



We're developing a new vision for the
Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan

Planning and Programming Committee
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Metro

Investment Plan - Vision, Guiding Principles and Goals

Vision

An equitable, shared LB-ELA Corridor transportation system that provides safe, quality multimodal options for moving people and goods that will foster clean air (zero emissions), healthy and sustainable communities, and economic empowerment for all residents, communities, and users in the Corridor.

Guiding Principles

Equity

A commitment to

- (1) strive to rectify past harms;
- (2) provide fair and just access to opportunities; and
- (3) eliminate disparities in project processes, outcomes, and community results.

The plan seeks to elevate and engrain the principle of Equity across all goals, objectives, strategies, and actions through a framework of Procedural, Distributive, Structural, and Restorative Equity, and by prioritizing an accessible and representative participation process for communities most impacted by the I-710.

Sustainability

Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

A commitment to sustainability to satisfy and improve basic social, health, and economic needs/conditions, both present and future, and the responsible use and stewardship of the environment, all while maintaining or improving the well-being of the environment on which life depends.

Goals



Investment Plan: Funding Allocation by Category

| Mode | Initial Investment | START-UP* Fund | Modal Program | Measure R/M Investment Total | Total \$ Leveraged** |
|---|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| (All \$ in millions) | | | | | |
| Freeway Safety and Interchange Improvements | \$170.60 | - | \$39.40 | \$210 | \$894** |
| Arterial Roadway / Complete Streets | \$115.85 | \$14.50 | \$72.15 | \$188 | \$1,767** |
| Transit | \$57.08 | \$14.00 | \$67.93 | \$125 | \$477** |
| Active Transportation | \$44.33 | \$11.50 | \$55.67 | \$100 | \$195** |
| Goods Movement | \$62.00 | - | \$18.00 | \$80 | \$332** |
| Community Programs Catalyst Fund | \$40.00 | - | - | \$40 | \$340** |
| Total | \$496.85 | \$40.00 | \$246.35 | \$743 | \$4,005** |

Note: No projects recommended for funding in the Investment Plan that widen the 710 Freeway, add additional general-purpose travel lanes, or have any known residential displacements.

Applicable projects will undergo CEQA/NEPA and Clean Air Act conformity analysis.

How will the Investment Plan improve the LB-ELA Corridor and its Communities?

Projects and programs will deliver the following outcomes:

- Safety improvements for all modes
- Zero-emission infrastructure and technology
- Public health: air quality and safety
- Improved transit speeds, reliability, and safety
- Expanded and protected active transportation and pedestrian infrastructure
- Arterial Roadway and Complete Streets Improvements
- Better community access to transit
- Environmental improvements
- Urban greening and reduction of urban heat island effect
- Workforce development investments
- Equity-focused community quality-of-life programs
- Strategic technical assistance for under-resourced communities

When fully implemented, the Investment Plan will provide broad benefits for the LB-ELA Corridor, estimated to:

- Create 48,000 new jobs
- Reduce fatal injury collisions by 6-10%, resulting in the prevention of 8 deaths and 88 serious injuries
- Increase transit ridership by 5-10% daily
- Increase bicycle trips by 10-15%
- Reduce vehicle hours of delay by 5-10% for faster travel
- Decrease vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 1-2% so fewer cars are on the road
- Reduce GHG annually by approximately 250,000 metric tons, resulting in a cooler climate
- Reduce particulate matter emissions by 2,500,000 grams annually, making the air cleaner and healthier for communities

Community Program Partnerships

The Investment Plan recommends a front-loaded \$40 million **Community Programs Catalyst Fund** to initiate 15 Community Programs prioritized by the CLC and CBOs.

These programs require partnership with other agencies and acquisition of supplemental funds to deliver benefits.

The LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisors Hahn and Solis to partner with Metro on these programs (March 2022).

Working Groups will include community participation and support community co-design of these programs.



| Working Group Topic Area | Community Programs |
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| Air Quality, Community Health, and Environment | Bus Electrification Projects |
| | LB-ELA Corridor Community Health Benefit Program |
| | Zero-Emission Infrastructure for Autos |
| | Air Quality Monitoring Stations |
| | LB-ELA Corridor Energy Reduction/Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Program |
| | LB-ELA Corridor “Urban Greening” Initiative |
| | Public Art/Aesthetics |
| Housing Stabilization and Land Use | WSAB Transit-Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan and Program (TOD SIP) |
| | Transit-Oriented Communities/Land Use |
| | Homeless Programs |
| | Housing Stabilization Policies |
| Job Creation and Work Opportunities | Vocational Educational Programs |
| | Targeted Hire Programs |
| | Employment/Recruitment Initiatives |
| | Economic Stabilization Policies |

How We've Employed Metro's Equity Platform

Equitable Processes

Define and Measure

Understanding Equity

- **Equity Guiding Principle** adopted to apply across **all project goals**
- Informs both **participatory** and **technical** aspects of the planning process
- **Metro's Equity Focus Communities** designation used throughout the process to understand existing disparities and apply Equity evaluation criteria
- CMIP Chapter 1 (Background) and Chapter 3 (Existing Conditions) acknowledge the **historical inequities that have persisted into the present, resulting in harms** ranging from worsened **health impacts** to more **limited access to opportunities**
- EPET report documents LB-ELA Corridor **community history, equity issues, root causes**

Listen and Learn

Task Force Process

- **33 Task Force meetings**
- **31 CLC meetings**
 - **27 CLC members** paid **\$128,400** total through Advisory Body Compensation Policy
- CBO Partnering Strategy
 - **35 CBO Partners** paid **\$128,000** total in stipends
- **16 Equity Working Group meetings**
- Zero-emission Truck/Community Engagement Working Groups

Project Idea Collection

- Project ideas gathered through **extensive multilingual public outreach process (18 events)**
- **1,920 surveys** and **985 mapping comments** through Social Pinpoint Mapping Tool and Survey
- Projects from local jurisdictions

Train and Grow

OER Leadership

- Active and committed leadership role from **Metro's Office of Equity and Race** through the entire planning process.

Equity Planning + Evaluation Tool

- Key opportunity to apply **Metro's Pilot Equity Planning and Evaluation Tool (EPET)** as a guide for facilitating equitable processes and delivering equitable outcomes
- EPET has also served as a tool for **documenting and holding the project team accountable** to implement the equity platform throughout the investment plan process

Equitable Outcomes

Focus and Deliver

Projects to Advance Equity

- **\$743M total investment in the Corridor, with \$496M Initial Investment** in priority projects and programs evaluated for consistency with the Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles, including application of **Equity Evaluation Criteria, Equity Flags, and Community Input Consideration Flags**

Community Programs

- **\$40 Million Community Programs Catalyst Fund** will advance community health and well-being in ways not typically addressed or funded by transportation planning

Technical Assistance

- **\$40 Million START-UP fund allocation** will support lower-resource jurisdictions to develop future projects through modal programs

Next Steps

- Following Board approval of the CMIP, staff will continue to engage stakeholders in the implementation of the Investment Plan through the Community Program Working Groups, Modal Working Groups, and ongoing public outreach.
- Staff will bring timely recommendations for funding approval to support the development or implementation of CMIP projects and programs.
- Staff will convene follow-up meetings with the Task Force and CLC every six months to provide an update on implementing the LB-ELA CMIP.