



## **Metro Long Beach-East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan Community Working Group (CWG) FAQ**

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### **Summary and Purpose**

The following document introduces the Community Working Group (CWG) that will be formed to advise Metro on the implementation of the *Long Beach - East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan* (Investment Plan). It includes an overview of the CWG, along with information about its formation, composition, member commitments, and logistics. It was drafted and then revised based on input from former Community Leadership Committee (CLC) and Task Force Members, as well as community members throughout the summer and fall of 2025.

### **Introduction to the Community Working Group (CWG)**

#### **1. What is the CWG?**

The Community Working Group (CWG) is an advisory body made up of 30 community members who will advise Metro on the implementation of the *Long Beach - East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan* (Investment Plan) over a term of two years. Implementation of the Investment Plan is a significant undertaking with many moving parts. The CWG provides a unique opportunity for community members to shape the implementation of the Investment Plan and to become more familiar with transportation planning processes.

#### **2. What are the goals of the CWG?**

Members of the CWG will serve as a bridge between Metro and the community, ensuring transparency and accountability, by consistently providing input across a range of topics related to the implementation of the Investment Plan. The CWG's role is to provide community expertise on alignment with the Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles established during the development of the Investment Plan.<sup>1</sup> Metro staff will also update the CWG on progress made by the Technical Working Groups, so that input from all working groups is integrated.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Long Beach – East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Investment Plan](#) 9-2

**3. What are the responsibilities of CWG Members?**

- Provide feedback and guidance from people who live in the LB-ELA corridor, about how best to prioritize the Community Programs and define their impacts and benefits.
- Keep the community’s vision and priorities—equity, health, mobility, and opportunity—at the center of project implementation and program development.
- Attend CWG meetings (compensation provided for participation).
- Offer high-level feedback and guidance on plan implementation and progress.

**4. What topics will be covered at the CWG Meetings?**

Examples of anticipated topics include:

- Advising Metro on the Implementation Guidelines for the Initial Investments (projects and programs) from the Investment Plan.
- Reviewing and prioritizing the 15 Community Programs identified in the Investment Plan<sup>3</sup> to inform Metro about where the community sees the most need over the next two years.
- Recommending stakeholder engagement approaches for Metro and other implementing agencies, to ensure that transportation investments from the Investment Plan benefit historically underserved communities and help to rectify past harms.

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<sup>3</sup> [Investment Plan](#) 8-44



## 6. What are the Technical Working Groups (TWG)?

In addition to the CWG, Metro will form five Technical Working Groups where subject matter experts will discuss various project-related components. These forums will not have formal membership like the CWG. Rather, former CLC and Task Force members, as well as other individuals with technical knowledge about relevant subjects, will all be invited to attend at their convenience. CWG members will not be compensated for attending these optional meetings.

The TWGs will help Metro ensure that the projects use best practices, which may relate to data collection, analysis criteria selection, evaluation processes, community and stakeholder engagement, etc. They will:

- Bring in subject matter experts in transportation planning, urban planning, and social and environmental justice to ensure implementation reflects best practices.
- Include public agencies, non-profits, and industry representatives.
- Identify funding solutions to realize Plan investments at the maximum leverage.
- Meet on an ad-hoc/as-needed basis.

## 7. What will each of the five TWGs cover?

There are two planned Modal TWGs and three planned Community Program TWGs as outlined in the Next Steps section of the Investment Plan.<sup>4</sup>

The Modal TWGs will help develop and refine the initial investment projects and modal programs relating to different modes as follows:

- a. **Modal TWG 1:** Transit, Active Transportation, Arterial Roadway/Complete Street, and Micromobility.
- b. **Modal TWG 2:** I-710 MOSAIC/Freeway Safety, Interchange Improvements, and Goods Movement.

The Community Program TWGs will help develop and refine the community programs in various topic areas as follows:

- c. **Community Program TWG 1:** Health/Air Quality/Environment.
- d. **Community Program TWG 2:** Housing Stabilization/Land Use.
- e. **Community Program TWG 3:** Job Creation/Work Opportunities.

Community TWG meetings will be held depending on the topic areas that are prioritized by the CWG.

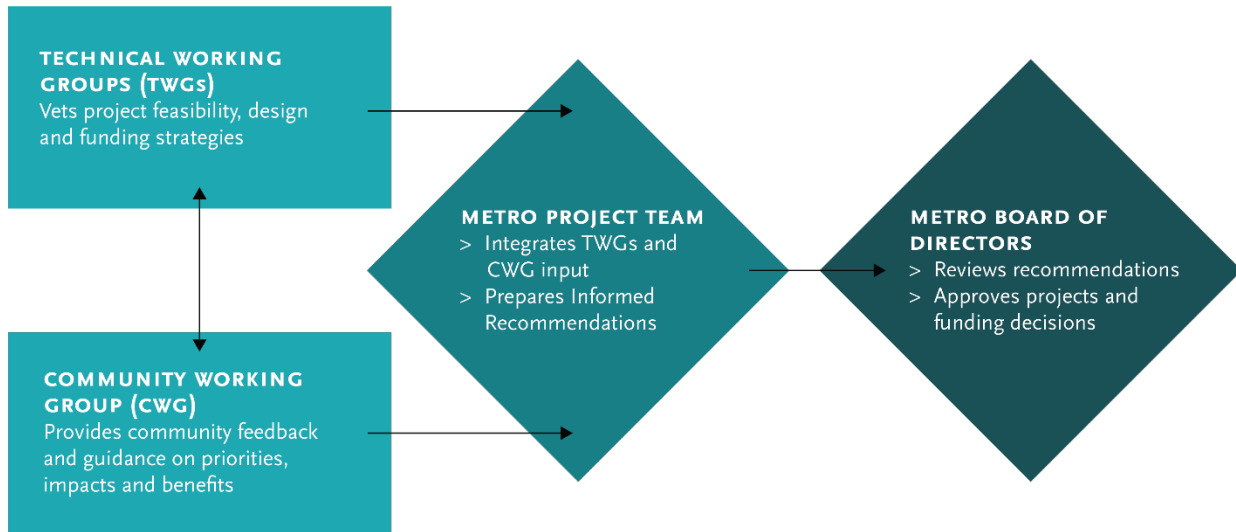
## 8. What is the relationship between Community Working Group (CWG) and Technical Working Groups (TWGs)?

CWG members are welcome to participate in the TWGs, which will not have formal membership. There is no compensation planned for the TWGs. Both CWG and TWGs will share their recommendations to the Metro Project Team within their respective meetings. Metro staff, who report to the Metro Board, will summarize all input received across the CWG and TWGs and be

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<sup>4</sup> [Investment Plan](#) 9-1

responsible for advancing recommendations and providing updates to the Metro Board. The graphic below outlines the relationship between CWG and TWGs.



**9. How will the CWG provide recommendations to Metro?**

The CWG will provide recommendations to Metro staff directly during CWG meetings. Summaries will also be prepared for all CWG meetings, which will then be shared with the Metro Board, as requested by the Board and at appropriate milestones. After each meeting, these summaries will also be shared with CWG members. In addition, the welcome packet provided to new CWG members will include important relevant information, for example about how to submit a formal letter to the Metro board.

**Composition of the CWG**

**10. How many people will be in the CWG**

The CWG will have 30 seats, with 29 members representing each of the jurisdictions along the corridor, and one seat reserved for a possible future at-large member. The at-large member could either be an existing CWG member who then moves out of their jurisdiction but still lives within the study area or is nominated by the CWG as a new member due to special circumstances. This is consistent with the previous at-large CLC membership and allows flexibility for unknown membership composition needs.

This size was chosen to ensure that:

- There is at least one representative from each city or unincorporated community along the LB-ELA corridor, with additional representatives from areas that have many people who are highly impacted by environmental injustices and related poor health outcomes. A breakdown of the membership is included at the end of this document and is consistent with the jurisdictional representation established for the CLC.

- It is a manageable size that will allow for meaningful participation. This is consistent with feedback heard during the evaluation of the CLC after it was completed.

**11. How will CWG members be selected?**

Community members who are interested in joining the CWG will fill out an online or hard copy application. The application will be open for six weeks, from October 6 to November 14, 2025. The project team will review applications and will then select the applicant(s) with the highest score from each jurisdiction.

The scoring rubric, described below, is similar to that which was used to select CLC members in the previous phase of the project. However, additional criteria were added based on community feedback gathered throughout 2025. The additional criteria are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

<b>Application Scoring Criteria</b>	<b>Score</b>
Lives in the study area (baseline 1 member per jurisdiction, see Appendix)	<i><b>N/A - Required of all applicants</b></i>
Does not have competing political and/or financial interests in the LB-ELA Corridor (e.g. does not work for an elected official, transit agency, or would not otherwise politically or financially gain based on CWG participation)	<i><b>N/A – Required of all applicants</b></i>
Works in the study area	1 point
Engaged community member (e.g. participates in a local organization or community group)	1 point
Lives in a highly impacted area (i.e. within ½ mile of the freeways, ports, or intermodal yards)	1 point
Lives in two or more highly impacted areas	2 points
Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)	1 point
Primary language other than English	1 point
Under the age of 25	1 point
Over the age of 64	1 point
Represents the disability community*	1 point
Former CLC member*	1 point

**12. Are former Community Leadership Committee (CLC) members prioritized for CWG membership?**

CLC members (from the project’s previous phase) will not automatically be offered a place in the CWG. Rather, all interested community members will be required to complete an application to be considered for the CWG. Former CLC members will be awarded one point for their previous involvement. This approach may be revisited after the two-year term of the inaugural CWG, when it is expected that a new CWG may be selected.

**13. How is the CWG different from the Community Leadership Committee (CLC)?**

During the development of the Investment Plan, the CLC was assembled to provide input. The CWG differs from the CLC in the following ways:

- The CLC formally voted on recommendations that were then presented to the project’s Task Force; the CWG will provide recommendations to Metro staff. As with the CLC, recommendations from the CWG will be summarized and shared with the Metro Board.
- The CLC focused on early project visioning, goal setting, and definition of guiding principles and criteria; the CWG will focus on implementation of the Investment Plan, to ensure alignment with the vision and goals established in the Investment Plan.

#### **14. How will new members of the CWG be “brought up to speed” on the Investment Plan?**

The project team will host orientation and additional introductory meetings as needed for all CWG members. The meeting(s) will provide high-level information on the development of the Investment Plan, review past achievements of the CLC and Task Force, and clarify CWG roles and responsibilities. All CWG meetings will include opportunities for members to ask clarifying questions to increase their familiarity with and understanding of the Investment Plan. The Investment Plan, newsletter, and a welcome packet will also be shared with the CWG.

### **CWG Commitment**

#### **15. What level of commitment is required of CWG members?**

The CWG’s role is to review, respond to, and help refine staff recommendations to ensure that they are in line with the Vision and Goals of the Investment Plan. This will be outlined in a forthcoming CWG Charter. While CWG members’ responsibilities may be refined as the implementation progresses, at this time, all members are expected to:

- Participate in the CWG for two years.
- Attend at least four, one-to-two-hour meetings per year. The first CWG meeting will likely be in-person, as recommended by the Community Leadership Committee Reflections & Recommendations Report.<sup>5</sup> The subsequent meetings may be in-person or virtual. Meeting dates and frequency are to be determined.
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing the materials provided.
- Be active participants in meetings and provide feedback.
- Abide by the Metro Code of Conduct.

#### **16. Is the CWG a decision-making body?**

The CWG is an advisory body that will function as a working group, whereas the CLC functioned as a deliberative body. A working group studies a subject and develops several ideas for addressing it; these ideas are then presented to a decision-maker. A deliberative body, in contrast, must make a collective decision, usually through a formal voting process on one singular recommendation. Like the CLC, CWG meetings will be collaborative—Metro will ask for direct input and ideas on advancing a range of topics that influence the Investment Plan implementation and feedback will be used by Metro staff and the Metro Board to influence decisions. Unlike the CLC, the CWG will not have a formal voting process.

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<sup>5</sup> [LA-Metro CLC Whitepaper 120324.pdf](#)

**17. Will the CWG weigh in on project-specific implementation?**

Investment Plan projects that are in the development phase will go through typical project development processes that include project-specific community engagement activities. Because of that, if CWG members have concerns or ideas about specific Investment Plan projects, they will have an opportunity to participate in project-specific community engagement/outreach activities, whether led by Metro, local jurisdictions, or other organizations, to share their input.

**CWG Logistics****18. Will the CWG be compensated?**

Yes. CWG members may be eligible for compensation at a rate of \$150 per CWG meeting (up to \$4,300 per Metro fiscal year, July-June), in accordance with Metro's Advisory Body Compensation (ABC) Policy. The ABC Policy outlines individual eligibility criteria that will be reviewed during the onboarding of all CWG Members. Alternative compensation may be available for unique circumstances, such as not having a social security number or not having a checking account. Eligible members may choose to opt out of compensation if they would like. The Project Team will provide technical support to CWG members to make sure they understand their options, but cannot provide legal advice on what options make the most sense for individual circumstances.

**19. When will applicants be notified of their selection?**

CWG members will be selected in December 2025. CWG meetings will be held later in 2026.

**20. Will alternate members be identified?**

Alternates will not be identified. CWG members will be expected to attend all meetings.

## Appendix: CWG Membership by Jurisdiction

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Number of Seats</b>
Bell	1
Bell Gardens	1
Bellflower	1
Boyle Heights ( <i>City of Los Angeles</i> )	1
Carson	1
Commerce	1
Compton	1
Cudahy	1
Downey	1
East Los Angeles ( <i>Unincorporated LA County</i> )	3
East/Rancho Dominguez ( <i>Unincorporated LA County</i> )	1
Huntington Park	1
Lakewood	1
Long Beach	3
Lynwood	2
Maywood	1
Montebello	1
Paramount	1
Signal Hill	1
South Gate	1
Vernon	1
Walnut Park ( <i>Unincorporated LA County</i> )	1
San Pedro ( <i>City of Los Angeles</i> )	1
Wilmington ( <i>City of Los Angeles</i> )	1
At-large ( <i>As needed</i> )	1 ( <i>As needed</i> )