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Zero-Emission Truck Community Meeting

November 12, 2025 | 6 - 7:30pm | Location: Lou Costello Jr Recreation Center



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PROJECT TEAM

Metro

Allan Fye, Senior Director, Countywide Planning, Metro
Akiko Yamagami, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning, Metro
Lorena Sanchez, Manager, Community Relations, Metro
Patrick Chandler, Media Relations Manager, Metro
Aren Hacoupian, Transportation Planner, Goods Movement, Metro

HereLA

Shannon Davis, Co-Director, HereLA
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Arellano Associates

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MN8 ENERGY

Alan Dowdell, Head of Distributed Energy Solutions, MN8 Energy
Stephanie Williams, Director, Government and External Affairs, MN8 Energy
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 Alliances

Leila Bardales, Director of Project Management, North Star Alliances
Jacqueline Bobadilla, Senior Project Coordinator, North Star Alliances

Attendance and Special Guests – [10 attendees](#)

ATEENDES TO NOTE

Dr. Joe Lyou- President and CEO, Coalition for Clean Air
Denny Zane- Founder, Move LA

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

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seed funding to jumpstart ZET infrastructure and leverage additional public and private investment. In 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 in person at Lou Costello Jr. Recreation Center in Boyle Heights, CA. 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, Open House

- > Laura Herrera, Project Manager, Arellano Associates, opened the meeting and provided the meeting's housekeeping rules.
- > Lorena Sanchez, Manager, Community Relations, Metro, welcomed attendees and introduced the project team.
- > Shannon Davis, Co-Director, HereLA introduced the meeting agenda, goals and meeting structure.
- > Metro staff member Lorena Sanchez provided the 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 13-19 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.

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- > 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.
- > 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 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:
 - **CEQA Review:** Questions focused on whether the project requires CEQA review, with community members seeking clarity on the categorical exemption and environmental findings.
 - **Traffic & On-Street Queueing:** Concerns were raised about expected truck volumes, reflecting interest in how truck circulation will be managed as the site becomes operational. Residents asked whether the limited number of charging stations could result in trucks lining up or idling on nearby streets, signaling worries about congestion and neighborhood impacts.
 - **Site Access:** Clarification was requested regarding the project entrance, specifically whether access will occur from Rio Vista Ave.
 - **Emergency Response:** Community members sought information on fire suppression and safety protocols for potential battery-related fires, highlighting a desire for assurances around emergency preparedness.
 - **Roadway Wear:** Comments centered on the weight of battery-electric trucks and potential impacts on pavement conditions, with interest in whether additional maintenance considerations are planned.

5. Next Steps

- > Ms. Sanchez shared upcoming meeting dates and opportunities for feedback.
 - **Upcoming Meetings:** A virtual ZET Community Meeting on November 18.
 - **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.
 - **Continue Community Outreach:** Metro will maintain outreach to residents, businesses, and community organizations surrounding the Rio Vista site to ensure clear information-sharing and ongoing transparency.
 - **Encourage Participation in the CWG Application:** Community members are invited to apply to the Long Beach–East LA Corridor Community Working Group (CWG) through November 14 to help guide implementation of corridor priorities.
- > Ms. Sanchez from Metro closed out the meeting.
- > The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.
- > After the community meeting attendees had the opportunity to tour 4 stations:
 - **Station 1:** LB-ELA Investment Plan

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- 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:** Rio Vista Charging Depot
 - Charging Depot details were shared.
- **Station 3:** Workforce Development
 - Representatives from Cerritos College and East Los Angeles College shared programs specific to each location
- **Station 4:** Community Input
 - Participants could provide input on landscape features and themes to help guide the design of the proposed artful fence

Meeting Format Logistics

- Meeting Format: In-Person
- Participants: Public

Meeting Materials:

[ZET Community Meeting Presentation](#)

[ZET Meeting Comment Log](#)

[ZET Meeting Photos](#)

[In Person Attendance List .xlsx](#)