



6.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

6.1 Introduction

This chapter documents the Crenshaw Transit Corridor Project Public Involvement Program for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Alternatives Analysis (AA)/Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This chapter documents the public participation process and activities from the scoping period (September – November 2007) to the submission of the Administrative Draft EIS/EIR (April 2009).

The goals of the public involvement program are to:

- Encourage and educate a broad and diverse base of stakeholders, particularly underrepresented minority communities, regarding the on-going status of the project.
- Ensure that the process created for public input facilitates meaningful participation in the project planning/development process, especially for potentially impacted members of the community.
- Document, log, and respond to the public's concerns regarding the project. Provide the technical team with information needed to develop mitigation measures and to ensure that the public's comments and issues are included in the environmental document.
- Maximize public participation by providing multiple opportunities to meet and engage the public.
- Provide multi-lingual communications, as necessary. Collateral materials are always produced in both English and Spanish and are provided in other languages as needed.

6.1.1 Outreach During Environmental Scoping Process

6.1.1.1 Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation (NOI/NOP)

The scoping period for the Crenshaw Transit Corridor Project was initiated on September 27, 2007 when the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation (NOI/NOP) for the project EIS/EIR. The NOI was published in the Federal Register on October 2, 2007 (Volume 72, Number 190). The scoping period officially closed on November 5, 2007. The NOI/NOP was published in the following newspapers: The Daily Breeze, La Opinion, and The L.A. Watts Times.

The NOI/NOP was submitted to the California State Clearing House and was posted at the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office on September 28, 2007. In compliance with CEQA, the NOP announced Metro's intent to prepare an EIS/EIR.

6.1.1.2 Stakeholder Identification

To properly inform the public, Metro compiled a list of key stakeholders located throughout and adjacent to the project study area, who could potentially be impacted by the study and who should be informed of the project. The stakeholder list is a living document and will continue to grow throughout the life of the project. Contacted stakeholders include, but are not limited to: residents, chambers of commerce, business improvement districts (BIDs), environmental groups, transit organizations/advocates, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, neighborhood councils, businesses, professional associations, homeowners associations (HOAs), elected officials, city managers, and community redevelopment agencies. The current stakeholder database for the Crenshaw Transit Corridor Project includes approximately 1,600 individuals, businesses, and organizations. Following is a representative list of organizations and entities that have been contacted during the public outreach process:

Chambers of Commerce and Business Groups

- Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
- Coldwell Banker Commercial Premier
- Central City Association (CCA) Promotions
- Comerica Bank
- Community Redevelopment Area/Los Angeles
- Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles Downtown Center BID
- Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
- FAME Assistance Corporation (FAC)
- Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce
- Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce
- Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
- Hollywood Park
- Inglewood Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
- Los Angeles Housing Department
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)
- One United Bank
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Strategic Actions for a Just Economy



- The Festival Companies
- Ward Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), Ward African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church
- West Angeles Community Development Corporation
- La Opinion
- Los Angeles Sentinel
- L.A. Streets Blog
- L.A. Watts Times
- The Wave
- Korea Daily

Schools, Colleges, and Universities

- Audubon Middle School
- Baldwin Hills Elementary
- Crenshaw High School
- El Segundo Unified School District
- Hawthorne High
- Hawthorne Unified School District
- Inglewood Child Development Center
- Inglewood High School
- Inglewood Unified School District
- Lennox School District
- Los Angeles High School
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- New Designs Charter School
- Springfield College
- Saint Mary's Academy
- St. Johns The Evangelist School
- View Park Preparatory School

Neighborhood Groups, Block Clubs, and HOAs

- Baldwin Hills Estates HOA
- Brookside HOA
- 5th Avenue Block Club
- Central Alameda Neighborhood Council 9th District



- Cherrywood/Leimert Block Club
- Chesterfield Square Park
- Crenshaw/Slauson Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
- Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Development Council (NDC)
- Empowerment Congress North Area NDC
- Empowerment Congress South West Area NDC
- Empowerment Congress West Area NDC
- JBAC-L.A. Block Association
- Ladera Heights Civic Association
- Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association
- Larchmont Boulevard Association
- Larchmont Village Association
- Mid City West Neighborhood Council
- Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
- Neighborhood Council West Area
- Olympic Park Neighborhood Council
- Park Mesa Heights Community Council
- Park Mesa Heights Community Council Land Use Committee
- West Adams Neighborhood Council
- West Adams-Sugar Hill Association
- West Area Neighborhood Council
- West Boulevard Block Club
- Westchester Business Improvement Association
- Westchester Neighbors Association
- Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council
- Wilshire HOA/Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
- Wilshire Park Association Block Club
- Wilshire Vista Neighborhood Association
- Windsor Hills Block Club
- Mid City Neighborhood Council
- Windsor Square Association
- Windsor Square-Hancock Park Historical Society



- Windsor Village Community Association
- Windsor Hills Block Club
- Wilshire Park Association Block Club
- United Homeowners Association
- Veronica/Sanchez/Sycamore Block Club

Community Organizations

- African Market Place
- Baldwin Hills Branch Library
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles
- Black Business Association
- Brotherhood Crusade
- Community Build
- Community Health Council
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- Crenshaw Family YMCA
- Crenshaw Senior Citizens Center
- Crystal Stairs, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Life Development, Inc.
- FAME Housing Development Corporation
- Friends of the Green Line
- Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
- Gabrielino/Tongva Council/Gabrielino Tongva Nation
- Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce
- Grant AME Community Development Corporation
- Junior Blind of America
- Koreatown Youth & Community Center
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)
- Los Angeles Urban League
- Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
- LAist
- Los Angeles Community Design Center
- Lula Washington Dance Theatre

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Nate Holden Performing Arts Center
- 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc.
- Subway to the Sea
- Wellington Square
- West Adams Work Source Center
- West Adams/Baldwin Hills Work Source Center
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps
- Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition
- Healthy African-American Families
- Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation

Developers

- Astani Enterprises
- Canyon Johnson
- CIM Group
- Johnson Development Corporation
- Lee Homes
- The Bedford Group
- The Festival Companies
- Capri Capital

Faith Based

- West Angeles Church of God in Christ Church
- Holy Faith Episcopal
- First Church of God
- All Saints Episcopal Church
- Faithful Central Bible Church
- St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church & School
- St. John Chrysostom Church & School
- Transfiguration Church

6.1.1.3 Scoping Meetings Schedule

Scoping meetings were conducted in compliance with NEPA/CEQA guidelines. Three scoping meetings were conducted for the general public. Each meeting venue was strategically selected based on geography to ensure that meetings took place throughout



the span of the project corridor. Additionally, two of these meetings were scheduled in the evening and one meeting was scheduled on a Saturday morning, providing those community members who could not attend any of the weekday meetings with an opportunity to participate. A fourth scoping meeting, held at Metro headquarters, was scheduled for local, state, and federal agencies to participate. The meetings were scheduled as shown in Table 6-1:

Table 6-1. Crenshaw Transit Corridor Scoping Meetings

Meeting	Date/Time
Darby Park, Inglewood	October 15, 2007 6 – 8 p.m.
Metro Agency Scoping Meeting	October 16, 2007 1 – 3 p.m.
Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, Los Angeles	October 17, 2007 6 – 8 p.m.
Audubon Middle School, Los Angeles	October 20, 2007 9 – 11 a.m.

6.1.1.4 Mailings for Environmental Scoping Meetings

In August 2007, an introductory letter was mailed to major stakeholder organizations, including community leaders, business groups, community-based organizations, homeowner groups, and neighborhood councils, within the project corridor. The letter explained the purpose and need for the project, what modes were being considered for the project, and the project’s geographic borders. Furthermore, recipients were notified of the first series of public scoping meetings scheduled for October 2007.

As the October 2007 scoping meetings approached, Metro mailed approximately 105,000 invitations to businesses and households within one quarter mile of the potential project alignments. The invitation provided a project map, which showed the location of the potential project alignments, and complete information on the scoping meetings, including a copy of the agenda and agency contacts, in both English and Spanish.

Electronic Invitations

In addition to the mailed invitations, Metro created an English/Spanish electronic invitation that provided information on the scoping meetings, with electronic links to the project map and the project webpage (www.metro.net/crenshaw).

Media/Web Outreach

Meeting notices were placed in the following newspapers for the October 2007 scoping meetings:

- *Korea Daily*
- *La Opinion*
- *Hawthorne Press Tribune*
- *Los Angeles Sentinel*

Notifications were also circulated via e-blasts. As a result of the e-blasts, the meeting announcements were picked-up and published in the blogs and web pages of various organizations.

Flyer Distribution

Approximately 2,000 flyers announcing the October 2007 scoping meeting dates and locations were disseminated the week of October 5, 2007. Below is a partial list of the recipients:

- Mayor Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles City Council
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- Inglewood City Council
- El Segundo City Council
- Hawthorne City Council
- U.S. Representative Diane Watson
- U.S. Representative Maxine Waters
- U.S. Representative Jane Harman
- Assemblymember Karen Bass
- Assemblymember Ted Lieu
- Assemblymember Curren Price
- State Senator Jenny Oropeza
- Supervisor Ridley-Thomas (Fmr. State Senator)
- Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
- Los Angeles Urban League
- Rancho La Cienega
- Community Build
- El Segundo Chamber of Commerce
- Village Green Owners Association
- Dorsey High School
- Baldwin Hills Library
- Jim Gilliam Recreation Center
- Rancho Cienega Sport Complex Center
- Baldwin Hills Mall – adjacent shops/businesses
- Magic Johnson Theatres
- Audubon Middle School



- Crenshaw High School
- Los Angeles High School
- Village Green Community Center/Office
- Starbucks Coffee
- Shops Bulletin Boards
- 5th Street Dicks
- Ladera Park
- Leimert Village – shops/businesses adjacent and within
- US Bank Community Center – 5760 Crenshaw Boulevard
- Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Crenshaw Office
- One United Bank, 3683 Crenshaw Boulevard
- Urban League, 3450 Mt. Vernon Drive
- AAA, 3739 South Crenshaw Boulevard. Suite E
- Lula Washington Dance Theatre, 3773 Crenshaw Boulevard
- Ebell Theatre
- Crenshaw Senior Citizens Center, 3929 Santa Rosalia
- African American Parent Community Coalition For Education Equity
- Baldwin Villa Plaza Tenants Association
- Hyde Park Miriam Matthews Branch Library
- United Care, Inc.
- Social Security Office, Crenshaw District
- Los Angeles County Probation Department
- Junior Blind of America
- Hattie Williams Brown Community Building
- West Angeles Church
- Legislative Black Caucus Foundation
- Mama’s House Soul Food
- The Los Angeles Sentinel
- Everlasting Convent Church
- Ark of Grace
- Ralphs Rite Aid
- Audubon Middle School
- Empowerment Development Department

- Milken Family Literacy
- Crenshaw High School
- Greater Leimert Park Village
- Crenshaw Corridor BID
- Ed Vincent Park
- Morningside High School
- Monroe Jr High School
- Lennox Middle School
- Darby Park
- Ed Vincent Park
- Laundry Mat

6.1.1.5 Project Hotline Established

A project hotline was established at 213-922-2736 to provide the public with the opportunity to provide feedback 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

6.1.1.6 Outreach Materials

For the scoping meetings, Metro produced a Project Fact Sheet and a Frequently Asked Questions packet. These materials are continually updated and disseminated at all public meetings and stakeholder briefings and are available on the project webpage. The collateral materials provide information on current topics, such as the project status, evaluation criteria, alignments, alternatives, modes under consideration, and potential station locations.

6.2 Summary of Public Comment from Environmental Scoping Meetings

A total of 128 persons attended the four October 2007 environmental scoping meetings:

These attendance numbers are an approximation as not everyone may have registered.

- 33 attended the meeting at Darby Park, Inglewood
- 11 participated in the Agency meeting at Metro headquarters, two participated via phone
- 37 attended the meeting at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, Los Angeles
- 47 attended the meeting at Audubon Middle School, Los Angeles

Public comment opportunities were made available at each meeting. In addition to comment and speaker cards, the project hotline number, address, and fax number were provided in writing at each meeting, as part of the formal presentation. To further document meetings, a court reporter recorded public comments and photographs were taken at all meetings. The public comment period formally closed November 5, 2007.



6.2.1 Summary and Logging of Scoping Comments

There were 365 comments received during the scoping period. Comments were received from federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, community organizations, transit advocates, and from members of the general public. Additional comments were received and recorded after the scoping period closed. Comments were received via fax, mail, e-mail, phone, and at each scoping meeting. Comments were recorded in a database with the source, date, method of receipt, and issue area identified.

A brief summary of the public comments that were received, organized by key topic areas, is provided below:

6.2.1.1 Alignments/Routes

Many of the received comments concerned potential connections to existing transit lines, particularly the Metro Red, Purple, Blue, and Green Lines, as well as the Exposition (Expo) Light Rail Transit (LRT) line (under construction). Particular interests focused on regional connectivity, especially active venues and destination centers, such as Hollywood, The Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), South Bay, Downtown Los Angeles, and the Westside. Recommendations were made to design new routes, such as an alignment from La Brea Avenue/Wilshire Boulevard with connections to Venice Boulevard/San Vicente Boulevard then south along Crenshaw Boulevard. Several comments indicated less desire for a connection at Wilshire Boulevard/Crenshaw Boulevard.

6.2.1.2 Mode

Mode was a frequent comment topic. Most remarks expressed support for light rail transit (LRT), as opposed to bus-based services. Stakeholders urged the consideration of grade separations (either below grade or at grade). There was concern that an at-grade alignment would degrade the aesthetics, culture, and history of portions of the Crenshaw Corridor, particularly in the Leimert Park area. Comments were received pertaining to the safety of LRT at crossings and the interaction of vehicular traffic with LRT. There were several comments from residents who desired the same level of service and amenities that affluent communities receive.

Comments relating to bus services varied. Some of the comments were in support of bus services because they were perceived as having less of a negative impact on the aesthetics and culture of the area. As opposed to light rail, some felt that buses were safer, would cause less disruption, would cost less, and could be implemented sooner. Some comments were not in support of any additional bus services. Other comments suggested a continued need for local and circulator bus services.

6.2.1.3 Public Safety

Stakeholders articulated concern over LRT with regard to its proximity to schools and the safe interaction between LRT and vehicular/pedestrian traffic, particularly at crossings.

6.2.1.4 Traffic and Parking

Generally, the concerns regarded potential increases in congestion during construction and potentially during LRT/bus rapid transit (BRT) operations.

6.2.1.5 Historic and Cultural Resources

Preservation of the character, culture, and history of the Crenshaw Corridor were paramount. Stakeholders expressed a fear that the community would change, and that minority and small owned business could be impacted. Leimert Park Village and Hyde Park were areas mentioned frequently with regard to preservation.

6.2.1.6 Connectivity

Participants expressed a desire for regional connectivity and efficiency, with a focused attention on connections to LAX, the Westside, Downtown Los Angeles, the South Bay and the Metro Red, Green, Blue, and Purple Lines.

6.2.1.7 Environmental Justice

Equity issues were strongly expressed. Community stakeholders wanted the same level of investment and consideration that more affluent communities would receive. Comments expressed that negative impacts should be mitigated to the extent possible and that the quality of life should be protected from degradation.

6.2.1.8 Economic Development

A few comments referenced the potential for transit to allow for enhanced economic vitality. Others expressed concern for the perceived potential loss of existing businesses along Crenshaw Boulevard.

6.2.2 Agency Coordination

Multiple federal, state, local agencies provided comment during the scoping process. Additionally, communications were received from elected officials.

Scoping comments were received from the following agencies, organizations, and elected officials:

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- State of California Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- City of Inglewood
- Community Redevelopment Agency/Los Angeles
- U.S. Representative Diane Watson
- State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)



- Councilmember Bernard Parks, Council District 8, City of Los Angeles
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- SCAG
- U.S. Representative Jane Harmon
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation
- County of Los Angeles Public Library
- City of El Segundo
- Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)
- City of Los Angeles, Department of Planning
- Governor’s Office of Planning & Research
- Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation
- Assemblymember Ted Lieu
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

6.2.3 Scoping Report

At the conclusion of the scoping period, a scoping report was drafted in compliance with the scoping requirements of NEPA and CEQA. The scoping report documented the public participation process, the initiation of scoping, and the Purpose and Need of the project. Comments received during and immediately following the formal scoping period were listed in the report. The report was posted on the project web page.

6.3 Public Outreach Following Environmental Scoping Meetings

6.3.1 February 2008 Project Update Meetings

Metro held a series of four project update meetings in February 2008 to provide the public with a status report on which alignments were eliminated from further consideration and which alignments were added as a result of comments received during the scoping period.

Table 6-2 is a list of the dates and locations for the four project update meetings:

Table 6-2. Crenshaw Transit Corridor Public Community Meetings

Meeting	Date/Time
Darby Park, Inglewood	February 20, 2008 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
US Bank Community Room, Los Angeles	February 21, 2008 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, Los Angeles	February 23, 2008 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Wilshire United Methodist Church, Los Angeles	February 25, 2008 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

All of the outreach communications tools utilized during scoping were utilized for the project update meetings. In addition, another 107,000 direct mail invitations were sent to residents and businesses within a quarter mile of proposed alignments, and approximately 3,000 flyers were distributed throughout the corridor, including on Metro buses in the project area.

Opportunities for public input are made available on an on-going basis. Comment and speaker cards were provided at each meeting. Additionally, Metro contact information for the project is listed on the project web page and on the comment forms. These meetings were advertised, and nearly 107,000 invitations were mailed to owners and occupants residing along the project alignments.

Ads for the meetings were placed in the following newspapers:

- *Korea Daily*
- *La Opinion*
- *Hawthorne Press Tribune*
- *Los Angeles Sentinel*

A total of 143 persons attended the project update meetings:

These attendance numbers are an approximation as not everyone may have registered.

- 33 attended the meeting at Darby Park
- 26 attended the meeting at the US Bank
- 33 attended the meeting at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center
- 51 attended the meeting at the Wilshire United Methodist Church

6.3.2 Working Groups

Working groups were formed in August 2008 to ensure a wide range of representative participation in the planning process, for the primary purpose of facilitating community consensus on the definition of the project. In consultation with project staff, community leaders/organizations, and elected officials, Metro initially identified 60 community



leaders to participate in the working groups. However, the working groups are open to all members of the public. The initial participants identified included representatives of neighborhood councils, chambers of commerce, developers, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and faith-based, transit-oriented, environmental, and economic development organizations.

To maximize the benefit and purpose of the working groups, the project corridor was divided geographically into two areas. The Mid-Corridor Working Group focuses on the area along Crenshaw Boulevard between Exposition Boulevard and Florence Avenue. The Southern Corridor Working Group focuses on the areas in Inglewood and around LAX. The primary reason for separating the corridor into different segments is that the corridor has varied issues, constraints, and needs. Additionally, it is more efficient to address the different and area specific concerns within each corridor area.

To date, three sets of working group meetings have been held: August 2008, September 2008, and March 2009. The meetings begin in an open house format, with multiple presentation boards on display. Project staff members are stationed at the boards to answer questions and respond to comments. The open house is followed by a PowerPoint presentation by project staff. Community participants then provide project staff feedback on the options and on other topics, such as station locations, grade separations, and mode considerations. At the end of each meeting, participants also have an opportunity to continue one-on-one discussions with project team members.

The March 2009 Working Groups involved more interaction among Working Group participants than previous meetings. An Open House introduced concepts to community members and was followed by a brief Project Presentation summary. The second half of the Working Group meetings consisted of a directed group activity. Participants were divided into four (4) groups, each facilitated by subject matter experts.

Each of the four groups discussed different design option alternatives and general project design criteria. Each of the groups discussed what evaluation criteria were most important to them in differentiating among alternatives (e.g., safety, economic development, traffic impacts, community cohesion, and long-term cost effectiveness) and the order in which they valued their importance. At the close of each group exercise, a spokesperson for the group presented the findings to all attendees. Following the group spokesperson recap, meeting attendees were invited to provide “one-minute” public commentary.

Outreach tools used for the working group meetings include the following: electronic invitations, hard copy invitations to the project database (approximately 1,600 addresses), phone calls, press releases, mailings, postings in multiple media calendar sections and extensive flyering throughout the corridor, including on Metro buses. In addition, the project team has utilized additional web tools, such as Facebook, to inform the community of meetings.

Table 6-3 shows dates and locations of the working group meetings held to date:

Table 6-3. Crenshaw Transit Corridor Working Group Meetings

Meeting	Date/Time
Community Build Room in Leimert Park	August 11, 2008 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Darby Park, Inglewood	August 13, 2008 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Darby Park, Inglewood	September 17, 2008 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Build Room in Leimert Park	September 18, 2008 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Transfiguration Church, Los Angeles	March 16, 2009 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Rogers Park, Inglewood	March 19, 2009 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

A total of 281 have attended working group meetings to date:

These attendance numbers are approximations as not everyone may have registered.

- 63 attended the meeting at Community Build in August 2008
- 46 attended the meeting at Darby Park in August 2008
- 24 attended the meeting at Darby Park in September 2008
- 43 attended the meeting at Community Build in September 2008
- 50 attended the meeting at Transfiguration Church in March 2009
- 55 attended the meeting at Rogers Park in March 2009

6.3.3 Ongoing Community/Stakeholder Briefings

In addition to the foregoing outreach, Metro has conducted community briefings and presentation with more than 40 different groups in the Crenshaw Corridor. The briefings vary in form and size depending on the audience. Briefings are held at the request of community organizations and/or upon the recommendation of Metro or an elected official. Typically, a briefing includes a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a question and answer session. Briefings have been held with the organizations listed in Table 6-4.

Table 6-4. Crenshaw Transit Corridor Community Briefings

Meeting	Date
Mid-City PAC	October 23, 2007
West Angeles CDC	January 7, 2008
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative	January 8, 2008
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy	January 10, 2008
Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce	January 11, 2008
Los Angeles Urban League	January 18, 2008
Baldwin Hills Estates Home Owners Association	May 10, 2008
Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce (monthly member meeting)	May 15, 2008
Holy Faith Episcopal Church	May 18, 2008
West Adams Neighborhood Council	May 19, 2008
West Angeles Church of God & Christ	June 20, 2008
Empowerment Congress West Area NDC	July 2, 2008
First Church of God	July 10, 2008
Mid-City Neighborhood Council	July 14, 2008
Faithful Central Bible Church	July 23, 2008
St. John the Evangelist Catholic School	July 25, 2008
Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association	July 28, 2008
Park Mesa Heights Community Council	August 9, 2008
Inglewood City Council District 1, Town Hall Meeting; 75 th Place Block Club	August 14, 2008
Park Mesa Heights Community Council Land Use Committee	August 18, 2008
St. John Chrysostom Church	September 4, 2008
Sycamore Block Club	September 16, 2008
Los Angeles Urban League	September 22, 2008
Mid City Political Action Committee	September 23, 2008
United Homeowners Association	October 9, 2008
Cherrywood Block Club	October 18, 2008
Crenshaw/Slauson Community Action Committee	October 23, 2008
Brookside Home Owners Association	October 23, 2008
El Segundo Employers Association	November 3, 2008
El Segundo Employers Association Board	December 2, 2008
LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce	November 18, 2008
View Park Middle School	December 8, 2008
View Park Charter High School	January 26, 2009
Inglewood Chamber of Commerce	February 17, 2009
Crenshaw High School Cougar Coalition Parent Group	February 23, 2009
Springfield College	February 24, 2009
Community Health Council	March 3, 2009
Baldwin Hills Conservancy	March 12, 2009



Meeting	Date
LAX Area Advisory Committee (LAXAAC)	April 9, 2009
South Bay Economic Development Partnership	April 23, 2009
Capri / Festival Companies	May 27, 2009
West Angeles Church of God in Christ	May 28, 2009
Baldwin Village Community in Action (BVCIA)	June 17, 2009
People Coordinated Services (PCS) Multipurpose Senior Center	June 25, 2009
CRA/LA – Crenshaw / Slauson Community Advisory Committee	June 25, 2009
Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa	August 11, 2009
Westchester Business Improvement Association	August 26, 2009
Westchester Neighbors Association	August 31, 2009
Loyola Marymount University	September 3, 2009
Gateway to LA Business Improvement District	September 10, 2009

6.3.4 Briefings with Elected Officials

The project area includes five jurisdictions: the cities of Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Inglewood, El Segundo, and an unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County. Introductory briefings were conducted with each of the jurisdictions located within the project corridor. Briefings included information on potential alignments and modes, tailored to the needs of each jurisdiction. Meetings and communications with the City of Inglewood have been more frequent. Communication with each jurisdiction is on-going. The meetings to date are set forth in Table 6-5.

6.3.5 Legislative Briefings

A legislative briefing was held at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza in October 2007 to provide a project update and to discuss the launching of the working groups. City, county, state and congressional representatives and their staff were invited to participate. A PowerPoint presentation was shown followed by a question and answer session. Prior to the February 2008 project update meetings, an additional two legislative briefings were conducted with the Cities of Inglewood and Los Angeles as listed in Table 6-6.



Table 6-5. Crenshaw Transit Corridor Briefings with Elected Officials

Meeting	Date
Offices of Supervisor Burke, Los Angeles City Council Districts 8 & 10	August 9, 2007
Mayors Office, City of Los Angeles	August 22, 2007
City of El Segundo	August 23, 2007
City of Hawthorne	August 23, 2007
City of Inglewood	August 23, 2007
Legislative Briefing	October 1, 2007
Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl	January 18, 2008
Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Herb Wesson	February 8, 2008
Board Staff Briefing	February 11, 2008
City of Inglewood	February 13, 2008
Mayor’s Office, City of Los Angeles	February 14, 2008
Office of State Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas	March 17, 2008
Office of State Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas	April 3, 2008
City of Inglewood	April 23, 2008
Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl	April 29, 2008
Metro South Bay Service Sector Governance Council	May 9, 2008
Office of Supervisor Don Knabe	June 8, 2009
City of Inglewood	July 8, 2008
Office of U.S. Representative Jane Harman	April 4, 2008
City of Inglewood	August 5, 2008
Office of Assemblymember Ted Lieu	October 21, 2008
City of Inglewood	December 11, 2008
Office of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County, District 2	January 23, 2009
Mayor’s Office, City of Los Angeles	February 11, 2009
Metro South Bay Service Sector Governance Council	February 13, 2009
Office of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County, District 2 (Staff)	March 6, 2009
Legislative Briefing (Baldwin Hills / Crenshaw Plaza)	March 12, 2009
Office of U.S. Representative Diane Watson	June 18, 2009
Inglewood City Council	June 23, 2009
Office of Inglewood Councilman Eloy Morales	July 15, 2009
Los Angeles Public Works Commissioner, Valerie Shaw	July 28, 2009
Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Bernard Parks	July 29, 2009
Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl	August 10, 2009

Table 6-6. Crenshaw Transit Corridor Legislative Briefings

Meeting	Date
Legislative Briefing	October 1, 2007
City of Inglewood	February 13, 2008
City of Los Angeles	February 14, 2008
City of Los Angeles	March 12, 2009

6.3.6 Project Staff Attendance at Neighborhood Meetings/Events

It is important for the project team to maintain an understanding of the communities' broader concerns, which may have a direct or indirect bearing on the project. Toward this end, project team members have attended the community meetings and events listed in Table 6-7:

Table 6-7. Crenshaw Transit Corridor Neighborhood Meetings

Meeting	Date
Crenshaw Visioning (CRA event)	January 26, 2008
Inglewood Town Hall	April 24, 2008
Crenshaw Visioning (CRA event)	April 26, 2008
Los Angeles World Airports DEIR	May 7, 2008
United Home Owners Association, Candidate Forum	May 8, 2008
Supervisory District 2 Candidate Forum	May 9, 2008
Empowerment Congress West Area NDC	August 19, 2008
Expo Project Update	October 22, 2008
Community Redevelopment Agency	November 20, 2008
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, The Empowerment Congress 2009 Annual Budget Summit	January 31, 2009
Community Build and LISC	March 19, 2009