

Date: June 11th, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, First Council District
Councilwoman Dr. Ricks-Oddie, Ninth Council District
Councilwoman Roberto Uranga, Seventh Council District

Subject: Long Beach-East Los Angeles Mobility Investment Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Long Beach-East Los Angeles Corridor Mobility Investment Plan (CMIP).

DISCUSSION

The LB-ELA CMIP is a comprehensive 255-page document that describes efforts to re-envision mobility within the corridor with goals to foster a healthier lifestyle, economic vitality, social equity, environmental stewardship, and access to opportunity for all. The LB-ELA Corridor is an approximately 18-mile-long and 5-mile-wide area linked together by the 710 Freeway. Specifically, the corridor is a shared-use transportation system defined by the I-710 and supported by five intersecting freeways (I-405, State Route 91, I-105, I-5, and SR-60), the Alameda Rail Corridor, and major arterial highways. Thereby linking the manufacturing district in Southeast LA and the transcontinental rail terminals near Downtown LA to the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and the Port of Long Beach (POLB). The areas make up essential infrastructure for the Goods Movement and is home to 11% of LA County's jobs.

Communities residing in the areas represent 12% of LA County's population and include four of LA County's oldest incorporated communities-Compton (incorporated in 1888), Long Beach (1897), Vernon (1905), and Huntington Park (1906). Communities here have faced adverse impacts, as the I-710 is also the nation's most community-adverse freight highway corridor. As Southern California's population grew over the decades and the demand on I-710 to carry regional commuters and goods increased, this strained the freeway's limited capacity, resulting in traffic congestion, safety concerns, and spillover traffic onto arterial roadways parallel to the freeway that serve the LB-ELA Corridor communities. As the nation, state, and regional economy prospered from the increased movement of goods and international trade supported by I-710, the communities through which the freeway was constructed bore the burden of increased air pollution and freight traffic, deteriorated public health and mobility, and displacement.

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Metro launched the Investment Plan process in Fall 2021 in response to community members and stakeholders who demanded a different vision for mobility in their communities that embraces equity and sustainability. The plan took an intensive, community-focused, and inclusive 31-month process that engaged impacted residents, community leaders, and a wide range of stakeholders in the LB-ELA Corridor. On April 25th, 2024, the Metro Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt the LB-ELA CMIP¹, investing \$1.8 billion into local communities. The Investment Plan serves in building trust between Metro and the communities throughout the LB-ELA Corridor.

The LB-ELA CMIP is a multimodal plan that represents an important milestone in regional Transportation planning and opens up discretionary grant opportunities that advance sustainability, equity, and connectivity. As this plan will significantly impact Long Beach residents, it is appropriate for City Council to receive a presentation on this plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Financial Management review was able to be conducted due to the urgency of this item.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY

This item is being submitted through the supplemental agenda due to the urgency and time sensitivity for this presentation.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ See full Investment Plan here: www.lb-ela-cmip.com