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## Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) Community Meeting

Monday, August 25, [2025](#) | 6 - 7:30pm | Meeting Location: Compton College in Compton, CA



**Attendance and Special Guests**

**Local Jurisdictions**

Kyle Lee, Deputy Constituent Engagement, County of Los Angeles Supervisorial District 2

**PROJECT TEAM**

**Metro**

Mark Dierking, Director, Local Government and Community Relations, Metro  
Rena Lum, Deputy Executive Office, Goods Movement, Regional Rail, Metro  
Akiko Yamagami, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning, Metro  
Lorena Sanchez, Manager, Community Relations, Metro  
Aren Hacoupiian, Transportation Planner, Goods Movement, Metro

**HereLA**

Shannon Davis, Co-Director, HereLA  
Amber Hawkes, Co-Director, HereLA

**Arellano Associates**

Melissa Holguin, Staff and Project Director, Arellano Associates  
Laura Herrera, Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Yvette Ximenez, Deputy Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Adrian Farran, Senior Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Reanna Jimenez, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Emily Vargas, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates

**Forum Mobility**

Patrick Cruz, Senior Development Associate, Forum Mobility  
Ron Hun, Director, Forum Mobility

**North Star Alliance**

Leila Bardales, Director of Project Management, North Star Alliance  
Emani Shelton, Senior Project Coordinator, North Star Alliance

**King Fio Trucking**

Jennie Abarca, Owner, King Fio Trucking

**Workforce Development**

Alicia Zambrano, Compton College  
Sara Rodriguez, Rio Hondo College

**Introduction**

Metro launched the Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) Program in 2021 with the goal of reducing pollution and advancing clean freight solutions in the Long Beach–East LA (LB-ELA) Corridor. Guided by a stakeholder Working Group of freight operators, agencies, and community voices, Metro committed \$50 million in seed funding to jumpstart ZET infrastructure and leverage additional public and private investment. In

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2024, Metro and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) successfully secured state Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding, enabling partnerships with two developers to build truck charging depots: **Las Hermanas in Rancho Dominguez (Forum Mobility)** and **Rio Vista in Boyle Heights (MN8)**. Together, these projects will expand clean truck charging capacity, accelerate adoption of zero-emission technology, and deliver community health and air quality benefits across the corridor. The LB-ELA CMIP identified the ZET Program as part of the list of projects identified in the initial investment priorities.

The ZET Community Meeting was held in person at Compton College in Compton, CA. The purpose of the meeting was to share the information about the LB-ELA ZET Project about the Las Hermanas Charging Depot in Rancho Dominguez, project partnership, introduce the Forum Mobility, and project benefits. Invite community input on how the project may best support community needs—especially around air quality and economic opportunity.

Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish was provided. The presentation can be referred to in **(Appendix A)** and the public art log can be found under **(Appendix B)** and under meeting materials.

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#### **1. Open house, Welcome, Introduction, Metro Updates, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives**

- > Prior to the start of the community meeting attendees had the opportunity to tour 5 stations:
  - **Station 1:** LB-ELA Investment Plan
    - Supporting materials for the CMIP Investment Plan were shared. A copy of the materials can be found at [Resources | LB-ELA Corridor Plan](#)
  - **Station 2:** Las Hermanas Charging Depot
    - Charging Depot details were shared.
  - **Station 3:** Demo Truck
    - A live demo with a zero-emission truck on site
  - **Station 4:** Local Workforce Development
    - Representatives from Compton College and Rio Honda College shared programs specific to each location
  - **Station 5:** Public Art Process
    - Participants could provide input on landscape features and themes to help guide the design of the proposed artful fence
- > Lorena Sanchez, Manager, Community Relations, Metro, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees and special guest Kyle Lee, County of Los Angeles Supervisorial District 2. Fifteen community members were in attendance including Kyra Lise, Director of Real Estate, Port of Seattle.
- > Shannon Davis, Co-Director, HereLA introduced the meeting agenda, goals and meeting structure.
- > Metro staff member Lorena Sanchez provided updates from Metro.

#### **2. Agenda Item #1: Introduction & Background**

- > Akiko Yamagami, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning, Metro, provided an overview of the LB-ELA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan and the ZET Truck Program. Reference **presentation slides 15-23** for details.

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- > ZET Industry Professional and Owner of King Fio, Jennie Abarca, introduced King Fio, shared how it originated, and their goals for the next 5 years.
- > Local workforce development representatives from Compton College and Rio Hondo College presented available resources, training programs, and job opportunities.
  - Alicia Zambrano: Compton College
  - Sara Rodriguez: Rio Hondo College

### 3. Agenda Item #2: Las Hermanas ZET Site

- > Amber Hawkes, Co-Director, HereLA, provided a site overview for the Las Hermanas ZET site accompanied by quick facts around the site.
- > Metro's Akiko Yamagami introduced Metro's new model of working with private companies to advance regional sustainable goals.
- > The outreach plan for surrounding communities near the ZET charging depot was presented.

**Outreach Plan / Plan de Divulgación**

Metro is reaching out to the surrounding community to provide information about the ZET charging depot, through:

- > CBO Partnerships, canvassing/flyers to adjacent residences
- > Mailers to local residences
- > Emails and newsletters
- > Social Media campaign
- > Flyer distribution at public locations like libraries and city halls throughout the corridor

*Metro se está comunicando con la comunidad circundante para brindar información sobre la estación de carga ZET a través de:*

- > Colaboraciones con organizaciones comunitarias
- > Correos electrónicos y boletines informativos
- > Campaña de medios sociales
- > Distribución de volantes en lugares públicos como bibliotecas y ayuntamientos a lo largo del corredor



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- > Patrick Cruz, Senior Development Associate, Forum Mobility, was introduced and provided an overview of Forum Mobility and their relationship with Metro for this upcoming phase.
- > A rendering and working site plan for the Las Hermanas ZET charging depot was displayed along with the timeline of the development. The project is currently in the Public Art Process.
- > Ms. Hawkes and Ms. Davis from HereLA, continued with presenting potential community benefits of Zero Emission trucks in the area and potential air quality and life benefits. Displays of public art and landscaping along the Las Hermanas Street was shared and attendees were encouraged to share their ideas at station 5. Community feedback included:
  - **Landscape Features:**
    - Strong preference for trees, especially fully grown shade trees, to provide cooling benefits and reduce heat.

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- Requests to avoid heat-absorbing materials and instead prioritize shade trees, native vegetation, and indigenous landscaping.
- Suggestions to integrate community artists into the process and to collaborate with local schools, such as Colin Powell Academy and Jordan, to involve student artists.
- Overall emphasis on features that contribute to reducing the urban heat island effect.
- **Design Inspiration:**
  - When asked to describe the neighborhood in one word, participants shared:
  - Congestion
  - Classic Semi-Truck
  - Freedom

### 4. Group Discussion

- > Ms. Hawkes facilitated the group discussion. Attendees had the opportunity to share their comments and feedback at the mic or on a speaker card to be read off by the meeting facilitators. Common issues and concerns included:
  - **Traffic Impacts:** Concerns were raised about increased truck activity on already congested corridors (710 and 91) and whether ZET operations would occur around the clock.
  - **Road Maintenance:** Questions surfaced around potential impacts of ZET trucks on roadway wear and tear, with community members seeking clarity on maintenance planning.
  - **Energy Use:** Interest in energy consumption at full capacity reflected a desire for transparency around environmental sustainability and infrastructure needs.
  - **Local Cost Impacts:** Questions on how costs may affect the local community emphasized the need for clear messaging on economic impacts, benefits, and potential savings.

### 5. Next Steps

- > Ms. Sanchez shared upcoming meeting dates and opportunities for feedback.
  - **Upcoming Meetings:** A virtual ZET Community Meeting on September 9. Future ZET Community Meetings are also planned for late fall 2025 to introduce the Rio Vista Charging Depot.
  - **Feedback Timeline:** Community feedback on the Las Hermanas project will be accepted through Friday, September 12 (with flexibility to extend if needed) and shared with Forum Mobility.
  - **Public Art Process:** Metro will coordinate with Forum Mobility on the public art process, with potential community engagement led by FM/the public artist beginning in winter 2025/2026 and implementation in early 2026.
  - **Ongoing Outreach:** Metro will continue working with Director Mitchell's office, CBOs and community stakeholders to support outreach and ensure broad engagement.
- > Lorena Sanchez from Metro closed out the meeting
- > The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

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### Meeting Format Logistics

- Meeting Format: In-Person
- Participants: Public

### **Meeting Materials:**

[ZET Community Meeting Presentation](#)

[ZET Meeting Public Art Log.xlsx](#)

[ZET Meeting Photos](#)