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**Public Meeting #3** Thursday, November 6 2025 | 6 -7:30pm | Virtual Meeting: Zoom



## **Attendance and Special Guests**

### **PROJECT TEAM**

#### **Metro**

Michael Cano, Senior Executive Officer (interim), Metro  
KeAndra Cylear-Dodds, Executive Officer, Equity and Race, Metro  
Akiko Yamagami, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning, Metro  
Patrick Chandler, Media Relations Manager, Metro  
Lorena Sanchez, Manager, Community Relations, Metro  
Mark Dierking, Director, Local Government and Community Relations, Metro  
Allan Fye, Senior Director, County Wide Planning, Metro  
Aren Hacoupiian, Transportation Planner, Metro

#### **HereLA**

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

#### **North Star Alliance**

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

#### **Arellano Associates**

Melissa Holguin, Project Director, Arellano Associates  
Laura Herrera, Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Keven Michel, Senior Tech Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Eric Davidian, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Reanna Jimenez, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Emily Vargas, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates

### **Introduction**

The Long Beach–East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan (LB–ELA CMIP), shaped by over two years of community collaboration, was approved by the Metro Board in April 2024 with up to \$4 billion in potential funding. The project is now moving into its implementation phase, where the focus shifts from planning to delivering sustainable, multimodal improvements. As part of this transition, the Task Force and Community Leadership Committee (CLC) will evolve into two new groups: a Community Working Group (CWG) that will provide regular, year-round input to keep community priorities at the center, and Technical Working Groups (TWGs) made up of subject matter experts who will ensure projects are safe, fundable, and technically sound. Together, these groups will guide Metro’s recommendations to the Board, ensuring community voices guide the future of the corridor.

## *LB-ELA CMIP - Public Meeting #2*

The intention of the meeting was to introduce Phase II of community engagement under the LB–ELA CMIP. This phase marks the transition from planning to implementation and centers on three key components: the Community Working Group (CWG), Technical Working Groups (TWGs), and continued Public Meetings. The meeting also included a walkthrough of the CWG application, details on membership selection and compensation, and a discussion of how the CWG and TWGs will work together to guide project delivery while keeping community priorities.

The meeting was held virtually on Thursday, November 6, 2025, and transmitted via Zoom. Community members had the opportunity to ask questions, and learn how to stay involved, whether by applying to join the CWG, signing up for updates, or participating in future meetings.

Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish was provided. The presentation can be referred to under the meeting materials.

### **Public Meeting #3**

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

- > Laura Herrera from Arellano Associates, welcomed attendees and shared interpretation options, how to participate during the Q&A session and Metro’s code of conduct and introduced Lorena Sanchez, Manager, Community Relations, Metro, to officially open the meeting.
- > Lorena Sanchez introduced the Metro project team and introduced Shannon, Co-Facilitator from HereLA.

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

- > Amber Hawkes introduced the 5 agenda items, today’s goals, investment plan updates, phase II engagement, CWG application, and next steps.
- > Metro staff member Lorena Sanchez provided updates from Metro.

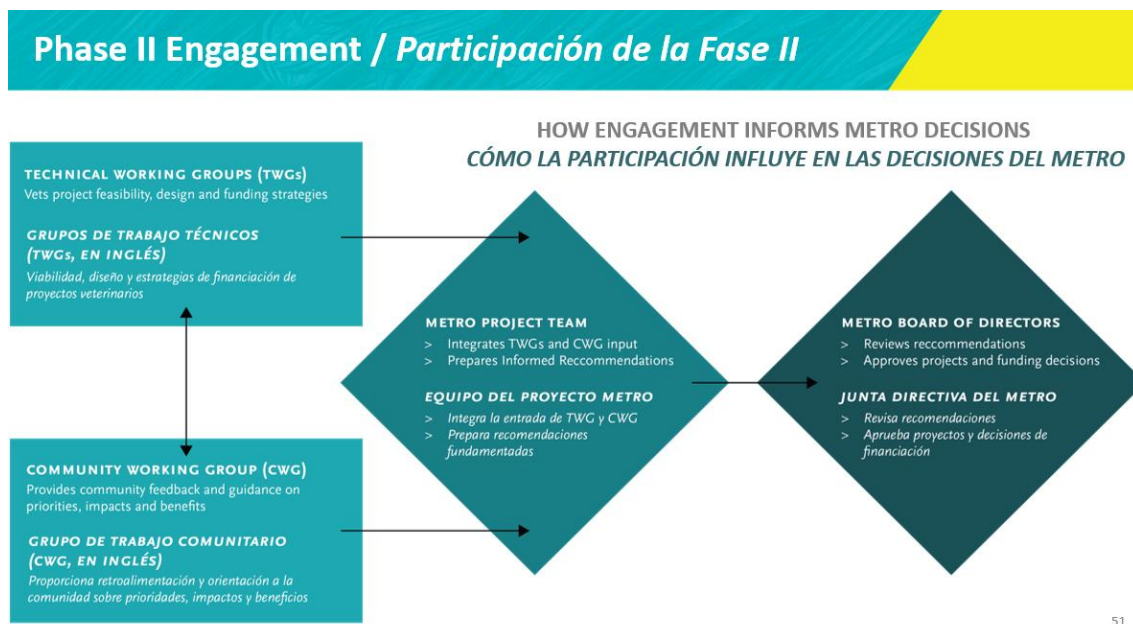
#### **3. Agenda Item #2: Investment Plan & Updates**

- > Akiko Yamagami provided an overview of the investment plan, a map of the plan location, and the Zero-Emission Truck Program.
- > Akiko Yamagami, shared awards received since the adoption of the Investment Plan
- > Amber Hawkes and Shannon Davis from HereLA, shared the Investment Plan including both Projects and Programs. Initial investments were shared, and initiatives completed and underway were shared.
- > Amber Hawkes, shared Las Hermanas ZET Charging Site located in Rancho Domínguez, will serve 200+ medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission trucks daily; community meetings were held at Compton College and virtually in August–September 2025.
- > Construction begins Summer 2026 with operations expected early 2027; an arts consultant was added to support site design.

- > The Rio Vista ZET Charging Site located in Boyle Heights will support up to 100 zero-emission trucks daily, improving air quality and community health; currently in the Environmental Review (CEQA) stage.
- > Upcoming meetings: Nov 12 (in-person at Lou Costello Jr. Recreation Center) and Nov 18 (virtual).

#### 4. Agenda Item #3: Phase II Engagement

- > Sofia Gulaid led the discussion on phase II engagement including the transition to Technical Working Groups (TWGs), Community Working Groups (CWGs), and Public Meetings. These will be the three key components of the new phase of engagement.
- > Each component was described in detail. **Refer to slides 26-32.**
- > Amber Hawkes shared what CWG feedback was provided by community members and



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Metros response and updates made to the CWG.

- > Amber Hawkes shared the application scoring criteria updates and how members will be selected.
- > Amber Hawkes provided the timeline for the CWG formation including CWG member selection being announced in December 2025 and CWG kick-off in the Spring of 2026.

#### 5. Agenda Item #4: CWG Application

- > Amber Hawkes provided the application timeline and where the application is accessible on a phone, computer, or tablet.
- > Amber Hawkes led the application tutorial including how to fill out the application with the support of Kevin Michel, Senior Tech Coordinator, Arellano Associates.
- > Hard copy version will be available at 24 pop up events held by North Star Alliance throughout the gateway cities.

#### 6. Q&A with Metro

- > Amber Hawkes opened the Q&A portion of the meeting.
  - **Discussion Highlights:**
    - Project Timeline and Delays: Multiple attendees raised concerns about delays in launching CWG meetings, when the TWGs and CWG meetings will start, how many meetings will be held in 2026, and questioned the overall pace of the CWG formation.
    - CWG Charter: Participants inquired about the development of the Charter and the expected timeline for its completion.
    - TWG and CWG Coordination: Attendees sought clarification on when the TWG will be involved, how it will interact with the CWG, and how projects will advance before the CWG is formed.
    - Project Updates: Participants requested updates on projects already identified in the Investment Plan and asked that future meetings include project-specific updates.

#### 7. **Next Steps for Metro**

- > Lorena Sanchez shared the application timeline and upcoming meeting dates.
  - **CWG Application & Outreach:** CWG application is open through November 14, with a ZET Community Meeting November 12 in-person, and ZET Community Meeting November 18 virtually, plus additional CBO outreach, pop-ups, and youth engagement to encourage participation.
  - **Next Steps:** Metro will select and announce CWG members by the end of 2025
- > Lorena Sanchez from Metro closed out the meeting
- > The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

#### Meeting Format Logistics

- Meeting Format: Virtual
- Participants: Public

#### **Attachments:**

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