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Metro Board of Directors
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Dear Metro Board of Directors,

On behalf of California's 69th Assembly District, which includes the southernmost section of the 710 Freeway, Port of Long Beach, and its surrounding communities, I am writing to express my thoughts on the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan (CMIP).

First, I would like to thank the LA Metro team and the project consultants who provided an incredible amount of outreach and engagement in communities across the corridor. Every community along the corridor faces unique challenges, and offers valuable solutions, and I hope you will continue to engage and empower these communities to share their experiences. Second, I would like to thank the members of the task force, the community leadership committee, and the three working groups, for their time and dedication to this project, and their communities. This draft plan is the result of their lived experiences and expertise.

This draft mobility investment plan outlines many exciting projects that will improve the quality of life of residents in this district, and along the corridor. For too long, residents of West and North Long Beach have been living in a goods movement sacrifice zone, resulting in shorter life expectancies, higher rates of respiratory illnesses, and limited access to green open space. It is our responsibility and legal obligation ensure communities have clean air. Meeting National Ambient Air Quality Standards is the absolute bare minimum. While this plan makes many attempts to address these challenges, there is still significant work to do.

The significant investment in public transportation and active transportation is incredibly valuable to the community. Not everyone who lives in the corridor uses the 710 freeway or owns a vehicle, but their lives have certainly been impacted by the freeway. It is critically important for people who use public transportation, walk, bike, or any combination of these modes, to feel safe and welcomed throughout their travel. Projects like the bus priority lane on Atlantic Blvd, the micromobility corridor pilot for Long Beach Blvd to the City of Vernon, or the study on a regional Metrolink line from Union Station to Downtown Long Beach, will increase safety, reduce traffic, and improve air quality.

To further reduce traffic and congestion along the 710 corridor, more cargo leaving from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles will need to be moved by rail. I am hopeful that projects like the Freight Rail Electrification Pilot Project will support the region in this transition, and encourage additional investment in rail electrification.

I am concerned about the large number of highway focused infrastructure projects that may lead to increased capacity. I strongly support safety improvements along the corridor, to reduce the number of accidents and fatal collisions that currently occur. However, it is critical that these improvements, do not result in any additional lanes, displacement of residents, or an increase in transportation related emissions. Residents and community based organizations have raised concerns about the use of auxiliary lanes, which may have some safety impacts in specific locations but increase VMT in others. I encourage LA Metro to use auxiliary lanes sparingly, and with increased consideration of community concerns and emissions impact.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on this draft investment plan, and for your continuing commitment to the communities along this corridor. These investments are long overdue, and hopefully will result in reduced traffic fatalities and transportation related emissions. Lastly, your ongoing engagement with the community is greatly appreciated, and will ultimately result in the most impactful plan.

Sincerely,

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JOSH LOWENTHAL
Assemblymember, 69th District

CC: Stephanie Wiggins, CEO, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority



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RE: Comments on the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan

Dear Metro Board of Directors:

I write to express support for the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan (CMIP). The decision to abandon the I-710 freeway expansion has paved the way for this plan and it represents a positive step towards more sustainable and community-oriented alternatives in our transportation and infrastructure development approach.

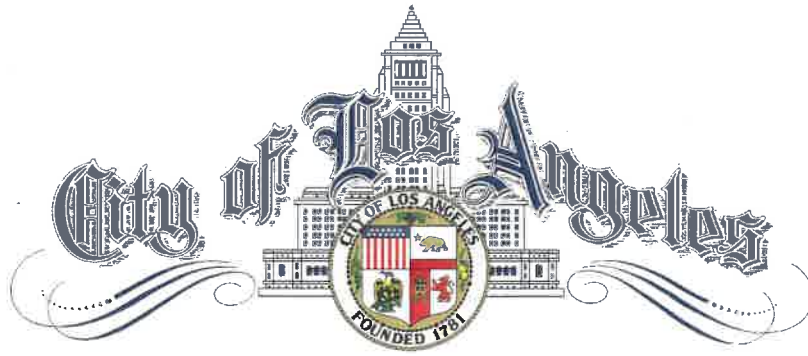
The CMIP's focus on improving transit access, developing complete streets infrastructure, enhancing non-motorized travel, and reducing air pollution reflects a dedication to creating a more livable, equitable, and interconnected region. While these developments are commendable, LA Metro must offer additional clarity and protections to guarantee that the community's needs are addressed and that the projects along the corridor do not result in displacement. Furthermore, LA Metro must maintain transparency about the initiation of these projects to prevent them from overshadowing or replacing community-led initiatives.

As this initiative moves forward, the importance of continuous community engagement and the active participation of all stakeholders cannot be overstated. It is vital to integrate the voices of our residents into the planning process, ensuring that the project outcomes faithfully reflect the diverse needs and objectives of our communities.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the CMIP and look forward to continued collaboration. If you have any questions, please contact my office at (562) 529-3250.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember, 62nd District



TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

April 2, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: 710corridor@metro.net

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Dear Metro Board of Directors:

On behalf of the residents of Council District 15, I am writing to express comments on the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan (CMIP). The 15th District encompasses the Port of Los Angeles and the communities of Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, Watts, and Wilmington, positioning us uniquely with respect to the transportation and infrastructure developments within the CMIP.

The public engagement process is a cornerstone of successful project implementation. I encourage continued and enhanced outreach efforts, especially in the 15th Council District, to ensure their voices are directly informing the planning and execution phases of CMIP projects. I appreciate the Task Force and Community Leadership Committee's efforts in engaging various stakeholders, including environmental justice organizations, regulatory bodies, and community members. This collaborative engagement must continue, with an emphasis on integrating feedback from the communities directly impacted by these projects.

Regarding the projects included in the CMIP, in the 15th Council District, we are particularly focused on those that will enhance the Port of Los Angeles and surrounding infrastructure, including:

- The Lomita/SR-47 Connector Project: The east end of Lomita Boulevard is currently a dirt road, at best, filled with potholes while simultaneously acting as a major thoroughfare for truck traffic. This road has few to no street improvements (sidewalks, curbs, gutters, etc.) and has a few railroad crossings along the stretch. This project would fully improve Lomita Boulevard, from Eubank Avenue to Alameda Street (1.2 miles), along the Wilmington/Carson border and connect it with Alameda Blvd to the east. Currently, Lomita

Boulevard ends just west of Alameda Street. Improving this boulevard would provide safe, quality travel options for moving people and goods and instantly improve the quality of life for this neighborhood, decreasing the number of trucks that travel through the residential area.

- The modernization and expansion of on-dock rail yards (Pier 400, Terminal Island Transfer Facility, West Basin Container Terminal) to accommodate human-powered electric-operated rail-mounted gantry cranes, thus improving goods movement efficiency and reducing emissions.
- The SR-47 Navy Way Interchange project is crucial for eliminating traffic signal and movement conflicts, thereby enhancing the flow of goods and reducing congestion.
- Implementing best management practices for stormwater treatment along Route 1 and upgrading Transportation Management System elements along Route 47, which are critical for environmental sustainability and operational efficiency.

These projects, among others, are essential for supporting the Port's infrastructure, reducing congestion, improving air quality, and ensuring the efficient movement of goods. They align with specific community needs such as job creation, environmental sustainability, and enhanced transportation modalities.

Enhancing infrastructure in this area would significantly mitigate the challenges posed by freight truck staging and improve the quality of life for our residents. It would also support the broader goals of the CMIP by ensuring a more resilient and efficient transportation network that serves both our local communities and the regional economy.

I commend Metro for undertaking the comprehensive CMIP process and am optimistic about the positive impacts it will have on our communities. I urge the Board to consider these comments and the unique needs of the 15th Council District as the CMIP moves forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on these projects. If I could be of any assistance to you on this request, please contact Sergio Carrillo at (213) 473-7015 or via email at sergio.carrillo@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

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TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District