



I-710 SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT

Community Leadership Committee Meeting #2 Summary

April 21, 2022



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Attendees

Project Team

Michael Cano, Executive Officer, Metro
Ernesto Chaves, Highway Programs Director, Metro
KeAndra Cylear Dodds, Equity and Race Executive Officer, Metro
Jessica Medina, Equity and Race Manager, Metro
Shannon Davis, Co-Director, Here LA
Amber Hawkes, Co-Director, Here LA
Rachel Bennett, Urban Designer, Here LA
Susan DeSantis, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates
Melissa Holguin, Senior Project Manager, Arellano Associates
Laura Herrera, Deputy Project Manager, Arellano Associates
Nora Casillas, Senior Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates
Nancy Verduzco, Tech Coordinator, Arellano Associates
Samantha Sosa, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates
Trey Grogan, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates
Daniel Koster, Assistant Project Coordinator, Arellano Associates

CLC Members

Leticia Rodriguez – Bell
Natalie Diaz Rubio - Bell Gardens
Fa'alagilagi (Lani) Meni-Siliga – Carson
Alfonso Garate – Commerce
Phyllis Ollison – Compton
Martha Fierro – Cudahy
Miyuki Gomez - East LA (unincorp.)
Guadalupe Arellano - East LA (unincorp.)
Kathleen Barajas - East LA (unincorp.)
Jose Rodolfo Vallejo - Huntington Park
Maria Reyes - Long Beach
Marcos Lopez - Long Beach
Marlene Sanchez - Long Beach
Elizabeth (Liz) Zamarripa – Lynwood
Kevin Shin - Signal Hill
Esmeralda Hernandez - South Gate
Viridiana (Viri) Preciado Cervantes - Walnut Park (unincorp.)
Tiesha Davis - Wilmington/San Pedro (San Pedro)
Manuel Arellano - Wilmington/San Pedro (Wilmington)

Meeting Summary

Introduction

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and 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 Community Leadership Committee for the project will inform the Task Force, coordinate with other decision-making bodies, and help move the project forward.

The Community Leadership Committee Meeting #2 was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022. The intent of this meeting was to (1) discuss the Vision and Goals that determine the final recommendations for the 710 project and (2) to discuss how the CLC would like to recommend handling the open seats.

Agenda and Notes *

**Due to time constraints, some of the Agenda items originally included were not discussed. These items included: Goals discussion; CLC membership and open seats vote; and the report out from the Clean Truck Working Group.*

- **Introductions, Welcome, Agenda Review, Meeting Objectives**

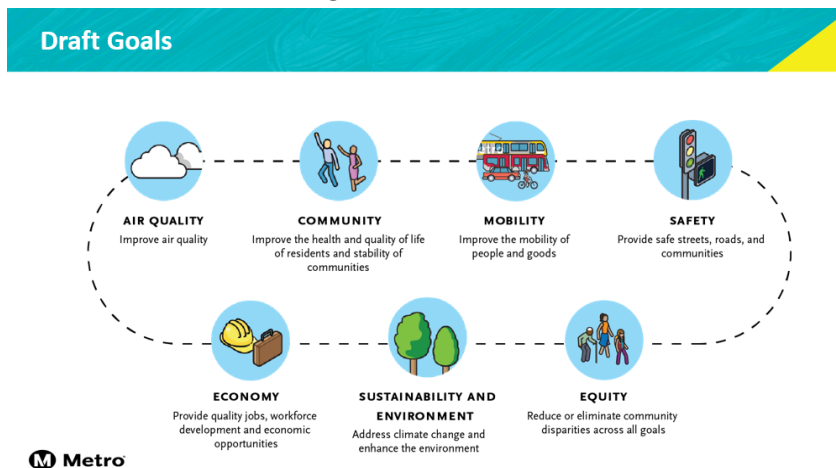
- Shannon Davis provided an overview of the agenda, which included: a discussion about the draft Vision and Goals, a discussion about CLC membership and how to move forward with vacant seats, and a public comment period. The eventual goal is for the CLC to hold a vote on the Vision and Goals, to recommend improvements to the language, which would then be forwarded to the Task Force.

- **Agenda Item #1: Vision and Goals – Project Team Presentation**

- Amber Hawkes conducted a roll call of CLC Members.
- Amber Hawkes reminded the CLC that the Vision and Goals will lay the foundation for the strategies, programs, and policies that will eventually be developed for the project. The Vision and Goals were informed by various inputs:
 - Existing conditions analysis performed by the technical team
 - Task Force discussion during meetings, along with a circulated input form
 - Public input through a distributed survey
 - A public meeting at the end of March
 - Gateway Cities COG 710 Ad Hoc Committee Principles
- Amber Hawkes discussed the difference between a Vision and a Goal.
 - Vision: is an image of how you see the future.
 - Goal: is an action-oriented method that helps achieve the vision.

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- Shannon Davis summarized the Vision and Goals survey that was administered between February and March. 3000 stakeholders received the survey via email, and 425 public respondents submitted their responses. Several of those responses were also from Task Force members.
 - One important question was ‘What are your priorities for potential improvements?’ The top survey responses included:
 - Air quality
 - Travel options
 - Street safety for all transportation users
 - Concern for the environment
- Shannon Davis discussed the Vision and Goals public meeting. The group reviewed the survey results and ranked areas of concern. They also discussed the different priority goals that helped influence the vision. They reviewed the Vision Statement, the development process, and the timeline. The group discussed next steps leading toward a vote on the Vision and Goals, which was expected at the May 9th Task Force Meeting or later.
- Amber Hawkes read the draft Vision Statement to the group:
 - *“An equitable multimodal shared-use transportation system that supports clean air, healthy and sustainable communities, economic resilience and quality jobs; and provides safe, quality mobility options for all residents and users of the I-710 South Corridor.”*
- Amber Hawkes reviewed the draft goals which are illustrated below:



- Before Meeting #2, CLC members were invited to respond to a “homework” survey to provide preliminary feedback on the Vision and Goals. Shannon Davis discussed CLC member responses to the draft Vision. These comments included:
 - The Vision Statement should emphasize the needs of those who have been most historically impacted and had their communities disinvested in to show that we understand there's a deficit to make up in terms of how the investments have been made to date.
 - The Vision Statement is perfect as is.
 - Fine as is.
 - Add in a bit of clarifying language about the 710.
- Shannon Davis discussed CLC member responses to the draft Goals. These comments included:

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- There needs to be an emphasis placed on addressing historical inequities and providing additional resources to compensate for historical disinvestment.
 - The movement of goods and people should not be given equal weight.
 - We need to make sure that all communities are recognized for the work that they add to the community.
- After reviewing the initial CLC input, KeAndra Cylear Dodds discussed the recommendations that were made by the Equity Working Group. The Working Group suggested adding a Guiding Principle that centers the project on Equity. Rather than having equity as one of the Goals, the Working Group would like to bring Equity to the top, through this Guiding Principle. In addition, instead of using the word “support”, there was a recommendation to use “promote” (i.e. “...an equitable shared-use transportation system that *promotes* clean air, healthy and sustainable communities, economic resilience, and quality jobs...”).
- **Agenda Item #1: Vision and Goals – CLC Discussion, Comment, and Vote**
 - The CLC then had an opportunity to discuss high-level questions and thoughts. Amber Hawkes opened the discussion section with the following questions:
 - Do you have any clarifying questions for the project team?
 - Do you have any feedback that you'd like us to consider, relating to the Vision and Goals, either for people who have responded to the homework or people who have not yet?
 - Shannon Davis transitioned to a larger discussion using the “Miro board.” She suggested that CLC members make recommendations for language changes and edits to the Vision Statement.
 - A lively discussion followed. The CLC had many ideas and thoughts about how the Vision Statement could be improved. Because of the robust discussion, the CLC did not make it to other discussion items on the agenda, such as discussing the Goals or discussing the CLC vacant seats.
 - Member responses during the Vision Statement discussion can be found in **Appendix A**, organized by theme. If CLC members do not see their comment reflected in the Appendix, they are encouraged to email the project team to make sure the comments are logged.
 - Public Comment was held. See **Appendix B** for Public Comment notes.
 - By the end of the meeting, the draft Vision Statement was altered to the following:
 - *“An equitable, multimodal (walking, taking public transportation, riding a bike, driving, etc.) shared transportation system for the community and residents, which fosters clean air, healthy and sustainable communities, economic empowerment, and provides safe, quality, mobility options for all residents and users of the I-710 South Corridor.”*
 - A vote was taken to confirm the Vision Statement changes. If approved, the vision statement would be forwarded to the Task Force for review. The vote tally is shown in **Appendix C**. The vote failed with 7 “Yes” votes and 12 “No” votes. There were 0 abstentions.
 - It was clear that more discussion time was needed for the CLC to reach consensus. The CLC will start Meeting #3 with a discussion of the Vision Statement.
- **Upcoming Meetings**
 - Amber Hawkes reviewed upcoming meetings

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- CLC Meeting #3: 5/19/22- 5-7pm
- Task Force: 5/9/22 - 5-7:30pm
- Zero-Emission Working Group: 5/17/22 1-2:30pm
- Equity Working Group: 5/24/22 5-7pm

Appendix A – CLC Member Comments on the Draft Vision Statement

Comments have been summarized, organized into themes and in some cases, paraphrased.

Simplifying Terminology - Overall

- The Vision Statement needs to be reworded, so that it is more general and more understandable to everyone.
- We need to use more understandable/simple language that is more community friendly; we want the youth and older folks to understand this terminology as well.
- Can we make the wording more friendly?
- Make the vision digestible for everyone.

Simplifying Terminology - Specific Recommendations

- Can we change 'shared use transportation' to 'transportation for all'?
- 'Shared' transportation is critical, since it supports a focus on equity.
- The word 'multimodal' is a huge, unfriendly term. It needs to be more community friendly.
- Add a quick definition for multimodal.
- The point of the word 'multimodal' is that it emphasizes all, not just those who drive.
- The word multimodal works.
- Replace 'taking transit' with 'public transportation'.
- Resilience- what does that mean?
- Use 'jobs' instead of 'economic resilience'.
- Can we change 'economic resilience' to 'succeed economically'?
- Include 'economic empowerment'.
- Change the word 'support' to 'promote'.
- 'Promotes' sounds more like we're creating change and 'supports' sounds like we're on the sidelines
- Change promote to 'advocate'.
- 'Advocate doesn't capture what we are trying to say.'
- Change 'clean air' to 'healthy environment'.
- Say 'clean, healthy air.'
- What about using "cleaner air" as it's always a work in progress?

Missing Language

- Can we include public health as a priority somehow? Air quality being part of that?
- 'Community driven vision' is missing.
- 'Community' should come first.
- 'For all community residents' should be included.
- Focus it more on the communities since this is why most of us joined this Committee, to bring change to our communities we are representing.
- Be mindful of the overuse of "community."
- Add various types of transportation modes. Modes can include car, bus, train, bike, walking, etc.
- The vision needs to include the purpose.
- Noise is a big problem that should be displayed more prominently.

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- Achieve zero emissions.

Format

- Can we break it up into two sentences so that it is easier to digest?
- Can we add words/characters to a legend? Language is a barrier.
- If using images, please include mobility aids, such as wheelchair, walker, and cane.
- Provide an example that can help the public know why we are doing this and what opportunities it will bring them.
- What will the heading for the vision be?

Guiding Principle

- The Equity-related Guiding Principle is very generic. It should include reference specifically to the 710 residents.
- What past actions specifically?
- What are folks referring to in the statement 'eliminating disparities in project processes'? For example?

Other Comments (Vision Statement)

- Change the terms in the Spanish version. Consider the Spanish version on its own, not as a simple translation of the English version.
- Multimodal works in both English and Spanish.
- 'Quality multi-modal options' - how equitable is this statement?
- Does quality mobility options include reduced traffic?
- Multimodal should include walking.
- Can you clarify the breakdown of the Vision, Goals, and Priorities and how they tie into each other?
- Who are we doing this for?

Appendix B – Public Comments

- Would Metro be making enforcement a priority? What kind of enforcement will be implemented?
- The purpose of the project should be in the Vision and Goals. The 710 is still operating as a major transportation artery for the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. What are you going to do about the negative health effects for those along the corridor? This should be the number one priority.
- Would multimodal include encouraging continued use of working remotely? Also would it include encouraging employers, government and businesses to limit the need for customers or clients to travel?

Appendix C – Vote Tally - Modified Vision Statement

- Leticia Rodriguez – Bell - Yes
- Natalie Diaz Rubio - Bell Gardens - No
- Fa'alagilagi (Lani) Meni-Siliga – Carson - No
- Alfonso Garate – Commerce - Yes

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- Phyllis Ollison – Compton - No
- Martha Fierro – Cudahy - No
- Miyuki Gomez - East LA (unincorp.)- Yes
- Guadalupe Arellano - East LA (unincorp.) - No
- Kathleen Barajas - East LA (unincorp.) - Yes
- Jose Rodolfo Vallejo - Huntington Park - Yes
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