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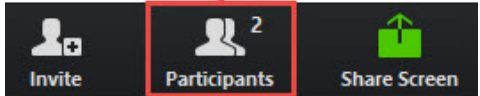
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Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan



Welcome!

Task Force Meeting #20.5
May 8, 2023



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1. Participate to the fullest of your ability - An inclusive Investment Plan depends on the participation of every stakeholder.
2. Respect others when they are speaking.
3. Listen actively with an ear to understand others' views.
4. If needed, ask questions or for clarifying information from speakers on the subject matter at hand.
5. Do not be afraid to respectfully challenge one another by asking questions but refrain from personal attacks – focus on ideas.
6. In order to facilitate a constructive conversation, the Project Team will uphold these rules and reserves the right to remove participants who are disruptive or disrespectful.

Meeting Objectives

- > Review what we heard about Evaluation Criteria from Task Force Members at May 1st meeting.
- > Metro Team to respond to Key Questions on Evaluation Criteria.
- > Task Force to Vote on the following question: "Do you support the Evaluation Criteria?".

Detailed Agenda

5pm Welcome and Opening Remarks
i. Introductions, Ground Rules, Objectives, Agenda

5:05pm Agenda Item #1: Evaluation Criteria – In-Depth Look
i. What we've heard
ii. Task Force Discussion
iii. Public Comment

5:55pm Agenda Item #2: Evaluation Criteria - Vote
i. Task Force Discussion
ii. Public Comment
iii. Vote

6:55pm Closing Remarks and General Public Comment

7:00pm Adjournment

Agenda Item #1:

Evaluation Criteria – An In-Depth Look

- i. What We've Heard
- ii. Task Force Discussion
- iii. Public Comment

LB-ELA Corridor Investment Plan Milestones



- ◆ Board Action and Milestone Decision
- ◆ Board Status Report



*Metro staff is currently looking at ways to deliver the Draft Investment Plan by the end of 2023

Evaluation Process Timeline

Now that we have the Initial List of Project and Programs, we will perform the evaluation with public input along the way.

Spring 2023



Run Models & Evaluate Projects

Technical models will be run to test the performance of the projects, bundled by project type.

Based on the findings of and the project's "facts," projects will be analyzed. Some may be "flagged."

Summer 2023



Screen Projects

The evaluation will be shared and discussed and used to screen projects.

Fall 2023



Refined List & Prioritization

Once the list is refined, projects will be prioritized and then packaged into the Investment Plan.

Winter 2023/24*



**Draft
Investment
Plan**

What We're Working Toward: Overall Goal

- **Final product: LB-ELA Investment Plan**
- The Investment Plan will identify public realm improvement projects and programs that address the community vision and goals for neighborhoods within the LB-ELA corridor.
- The Investment Plan will include a prioritized Project List, implementation section, funding sources, and next steps.
- Some projects would be Metro-funded and/or implemented, while others would be funded by other sources and implemented by cities and other entities.

Evaluation Criteria: Four Categories

ALIGNMENT WITH GOALS

Gauge how well projects/programs aligns with LB-ELA goals and vision

1

EQUITY

Does the project advance equity in the corridor?

2

PROJECT CONCERNS

Identify potential concerns and negative impacts that should be highlighted

4

SUSTAINABILITY

Does the project advance sustainability in the corridor?

3



FLAGS FOR ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION

Add 'Flags' following evaluation that capture other project considerations

Task Force Meeting #20 Highlights

Summary

- > Held virtually via Zoom on Monday, May 1
- > 43 participants (28 Task Force Members/Alternates, 3 Ex-Officio Members, 2 CLC members, and 8 Members of the Public)

Highlights

The Project Team reviewed the evaluation framework and process and also provided an overview of how health is incorporated into the evaluation framework. Task Force questions focused on how and to what extent health factors are being included in the evaluation as well as wanting a better understanding the evaluation process. Team responses are summarized below:

- > Community health benefits and potential impacts are included in several of the evaluation criteria and a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is premature at the current level of analysis for development of the Investment Plan.
- > The evaluation will show findings based on available information we have about the projects and will help to describe the pros and cons of the projects.
- > The Concerns group of evaluation measures represent the potential negative impacts (cons) of the projects.
- > Flags are either referencing issues raised by the committee about a project or support for a project. They will not be used during the screening step.
- > Potential benefits and potential concerns for the projects will both be presented and will be summarized by goal, concern, and guiding principal.

Key Questions - Process

There are so many Evaluation Criteria. How will all of the results come together in the end so that we can understand which are the best projects for the Investment Plan?

The Evaluation Criteria are structured to assess how well the Projects and Programs align with each of the different goals, as well as the principles of equity and sustainability.

The evaluation results can be summarized for each of the Goals (Air Quality, Community, Safety, Mobility, Environment, and Opportunity/Prosperity) and for Equity, Sustainability, and Concerns.

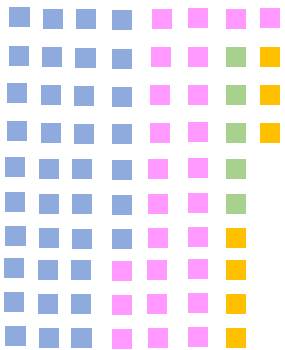
When the technical work is complete, the draft evaluation results will be made available at both the detail and the summary level for review and discussion.

The summary results will show how each of the Projects and Programs perform across the different goals. It is possible that some projects will perform better on some goals and not others. At this stage, no single goal is more important than any other.

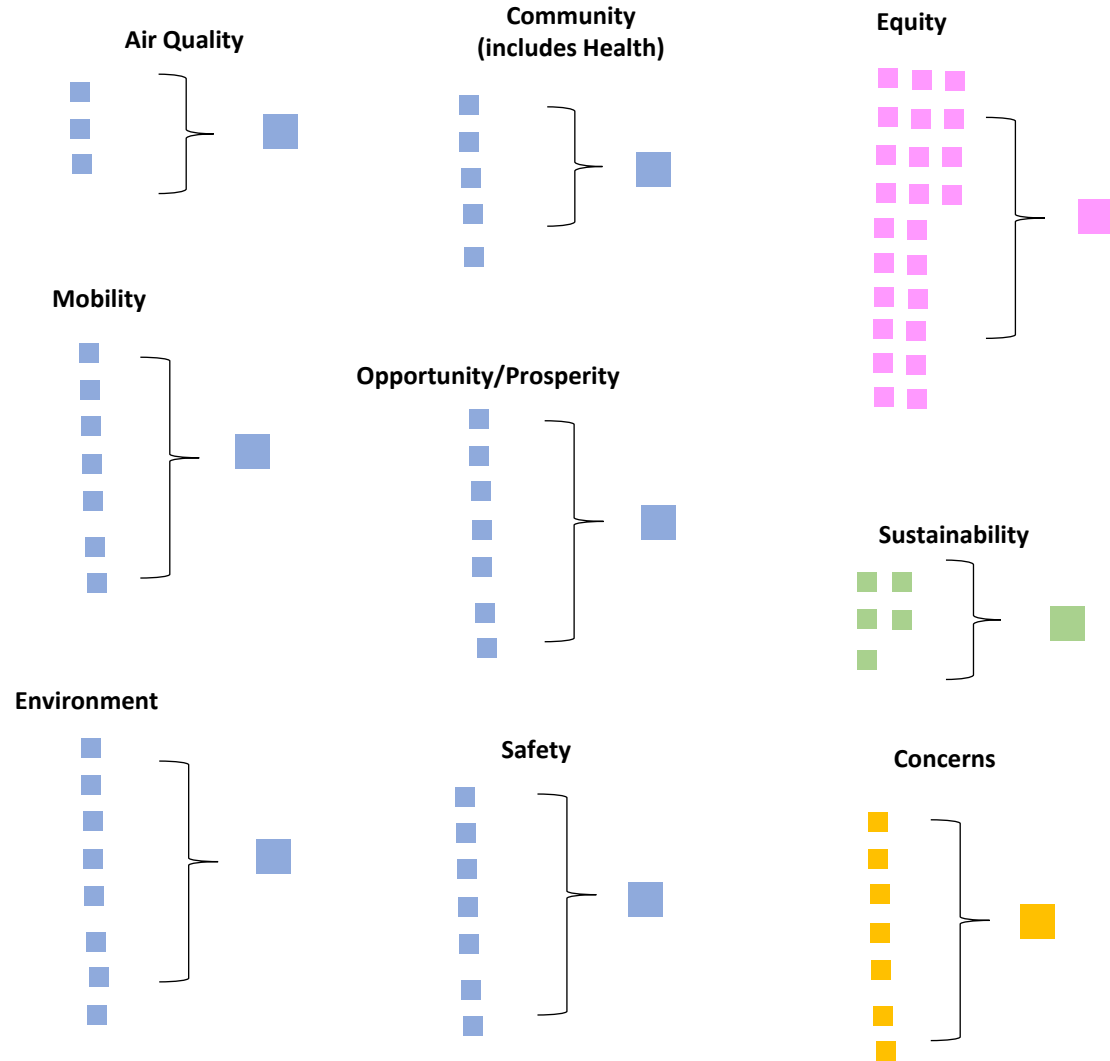
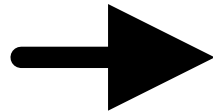
Key Questions - Process

Detail Eval Results

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Evaluation Criteria

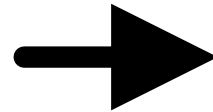


2 Flags



Summary Eval Results

- Air Quality
- Mobility
- Community (includes Health)
- Environment
- Safety
- Opportunity/Prosperity
- Equity
- Sustainability
- Concerns



Key Questions - Process

You have 15 individual projects that make up components of the original I-710 Expansion project that when put together equal a project that could not move forward. How are you going to provide a holistic view of the adverse impacts?

This assertion is not true and is misrepresentative of the different freeway improvements included in the Initial Set of Projects and Programs for evaluation.

General purpose lanes, which would trigger significant levels of new traffic, noise, and particulate emissions on I-710, are not proposed. The redesign of major interchanges and several auxiliary lanes that were previously found to generate significant adverse impacts—especially displacement—are not proposed.

Each of the freeway concepts is structured to resolve discrete, specific operational and safety problems at those specific problem locations on the freeway. Each of the concepts would have independent utility in that each one represents a single and complete project that is not dependent upon completion of any of the others.

Key Questions – Evaluation Criteria

Will water capture be addressed within the Evaluation Criteria?

*Yes, that is the intention. The language of Evaluation Criteria EN4 has been amended as follows to make this intent clear: “EN4 – Water quality, **water capture**, drainage, and flood management features.”*

Potential Noise Reduction is noted as quantitative. Perhaps you can think about quantifying noise as a concern as well?

*No detailed noise modeling and evaluation will be performed as part of the evaluation criteria (either positively or negatively). “EN7: The Potential for Noise Reduction” is essentially qualitative, that may be informed by available quantitative information such as “linear feet of soundwall added” to help characterize the extent of the benefit. We will make a correction to the label of EN7 to make it clear that this is a **qualitative** measure.*

Key Questions - Health

Why are we using other criteria as proxies for health benefits/impacts? Why not just include health outcomes as separate evaluation criteria?

- > *Because so many factors (including genetics, behavior, environmental and physical influences, medical care and social factors) contribute to health outcomes, it is much more challenging to quantify how a transportation project, or group of projects, will directly improve or worsen health outcomes such as asthma rates or cardiovascular disease.*
- > *U.S. DOT names five primary pathways linking transportation to public health. They include **'active transportation, safety, cleaner air, connectivity, and equity'** and specifically suggest indicators including **mode share, VMT, public transportation trips** to measure health outcomes.*
- > *Similarly, the CDC suggest uses the social determinants of health and Community Design principles in design projects to improve health outcomes. Some of the data they suggest using includes **'access to parks and schools, commute time, types of transportation to work'** – all of which are included in the evaluation criteria.*

Key Questions - Health

Which criteria are being used as proxies for health outcomes?

- **CH1** – *Reduce Emissions: Health Effects Metrics (PM2.5, DPM emission levels)*
- **CH2** – *Reduce Exposure at Receptors (Air Filtration/Screening)*
- **CH3** – *Mode Shift to Active Transportation, Transit (Physical Activity)*
- **CH5** – *Bike/Ped Access to parks, Recreational Areas, Open Spaces (Physical Activity, Mental Health)*
- **SF1, SF2, SF4, SF6** (*Traffic Safety Benefits*)
- **EN6** (*Heat Reduction/Cooling Benefits*)
- **OP1, OP4, OP5, OP6, OP7** (*Access to Opportunity Benefits - Social Determinants of Health*)
- **SA1, SA2, SA3, SA4, SA5** (*Systems change benefits to air quality, physical activity, heat exposure*)
- **CON4, CON5, CON7** (*Negative Impacts: Pollution, Traffic Collisions, Vehicle Use*)

Key Questions - Health

“Reduce Emissions” shows up under both AQ1 and CH1. Does this mean we are counting the same emissions twice and giving extra weight to this criteria?

- > No. Our AQ and CH criteria for emissions reduction measure different pollutants (e.g., primary regional non-attainment pollutants and primary health impact pollutants, respectively). Some specific pollutants appear in both methodologies, but they are used to measure different outcomes.*

Key Questions - Health

Is the project team going to produce a Community Health Baseline study?

- > *Existing conditions research for the investment plan included review of community health outcomes using tools such as CalEnviroScreen and CA Healthy Places Index, as well as existing health conditions data produced for the previous I-710 Corridor project.*
- > *For the Evaluation stage, the project team will establish future baseline measurements for metrics included in the evaluation (e.g., PM2.5/DPM emissions, Travel Mode Share, Collision Data, etc.)*
- > *As a future component of the Investment Plan effort, the project team has proposed creating a Health Equity Dashboard to provide ongoing data on health outcomes in the LB-ELA Corridor.*

Key Questions - Health

“Why aren’t we performing a Health Impact Assessment?”

- > *We are in the early stages of our "strategic" investment plan, which includes hundreds of projects and programs, with widely varying contexts and levels of detail. Environmental analyses and Health Impact/Risk Assessments require a discrete and detailed project or planning scenario to produce meaningful information.*
- > *HIA's generally use many of the same 'proxy' indicators we are using, which are then translated into projected health outcomes. However, translating these indicators into quantifiable health outcomes requires a high level of project specificity, and extensive local health and travel data.*
- > *Even the most well-substantiated HIAs typically come with major caveats due to the complexity of overlapping risk exposures, and social, economic, and environmental risk modifiers.*

Key Questions - Health

How is health being incorporated into the project beyond the evaluation phase?

In addition to the potential Health Equity Dashboard, the project team plans to:

- > Continue holding health-focused meetings at CLC, Equity Working Group, and Task Force*
- > Explore developing health-focused project design/implementation guidelines in collaboration with Task Force, Equity Working Group, and CLC members to include as an appendix to the Investment Plan*
- > Identify opportunities to collaborate with other departments, agencies, and organizations who are working on evaluating and improving health equity in the project area*

Task Force Discussion

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Agenda Item #2: Evaluation Criteria – Vote

- i. Task Force Discussion
- ii. Public Comment
- iii. Vote

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Task Force Discussion


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VOTE

I support moving forward with the Evaluation Criteria.

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Public Comment

Upcoming Meetings and Project Information

Task Force Meetings

- > **Task Force Meeting #21**
Monday, June 12, 5-7 pm

Working Group Meetings

- > **Zero-Emissions Truck Working Group #16**
Tuesday, May 23, 1-3 pm

- > **Equity Working Group #13**
Thursday, June 29, 5-7pm

Community Leadership Committee Meeting

- > **CLC Meeting #15**
Thursday, May 18, 5-7 pm

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General Public Comment

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