Density Bonus Programs
- Community Land Trusts
- Grant Writing Assistance

Community Programs & Policies: Discussion

What questions have come up in your review of Community Programs & Policies so far?

What are some programs in this category that can advance equity?

Are there any other ideas that could help to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by the I-710?

- Think about environmental/health disparities and past harms

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Transit

Active Transportation

Arterial Roadways

Community Programs

Goods Movement

Transit

Freeway

Transit Sub-Categories:

- 1. High-Capacity Transit (Rail/BRT)*
- 2. Transit Amenities*
- 3. Bus Transit*
- 4. Rail Line / Station Improvements*

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Transit

Summary of Project Types:

High-Capacity Transit (Rail/BRT)

- New light-rail stations/lines
- Light Rail line Extensions
- Bus Rapid Transit project

Transit Amenities

- Bus shelters and lighting
- Transit security features
- Web app for transit times
- Transit discounts / free passes
- Transit education program
- Customer experience program
- Real time displays
- Transit Cleaning & Maintenance
- Station furniture and shade
- ADA improvements
- Traffic control for pedestrians and bikes

Bus Transit

- Express Service
- Shuttles
- Electric bus charging
- On-demand bus (Micro-Transit)
- Improve bus speeds
- Increased bus frequencies
- Bus Priority Lanes
- Bus electrification projects

Rail Line / Station Improvements

- Station improvements
- Signal prioritization for trains
- Station maintenance
- Pedestrian safety improvements at stations
- Improved bike/ped connections
- Train reliability improvements
- Grade separations for trains

What questions have come up in your review of the Transit projects and programs so far?

What are some projects in this category that can advance equity?

Are there any other ideas that could help to reduce disparities for people who rely on transit?

- Think about safety, experience, access to opportunities, and accessibility

Initial List of Projects & Programs: Open Discussion

What other questions have come up in your review of the Initial List of projects and programs?

From an equity perspective, are any other projects or programs missing from the list that might fit into these categories?

Upcoming Meetings and Project Information

Community Leadership Committee Meeting

- > Meeting #11a
Thursday, January 19, 5-7pm
- > Meeting #11b
Monday, January 23, 5-7pm

Task Force Meeting

- > Task Force Meeting #17
Monday, February 13, 5-7pm

Working Group Meetings

- > Zero-Emissions Truck Working Group #12
Tuesday, January 17, 1-3pm
- > Equity Working Group #9.5
Thursday, January 26, 5-7pm

For the most updated list
of meeting dates, please visit
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Thank you for joining us!

Appendix D: Equity Working Group #9 Follow-up Responses

Equity Working Group #9 Follow-up Responses

Q: We know Metro has committed to no widening of the freeway to avoid direct displacements - how can we ensure that arterial roadways within surrounding cities do not cause displacement or harm?

- Laura Cortez, Task Force (East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice)

A: Potential project impacts such as displacement will be measured to the best of our ability during the project evaluation stage. Metro will consider additional project requirements and support local policies to prevent indirect impacts.

The project evaluation phase will consider each project's benefits and impacts, including potential for direct displacements (when construction of a project requires acquisition and/or demolition of private property). For projects with limited information available at the evaluation stage, Metro will be looking at opportunities to set requirements that projects need to meet in future planning and implementation stages. Metro's role may vary from project to project, and many projects will be managed by cities or by other agencies such as Caltrans; funding sources, implementation, and decision-making processes for these projects will depend on the lead agency.

Investment projects may also be perceived as related (or contributing) to broader patterns of neighborhood change or indirect forms of displacement such as rising residential/commercial rents, particularly in areas historically lacking investment. While we can evaluate projects in our list based on their proposed improvements and direct impacts, indirect project impacts are challenging to predict and may depend on anti-displacement and neighborhood stabilization strategies in place at the city or county level. To help meet this need, our initial list includes two programs dedicated to supporting other agencies in passing Housing Stabilization and Economic Stabilization Policies (LB-ELA_0185 and LB-ELA_0136).

Q: Is there a solution we can invest in to eliminate the pollution from the air from trucks/other vehicles?

- Susan Adams, CLC (At-Large)

A: Several projects include street tree/vegetation planting, which is the most effective way to remove vehicle pollution from outdoor air. The project list also proposes a number of solutions to prevent air pollution and reduce exposure to air pollution.

The best way to address air pollution is through prevention - reducing the number of trips made by polluting vehicles, and investing in technologies that reduce the amount of pollution produced by vehicles. Numerous projects on our initial list aim to advance these goals by improving conditions for clean modes of transportation such as walking, biking, and taking transit, and supporting electrification of vehicles for goods movement, transit, and personal use.

Once pollutants are released into the air, they are very difficult to remove. The only way to remove particulate matter (the harmful inhaled pollutants from vehicles) from outdoor air is through tree canopy and vegetation that provides natural filtration. High quality air filters can be used to remove particulate matter from indoor air. Our initial project list includes an I-710 Particulate Matter (PM) Reduction Pilot project, which includes measures such as vegetation barriers, frequent street sweeping, air filters for schools and community spaces, and deployment of air quality monitoring systems (LB-ELA_0157). Several arterial roadway and active transportation projects also identify street tree/vegetation planting as a project element.

Q: Can we add a timeline or status to the projects in the list?

- Guadalupe Arellano, CLC (East Los Angeles – Unincorporated)

A: Yes, in the evaluation and prioritization phases, we will provide a general timeline status for projects (near term, medium term, and long term) based on project information available.

In the next phase of study (the evaluation phase) and as we explore options to prioritize projects for the draft investment plan, we will indicate a general timeline status (near/medium/long term) to the best of our knowledge based on the current project status and a typical timeline for projects of similar scope. Much will depend upon available funding from various sources that can be procured annually over a period of several years. Large groups of projects will likely be implemented in phases. As some projects and programs include multiple “sub-projects,” the project timeline status provided may indicate the timeline for implementation of a typical “sub-project” rather than the entire set of projects, which would likely take place over several years and under the leadership of various different jurisdictions.

Q: Are there any projects to support transitions from the 710 to other freeways like the 10 or the 60?

- Guadalupe Arellano, CLC (East Los Angeles – Unincorporated)

A: The project list includes several I-710 interchange improvement projects, but none with I-10 or SR-60.

As the I-10 freeway is outside the study area boundaries, the project list does not include any interchange improvements between the I-710 and the I-10. Interchange improvements, such as the reconfiguration of the connectors between the I-710 and SR-60 as well as local ramps in the vicinity of East LA, were considered in previous project studies, but rejected due to adverse impacts such as the need for right-of-way and related displacements.