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Zero-Emission Truck Community Meeting

November 18, 2025 | 12 - 1:30pm | Location: Zoom



Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) Community Meeting

Metro

Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Executive Officer, Community Relations, LA Metro
Mark Dierking, Director, Local Government and Community Relations, Metro
Allan Fye, Senior Director, Countywide Planning, Metro
Akiko Yamagami, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning, Metro
Patrick Chandler, Media Relations Manager, Metro
Aren Hacoupiian, Transportation Planner, Goods Movement, Metro

HereLA

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

Arellano Associates

Melissa Holguin, Project and Staff Director, Arellano Associates
Laura Herrera, Project Manager, Arellano Associates
Reanna Jimenez, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates
Eric Davidian, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates
Emily Vargas, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates

MN8 ENERGY

Alan Dowdell, Head of Distributed Energy Solutions, MN8 Energy
Stephanie Williams, Director, Government and External Affairs, MN8 Energy
Michael Miller, Manager, Revenue and Commodities
Tommy Roell, Government and External Affairs, MN8 Energy

Dependable Supply Chain Service

Michael Dougan, Chief Financial Officer, Dependable Supply Chain Services

Workforce Development

Jannet Malig, Cerritos College
Edgar Soltero, East Los Angeles College

North Star Alliance

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

Attendance and Special Guests- 17 attendees

ATEENDES TO NOTE

Dr. Joe Lyou- President and CEO, Coalition for Clean Air

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 ENERGY). 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 virtually on Zoom. The purpose of the meeting was to share information about the LB-ELA ZET Project, introduce the **Rio Vista Charging Depot in Boyle Heights**, and project partnership with MN8 ENERGY, and outline the project benefits. The meeting also invited 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](#)), the Group Discussion Facilitation can be found under ([Appendix B](#)) and under meeting materials.

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1. Welcome, Introduction, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives, Rio Vista ZET Site, Group Discussion, Next Steps

- > Laura Herrera, Project Manager, Arellano Associates, opened the meeting and provided the meeting's housekeeping rules.
- > Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Executive Officer, Community Relations, LA Metro, welcomed attendees and introduced project team.
- > Shannon Davis, Co-Director, HereLA introduced the meeting agenda, goals and meeting structure.
- > Ms. De Loza-Gutierrez provided Metro agency updates.

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 14-18 for details.
- > ZET Industry Professional and Chief Financial Officer, Michael Dougan, Dependable Supply Chain Services, shared how it originated, and their investment in cleaner freight solutions across Southern California.
- > Local workforce development representatives from Cerritos and East Los Angeles College presented available resources, training programs, and job opportunities.
 - Jannet Malig: Cerritos College
 - Edgar Soltero: East Los Angeles College

3. Agenda Item #2: Rio Vista ZET Site

- > Ms. Yamagami provided a site overview for the Rio Vista ZET site accompanied by quick facts around the site.
- > Ms. Yamagami introduced Metro's new model of working with private companies to advance regional sustainable goals.
- > Alan Dowdell, Head of Distributed Energy Solutions, MN8 Energy, was introduced and provided an overview of MN8 Energy and their relationship with Metro for this upcoming phase.

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- > A site rendering and site overview for the Rio Vista ZET charging depot was displayed along with the timeline of the development.
 - 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.

4. Group Discussion

- > Ms. Hawkes facilitated the group discussion. Attendees were invited to share their comments and questions either verbally or through the Zoom chat. Common issues and concerns included:
 - **Metro Operations & Electrification:** Questions were raised about why Metro is concerned about pollution, and why Metro buses are not yet electric. A comment was also made noting that Metro is a major pollution contributor.
 - **Study Transparency:** Participants asked whether MN8 ENERGY's traffic studies and related materials will be made available to the public.
 - **Charging, Costs & Station Operations:** Questions focused on the cost to charge a truck for eight hours, whether charging will exceed diesel costs, who will benefit from and have access to the station, how it will operate, clarification on the estimate of 85 trucks charging per day, and the total construction cost for the site.
 - **Education & Workforce:** A question was asked regarding the cost of attending EV-related classes at Cerritos College.

5. Next Steps

- > Mark Dierking, Director, Local Government and Community Relations, Metro shared opportunities for feedback.
 - **Continue Community Outreach:** Metro and MN8 ENERGY will maintain outreach to residents, businesses, and community organizations surrounding the Rio Vista site to ensure clear information-sharing and ongoing transparency.
 - **Support Developer Follow-Up:** Community members are encouraged to send additional feedback on the Rio Vista proposal to riovistainfo@mn8.com by Friday, December 12, 2025, and may contact 710corridor@metro.net with questions about the developer partnership or ZET Program.
 - **Update Project Materials:** Metro will consider posting the MN8 ENERGY's Rio Vista Charging depot information on Metro's LB-ELA CMIP project webpage as appropriate. The materials may include design renderings, elevation diagrams, and the traffic study.
- > Mr. Dierking closed out the meeting.
- > The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Meeting Format Logistics

- Meeting Format: Virtual
- Participants: Public

Meeting Materials:

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