



## I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT

### Task Force Meeting #11 Summary

August 8, 2022



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### **ATTENDEES**

#### **TASK FORCE**

##### **Labor and Economic / Workforce Development**

Louie Diaz, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union 848 (Teamsters)  
Chris Wilson, Public Policy Manager, LA County Business Federation (BizFed)

##### **Transportation Agencies**

Scott Strelecki, Program Manager, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)  
Roderick Diaz, Director of Planning and Development Metrolink, Southern California Regional Rail Authority  
Marisol Barajas, Manager of Government Relations, Long Beach Transit (LBT)  
Randy Johnson, Director of Government Affairs & Outreach, Access Services, Inc.

##### **Community-Based Organizations and Advocacy Groups**

Alberto Campos, Associate Director Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Collaborative  
Taylor Thomas, Co-Director, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ)  
Laura Cortez, Community Organizer / Co-Director, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ)  
Ambar Rivera, Researcher, Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)  
Sylvia Betancourt, Project Manager, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA)  
Marlin Dawoodjee Vargas, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA)  
Ghirlandi Guidetti, Housing and Community Attorney, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)

##### **Freight and Logistics Industry**

Kimberly Ritter-Martinez, Senior Port Planner and Economist, Port of Long Beach (POLB)  
Sharon Weissman, Vice President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, Port of Long Beach (POLB)  
Kerry Cartwright, Director of Goods Movement, Port of Los Angeles (POLA)

##### **Environmental Organizations**

Joe Lyou, President, CEO, Coalition for Clean Air  
Christopher Chavez, Deputy Policy Director, Coalition for Clean Air  
Natalia Ospina, Project Attorney of Environmental Justice, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

##### **Academic / Research / Policy / Foundations**

Genevieve Giuliano, Director, METTRANS  
Sue Dexter, Researcher, METTRANS  
Edward Muna, Project Manager, USC Equity Research Institute (ERI)  
Niki Okuk, Deputy Director, Calstart  
Blair Schlechter, Deputy Director, CalStart

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### **Local Jurisdictions**

Benjamin Feldman, Special Projects Deputy, County Supervisorial District 1  
Luke Klipp, Senior Transportation Deputy, Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 4  
Viviana Gomez, Transportation Deputy, County of Los Angeles, Supervisorial District 4  
Stever Burger, Deputy Director, Transportation, LA County Department of Public Works (DPW)  
Tyler Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, City of Long Beach  
Suely Suro, Councilmember, City of Long Beach  
Daniel Rodman, Deputy Director of Transportation Services, City of Los Angeles  
Ali Saleh, Councilmember, City of Bell  
Oralia Rebollo, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Commerce

### **CLC**

Fa'alagilagi Meni-Siliga, Carson  
Sinetta Farley, East/Rancho Dominguez  
Tiesha Davis, San Pedro

### **Ex-Officio**

Tom O'Brien, Executive Director, CSULB / Center for International Trade and Transportation  
Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director/VP, Finance and Budget, Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)  
Norman Emerson, Consultant, Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)  
Morgan Capilla, Environmental Justice Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9  
Andrew Zellinger, Environmental Reviewer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA Region 9)

### **Project Team**

Michael Cano, Executive Officer of Countywide Planning & Development, Metro  
Ernesto Chaves, Director of Highway Programs, Metro  
Carlos Montez, Project Manager of Highway Programs, Metro  
KeAndra Cylear Dodds, Executive Officer of Equity and Race, Metro  
Dominica Smith, Manager of Transportation Planning, State and Federal Policy and Programming, Metro  
Jessica Medina, Manager of Equity and Race, Metro  
Maria Hsin, Transportation Planner, Metro  
Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Director of Community Relations, Metro  
Jeff Newman, Transportation Planner, Caltrans District 7  
Ron Kosinski, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 7  
James Shankel, Senior Environmental Planner, Caltrans District 7  
  
Dave Levinsohn, Vice President, AECOM  
Laura Adleman, Senior Outreach and Engagement Specialist, AECOM  
Julie Rush, Planning Senior Manager, AECOM  
Aryeh Cohen, Urban Planner, AECOM  
  
Susan DeSantis, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates

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Melissa Holguin, Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Laura Herrera, Deputy Project Manager, Arellano Associates  
Nora Casillas, Senior Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Sasha Cheechov, Tech Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Samantha Sosa, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Xochitl Medrano, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Adrian Farran, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Thomas Grogan, Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Allison Crook, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Eric Davidian, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates  
Robert Calix, Principal, Cal Strategic Management  
Amber Hawkes, Co-Director, Here LA  
Erika Morales, Founding Partner, Morales+Morales  
Maya Pogoda, Senior Executive, GF Bunting + Co.

### **Introduction**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 initiated the I-710 South Corridor Task Force (710 Task Force) to develop a community-supported, regionally significant, multimodal approach to addressing major mobility, safety, air quality, and equity needs for moving people and goods through the I-710 South Corridor between the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and State Route 60. The 710 Task Force will review and assess the purpose and need for investment in the I-710 corridor, develop multimodal improvement strategies, identify programs and projects to advance these strategies, create an investment and implementation plan, and provide recommendations to the Metro Board in 2023.

The 710 Task Force Meeting #11 was held virtually on Monday, August 8, 2022, on Zoom. The intent of this meeting was to:

- (1) Complete the Vision & Goals Consensus Checkpoint in preparation for Metro CEO to report back to Metro Board in September
- (2) Discuss other items related to the Task Force activities as required by the Metro Board Motion
- (3) Introduce the Multimodal Strategies, Projects & Programs (MSPP) phase and related public engagement
- (4) Present updates from Task Force Working Groups, Committees, and the Project Team

A graphic illustrator visually captured key themes and meeting highlights ([\*\*Appendix A\*\*](#)). Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish, Tagalog, and Khmer was provided. Prior to the meeting, the 710 Task Force received the agenda ([\*\*Appendix B\*\*](#)), presentation ([\*\*Appendix E\*\*](#)), and meeting materials ([\*\*Appendix C-D\*\*](#)).

### **710 Task Force #11 Virtual Meeting**

**1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, and Meeting Objectives, Attendance**

- > Erika Morales opened the meeting and reminded attendees that all project materials can be found on the Metro website at <https://www.metro.net/projects/i-710-corridor/#documents>
- > Ms. Morales conducted the roll call attendance. 25 Task Force members and 3 ex-officio members were present. 29 members of the public were also present.

**2. Agenda Item #1: Building a Shared Understanding: Equity**

- > To build a shared understanding of equity, KeAndra Cylear-Dodds provided an overview of Metro's approaches to focusing on equity to eliminate disparities between groups and improve outcomes.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds shared an overview of disparity-based and targeted universalism equity approaches and detailed definitions of equity. Metro defines Equity as, "both an outcome and a process to address disparities to ensure fair and just access to opportunities."
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds emphasized that an equitable process depends on whose voices are included, how decisions are made, and trust building. If we are truly striving for equitable outcomes in this process, we must be willing to listen to the communities impacted by the recommendations.
- > Ms. Cylear-Dodds invited the Task Force to consider existing and new projects and programs that will maximize positive benefits, especially for those most impacted by pollution and traffic in the corridor.
- > Ms. Morales invited Task Force members to engage in a discussion about Equity.
- > Task Force comments included:
  - If we overlook the disparities and different types of equity, they will be overlooked by the public.
  - For a project to truly be equitable it must educate and involve engage disadvantaged community members.
  - Community members need to be more involved in the decision-making process.
- Detailed comments are available in **Appendix C**.

**3. Agenda Item #2: I-710 South Corridor Proposed Draft Guiding Principles, Vision Statement & Goals**

**2.1 Guiding Principles, Vision Statement, and Goals recap**

- > Michael Cano provided a recap on the approved Guiding Principles Vision Statement, and the "Air Quality", "Mobility", "Community" and "Environment" goals.
- > Task Force Members did not reach a consensus on the "Safety" and "Economy" Goals at the last meeting.

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- > Today's meeting includes further discussion on these goals. **"Safety" Goal – Test for Consensus**
- > Ms. Morales facilitated the Test for Consensus vote for the goal, "Safety".
- > The results were, 12 (53%) voted "I Support", 7 (30%) voted "I can Live With", 4 (17%) voted "I Have Concerns", and 0 voted "I Will Stand Aside"
- > All voting results are available in **Appendix D.**
- > Ms. Morales invited Task Force members to engage in a discussion about "Safety".
- > Task Force Comments included:
  - Including the term "user" or "stakeholders" in the language for the "Safety" goal.
  - Changing language to increase safety for all users along the corridor.
  - Ensuring that these goals meet the regional and federal needs of the corridor.

Detailed comments are available in **Appendix C.**

### **Roll Call Vote**

- > Ghirlandi Guidetti made the motion to approve the original language in the "Safety" goal. The motion was seconded by Natalia Ospina.
- > Task Force members proceeded into a roll call vote on the motion resulting in 17 (77%) Yes and 5 (23%) No. The motion passed.
- > All voting results are available in **Appendix D.**

### **"Economy" Goal – Test for Consensus**

- > Ms. Morales facilitated the Test for Consensus vote for the goal, "Economy".
- > The results were, 6 (25%) voted "I Support", 8 (33%) voted "I can Live With", 6 (25%) voted "I Have Concerns", and 4 (17%) voted "I Will Stand Aside"
- > Test for consensus results are available in **Appendix D.**
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- > Ms. Morales invited Task Force members to engage in a discussion about "Economy" and then proceeded into public comment.
- > Task Force Comments included:
  - A possible addition of two new goals titled: "Prosperity" and "Opportunity"
  - The task force must focus on creating goals to help preserve the communities across the corridor
  - Local economic goals for all marginalized stakeholders must be taken into consideration in the language for this goal
- > Detailed comments are available in **Appendix C.**

### **Roll Call Vote**

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- > Task Force Member Dr. Genevieve Giuliano made a motion to vote to rename the “Economy” goal to “Opportunity” and to replace “Foster” with “Increase” in the goal language and introduce the “Prosperity” goal. This motion was seconded by Task Force Member Luke Klipp.
  - The proposed “Opportunity” goal language is: “Opportunity” - Increase community access to quality jobs, workforce development, and economic opportunities.
  - The “Prosperity” goal will address the region, and the process will include developing the draft language (in a shared Google document), sending it to the CLC for review on 8/18/22, and coming back to the Task Force on 9/12/22.
- > Task Force members proceeded into a roll call vote to approve the “Opportunity” goal “resulting in 15 (63%) Yes votes and 7 (29%) No votes. The motion passed.
- > All voting results are available in **Appendix D**.

### **4. Agenda Item #3: Pre-Investment Plan Opportunity Information Item**

- Mr. Cano provided an overview of the Pre-Investment Plan Opportunity process and the next steps in the project timeline.
- Ms. Morales invited Task Force members to engage in a discussion about the Pre-Investment Plan Opportunity process and then proceeded into public comment.
- Task Force Comments included:
  - Prioritize projects that align with the interests of the CLC and Equity working groups
  - Ensuring all projects are presented to the Board for possible grant funding
  - Commit to an increase in workforce development across the corridor
- Detailed comments are available in **Appendix C**.

### **5. Agenda Item #4: I-710 South Corridor Name Change Poll**

- Ernesto Chaves shared an update on the project name change poll, administered online from July 8 through August 2, 2022.
- The name change poll asked: Please rank the five proposed names below according to your preference, with 1 being your favorite and 5 being your least favorite.
  - Re-Connecting Communities: The Southeast LA Mobility Investment Plan
  - The San Pedro Bay to East LA Future Mobility Investment Plan
  - The Long Beach - East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan
  - My Gateway Community Investment Plan
  - Let’s Clear the Air: A Mobility Investment Plan
- There were 524 poll responses. Of the 5 options-the top 3 ranked options were:
  1. The Long Beach/East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan
  2. Reconnecting Communities: The Southeast LA Mobility Investment Plan, and
  3. The San Pedro Bay to East LA Future Mobility Investment Plan.

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- > Ms. Morales invited Task Force members to engage in a discussion about the project name change and then proceeded into public comment.
- > Detailed comments are available in **Appendix C**.

### **Roll Call Vote**

- > Ms. Morales facilitated the roll call vote for Task Force members to pick their preference amongst the top three ranked public choices. The results were:
  - 15 (63%) voted for The Long Beach/East LA Corridor Mobility Investment Plan
  - 7 (29%) voted for Reconnecting Communities: The Southeast LA Mobility Investment Plan, and
  - 2 (8%) voted for The San Pedro Bay to East LA Future Mobility Investment Plan.
- > Metro staff will share the results of the Public Poll and the Task Force vote with the Metro Board in September.

### **6. Agenda Item #5: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Ad-Hoc Committee Report**

- This agenda item was tabled for the next Task Force meeting in September.

### **7. Agenda Item #6: Project Team, CLC, and Working Group Updates**

#### **6.1 Multi-Modal Strategies, Projects & Programs (MSPP) Phase Overview**

- > Lilian De-Loza Gutierrez provided an update on the next phase of the project, MSPP, which will include gathering input on
- > Ms. De-Loza Gutierrez highlighted the Project Hub which is an extension of the current Metro.net website that is an interactive user-friendly site for additional content for the project such as: Infographics on the Task Force Process, meeting materials, StoryMap, Online Surveys, Contact form and Calendar of Events. The link to the Project Hub is:  
<http://www.metro.net/710-hub>
- > One of the ways the Metro Team will gather input on MSPP is the interactive mapping tool and survey. The link to the interactive mapping tool and survey is:  
<https://arellano.mysocialpinpoint.com/metro-710-task-force/map#/sidebar/tab/about>
- > Another way Metro will increase awareness of the project and participation in project-related efforts is through its Community-based Organization engagement strategy.
- > Ms. De-Loza Gutierrez invited everyone to attend one of the upcoming MSPP public workshops that will take place on:
  - Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 5:00pm-7:00pm and
  - Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 10:00am-12:00pm



## **6.2 CLC, Working Group, Coordinating Committee Updates**

- The project team provided meeting recaps for the following meetings:
  - Zero-Emissions Truck Working Group Meeting #8 was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, July 19
  - Community Leadership Committee Meeting #5 was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, July 18
  - Community Leadership Committee Meeting #5.5 was held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, July 21
  - Equity Working Group Meeting #5 was held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, July 28,
  - Community Engagement Strategy Working Group Meeting #4 was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, July 25
  - Task Force Meeting #9 was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, July 11.

## **8. General Public Comment and Closing Remarks**

- > A public comment period was held after the formal agenda. Public comments are available in **Appendix C.**

## **9. Upcoming Meetings**

- > Ms. Morales reviewed the upcoming Task Force meeting information and other key dates.
- > Ms. Morales encouraged Task Force members and members of the public to contact Mr. Cano should they have any questions or concerns.
- > The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

### **Meeting Format Logistics**

- Meeting Format: Zoom Webinar
- Participants: Task Force and Public
- Interactive Tools: Zoom Q&A and Roll Call Consensus Check and Vote