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I-710 Corridor Neighborhoods

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Community Livability Plan for the Long Beach I-710 Corridor Neighborhoods

KICK-OFF MEETING NOTES

February 16, 2007

In attendance:

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Melani Smith—Melendrez
Steve Patton—Melendrez
Dan Rosenfeld—Long Beach Transit
Shirley Hsiao—Long Beach Transit
Lee Ward—Meyer Mohaddes Associates
Tony Torres—DSO
Pat Garrow—City of Long Beach Department of Planning
Anna Mendiola—City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Dennis Eschen—City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Karen Heit—Gateway City COG
Carl Kemp—Port of Long Beach

CONSULTANT TEAM:

Meléndrez

Consultant team lead. Role is urban planning/urban design/community engagement facilitation.

Diverse Strategies for Organizing

Leading the community engagement effort, including stakeholder database creation, community contacts, and meeting scheduling and logistics.

Meyer Mohaddes Associates

Providing continuity with the earlier I-710 Locally Preferred Strategy process, input on transportation issues.

CITY/COG STAKEHOLDER TEAM COMMENTS:

City/COG stakeholders summarized for the group the plans, programs and activities they have underway that are relevant to this plan.

Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit is a franchise of the City, working to provide a better level of accessibility for the community.

- Currently advocating for involvement in the Long Beach General Plan update.
- Interested in long-term ridership, as well as public safety issues with regard to public transit.
- Noted that there is a significant transit-dependent population in Long Beach.

Department of Park, Recreation and Marine

Currently developing over 100 projects including many projects along the I-710 corridor. Have an identified need for programmed indoor space in parks.

- Green Vision Map: they are looking at potential locations for new parks within the City, including vacant parcels that could be converted to green space.
- Riverlink: open space plan for the east bank of the LA River, developed by graduate students in landscape architecture from Pomona. Plan is currently in the process of being presented to City Council.

- West Long Beach: Molina Park, development of mini park at Santa Fe and 20th St.
- Admiral Kidd Park: 3-acre expansion and renovation of recreational space, including two lighted soccer fields and baseball fields.
- Tree planting project at Coolidge Park in partnership with the Port.
- Tree planting project at 34th and Wardlow in the Wrigley Greenbelt.

Long Beach Comprehensive Planning Division

Currently focused on the General Plan update—Long Beach 2030, One Great City.

- The Plan will include a significant outreach effort, including a range of outreach meetings, community surveys, community festivals, and the Plan Van, a mobile informational kiosk.
- EDAW is heading the team, with MIG for community engagement
- Community Festivals are scheduled for April 21—Jordan High School, May 12—Hughes Middle School, May 19—Hill Middle School, and June 2—Stevenson Elementary.

Noted that there is also a Downtown Visioning project underway spearheaded by the City Council.

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Karen is on the regional steering committee for the I-710 improvement project and the Local Advisory Committee in Long Beach.

- Interested in how this process can potentially inform or be integrated into the EIR/EIS for the I-710.
- Possibilities for observation of this process by the I-710 Oversight Committee.
- Air Quality Action Plan: made possible by a grant from the MTA. The COG is currently doing outreach for this process for the communities involved in the I-710 corridor study. Common themes are emerging. Many community members want more monitoring stations. They will also be conducting interviews with Tier 1 members, environmental groups, and advisory committee members among others.
- The timeline for the I-710 EIR is 36-43 months. A first draft will be developed within 14 months.

Port of Long Beach

Carl Kemp touched on the following key Port initiatives:

- I-710 Trees program (referenced above in the Parks and Recreation section) for communities that are impacted by the I-710.
- Long Beach Green Port Policy: serves as a guide for decision making and establishes a framework for environmentally friendly Port operations. The Policy establishes six key areas of emphasis, and fundamental goals for each area as follows:

Air - Reduce air emissions from Port activities

Water - Improve the quality of Long Beach Harbor waters

Wildlife - Protect, maintain or restore aquatic ecosystems and marine habitats

Soil/Sediment - Remove, treat, or render suitable for beneficial reuse Port-contaminated soils and sediments in the Harbor District

Sustainability – Implement sustainable practices in marine terminal design, development and operations as well as training, operations and practices within the Port Administration and Maintenance Centers

Community Engagement – Interact with and educate the community regarding Port environmental programs

- Pier B rail yard: the Pier B rail yard is part of the Port's ongoing efforts to improve traffic and congestions in and outside of the harbor. As part of its Master Plan, the Port is promoting operational changes such as on-dock rail yards, which allow cargo to be transferred from ships to trains within the Port.
- Pier S: new terminal north of the Gerald Desmond Bridge including back channel improvements.
- Middle Harbor EIR: infill development.
- Gerald Desmond Bridge: \$850 million replacement/renovation of bridge.
- Pier G: Mega Container Terminal project. Scheduled to be completed in 2011.
- Southern California Intermodal Gateway: For near dock rail transport of Port goods. Being pursued by the Port of Los Angeles and BNSF railway. Would be located on the west side of the Terminal Island Freeway.
- The Port is also striving to increase its use of the Alameda Corridor.
- The Port is working toward 32% of its cargo being moved via on-dock rail. This would be the highest percentage of on dock port facilities in the country.

Long Beach Department of Public Works

Sumi Grant described the following key public works projects.

- Projects at 710 Southern terminus: Shoemaker Bridge, Anaheim St., Cesar Chavez Park. \$60 million in project funding.
- Broadway: the City received \$1.6 million for traffic calming projects on Broadway, 3rd, 6th and 7th Streets between Golden Avenue, at the termination of the 710 off ramp, and Pacific. Projects are in the conceptual design phase, and there have been discussions about creating a bike boulevard on Broadway as one of the traffic calming measures.
- Streetscape enhancement project on Anaheim Street.
- Bike Master Plan: The plan calls for various improvements including signage, wayfinding and stenciling.
- Creating access to the river from the neighborhoods: they are currently pursuing funding sources for this process.
- Currently pursuing the development of an Urban Forest Master Plan.

REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

The group agreed that the following entities should be on the list of key regional stakeholders to engage in the project:

- AQMD
- CARB
- MTA
- Caltrans
- River groups
- Los Angeles County

WHO IS NOT AT THE TABLE?

Team members suggested the following City agencies/entities should also be involved in this project:

- Health and Human Services Department
- Community Development (Redevelopment Agency)
- Neighborhood Services
- Downtown Visioning effort
- Bike Station
- Long Beach Police Department
- City Prosecutor's Office (Project IMPACT: Being developed by the City Prosecutor's Office. It is organized quadrant by quadrant within the city; in partnership with community services. Tom Reese is the contact.)
- Long Beach City Council Environmental Committee, which meets monthly

Clearly the Long Beach Unified School District also needs to participate. The District is in the process of doing a Facility Master Plan, and will be conducting community dialogs some time in March. They also have demographic data which may be relevant to us. It was noted that the District is facing a declining environment.

PROJECT DISCUSSION

Questions from the public that we should anticipate:

- Who will pay for the project?
- How does it impact us?
- Why should people attend the public meetings?
- How do we differentiate our project from the many ongoing initiatives in the City, particularly those are the in connection with the 710?

Other questions/comments:

- Should other groups/agencies be invited to participate with us at public meetings, such as the Port?
- What are the I-710 corridor neighborhoods?
- What are the project boundaries?
- We need to describe this as a project to improve neighborhoods at "street level", in order to improve the quality of life, regardless of the I-710 and its impact on surrounding neighborhoods.
- We need to be clear that we want to engage the community about their dreams and wishes in relation to neighborhood livability. In order to make a plan that can be marketed for funding. Improvement projects won't get funding without a vision for change and a plan.

ADDENDUM:

Conference Call with Departments of Neighborhood Services and Health and Human Services

March 1, 2007

Sumi Grant
Melani Smith
Steve Patton
Dennis Thys—Neighborhood Services Bureau
Jeff Benedict—Department of Health and Human Services

Redevelopment Agency Involvement

The Long Beach Community Development Department should also be involved in this project. There are a variety of housing initiatives currently being developed on the west side.

- Residential housing development near Santa Fe and Willow. Commercial developments are being removed and housing is being developed. David White is the contact.
- Pacific Coast Highway—median island upgrades to make PCH more of a "neighborhood street". Lee Mayfield is the contact.
- Various downtown initiatives. Craig Beck is the contact.

Neighborhood Services

Enhancement concepts proposed in the North Long Beach Street Enhancement Master Plan could be used as models for project ideas in west Long Beach.

The City is also in the process of developing a Streetscape Master Plan for portions of Pacific Avenue in West Central Long Beach. This effort has been spearheaded by Councilmember Laura Richardson. The master plan will include the street, crosswalks, and street furniture, landscaping, benches, light poles and other fixtures.

Silverado Park area: Neighborhood Services is currently working on a community code enforcement initiative, which involves meeting with block captains. They have two outreach venues that may be of use to us.

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Risk Assessment: DHHS is currently waiting on an AQMD release of the MATES III (Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study) that terminated in March of 2006. MATES III is monitoring for 21 toxic air contaminants and four other substances at 10 sites across the Los Angeles Basin. In addition, AQMD is utilizing mobile monitoring stations to sample at several neighborhood sites near toxic emission sources or in areas where community members are concerned about health risks from air pollution.

It was mentioned that the MATES II study (which ran from 1998-1999) sited the deplorable air quality conditions along the 710 as a result of diesel trucks. However, it was noted that the study didn't consider the on shore wind in the city, which could mitigate some of the impacts.

The areas along the 710 have the worst air quality in the entire city.

Noise study: a baseline study of noise was done after the ports expanded trucking activities after hours. This was done in partnership with Val Lerch and Caltrans. The study found that there is a tremendous amount of noise in some neighborhoods. This project might find a way to fund a

program to provide double-paned glass for affected homes. Perhaps a cost estimate for a pilot project could be developed.

USC has released some asthma and respiratory studies that the health department has used. Research has shown that air quality is often the most problematic for individuals who are active outdoors (such as school athletes).

Other Items:

- The Long Beach Riverlink project should also be considered in this project. There are many new open space projects being proposed along the 710 corridor. Phil Hester is the contact.
- School District: Sumi has contracted the District to request their participation in the project.
- Port of Los Angeles initiatives: Truck terminal (BNSF). SCIG UP truck yard in the Lincoln Arlington neighborhood. Windward mobile homes will be affected.
- Dr. Lisa Nicholas of the Long Beach Alliance for the Prevention of Asthma is a good person to have at the table. She works for the Miller Children's Clinic.
- Within the study area, the fumes coming off the 710 are noticeable.
- Do regional stakeholders have programs to address these problems?
- In general, as crime has gone down in the city, concerns about quality of life issues related to traffic noise and emissions are rising.
- Long Beach Police Department: Commander Billy Quach of the West Division is the contact. He is located at the Santa Fe Avenue police building. Boundary is north of Anaheim Street and east of the river to Wardlow. We could also contact the North Division-Commander Scott Robertson. Located at the Scherer Park Building.
- Neighborhood Resource Center (Margaret Madden) has a list service that we might be able to use.

Process/Community Engagement

- One concept for public meetings is to market this project as a "transition plan" that will focus on what we can do in the next 15 years. The project should have a neighborhood focus as opposed to a 710 focus.
- The environmental study for the 710 will take 3-4 years. \$7 billion of improvements are likely
- There is a lot that can be done in the interim period before the 710 expansion projects happen.
- The project should consider truck traffic only as it affects the neighborhoods.

- Agendas and speakers for the public meetings: we need to get on this right away because many local groups are already setting up their schedules for the next couple of months.
- We should do asset mapping early on in the process—this will get us some wins early on and allow us to make sure we know what's going on in the neighborhoods. We need to know where we are potentially going to have problems with the implementation of projects. The asset maps developed out of the community cluster meetings from the first General Plan effort area good place to start. We don't want to put problem areas on the map though. Asset mapping should differentiate between constructed projects, those that are in planning, and those that are funded for construction.
- We should think about what we can do to engage and involve key individuals who have been vocal in the 710 oversight process.
- One possible component of the Cultural Needs Assessment is the development of a resource guide that would describe relevant plans and projects as well as provide contact information for important stakeholders.

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MEETING #2 NOTES

March 23, 2007

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Marlene Arrona—Long Beach Police Department
Lee Mayfield—Redevelopment Agency
David White—Redevelopment Agency
Jonathan Kraus—Office of the 8th District
Niki Tennant—Office of the 1st District
Dennis Thys—Neighborhood Services

INTRODUCTION

Sumi Gant gave a short introduction to the project for those individuals who were not able to attend the first meeting. Her summary included a description of recent activities, including project team presentations to local community groups to inform them about the project, and a presentation to the chiefs of staff of Long Beach Councilmembers. She also mentioned that this project is using an asset-based approach to planning that seeks to build off of the strengths of local neighborhoods.

PROJECT UPDATE

Melani Smith gave a description of the overall focus on neighborhood design and planning strategies, reminding people that the project will seek to develop conceptual plans in a number of key opportunity areas. The budget and schedule is not large enough to create a comprehensive plan for the entire planning area. Her summary also included an up date of work-to-date, including the following:

- updated project schedule showing the dates of the General Plan 2030 outreach
- progress on an Existing Conditions Report
- project concept diagram and accompanying resource table

OUTREACH SUMMARY

Tony from DSO provided an update of the public outreach thus far, including a summary of the interviews with Councilmembers Bonnie Lowenthal, Val Lerch, and Tonia Uranga. He also stated that during these presentations, neighborhood organizations are being invited to the Neighborhood Summit.

PROJECT DIAGRAM AND RESOURCE TABLE

Melani presented a diagram Meléndrez developed that shows the range of plans and planning issues—such as air quality and goods movement—that will influence the Community Livability

Plan but aren't necessarily the focus of the plan. The focus of the plan will be on neighborhood design and community livability. Melani also presented a table that identifies the various public agencies involved in these planning efforts.

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Sumi encouraged people to make changes and/or additions to the table, including any plans or documents that may have been left out. The following suggestions were made:

Lee Mayfield from Redevelopment mentioned that the Westside Project Advisory Committee has done a lot of work within the planning area, and should be involved in the project. He also stated that most of the Redevelopment project areas have strategic plans, and that he can make these available to the project team.

Pat Garrow from Planning mentioned that the Red Book might be a good resource. It is a citywide list of neighborhood organizations. (Note that the team is already using this resource)

AGENCY INTRODUCTIONS

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Long Beach Police Department

Traffic is always a big issue. For example, along Del Amo Boulevard there have been many impacts from road construction and traffic is always a big community concern. With an increase in traffic, there is an increase in the number of accidents, increased use of local arterials, and an increase in the number of noise complaints. Any improvements that are proposed as part of this project should take into account the potential impact on traffic.

There is always a chance that the local homeless community will be impacted with any neighborhood improvement project. Homeless individuals tend to be stationary. So if a new project impacts an area where they live, they will be displaced.

It was also stated that homeless individuals are forced to cross the Los Angeles River and the I-710 in order to get to the local service center.

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The department uses COPS philosophy and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) for the development of long-term crime prevention measures. Copies of their CPTED literature can be made available to the project team.

Redevelopment Agency

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- West Gateway development

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Redevelopment Agency

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- Pacific Avenue streetscape plan for Wrigley Village
- East Village
- Downtown plans on Atlantic Avenue--\$100 million has been invested in this area
- 3-4 major projects between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow downtown. \$100 million has been invested in this area
 - Public service yard within the Magnolia Avenue industrial district
 - Pine and PCH: land designated for a community recycling center
 - Long Beach Blvd. and Anaheim: TOD project. City is building 300-400 new units in the area

There was a discussion of how Redevelopment can incorporate community livability into specific project areas, including North, Central, West and Downtown. Because the Agency has so many relevant projects, it was mentioned that we don't want to duplicate anything redevelopment is already working on. We should consider what livability means in TODs, historic districts, dense neighborhoods, etc.

One possibility is that Redevelopment could use Community Livability Plan concepts to market specific projects they are trying to develop. The plan documents would give them renderings and plans that might be useful to them.

The Community Livability Plan could also focus on the development of archetypes or examples of model projects that could be developed as part of the Community Livability Plan and then applied to other areas.

Neighborhood Services

The department has a Neighborhood Leadership Program. Participants in the program choose a neighborhood beautification project and implement it. There might be an opportunity for us to select a project for implementation.

The department has a strong relationship with Goodwill Industries, which is the largest stakeholder in the North Long Beach neighborhood.

OTHER DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Long Beach Transit

They have a Bus Stop Improvement Plan, which should be brought to the table. Shirley has some usage information for the transit system and bus routes that she can provide the team. (Note that this information has been submitted to the team)

Council Staff

The Drake-Chavez Greenbelt should be added to the list of relevant projects. It is not part of Riverlink, but will serve as an important open space linkage.

The LA County River Master Plan should also be brought to the table.

ADDENDUM:

After the meeting, an additional meeting was held with Carri Matsumoto of the Long Beach Unified School District.

In attendance:

Sumi Gant
Melani Smith
Steve Patton
Lee Ward
Irene Payan
Shirley Hsiao
Carri Matsumoto

FACILITY MASTER PLAN

LBUSD is currently in the process of developing a Facility Master Plan for the district. The district has eight million square feet of building space. The Master Plan includes:

Enrollment trends—projections will go to 2015. Currently there is a declining enrollment. In 2006 the district lost 2500 students. Most of this decline is at the elementary level. The highest enrollment is at the high school level.

Condition of facilities—there is a concern about aging facilities. Many building are not suitable for technology upgrades. 30% of classroom facilities are portable.

Planning Areas—the Master Plan delineates seven different planning areas, which are organized by high school attendance boundaries. Over 16 planning area committees (PACs) and several sub-committees have been established to focus on specific planning efforts. Each of these committees is developing a list of recommendations.

More information can be obtained at: <http://www.dejongprojects.com/?collection=Long+Beach>.

Major Issues/Products

- Joint Use of Facilities: discussions within specific planning areas have focused on joint and shared use of facilities and the development of smaller facilities. Carri has met with Parks, Recreation and Marine to talk about the joint use of facilities. There is sub-committee for the joint use of facilities.
- A Live In-Live Out Analysis has been developed. It is available online.
- A questionnaire was developed and given to individuals within each planning area. The results are available online.
- Many people are interested in pre-kinder services and full days for kindergarten.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTEGRATION

There are opportunities for integrating information from the Facility Master plan into the Community Livability Plan.

The Jordan and Cabrillo planning areas are within the Community Livability planning area. Although, it might be better to community directly with specific school representatives, rather than go through the specific planning area representatives.

The District could look at schools around the corridor and put together a working group focused on community livability issues related to schools within our planning area. The District would appreciate criteria for 710 school design that is responsive to key livability issues.

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MEETING #3 NOTES

April 27, 2007

In attendance:

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Shirley Hsiao—Long Beach Transit
Pat Garrow—City of Long Beach Department of Planning
Scott Robertson—Long Beach Police Department
Lee Mayfield—Redevelopment Agency
David White—Redevelopment Agency
Jonathan Kraus—Office of the 8th District
Dennis Thys—Neighborhood Services
Jeff Benedict—Department of Health and Human Services
Carri Matsumoto—Long Beach Unified School District
Jonda Matrone—Office of the 9th District
Anna Mendiola—Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

INTRODUCTION

Sumi Gant gave a short summary of work that has been accomplished since the last team meeting, including the various presentations that we have given to local community stakeholder groups, and progress that has been made on the project base maps.

PROJECT UPDATE

Melani Smith elaborated on Sumi's introduction and provided a progress report of work that was accomplished in the last month. The project team met with David White from Redevelopment to review the various projects and development initiatives that are happening in the Central Long Beach project area. A similar meeting will be held to discuss projects in the North Long Beach and West Long Beach project areas.

The team has now given a number of presentations to community stakeholders and Long Beach Councilmembers. The locations and geographic spread of the meetings we are holding with stakeholders has been mapped for easier review, and shared with the team. The goal of these presentations is to inform individuals in the community about the project. In general, attendees understand and accept that this project is different than the 710 EIR/EIS. Only a small group of individuals have expressed skepticism about the project. Common interests and concerns expressed in these presentations include the following:

- Long Beach Riverlink
- Pedestrian improvements and safety
- Bicycle improvements and safety
- ADA access for seniors
- Homelessness issues in the River corridor
- Access from one side of the freeway and river corridor to the other
- Pride in local neighborhoods and the corridor itself
- Focus should be on ideas that can actually be implemented
- Traffic coming off of bridges
- Traffic-calming measures
- More planting along major corridors

With regard to presentations to Councilmembers, the following themes and concerns emerged:

- Southern California Intermodal Gateway (SCIG), though adjacent to the City, is a concern because of its potential impacts
- Connecting communities/centers of communities
- Finding the "low-hanging fruit" i.e. projects that can actually be implemented
- Freeway access
- Noise related to the I-710
- Enhancing the corridor by planting trees
- Access from one side of the freeway and river corridor to the other

A list of potential Regional Stakeholders was distributed. The team is in the process of compiling a list of contacts. Outreach to these groups will most likely be done through phone interviews with key individuals. Team members were asked to suggest additional stakeholders that could be contacted. The following groups were identified:

Rethinking Long Beach: they are a private advocacy group working on a range of issues

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: work on river corridor issues for the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers

REVIEW OF BASE MAPS

Melani provided a summary of the base maps that have been developed thus far. It was decided that PDF files of these maps would be sent out to everyone on the project team so people would have a chance to review the maps and provide comments. The following comments were made about the maps:

Pat Garrow mentioned that the technical background report for the General Plan Update has an existing land use map. This map will replace the map presented at the meeting.

On the Community Facilities map, there was a question about the definition of the Neighborhood Centers category on the Community Design map. The Central Long Beach project area defines neighborhood centers as strategic areas that have a public facility, park and retail area within a residential neighborhood. The North Long Beach project area defines neighborhood center as a pedestrian-oriented area.

Sumi provided some additional information about the Bridge Improvements category on the Community Design map. MTA/Caltrans will take 10 to 20 years at best with regard to the completion of ultimate expansion plans for the I-710 Freeway. However, some early action projects have been identified and include bridge improvements at PCH, Anaheim Street and the Shoemaker Bridge. Sumi also pointed out that the Shoemaker Bridge is mislabeled on the map.

It was pointed out that Dooley School needs to be added to the Community Design map. We should also add senior centers to the map, including the senior center at 4th and Orange.

TEAM UPDATES

Schools: There was a discussion about how we can integrate school input into the Community Livability plan, and whether or not we intend to engage private schools (we think this is outside our capabilities). Carri Matsumoto mentioned that timing is difficult because this is a very busy time of the year for LBUSD. In addition, the short time frame of this project makes it more difficult to coordinate with the District. Carri does think there would be utility in creating a series of livable schools principles in this project that she can apply as she gets into the design phase and the

implementation of the LBUSD facilities master plan. David White suggested that perhaps design principles and strategies could be geared toward three categories of schools in the corridor: those directly I-710 adjacent, those that are in neighborhood centers, and those that are located along major commercial corridors.

Public Works: Sumi mentioned that the previous day she had attended a workshop with seniors, in which data on pedestrian accidents and fatalities was presented. Accidents and fatalities involving seniors have increased in the last several years, and we should think about creating more pedestrian safe environments for seniors in particular.

Air Quality and Health: Jeff Benedict stated that there is a lot going on with regard to health. He is going to provide the project team with a copy of the Health Risk Assessment for the City. The Air Quality Element is also a good document, though it is not going to be updated as part of the Long Beach 2030 General Plan Update.

SITE TOUR

We are shooting for June 1st, the first Friday in June, as the date for the site tour. The timeframe for the tour would be from 9:00-12:00 AM. Shirley Hsiao stated that she can help provide us transportation for the tour. The team has been asked to identify and nominate specific sites that could be included in the tour.

CORRECTIONS TO MEETING #2 NOTES

Carri Matsumoto pointed out the following correction to the meeting notes:

- Long Beach Unified School District has eight million square feet of building space, not two million square feet of land.
- In a description of school building facilities, it was stated that "many building are not suitable for technology upgrades and/or have seismic problems." The term 'seismic problems' was removed from this statement because this is not a term that the district uses.

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MEETING #4 NOTES

July 20, 2007

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Dennis Thys—Neighborhood Services
Jonda Matrone—Office of the 9th District
Anna Mendiola—Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Steve Gerhardt—Department of Planning
Ray Choi—Metro
Jerry Caligiuri—Office of the 9th District
Ray Pok—Office of the 7th District
Marlene Arrona—Long Beach Police Department
Bianca Román—Office of the 1st District
Susan Ahn—Long Beach Unified School District (sitting in for Carri Matsumoto)
Karen Heit—Gateway Cities Council of Governments

INTRODUCTION

Sumi Gant gave a short summary of work that has been accomplished since the last team meeting, including the site tour and finalization of community outreach presentations.

PROJECT UPDATE

Melani Smith provided an additional summary of work accomplished to-date, including a description of the site tour, completion of the draft Existing Conditions Report, and finalization of Task One and the community outreach presentations.

REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

Melani also talked about outreach to regional stakeholders, which is currently in process. A contact list of regional stakeholders was handed out to team members. These stakeholders were recently contact by email. Melani emphasized to the team our understanding that additional follow-up will be needed.

The following suggestions were made regarding additional people we may want to contact.

Ray Pok mentioned that we might want to change the contact person we currently have listed for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Patrick O'Donnell of the 4th District and former Mayoral candidate Frank Colonna are both on the Board of Directors.

Dan Rosenfeld suggested that Long Beach Gas and Oil Department be added to the utilities list.

Dennis Thys suggested we speak with elected officials outside of the city since these individuals will likely be important resources for securing potential funding for projects that come out of this initiative.

Ray Pok suggested we contact someone from the Water Replenishment District. Lillian Kawasaki, who is on the Board of Directors, was mentioned as a good contact because she is the Division Three representative and is also a resident of the Los Cerritos neighborhood.

Ray Pok pointed out that Joe Cassmassi is probably not the right person to contact at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and that it would be better to speak with someone from Public Affairs. He is going to provide the project team with a contact name.

NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN WORKSHOPS

Melani gave a summary of the Neighborhood Design Workshops. The flyer, a workshop agenda, the Powerpoint outline, and a description of the small group activity were all handed out. She spoke about the change that has occurred with the original idea for the workshops, and the fact that it has gone from two weekend-long charettes to four short workshops that will be held at night. Irene gave a summary of what she has accomplished with regard to outreach to residents and community groups for workshop #1 on August 8.

It was pointed out that the location of workshop #4 was wrong on the flyer (note that this error was corrected directly after the meeting).

Melani then went through the Powerpoint outline to give people an understanding of what will be presented at each workshop. She emphasized that the overall focus of the Powerpoint is to get people thinking about possible neighborhood improvements by providing documentation of existing conditions as well as a photo survey of potential neighborhood improvements.

Melani then gave a summary of the small group exercise.

The following questions/comments were made about the workshops:

- *How much time will each workshop take?* It is anticipated that each workshop will go until 9:00, or 2.5 hours.
- *Can we cater each presentation to the specific neighborhood?* Sumi informed everyone that we are going to present the same information at all four workshops
- *Missing from the agenda is a section about next steps.* This will be added to the closing remarks section on the agenda.
- *Can Neighborhood Services provide translation equipment?* Dennis Thys is going to look into this.
- *Can the meeting start at 7:00 instead of 6:30?* Some people have difficulty getting to a public meeting before 7:00. It is going to be difficult to start at 7:00 because we have limited time at each venue, and we have a lot to cover because of the size of the study area and the complexity of the issues involved.
- David White suggested that, at each workshop, we organize specific small groups into the four different geographic areas that are listed in the flyer. This way, people can talk about issues that are specific to their own neighborhoods.
- Dan Rosenfeld suggested that we assign job to specific individuals, which will help neutralize overly-aggressive individuals.

UPDATES/COMMENTS FROM SPECIFIC TEAM MEMBERS

Gateway Cities Council of Governments Clean Air Action Plan: One of the outcomes of the Project Oversight Committee for the I-710 Major Corridor Study was the suggestion that GCCOG develop an Air Quality Action Plan to address specific community concerns regarding air quality. An initial grant of 75K was allocated for the plan. Gladstein, Neandross and Associates were

hired to develop a Preliminary Report for the AQAP. Karen Heit will make copies of this report available to anyone who is interested. The report includes a summary of air quality plans in the region, as well as a list of early action items that will be moved through the transportation committee.

The process for developing the AQAP has been delayed so GCCOG is currently behind schedule in terms of the overall development of the plan.

Long Beach Riverlink: the Long Beach Riverlink project was just awarded \$5 million in funding for four Riverlink projects, including the Wrigley Greenbelt, Drake Greenbelt, Baker-Golden mini-park and the Deforest Wetlands. The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy had \$6 million dollars in funding that had not been earmarked for any specific project. Los Angeles County made a deal with the Conservancy that five million dollars of this money would be reallocated to the City of Long Beach for implementation of the Riverlink system.

General Plan Update: The Planning Department has wrapped up Phase One, which included a series of Community Festivals, and is now entering into Phase Two. The Planning Department is currently preparing for a meeting with their internal advisory committee. After that, they will start working on the framework for the plan.

PROJECT FUNDING

Sumi pointed out that, with regard to the funding of the Community Livability Plan, she anticipates that much of the funding for more short-term projects will come from specific departments. Long-term funding for the project could be obtained by turning the project over to Caltrans as part of a mitigation package.

Melani encouraged people to push us to develop specific components of the plan that could potentially be tied to specific funding sources.

OTHER COMMENTS

Dennis Thys commented to the group that we need to figure out a way to tie the Community Livability Plan together with many of the other plans and projects that are currently happening in Long Beach. One concern is that, because there are so many initiatives currently taking place, residents are going to get planning fatigue and won't be able to distinguish between these different projects. The connection with the Community Livability Plan with other plans therefore needs to be figured out so that we can communicate a clear objective to community residents.

It was stated that the overall focus for Phase One of the project has been community outreach, and in the presentations that have been given to local neighborhood groups much emphasis has been placed on making this distinction between the Community Livability Plan and other planning efforts. We have told everyone that we are the 710 expansion, and that we are not the General Plan Update. Response from individuals has been favorable, and people seem to understand that the Community Livability Plan is a distinct project. It was mentioned, however, that we still might struggle to get people to come to our workshops because it is something we are asking them to do on their own time, in addition to the community events they already attend.

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MEETING #5 NOTES

October 12, 2007

In attendance:

Sumi Gant—City of Long Beach Department of Public Works
Melani Smith—Meléndrez
Steve Patton—Meléndrez
Irene Payan—DSO
Lee Ward—MMA
Pat Garrow—Department of Planning
Dennis Thys—Neighborhood Services
Dennis Eschen—Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Ray Choi—Metro
Jerry Caligiuri—Office of the 9th District
Susan Ahn—Long Beach Unified School District (sitting in for Carri Matsumoto)
Jonathan Kraus—Office of the 8th District
John Pope—Port of Long Beach
Ryan Gragnano—Port of Long Beach
Scott Robertson—Long Beach Police Department
Claudia Escobedo—Office of the 1st District
Aldo Schindler—Redevelopment Department

INTRODUCTION

Sumi Gant gave a short summary of the four Neighborhood Design Workshops that were held in August.

PROJECT UPDATE

Melani Smith provided an additional summary of the Neighborhood Design Workshops, including a summary of the overall process and the emphasis on the three key questions that were asked. She also summarized our methodology for compiling the comments from the workshops into a series of categories.

There was a brief summary of the outreach process for the Regional Stakeholders, and the fact that we have received very little response from individuals who were asked to fill out a questionnaire about this project. It was suggested that a group format for future outreach to these individuals might be a better strategy.

Irene gave a short summary of work she has completed to date organizing the eight community outreach meetings planned for October and November, as well as the three Community Livability Plan review meetings scheduled for late November and December.

Concern was expressed that there is a missing link in the community outreach process because there is a section in the middle of the study area—located around the Wrigley neighborhood—that is not going to be approached in the next community outreach phase. Jonathan Krause suggested that someone attend one a "Community Coffee" meeting currently scheduled for November 3rd. *Note: since the meeting an additional outreach meeting has been scheduled with the Wrigley Alliance on November 1st.*

UPDATES/COMMENTS FROM SPECIFIC TEAM MEMBERS

Neighborhood Services Bureau: Neighborhood Services has a community forestry program and in the last ten years has planted 12,000 trees in the city. They recently received a grant from the State to plant 1,000 trees.

Long Beach Unified School District: some of the elementary schools in the city are also in the process of planting trees on specific sites. It's a collaboration with Tree People. Maintenance has been an issue with these projects.

Public Works: with regard to the air quality and 710 expansion issues, we need to figure out the best way to put these issues into the hands of the people who are involved in that process. These comments need to be captured and acknowledged in the 710 outreach process. With regard to pedestrian/bike improvements, Public Works is in the process of completing a grant application for Safe Routes to Schools, which is a possible grant funding source that could address the issues that have been raised in this process.

DHHS: there are a lot of things happening with regard to air quality, particularly around Port of Long Beach and Port of LA activities. The MATES III study is supposed to be released soon. They are anticipating very different results compared to MATES II because there are more monitoring sites. MATES III should therefore have better data. The Health Risk Assessment was potentially controversial because the results seemed to negate the Corridor of Death model that many people ascribe to the 710. However, there are definitely problems with that model. Hopefully the MATES III study will further clarify the existing condition of air quality along the corridor.

Port of Long Beach: the Port can provide information related to their air quality programs, eg. clean trucks and air quality monitoring.

SOCIOECONOMIC DATA

A brief summary of the socioeconomic analysis that was completed for the plan was given. It provides a simple snapshot of the study area, broken down by the four corridor subareas, with regard to race, household income and age.

LONG BEACH NEIGHBORHOODS CONCEPT

Melani gave a brief explanation of the San Jose Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, which could serve as a possible precedent for the development of a similar program in Long Beach. The Community Livability Plan could potentially introduce this concept to the City. The model could be very beneficial in encouraging greater and ongoing collaboration happening among the different departments involved in livability issues in the City.

OTHER COMMENTS

City Council study session: it was stated that there needs to be a study session with Council before we start proposing a bunch of potentially controversial policies and recommendations that they are not aware of. Sumi spoke with Ray Pok about a possible November study session with the City Council I-710 Oversight Committee. This will give us an opportunity to talk about the Community Livability Plan and the Shoemaker Bridge project, both of which will go to the Committee.

Safe Routes to School projects: are there any possible projects within the study area that could be funded by the Safe Routes to School grant? The Los Cerritos pedestrian overpass has a lot of potential, but this project involves a partnership with Caltrans.

Bridges: with regard to possible improvements of bridges that go over the 710, a cooperative agreement was done many years ago that needs to be reviewed so that we understand the various restrictions, jurisdictional issues, etc.

Another working group meeting will be held on November 16th before we go to the Community Livability Plan review meetings in late November and December.

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MEETING #6 NOTES

November 16, 2007

In attendance:

Sumi Gant—City of Long Beach Department of Public Works

Melani Smith—Meléndrez

Steve Patton—Meléndrez

Irene Payan—DSO

Lee Ward—MMA

Dennis Eschen—Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Roy Choi—Metro

Bianca Román—Council District One

Linda Ivers—Council District Eight

Tim Patton—Council District Seven

Susan Ahn—Long Beach Unified School District (sitting in for Carri Matsumoto)

Jason Kim—Harbor Department

PROJECT UPDATE

This Working Group focused entirely on presenting the proposed corridor and neighborhood livability improvements that the project team developed after the Neighborhood Design Workshops. Melani and Sumi gave brief project recaps, including reviewing the project tables created from the comments generated at the workshops as well as the summary of the second round of outreach meetings that took place in September and October.

PROJECT MAPS AND CONCEPTUAL PLANS

Melani presented the corridor and neighborhood improvements maps and conceptual plans.

COMMENTS

Los Cerritos trail: the trailhead that connects to the Los Cerritos pedestrian bridge also goes north to the Dominguez Gap wetlands and the LA River. This should be shown on the neighborhoods improvement map.

Deforest Wetlands: to improve connectivity between the South Street Parkway and the Deforest Wetlands, an entrance to the wetlands could be located at South St. as shown on the map.

Wardlow Overpass: this project is part of the Locally Preferred Strategy for the I-710. The ramps on Wardlow near the 405 are going to be removed.

Alleys: under Public Works, alley funding is the same as streets and sidewalks. The enhancement of alleys could be addressed through assessment districts, but this would have to be approved by local residents.

School Issue: only selected schools are currently called out for livability improvements on the neighborhoods map. We need to call out all schools for livability improvements.

Cabrillo High School: LBUSD has a project to improve part of the Cabrillo property on Hill St, which involves planting trees in front of a new building.

710 Ramps: would it be possible to get Caltrans funding for these?

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WORKING GROUP #7 - MEETING NOTES

Friday, January 25, 2008, 10:00 AM

In attendance:

Sumi Gant—City of Long Beach Department of Public Works
Melani Smith—Melendrez
Valerie Watson (for Steve Patton)—Melendrez
Irene Payan—DSO
Jeff Benedict—Health
Claudia Escobedo—Vice Mayor Bonnie L.
Lee Mayfield—Redevelopment/Long Beach Development Services
Ray Pok—Council District 7 – Uranga
Lei Ronca—CD-NSB
Pat Garrow—City of Long Beach Department of Planning
Edith Martinez—LB Unified School District
Shirley Hsiao—Long Beach Transit
Roy Choi—Metro
Jonathan Kraus—8th Council District

PROJECT RECAP (Melani Smith)

- Held 3 design review workshops in Nov. – 80 attendees: 1. Chavez; 2. Cabrillo; 3. Dooley
- Comments from participants reinforced comments from before; positive response
- Most important: 710 mitigation; streets, trees, and pedestrian improvements; Dooley had more to say than other workshop locations
- Same concerns as previous round of workshops: where is funding coming from?; river corridor itself, homeless, crime.
- We consolidated this and everything we've done so far into the draft plan you now have.

REVIEW

- Working group has one more week to review and make comments on the draft plan.

CHAPTER TWO

- Like that Ch. 2 consolidates plans and information all in one place. A good resource for everyone!
- LA River Estuary: how far will dredging affect the Estuary? Mouth of the river to where? Dominguez Gap and DeForest?
- AIR QUALITY: monitoring stations are located at Hudson School / Cesar Chavez in addition to N. Long Beach and the one by the Harbor – issue of data – reconcile the two studies
 - MATES III: diesel is the main issue...reiterates USC and MATES II studies – major corridors are impacted by diesel from trucks as well as stationary sources offshore – ships idling
 - Public may perceive refineries as major polluters, maybe because they constantly smell odors, but it's really diesel trucks and ships.
 - One Ship = All Refineries in terms of emissions
 - CARB has a RAV4 that drives around to monitor
 - Can monitor freeways but there is background pollution coming from ships offshore that interferes, so you can't get accurate reading on freeway-only pollution
 - Different interpretations Melani brought up is a result from different MATES approaches
 - Adding more monitors yields more data but doesn't improve air quality

- LB as a REGION is actually cleaner than IE places like Fontana, but corridors are heavily impacted – higher than Fontana.
- MATES III, still in draft form, is to look at REGION, not individual sources
 - Diesel is 84% of total air toxin risk
 - Pronounced exposure at intermodal sites and corridors
- Street Enhancements Master Plan
 - 3 year action plan is completed
 - still addressing additional streets for paving and will complete median planting on Del Amo, Atlantic, and Artesia (above and beyond 3 year action plan)
 - Central Strategic Plan is completed

To Do:

- Give web links in Ch. 2 as well – perhaps in the margins?
- Put into document where monitoring stations are... MATES sites: Wilmington and Long Beach Boulevard (?)
- Make sure Street Enhancements Master Plan reflects comments above.

CHAPTER THREE

To Do:

- Sub Area discussions: describe more about who attended and why their concerns might be focused on one issue. Example: South area concerns were related to safe routes to school because two schools are located between on and off ramps
- Put a smaller location map of where north, south, etc. are next to discussions of subareas towards the end of the chapter. (so you know south people live near downtown)
- Make sure language about "no concern" or "zero concern" instead reads "less of a priority."
- Get rid of the word "ranked"

CHAPTER FOUR

- Hudson has a pilot program for classroom air purifiers
- EICO has a proposal to do portable air purifiers
- Do not show private schools on Community Assets Map, stick to public
- Need to include more on transit improvements in Plan such as bus shelters, etc. areas in plan when talking about pedestrian improvements is the right time to discuss transit improvements as well.
- Describe the importance of the integration of transit improvements through a discussion of: rider ship and population; bus stops and other transit related facilities and amenities are a major part of the urban environment; show how transit can be pleasantly integrated into the environment – put photos in document near other corridor wide improvements

To Do:

- Show Dooley School on Community Assets Map
- Sutter is now Lindsey – revise on Community Assets Map
- Page 33 – rail system: it's "Locally Preferred Strategy" not Alternative – change to read
 - Change to read "I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS" (this is the future study)
 - Not automobiles – remove reference.
 - (Incidentally, Jan 28 is contract award date – kickoff is Feb 6-7)
- Put impact zone feet in parenthesis on Corridor Map – grey area – how many feet?
- #49 – no associated conceptual plan for Shoemaker so take off the * by Shoemaker on Page 40 Neighborhoods Map
- NIS areas are permanent – but we do improvements outside of NIS areas too – so should include other areas and also explain that code enforcement is very active in the south, that's why this wasn't a concern (in Ch. 3)
- Label the improvements from 1 to 15 on the Birds Eye drawings too.
- On Page 40, couldn't find point #43 on neighborhood improvements map – make sure there's a correct label for #43
- Write in Figure numbers on all design plans (currently only says Figure X-X)
- Enlarge numbers on Key Map (Figure 4-4)

- Add discussion on transit improvements when pedestrian improvements are mentioned
- Show how transit can be better integrated into urban environment with photos and graphics – how transit, pedestrians and bikeways can all be integrated pleasantly. Perhaps near corridor-wide improvements photos.
- Include photos of multimodal transit
- Show photos of people actually in corridor like pedestrians, cyclists, kids walking to school, etc. in existing conditions photos or elsewhere
- Write what the major concerns were for each subarea, like one sentence summarizing/listing major concerns.

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INTERVIEW WITH COUNCILMEMBER BONNIE LOWENTHAL

March 19, 2007

constituents?

- Air quality--asthma
- Parking--big rigs, industrial areas
- Lack of green space--trees, etc.
- 7th Street and Anaheim
- The Port
- Blue Line
- Willmore
- The industrial area could be an asset

What are the most significant community livability initiatives and accomplishments you can point to in your District?

- Condo Association Folks
- Chavez School
- Renaissance High School
- Westside Industrial Area

Are there key community stakeholders, relevant to this project, in your District, not already on our list?

- Gateway Cities partnership
- MTA
- Aquarium

Are there specific areas you would target either as neighborhood design models to be duplicated, or as in need of change or improvement, in your District's corridor neighborhoods? And are there specific areas you think we should include on our site tour?

- Bembrige House
- Enhancing the corridors
- Vacant lots
- 7th Street TOD

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INTERVIEW WITH COUNCILMEMBERS TONIA URANGA AND RAE GABELICH

March 20, 2007

What are the most important community livability issues/areas of concern expressed by your constituents?

- SCIG presentations by ACTA - schools impacted along the I-710 corridor
- Schools, parks and libraries - currently it isn't possible to cross the freeway to get to parks or libraries
- Rumor about schools closing
- Lighting inadequate on Willow
- Willow - library access
- Wardlow and Blue Line Wrigley Heights off ramp
- Connecting communities and centers of communities

What are the most significant community livability initiatives and accomplishments you can point to in your District?

- Painted bridges
- Reconfigured ramps, added pedestrian refuge islands
- Renaissance High School
- Westside Industrial Area

Are there key community stakeholders, relevant to this project, in your District, not already on our list?

Are there specific areas you would target either as neighborhood design models to be duplicated, or as in need of change or improvement, in your District's corridor neighborhoods? And are there specific areas you think we should include on our site tour?

- Find the low hanging fruit - channel to things that can be done

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INTERVIEW WITH COUNCILMEMBER VAL LERCH

March 20, 2007

What are the most important community livability issues/areas of concern expressed by your constituents?

- Pier pass - 8 month experiment
- Soundwalls in Coolidge
- Alternative transportation systems must be considered
- Mature trees
- Noise studies

What are the most significant community livability initiatives and accomplishments you can point to in your District?

Are there key community stakeholders, relevant to this project, in your District, not already on our list?

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PRESENTATION TO FEDERATION OF FILIPINO AMERICANS
May 10, 2007

Community Comments

- Parks where will they be built?
- Where's the funding coming from?
- Many concrete sidewalks are elevated, makes walking for seniors and others very dangerous.
- Crossing streets is very dangerous too many big trucks along neighborhood.
- Can big trucks be separated from cars?
- On Willow where no U turns are allowed, many drivers still go ahead and make these turns.
- Many blind spots on Santa Fe Ave, can the median islands be designed to be safer?
- Can there be better signage thru-out in terms of the traffic flow.

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PRESENTATION TO LONG BEACH ASTHMA COALITION
June 21, 2007

Community Comments

- Concerns were expressed about expanding the 710, and the fact that there is already too much pollution associated with it
- Anaheim, PCH and Willow bridges are all considered dangerous for pedestrians, including Cabrillo High School students to cross
- Broken sidewalks are a concern, especially for women walking with kids and strollers
- There are many homeless people around the parks, which is a concern. Although the City should be cautious about just moving homeless people out, and shifting the problem to other areas, instead of coming up with real solutions.
- Need better signage around Cesar Chavez elementary, relating to school crossings
- Need better maintenance in parks, the grass is yellow.
- The school nurse at Hudson Elementary has a "detox room" in which the air is filtered more than in the rest of the school. Kids can use the room after they have been playing outside and are feeling the effects of the air pollution.

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PRESENTATION TO CAMBODIAN ASSOCIATION
June 8, 2007

Community Comments

- 22 Freeway may be a good model for soundwall and custom design treatments
- Countdown pedestrian signals are good devices that help people cross the street
- Truck traffic is a problem for the community
- How does the community voice concerns about intersections that need signals?
- Would the City consider in pavement flashers for pedestrian crossings, like Santa Monica uses?
- 710 Freeway ramps on the east side at Del Amo look bad, need improvement
- Willow bridge should be considered for improvements
- Issue in the 710 freeway corridor is the homeless. Don't have anything against them, but we should help them by finding them another place to go.

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PRESENTATION TO BIXBY KNOLLS
5/242007

Community Comments

No comments received, brief project introduction only

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PRESENTATION TO GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

April 18, 2007

Community Comments

- Many homeless live along the 710 bank on PCH. Can we do something about that?
- Need sidewalks on PCH and the bridge needs to be more pedestrian friendly
- The traffic coming off the bridge onto eastbound PCH needs to be slowed
- More plantings on PCH and the embankment
- Pedestrian safety improvements and traffic calming for students that walk to Cabrillo on PCH
- Prohibit the left turn for trucks onto Golden from PCH - they get stuck
- Expand the bike path on PCH

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PRESENTATION TO CHAVEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
May 16, 2007

Community Comments

- The area feels dangerous at night; better lighting is needed around the school
- No crossing guards at the intersections near the schools
- There is a need to make the routes to school safer because many children walk from the surrounding neighborhoods
- More crosswalks
- Many families are concerned about air quality and asthma

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PRESENTATION TO JOHN MUIR ACADEMY PARENTS
May 9, 2007

Community Comments

- The Santa Fe beautification needs more work - not beautiful enough yet. Dry trees and a little grass is not enough. Need to do building improvements as well.
- Concerns about the 710 expansion and pollution and health
- Think about intersections and timing signals better so that people can cross.
- There is no light at 32nd and Santa Fe, so it is tough to access Webster on foot.
- Wheelchair access and stroller access is limited.
- Student drop offs in the bus zones around the school are a problem. Need signage telling people where and how to drop off kids. Not enough drop off areas around Muir.
- Bicycle routes are important, esp in the river corridor along the 710.

- Homelessness is a problem in the river corridor; need better security. Not able to use a bike to get to the beach; the pathway is not safe.
- Which areas will be destroyed, and schools impacted by the 710 project?
- PCH bridge at night is scary for people on bikes, and for students crossing to get to school even during the day.
- A community park at Chestnut and 14th has been promised. Is it really happening?
- Which areas will be destroyed, and schools impacted by the 710 project?
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PRESENTATION TO NORTH LONG BEACH ACTION GROUP
May 6, 2007

Community Comments

- The Edison right-of-way from Del Amo north to Artesia is a desert now that the nurseries are no longer there. We should work with Edison about what that land is used for. Could be a forest of trees. Its condition impacts the impression of what the community is all about.
- Consider the multiple environmental benefits of trees.
- Consider a solar farm in the Edison right of way
- Consider advanced bikeway design, tied into the Riverlink project, as part of this project
- 710 project should consider alternative technologies, like mag lev
- Any livable community solutions need to consider air pollution mitegatioin
- Consider other model programs like Costa Mesa Releaf
- Truck parking and truck routes are issues
- Instead of soundwalls, think of the freeway edges as greenbelts.

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PRESENTATION TO DEFOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
May 17, 2007

Community Comments

- Be aware of the homeless problem in the corridor, and in the River corridor
- Powell School tree planting was done - needed it very much given its proximity to the corridor - kids say that it "smells funny" on the playground when they are out there.
- Coolidge Triangle neighborhood was mentioned as very impacted by the 710
- Planting trees would help the corridor, and the River corridor
- Jointly consider all of the planning that is going on in Long Beach - that will help as a starting point
- Consider financing issues for anything we propose
- At one time there was a plan to extend the Terminal Island freeway to the 405 - this would help a great deal with Port traffic, though would require home removals
- SCIG may help in relieving goods movement impacts on the neighborhoods, rail should be emphasized, as well as increasing use of the Alameda corridor
- Clean diesel for trucks is necessary as well
- Don't add any blank walls in the corridor - cover them all with planting to decrease opportunities for graffiti
- Emphasize the boundary of this project

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PRESENTATION TO AMERICAN GOLD STAR MANOR
April 27, 2007

Community Comments

- Streets and sidewalks are very unsafe
- Many residents are concerned about the safety of the industrial plants in the area
- Concern about air quality
- Drivers on main streets drive too fast and pedestrians are in danger; better crosswalks should be constructed

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PRESENTATION TO WEST LONG BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
May 24, 2007

Community Comments

- 1200 block of Cameron at Wise - 710 freeway clean up project, accessed from eastbound Wardlow offramp from 710. Cleaned up the berm and planted only shrubs, no groundcover, no trees. Unsatisfactory and should be improved.
- Need to determine who's jurisdiction(s) the bridges over the 710 fall under - e.g. the Wardlow bridge is three different paint colors, a lot of it is peeling. What does this say about the neighborhood?
- All of the bridges need work, and could be much better gateways into the neighborhoods - Wardlow is a neighborhood bridge, vs. Anaheim, which is an industrial bridge
- Add lighting to the bridges - for decoration as well as safety
- Wardlow bridge could accommodate a bike path and sidewalks

- In Wrigley Heights, at the end of Magnolia, where the 7th and 8th District meet, there's a walking bridge, which is on an on-ramp for the 710

- Don't reinvent the wheel in this project, consider the final report for the Tier 2 Committee, and their Comments and Mitigations. Start there for our suggested improvements, don't start with a clean slate. Don't waste the neighbors time. They've been through a lot of meetings and planning. Come into the workshops with ideas, based on what has gone before, don't just start with "what do you want to change"
- Also consider the Community Cluster presentations and work from the first General Plan go-around, and the work of the Central PAC
- Don't come in and tell the community what it wants, despite what it says it wants - e.g. the Central Project Area plan for housing over retail on Willow Street, west of the 710 - this is not what the community wants.
- Consider native plants, and appropriate street trees, not non-native eucalyptus, which is what is in some of the medians on Santa Fe
- Look at parkways as well as medians, when doing streetscape improvements
- Suggest concepts that can be implemented in the short term, so that progress can be seen and tracked.
- Make connections for the community about where to go for funding for projects, grants and other funding
- \$5000 promised to the neighborhood for signage "welcome to the Westside" and never materialized.

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PRESENTATION TO GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
May 10, 2007

Community Comments

- New fire station to be built at the nw corner of Orange & Artesia, may also include the LBFD warehouse facilities as well
- Orizaba murals under the 91 freeway are a good model for improvements, as well as the Andy Street murals, and the Veterans Mural on Harding Street
- Consider Atlantic Avenue undercrossing near the 91 and 710 interchange
- Be aware that additional foliage attracts rodents

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Community Drop In Meeting Comments

PRESENTATION TO CARMELITOS SENIOR CENTER

April 24, 2007

Community Comments

- Wheelchair accessibility on sidewalks on Del Amo, Atlantic and Orange, around Carmelitos is a problem. LB Transit bus benches, signs and light poles are obstacles
- Sidewalks should be 6' wide
- Consider accessibility for seniors
- Consider curb ramps at intersections, are they installed on all four corners? Or can you use one and get to the other side and find there isn't one there?
- Orange Avenue is just as bad as Atlantic, but at least has a bike lane, which folks in wheelchairs use.
- think about incorporating wheelchair accommodation in bike lanes, special markings, striping, signage, etc...
- 51st Street - no crosswalk? At many crosswalks, walk time is too short.
- Consider traffic control within Carmelitos itself, there has been a pedestrian death
- Add trees!
- Look at residents' pathway from Carmelitos to Atlantic - it is dark and unsafe.

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PRESENTATION TO COOLIDGE TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
March 21, 2007

Community Comments/North Long Beach PAC Presentation

- Long Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard are the major corridors in north long beach
- The Village - key commercial area on Atlantic
- 59th and Atlantic is a key new development by Amcal Homes
- One way couplets are being tested in the Dairy Neighborhood, Ellis & 56th
- Admiral Kidd Park teen center is opening now
- There is a utility box painting project by a artist in Virginia Village, on LB Blvd and 56th
- Consider noise study information on 90805.net, as well as USC Health Risk Study information
- Think about lighting upgrades for safety
- Sound walls are great but need to consider graffiti, cover them with vines?
- Turn the freeway edge into a greenbelt
- Consider planting that thrives in smoggy environments

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PRESENTATION TO LONG BEACH MINISTERS ALLIANCE

March 20, 2007

Community Comments

- Concern about kids crossing the bridge at Artesia from westside of the freeway over to Jordan high
- In workshops, provide maps, sketches, and images as ideas to help people visualize solutions
- Think about carving the corridor into subdistricts, so that we can deal with smaller parts
- Make sure to provide food at workshops
- Big ideas should be considered too, like decking over the River and providing development areas there

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PRESENTATION TO DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH ASSOCIATES
April 18, 2007

Community Comments

No comments received, brief project introduction only

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Community Drop In Meeting Comments

PRESENTATION TO EAST VILLAGE ARTS DISTRICT
April 19, 2007

Community Comments

- Need to consider authenticity in design solutions - really reflect the history and character of Long Beach in what we do
- Consider bicycle routes as well as roadways
- Homelessness must be considered in the corridor, and specifically the LA River corridor
- Excited about the potential for the whole corridor to change, and to provide a series of different experiences and destinations in the neighborhoods, all the way down to Downtown
- Have to consider maintenance as well as installation in anything we do

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PRESENTATION TO GOOD NEIGHBORS
April 10, 2007

Community Comments

- Riverlink is an excellent opportunity
- Coordination with the General Plan update is important
- Perhaps we should focus on one area, such as the river, and do it well
- Aesthetic improvements relating to the freeway corridor and improving the image of the city are important

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Community Drop In Meeting Comments

PRESENTATION TO WILLMORE HERITAGE AND WEST END COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
April 12, 2007

Community Comments

- The city is already planned to death - we need more implementation
- Interest in the river, but don't want to see that effort take away from the neighborhoods
- Specific improvements include being able to access the river trails in regular time frames and know the gates will be unlocked
- Are are going to plan only the Caltrans portion of the freeway - to Anaheim - or the whole corridor to the end?
- We should include ideas that are real and that we think can be implemented
- Why hasn't the neighborhood association been consulted about the design of Drake Park
- Parking is a problem in these neighborhoods

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Community Drop In Meeting Comments

PRESENTATION TO WEST EASTSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
April 5, 2007

Community Comments

- River corridor enhancements were mentioned, especially related to bicyclists
- Bicycling in general was seen as important
- This group hosts a safety fair for kids relating to bikes and stakeboarders - on June 2nd

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PRESENTATION TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
March 27, 2007

Community Comments

- River bike path - water, fountains and planting; separation and safety
- Community gathering - Walmart downtown; music, people, etc.
- Bike path - parks linked to it; more design, setting the city apart, draw on the art community; better separation
- More use of the Alameda Corridor
- Railway
- Consider the homeless population
- Blue Line - Pacific to Long Beach Boulevard; stay on Pacific to pick up more residential
- Get our ideas into the 710 EIR
- 4th Street next to River - new park
- Metro grants for transportation
- 710 looks like New Jersey
- Sound walls not as good as planting and berms
- 710 north and south - why not a loop? Add a loop around and submerge it; deal with east-west corridors and the traffic on them
- Can't add bikeways without dealing with auto traffic
- Connect 710 and 110 freeways

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY PLAN
 Neighborhood Design Workshop #1
 August 8, 2007

GROUP QUESTIONS

OVERALL SUMMARY

● = each individual participant placed a sticker beside the issue they felt was most important or critical

Group One	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●●	Trees and maintenance
●●●	Sidewalks need repair
●●●	Traffic calming
●●●	Lighting for pedestrians
●●●	Median and trees on Long Beach Boulevard and other corridors
●	Street repair (spot patching)
●	Bridge in Artesia walkway
●	Overpass with design
●	Supermarket
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Community organizations	
Plans for corridor development	
Parks, what little there is	
Plans for development of Atlantic Ave.	
Residential neighborhoods	
The People	
Spreading basins in river	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Lack of green space	
Distance from downtown	
Public transportation	
The "step child of Long Beach"	
Lack of partnership	
Dog park in Scherer Park	
New fire station at Artesia and Orange	
Pedestrian lighting everywhere	
Trees along the river should be indigenous to California	
Street beautification	
Connected bikeways into neighborhood	
Good murals on over/under passes	
Beautification along 91 and 710	
14 th St. Park	

Group Two	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●	Sidewalk repair
●●●	Streets—fill pot holes
●●	Parking for trailers, boats and RVs
●●	Tree trimming
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Jordan High School	
Houghton Park	
CVS Pharmacy	
Public transportation main corridors	
Skate park	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Street lighting improvements	
Drugs prevalent	
Public transit neighborhood access	
Recreation activities—Jordan pool? Public access	
Public pool	
Parking enforcement—Morningside and Long Beach Blvd. north of Del Amo	
Illegal truck parking, work trucks, etc.	
Overcrowded housing and parking shortage	
People living in garages in Deforest Park area and others	
Community center in old theatre hasn't happened (South and Atlantic)	
Community lacks department stores, food stores	
Lime Street business residential areas	

Group Three (translated from Spanish)

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

•••••	More maintenance of Coolidge Park
•••	Diesel exhaust—Long Beach and the port
•••	Lighting issue—parks and streets
••	Trees are being cut/destroyed by people in neighborhood—replace all trees that are cut or damaged

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Park maintenance at Coolidge—water fountains and removal of trees
School security @ Jordan High School
Coolidge Park—employees should provide better services and supervision for children
Poor street maintenance
Pedestrian crossing on Butler and Artesia bridge is dangerous
Too many factories, too much noise and pollution
Traffic at Colin Powell Academy is unsafe for kids
Truck traffic on Victoria and Long Beach Blvd. unsafe
Wall on north side of Coolidge Park is too low and kids jump over
Street-cleaning services on alleys—none currently
Better schools like Lakewood High School
Higher river buffer on Artesia bridge for safety
Need supermarkets
Mural on Butler underpass
Add trees/landscaping to freeway entrances and community. Replace damaged trees.
Speed bumps, speed limit signs, post speed limits
Add Library and police station
Recreation center with pool and gym
Make residential driveways
Change freeway entrances like 105 and Carson freeway entrance

Group Four

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

●●●●●	Parks (more and better parks)
●●●●	Gang issues—need activities for 12-22 range and adults
●●●	Community resources—after school activities
●●●	Trash—neighborhood cleanup

What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?

No through traffic
Convenience to local businesses (grocery, banks, restaurants)
Senior center at Houghton
Bicycle trail and horse trail
California St.—Chinese Elms
Long Beach Blvd. on-ramp paved
YMCA Boys and Girls Club
Public transportation access

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Using area under power lines for soccer fields, youth sports
Lack of parking at Blue Line station (Del Amo)
Lack of youth activities
Conditions on Butler Ave. (potholes)
Street lights out on Long Beach Blvd. (Market and Del Amo north of Artesia)
Caltrans area east of Coachella—no greenery
Need to put speed bumps on 53 rd St. riverbed to Long Beach Blvd, or make 53 rd St. and Pacific Ave. a four-way stop
Need crossing guard at Barclay
Not necessarily playground equipment, but places to play
More street tree planting
South and Atlantic—open area, park and swimming pool
Boys and Girls Club—hours need to increase
More youth activities
Street sweeping—Main St., boulevards
More soccer, baseball and football fields
Not enough parking at Del Amo station
No grass next to Caltrans, all dirt (north Long Beach near Edison right-of-way)
More trees/landscaping along freeway
No supermarket in North Long Beach
Need trees in river bike trail
Open all public schools to after-school activities
Condition of streets—trim trees

Group Five

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

- Graffiti removal
- More street trees
- More and better-maintained open spaces
 - Safety for pedestrian crossing at major streets (not enough time)
 - Parking enforcement near intersection
 - Supermarket (around Atlantic/Harding)
 - Repair vandalism of public property

What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?

Open space around Villa Park
Memories of Houghton Park the way it used to be
Deforest Park
Bus line on Atlantic Ave. (frequent service)
North branch library
Some areas have neighborhood groups
Fire protection
Police protection

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Reopen swimming pool at Atlantic/South
Better landscaping on Atlantic all along Cherry, Artesia
Preserve and restore park
Lack of community participation
No major supermarket (Atlantic/Harding or Atlantic/South)
Lack of maintenance of public property (eg. Houghton Park or other parks)
Crime increase
Gangs and tagging
Lack of trees
Absentee landlords
City Hall ignores North Long Beach (north of Del Amo)
No enforcement of fireworks
Greater response by City officials
Trees, trees and more trees
Maintenance of medians and parkways (eg. watering)
Litter removal
Restore original building at Houghton Park
Remove graffiti
Round-the-clock public transportation
Clean up business corridors on Artesia Boulevard

Group Six

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

•••••	Pot holes and street improvements—too narrow, construction done at wrong time
••••	More parks—sports, for kids, after school programs, cover river and make entertainment facilities
•••	Safety—sex offenders, night (walking)
•••	Air quality because of freeway
•••	Library

What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?

Shoreline Park
 Main library
 Affordability of community
 Responsive police
 People take care of their property
 Dooley's Elementary
 Deforest Park—green space and walking path

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Too much fast food—no nice restaurants
 More walkable environment
 Former city parking plan never got implemented
 Public transit lacking
 No place in the community that's free—everything costs money
 River is isolated and unsafe
 South Street opportunity for green corridor/pedestrian environment
 Bridge needed between Cesar Chavez school and park
 Chavez Park area is dangerous for pedestrians
 Sex offenders live in the neighborhood
 Opportunity to expand Deforest Park nature trail
 Speeding along Long Beach Blvd.
 Enhance commercial area along Atlantic Blvd.
 Decent public library within walking distance
 New stores—coffee shop, better quality businesses, computer store, bagel shop, record store, bookstore restaurant
 Nature trail at Deforest Park is dangerous
 At Deforest or Houghton Park

- Open air meeting place with room (and appropriate sound/video equipment) for a bandstand/stage that could be used for outdoor performances
- Outdoor free performances of all kinds scheduled
- Tables w/umbrellas and room for grass picnickers in front
- Area on outside perimeter where vendors can sell food
- Recycling, composting and gardening center—could teach global warming prevention techniques, composting, gardening
- Outreach center of PAL at Houghton Park (a location next to Jordan High where anti-gang message would be most useful)—storytelling, martial arts training, career exploration/internships
- Pet care and obedience training and "foster a pet" program
- Comfortable picnic/lounging area with wi-fi spots

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY PLAN
 Neighborhood Design Workshop #2
 August 15, 2007

GROUP QUESTIONS

OVERALL SUMMARY

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Group One	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●	Pedestrian-friendly sidewalks
●●●	Green space/trees on Chester and Loma Vista as entryway to new Drake Park/Riverlink
●●	Grade separation/bridge over I-710, 1/8 mile span (Del Amo over Alameda Corridor)
●●	Move four-way stop signs and speed bumps near parks and schools
●●	Traffic-calming
●	Transportation of goods from Port on silent, green magnetic levitation rail train—silent, pollution-free, 300 miles, \$50 million per mile
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Bike access to riverbed	
Cesar Chavez Park	
Preservation of historic homes—Wilmore District	
River bike path	
Veteran's Memorial Park	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Slow 6 th Street exit, reduce traffic	
Construct I-710 on west side of river and expand Cesar Chavez Park to river	
Make all vacant land next to river a park with trees and lawn	
Remove fence west of Veteran's Park so you can park	
Barnett Elementary can be a park during when school is not in attendance	
Replace and expand bridge with 1/8 mile span grade. Separation bridge Golden to East St.	
Homeless housing near Blue Line where homeless get off train at 1AM	
I-710 onramps—Ocean, 7 th , Anaheim, PCH. Close other ramps.	
Chavez, Edison—safe crossing for students	
Smoke shops on 5 th /Cedar—get rid of them near schools. Smoke shops should not be near school	
Diversified transportation on Golden/6 th St.—get rid of the ongoing noise from the vans and repair of vehicles behind Edison Elementary	

Note: Groups one and two were combined for the map exercise

Group Two	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●	Air quality—6 th Street exit, smell on 710 freeway, begins at Anaheim Street exit
●	Safety—loitering, lighting on streets, police patrol
●	Freeway exit at 6 th Street—the noise from cars exiting the freeway ; the high speed of cars exiting the 6 th Street ramp (no one follows the speed limit and there is no police patrol to enforce the speed limit)

Group Three	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
•••••	Alleys must be paved—dust, air pollution; downtown alley between 3 rd and 11 th streets
••••	Enclosed pedestrian overpass with improved lighting and design
••••	Address stagnant water within flood control channel
••	Air pollution/air quality along terminal island freeway and 710 freeway
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Must keep Silverado Park	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Better lighting, esp. Wardlow	
Unpaved dirt alley on 27 th St.	
Taller freeway wall	
Repair alley between 3 rd and 4 th between Chestnut and Magnolia	

Group Four	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
•••	Air quality (710 freeway, buses)
••	More residential/community police patrol
••	Bathrooms along the riverbeds and bicycle trails for environmental and health issues
•	Fix and maintain sidewalks—fix whole street, new method of repairing parking problems
•	Community pride—band concerts at Cesar Chavez and Drake just like other parks
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Blue Line and Long Beach transit	
Transit system (Passport)	
Thank you for Passport system—buses are pollution through cleaner gas	
Cesar Chavez Park	
Buses—connection to MTA is great (Delta and Wardlow)	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Accommodate the homeless along the river	
Connect the communities together	
Open space connection to new library	
Bathrooms along river	
Air quality	
Access to drinking water along river bike path	
Exit along riverbed for bikes	
Condition of streets (Cameron and Easy)	
Better use and access to LA River	
Maintain Cesar Chavez Park better. Remove homeless, fix sprinklers, more activities for adults	
The Pike—more interesting stores, retail, boutiques	

Group Five (translated from Spanish)

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

•••••	Safer bridge and river crossings
•••••	More after school programs for kids
•••••	Third Street crossing guard near the entrance to the 710
•••••	Higher security and community alerts when people in the Megan's Law program move into the neighborhood
••	Make the schools safer
••	Crosswalks near the schools

What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?

Cesar Chavez Park location
Pocket Park beautification with trees
Less vagrancy and street cleaning
Noticed increased police patrol

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Napkins, soap for all schools
Add lighting to and clean up alleys
Murals on freeway entrances and exits and bridges
Add street lighting on Pacific Coast Highway, Magnolia and 4 th Street
Light signal @ 5 th and Magnolia
More safety, pedestrian crossing for students on Pacific Coast Highway
Clean up stagnant water, river walk, safety
Rent control policy
More shade trees on 4 th and Magnolia-
Access to restrooms after school
Cesar Chavez rec. center—cleaning, better maintenance, pool and after school activities, water fountains, adult/mother aerobics
Pedestrian crosswalk near Cesar Chavez Park

Group Six	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
••••	Lack of open spaces. Parks are too small and not enough of them (need lots of trees)
•••	Students walk on congested sidewalks—not enough buses
•••	Need to educate residents about keeping storm drains clear and not littering on public spaces (including streets)
••	Poor condition of alleys and sidewalks
••	Air quality
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Stable population and hardworking families. Some families are three generational homeowners	
Community is safe. Only 3 entrances. It's in the shape of a circle. No through traffic.	
Vibrant multicultural area. Wide range of ethnic eateries and also various worshipping places.	
Steps have been taken to enlarge Admiral Kidd Park. Beautification of medium strip on Santa Fe Ave.	
Trees on Easy. 55 years old. Only one block. Taper to Cameron.	
Mobile recreation trucks during summer. 17 th , Chestnut and Cedar.	
Parks and Rec.—movie night, offering piñatas every 3 rd Saturday at the park between Pacific and Pine on 14 th St.	
Neighborhood clean up, graffiti removal	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Cabrillo High School students walking down PCH through the bridge to get to school because of lack of buses	
Youth programs to keep them off the streets	
No pool in our area for children to learn how to swim. Not even at Cabrillo.	
Washington Middle School area. We need the big park. The children around this area really need to be off the streets.	
Noise and speeding of cars—Delta Street calming	
Bus on Delta (residential street)	
Rails not to be switched behind our schools. Should happen in port.	
Horrible air quality. Surrounded by refineries, freeways and intermodal facility transfer	
Bus goes down a narrow street (Delta)	
Trees have been planted on Santa Fe but not watered. They are dry.	
Advertisement of meetings of West Long Beach Association	

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY PLAN
 Neighborhood Design Workshop #3
 August 23, 2007

GROUP QUESTIONS

OVERALL SUMMARY

● = each individual participant placed a sticker beside the issue they felt was most important or critical

Group One	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●●	Landscape the MTA right-of-way from the LA River crossing to Willow Street, as promised by the County Transportation Commission (the forerunner to the current MTA)
●●●●	Noise pollution (from expanded 710 freeway, just below Los Cerritos school)
●●●●	Repeal Landerman Petris Act to provide housing and care for mentally challenged people—a serious health issue
●●●	Air pollution
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Oakwood School	
Petroleum Club	
Wardlow Station rail	
Pacific Hospital	
Memorial Hospital	
Long Beach Municipal Band	
Johnny Rebs restaurant	
Virginia Country Club	
Los Cerritos Rancho	
St. Mary Hospital	
Poly High School	
Long Beach Grand Prix races	
PAL Campus	
North Division police	
Los Cerritos Park	
Practice golf, learning center	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Poor parking @ Pike	
Improve homelessness @ Lincoln Park	
Need more parking on Atlantic Ave. in Bixby Knolls	
More police in all public areas	
100 more police per Bob Foster's promise	
Plant native trees that grow to a height of 50' tall along river	
Health: Repeal Landerman Petris Act re: homeless	
Safety: Barangi system	
Improve aesthetic of 405 freeway over Pacific Ave.	

Group Two	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●●	Trains instead of trucks for containers
●●●●	Air quality
●●●	Crime on the border
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Long Beach Aquarium—great educational outlet	
Aqua Bus water taxi—fun transportation option	
Great frog tiles on freeway soundwall	
Good secondary hospital option	
Los Angeles River bike path	
Library—good local resource	
San Antonio—green median is great	
Los Cerritos School—meeting place	
Rancho Los Cerritos golf course—good asset	
Good restaurant options downtown	
CSULB—adds academic environment to Long Beach	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Reduce crime	
Change pedestrian walkway over freeway—lights, safety	
Metro Blue Line—sound wall and drought-tolerant plants	
710—reduce traffic, improve air quality, add sound walls	
Trash barrier near Port/Ocean Blvd. overflows during storm—clean up upstream	
More port containers by rail along Alameda Corridor	

Group Three	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●●●●●	Increased green zones
●●●	More park rangers
●●	Homeless along river bank and under overpasses
●●	Dirt bikes in riverbed north of the 405 along the Blue Line
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Rancho Los Cerritos and Los Cerritos Park	
Quiet Streets	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Attention to and follow-through on habitat/running trails along the Los Angeles River	
Tree-planting along the River	
Enlarge Los Cerritos Park	
Sidewalks needed around school	
No services in the area	

Group Four

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

••••	Youth centers—utilization of Los Cerritos Park
••••	Program to green locomotives—Union Pacific and Santa Fe companies to and from port
•••	Air quality
••	69 th Way and Butler—speed bumps or other means to slow traffic
••	Better access to parks from neighbors west of freeway—pedestrian and bike access; bridges across freeway for pedestrians and bikes

What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?

Bike trail to beach
The Riverlink Plan
Los Cerritos Park
Del Mar—community started nature walk
Wetlands
Houghton Park
Senior center
Skate park
Bikes
Kids program at Coolidge Park
Coolidge Triangle Neighborhood monthly meetings—keep us informed and active in the community
Beautiful trees

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Need more west side parks
Veteran's Park—large park but not well-utilized
Air quality needs improving—405/710 area
Lack of facilities (eg. Youth center or equipment loan for use at park). Rec. center—change equipment to challenge older children. Eg. Wood climbing structure, rock climbing (not a wall, just old-fashioned rocks); hills; play area
No pedestrian/bike alternate transportation across the river
Not enough thoroughfares to cross freeway and river esp. for Jordan students
Keep graffiti off buildings
Using park space for city facilities
North town needs more businesses, major markets, banks
North town—alley needs to be repaved

Group Five	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●●●●	Traffic noise and air pollution from 710, 405, Blue Line and railroad
●●●●●	Clean up homeless problem around river and corridor
●●●	Traffic light at Wardlow and Pacific
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Farmer's Market at 45 th and Atlantic	
Beautiful residential neighborhoods	
First Fridays on Atlantic	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Increase off-street parking	
Citywide: Change code enforcement to be proactive	
Barren plot of land—west of Target at 405 and Atlantic	
Linden traffic too fast between San Antonio and 37 th	
Rundown business corridor on Atlantic in need of redevelopment	

Group Six	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●●	Control traffic at Pacific and Wardlow to San Antonio and Long Beach Blvd. (no turns at certain times)
●●●●●	Beautiful sign for entry into Los Cerritos Rancho"
●●●	Budget for long-term maintenance—are we wasting our time here?
●●	Sound wall with Ivy—noise of freeway
●●	Landscape the light rail and promise water
●●	Extended walkway on bike path that is safe for children
What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?	
Rancho Los Cerritos	
Atlantic Ave—patio dining	
Old trees	
Los Cerritos Elementary School	
People who care about their neighborhood	
Diverse architecture	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Remove turnstiles at Los Cerritos Park	
Budget for long-term maintenance	
Control outside traffic at Wardlow and Pacific	
Clean up Wrigley Heights walking bridge	
Sound wall with ivy along the 405 freeway	
Los Cerritos Rancho sign	
Safe walkway/bikeway along LA River	
Traffic control at Long Beach Boulevard and San Antonio St.	

Group Seven

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

••	Mobility for wheel chairs: sidewalks are not wide enough obstacles such as lamp posts and trash cans block safe access
••	Walk indicators at street crossings are not adequate for the amount of vehicle traffic traveling along Atlantic and Del Amo.
••	Safety
•	More green spaces as well as open spaces are needed. Would like to see more environmental art.
•	Existing greenbelts are not maintained
•	Empty commercial properties suggest blight in the area
•	Illumination issues of pedestrian ways. Example on Atlantic near Del Amo below the railroad overpass. There is no lighting. Additionally at this location there is a problem with bird waste.
•	Vehicles park along main thoroughways and are left for days at a time. These include cars, trucks, boats and trailers. They also create safety issues for pedestrians.

What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?

Pocket parks add green and serve as community gathering spaces

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Use different material for paving. Walkways should be more appealing.

Incorporate art into more areas ie. Park benches, street signs, even garbage cans

More art at Scherer Park

Parks for animals. Better enforcement of water, clean-up from dog owners

More trees near the Alameda Corridor and the Port

More trees along Blue Line

More art at Wrigley Heights Park

Use different materials for fencing besides chain link\

Less banks along the business corridors

Need more activities for kids during early evening hours

More business along Atlantic corridor=

More programs to bring seniors and kids together

Need better facilities for younger children

Set up "canvases" for public art (on areas such as large buildings) and encourage graffiti artists to use them. These can be rotated or wiped clean every few months for new works.

More art along LA River

Additional hours of operation at police station

More pocket parks

Utilize large empty commercial spaces as shelters for homeless

Group Eight

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

●●●●●●●●	Repave and repair sidewalks and alleyways
●●●●●●●●	Improve safety access across bridges to schools (Del Amo/Sutter Academy) as well as Wardlow/Willow/PCH/Anaheim, etc.
●●●●	Improve Willow St. business corridor
●●●●	Line freeways with trees, soundwalls. Major streets also.

What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?

Bixby Knolls business district
Dana Brand library
Wrigley marketplace
Experienced involved community leadership in Wrigley
Daisy Avenue tree lane
Bike path along river
Los Cerritos Elementary
Rancho Los Cerritos
Farmer's Market
Committed and responsive police
Aquarium of the Pacific

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

More positive focus on Jordan High School
Improve bridge crossing to Sutter School
More funding for women's sports
Accelerate re-opening of Johnny Rebs
Repave/repair sidewalk/alleys
Improve fire station #12 at Long Beach Boulevard and Roosevelt
Landscape light rail ROW
Improve traffic crossing signals
100 more police officers
Improve Willow Bridge crossing and business corridor
Improve water quality of harbor
Improve Long Beach Transit

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY PLAN
 Neighborhood Design Workshop #4
 August 29, 2007

GROUP QUESTIONS

OVERALL SUMMARY

● = each individual participant placed a sticker beside the issue they felt was most important or critical

Group One	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●	Air quality (from freeway traffic)
●●●	Freeway noise
●●	Preventing dumping/graffiti
●●	Green space/public space vs. commercial developments
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
Coolidge Park Triangle area—tree-lined streets	
Houghton Park—nice, large park but freeway noise	
Home ownership—single family	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Coolidge area—trim trees	
Create a dog park @ Deforest Park	
Alleys—dead space, invites graffiti	
Safer ways for kids to cross busy streets from school (Long Beach Blvd.)	
Add more barriers/trees along freeway	
Add a real supermarket	
Pedestrian crossing by Webster Elementary	
Add exercise stations in Silverado Park	
Welcome to Long Beach sign needed	
Exercise points	

Group Two	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
●●●●	Health issues-asthma
●●●	Air quality
●●●	Tree trimming
●●●	Stray animals and illegal trash dumping in alley
●●	Easy access to LA Riverbank
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
Neighbors working together to inform each other of suspicious activities	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Neighborhood watch	

Discarding furniture, trash
Tree trimming
Stray animals
Stray animals (10 th and Gale)
Lighting (20 th and Gale)—lighting too dim, crime issue
Tree trimming (20 th and Gale)
Need higher walls and sound walls for homes on freeway edge (20 th and Gale)
Need freeway greenery or pocket park and remove homes on freeway edge
Pocket park
Need air filters for homes that are on freeway edge

Group Three	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
•••	More trees (generally all Long Beach)
•••	Beautify Wardlow between Santa Fe and Magnolia (walk, trees, plants, flowers)
•••	Smooth streets (pot holes)
••	More lighting poles near bus stops
•	More trash cans (too much trash on the ground)
•	Neighborhood safety-burglary
•	Neighborhood parking (20 th and Gayle)
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
Bike paths	
Parks	
Trees/plants	
Caltrans (get trash from freeways)	
Many quiet nights	
Keep few remaining large trees in Long Beach	
Shoreline Village	
The Pike	
Restaurants	
Trees are planted in the front yard in every house	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
More lights, trees, parkways, pedestrian lanes	
Beautify Wardlow between Pacific and Santa Fe	
Graffiti	
Plant trees along 103 corridor	
Police cars should patrol the area every three hours for safety reasons	
Too many people and too many cars per each residence	
Trash, pollution from trucks along 103 corridor	
Parks: tall grasses, trimming of trees, branches	

Group Four

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

••••	Trees and landscape (Arlington, Wrigley area, South Metro, Pacific Ave.)
•••	Air quality-runoff
•••	Safety (walkways, crossings, Metro)
•••	Public art-more sculptures, mosaic, etc.

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

Clean and caring neighbors

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Air quality
Missing street trees on Cedar Ave. and 32 nd
More planting along light rail
Traffic signals at Wardlow and Pacific
No sidewalks on Wardlow Rd across freeway
Need lights under overpass at Wardlow Rd.

Group Five

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

••••	Parking space is sufficient
•••	Quality of air (emissions from trucks)
•••	Sheer lack of trees
•••	Safety along riverbanks for bikers and pedestrians
••	Wider sidewalks and bike paths

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

Water on the river for recycling
Bridges
Underutilized space

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Trucks, parking space near port
Graffiti on overpasses
Safety—law enforcement, visibility
Need for more public libraries
No major bookstores around
Congested thoroughfares (Willow, PCH, Magnolia)
No Walmart and big pharmacy—no big retail store
Air/noise pollution (I-710)
No farmer's market
Spiritual services in the parks
Lack of police substations
New cultural center in Admiral Kidd Park
Bridges can provide aesthetic opportunities
Swimming pool expansions

Group Six (translated from Spanish)

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

●●●●●●●●	Poor air quality
●●●●●●●●	More police patrol and no more bars in areas near homes, schools, hospitals and parks
●●●●●●	Repair of curbs

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

Washington School (Cedar and Pacific)
Hospital

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

- Request nurseries to donate new trees
- Take out old car from street (52nd)
- Repair sidewalk, clean street
- Police, school
- Force all tenants and howeowners to clean and upkeep common areas
- New cultural center right next to Cabrillo High School (empty lot)
- Alley clean up, street maintenance (PCH and Anaheim)
- Crosswalk for kids near John Muir School
- Summer concerts and events for families—Cinco de Mayo celebrations, parades in all areas of Long Beach
- Closure of bars on Pacific and Pine
- Do not permit new bars on Anaheim and Long Beach Blvd.
- Increase police monitoring of gangs (PCH and Anaheim)
- Plant trees
- Outreach to substance abuse prevention programs to get involved in beautification projects

Group Seven

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

- More trees
- Make (have) community meeting w/LBUSD regarding safety issues w/parks (homeless people) and schools surrounding neighborhood (w/children)
- Trim our trees more often at the appropriate time of year
- Parks that do what the neighborhood wants rather than what the City decrees
- Code enforcement 24/7 (preventive enforcement)
- Clean alleys on West side (especially between 33rd and 34th streets)
- Remove truck exits on PCH and 710
- Health and air quality (cancer causing particulates—result of ship-generated pollution and truck pollution. Particular matter know to cause short and long-term serious health consequence and premature death)
- No I-710 expansion—any economic benefits more than offset by public health consideration (\$10 billion/year in LA basin)
- On-dock rail—no rail boarding in neighborhood
- Incorporate recommendations which accompanied I-170 expansion plan submitted to Gateway COG
- No trucks on street
- Lawns are being paved for parking

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

- Keep the palm trees on Golden
- Keep trees on 23rd St.
- Police Department (west division)
- Green river south of Willow
- Single family homes—keep them, no higher density

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

- Clean river frequently
- Trim trees appropriately
- Extend library hours
- Sweeper needed to sweep the street not run a race without using water
- Divert river water into the port
- Proximity to I-170 with trucks and freeway expansion
- Don't take down single-family homes because of 710 expansion

Group Eight

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

- Cultural awareness programs for African heritage and others
- Unpaved dirt alley (7th Street)
- Higher sound wall barrier (710 freeway)
- Removal of junk cars from residential areas

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

- Keep existing trees

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Westside banking facility

Improve Silverado Park landscape and programs

June cars and trash removal

No lights on Canal and Spring

Unpaved alley (1252 W 27th)

No cultural center—celebrate diversity

Mosquito and bug breeding in river @ Willow

Group Nine

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

•••••	Tree planting and landscaping—many different areas, as a buffer for freeway and for shade when kids walk to school
•••	Alley paving and cleaning
••	Bridges (safety)
••	Safety

What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?

Good mixture of senior citizens and young families
Safe neighborhood because there are no streets that go through
Secluded neighborhood where people watch out for each other
Good neighborhood and neighbors
Our wonderful Japanese cultural center
Great cultural diversity including restaurants
A wonderful nursery and a flower vendor on Santa Fe
Good variety of houses of worship

What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

Loud neighborhoods
Alleys being dark
The schools are not enforcing strict rules
Graffiti in alleys by 710 freeway
To close to the refineries and the intermodal facility—air pollution, noise pollution
Not enough green areas
Access to riverbed is inconvenient
Borders the I-710, the 405 and the Terminal Island freeway
Would be so nice to have a bank on this side of town even a credit union

Group Ten	
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
	Beautification
	Recreation
	Health/Safety/Environment
What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?	
Single family homes—low density	
Pacific Ave. development project	
Wrigley Association	
Historic homes	
What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?	
Trees everywhere	
Riverlink project	
Public Art	
Enhanced gateways	
Landscaping along Blue Line	
Beautification of major thoroughfares	
Graffiti	
Entertainment and restaurant hub on Pacific	
Dog Park	
Farmer's Market	
Parking	
Air quality—refinery smell, noise pollution	
Safety—pedestrian	
Design freeway w/ purification system	
Solar power/lighting	
Vacate alleys	
Limit blowers (gardeners)	
Bike path—connection to LA River bike path to Pacific	
Amphitheatre	
Large trees in medians on broad streets	
Beautification	
Historic district	
Vacate alley (2900 block of Eucalyptus)	
Pedestrian safety	
Crime	
Public works unwillingness to not cut our mature trees and root prune instead of meander sidewalks	
Make streets more pedestrian-friendly rather than car-friendly	
Schools are disrespectful of residents	
Leaf blowers cause too much pollution	
Leaf blowers cause too much pollution	
Need more parking	
Homeless hang out along bike path and river	
Need a tile mural with landscaping (gateway viewed on Blue Line)	
Blighted landscape	
Willow St.—narrow sidewalks and no street trees	
Energy for City—install solar power along LA River	
Need a tree parkway south of Willow on Daisy	
Too many studies not enough action	

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY PLAN

The following table is a comprehensive list of ideas generated by Long Beach residents at a series of Neighborhood Design Workshops that were organized for the Long Beach Community Livability Plan. Four of these workshops were held at different locations within the plan study area during the month of August, 2007 (see map on following page). The primary goal of these workshops was to ask local residents a series of questions that would encourage people to talk about how they would like to see their neighborhoods improved. Meeting participants were divided into small groups so that people could be more candid about their own personal concerns in their neighborhood, as well as what specifically they would like to see improved. Each small group was asked the following three questions:

1. What livability issues most concern you in your corridor neighborhood (your ability to get around, safety, community services, physical conditions, health and air quality, cultural resources, open space, employment, etc.)?
2. What are the major assets or strengths in your corridor neighborhood (places, groups, services, environment, etc.)?
3. What would you specifically like to change or improve in your corridor neighborhood?

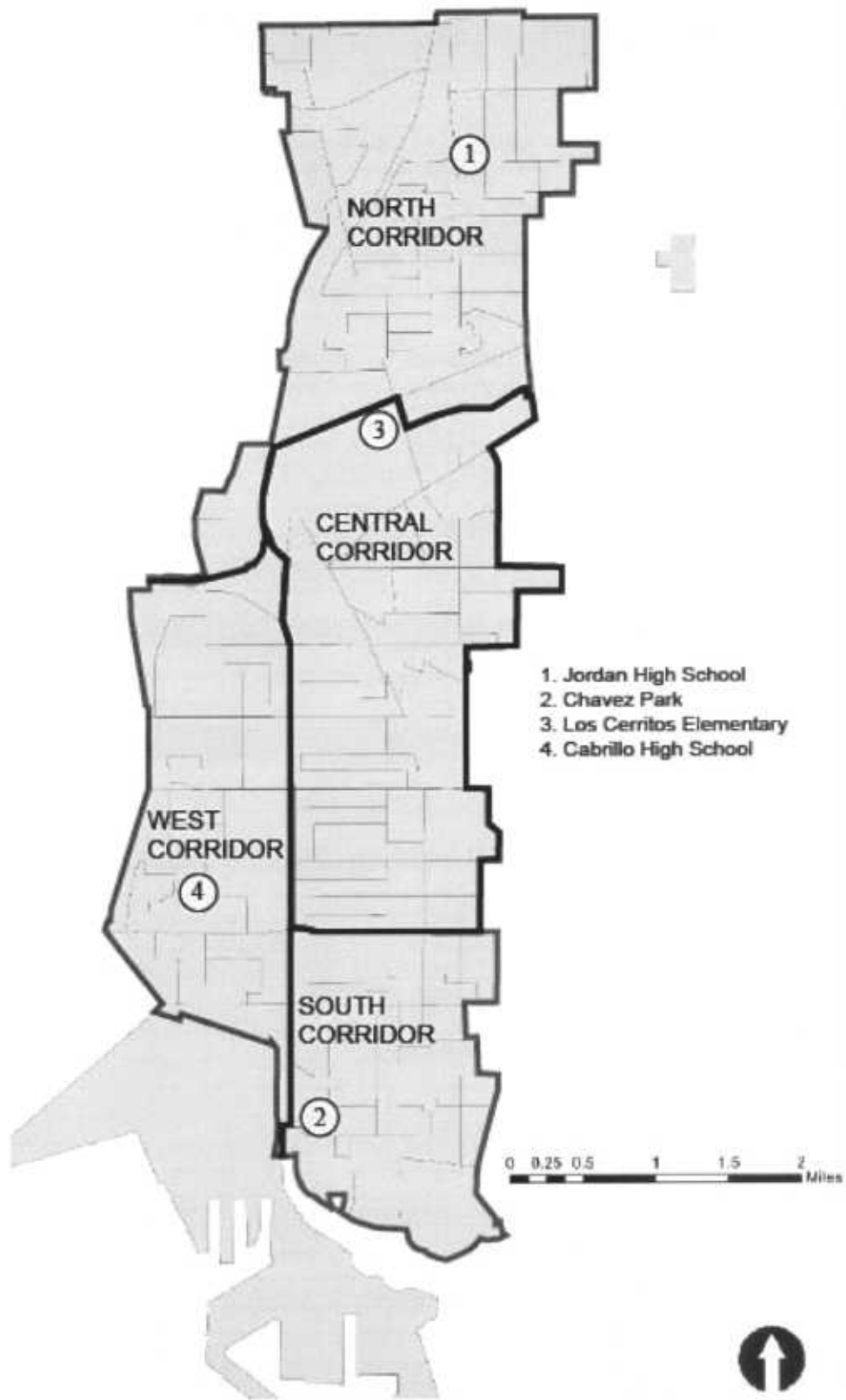
Meeting participants addressed the first question by talking amongst themselves in small groups and then writing their responses on large format sheets. At the end of a short discussion period, each small group then voted on their top three issues and reported these to everyone else at the workshop. The remaining two questions were addressed with large format maps of the study area and different colored post it notes. Using one color of post it note, small group members wrote what they believed are the major strengths in their neighborhood, and then placed the post it note on the map. A different color of post it note was used to address the specific changes or improvements that people would like to see. The overall result of this exercise was a series of large format maps with a variety of specific suggestions about where potential neighborhood improvements could take place.

In order to organize the workshop responses in a manner that would be useful for the overall development of the plan, the issues that people voted in question one were selected and then organized into thirteen categories that emerged. These categories include the following:

- 710 Freeway: Air Quality, Health and Noise
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements
- Public Safety
- Trees and Streetscapes
- Parks, Greenbelts and Open Spaces
- Traffic and Parking
- Neighborhoods, Services, Facilities and Amenities
- Code Enforcement
- Streets and Alleys
- LA River Improvements
- Transportation and Goods Movement
- People, Groups and Organizations
- Uncategorized

After the priority issues were organized by category, the responses to questions two and three were also organized according by these categories. In the table below, the first question is listed as Concerns, while questions two and three are listed as Strengths and Changes respectively.

Finally, the comments were further organized into two separate tables. The first table is a list of comments that can be tied to specific locations within the study area. These comments helped the Community Livability Plan project team develop a set of maps and plans that show proposed improvements along the corridor and within specific neighborhoods. The second table is a list of more general comments that are not location specific. These comments were used to develop an additional set of improvements that could not be incorporated into the proposed maps and plans.



LOCATION SPECIFIC COMMENTS

710 FREEWAY: AIR QUALITY, HEALTH AND NOISE	
CONCERNS	
Air quality because of freeway	W1
Diesel exhaust—Long Beach and the port	W1
Freeway exit at 6 th Street—the noise from cars exiting the freeway ; the high speed of cars exiting the 6 th Street ramp (no one follows the speed limit and there is no police patrol to enforce the speed limit)	W2
Air quality—6 th Street exit, smell on 710 freeway, begins at Anaheim Street exit	W2
Air pollution/air quality along terminal island freeway and 710 freeway	W2
Air quality (710 freeway, buses)	W2
Air quality (from freeway traffic)	W4
Quality of air (emissions from trucks)	W4
Health and air quality (cancer causing particulates—result of ship-generated pollution and truck pollution. Particular matter know to cause short and long-term serious health consequence and premature death)	W4
Noise pollution (from expanded 710 freeway, just below Los Cerritos school)	W3
Traffic noise and air pollution from 710, 405, Blue Line and railroad	W3
Sound wall with Ivy—noise of freeway	W3
Line freeways with trees, soundwalls. Major streets also.	W3
Freeway noise	W4
Higher sound wall barrier (710 freeway)	W4
STRENGTHS	
Great frog tiles on freeway soundwall	W3
Caltrans (get trash from freeways)	W4
CHANGES	
Murals on freeway entrances and exits and bridges	W2
Don't take down single-family homes because of 710 expansion	W4
Design freeway w/ purification system	W4
Add trees/landscaping to freeway entrances and community. Replace damaged trees.	W1
Beautification along 91 and 710	W1
Change freeway entrances like 105 and Carson freeway entrance	W1
Construct I-710 on west side of river and expand Cesar Chavez Park to river	W2
Horrible air quality. Surrounded by refineries, freeways and intermodal facility transfer	W2
I-710 onramps—Ocean, 7 th , Anaheim, PCH. Close other ramps.	W2
Taller freeway wall	W2
710—reduce traffic, improve air quality, add sound walls	W3
Sound wall with ivy along the 405 freeway	W3
Air quality needs improving—405/710 area	W3
Need air filters for homes that are on freeway edge	W4
Trash, pollution from trucks along 103 corridor	W4
Air/noise pollution (I-710)	W4
Too close to the refineries and the intermodal facility—air pollution, noise pollution	W4
Air quality—refinery smell, noise pollution	W4
Add more barriers/trees along freeway	W4
Need freeway greenery or pocket park and remove homes on freeway edge	W4
Proximity to I-170 with trucks and freeway expansion	W4
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS	
CONCERNS	
Bridge in Artesia walkway	W1
Overpass with design	W1
Enclosed pedestrian overpass with improved lighting and design	W2
Safer bridge and river crossings	W2

Third Street crossing guard near the entrance to the 710	W2
Crosswalks near the schools	W2
Better access to parks from neighbors west of freeway—pedestrian and bike access; bridges across freeway for pedestrians and bikes	W3
Extended walkway on bike path that is safe for children	W3
Illumination issues of pedestrian ways. Example on Atlantic near Del Amo below the railroad overpass. There is no lighting. Additionally at this location there is a problem with bird waste.	W3
Mobility for wheel chairs: sidewalks are not wide enough obstacles such as lamp posts and trash cans block safe access	W3
Walk indicators at street crossings are not adequate for the amount of vehicle traffic traveling along Atlantic and Del Amo.	W3
Improve safety access across bridges to schools (Del Amo/Sutter Academy) as well as Wardlow/Willow/PCH/Anaheim, etc.	W3
Bike paths	W4
Safety (walkways, crossings, Metro)	W4
Bridges (safety)	W4
STRENGTHS	
Bridges	W4
CHANGES	
Connected bikeways into neighborhood	W1
Good murals on over/under passes	W1
Mural on Butler underpass	W1
Street lights out on Long Beach Blvd. (Market and Del Amo north of Artesia)	W1
Pedestrian crossing on Butler and Artesia bridge is dangerous	W1
Bridge needed between Cesar Chavez school and park	W1
Chavez, Edison—safe crossing for students	W2
Better lighting, esp. Wardlow	W2
Replace and expand bridge with 1/8 mile span grade. Separation bridge Golden to East St.	W2
Add street lighting on Pacific Coast Highway, Magnolia and 4 th Street	W2
More safety, pedestrian crossing for students on Pacific Coast Highway	W2
Pedestrian crosswalk near Cesar Chavez Park	W2
Cabrillo High School students walking down PCH through the bridge to get to school because of lack of buses	W2
Safer ways for kids to cross busy streets from school (Long Beach Blvd.)	W2
Sidewalks needed around school	W3
Change pedestrian walkway over freeway—lights, safety	W3
Remove turnstiles at Los Cerritos Park-pedestrian bridge	W3
Clean up Wrigley Heights walking bridge	W3
Improve bridge crossing to Sutter School	W3
Improve Willow Bridge crossing and business corridor	W3
Bridges can provide aesthetic opportunities	W4
No sidewalks on Wardlow Rd across freeway	W4
Willow St.—narrow sidewalks and no street trees	W4
Pedestrian crossing by Webster Elementary	W4
Crosswalk for kids near John Muir School	W4
Lighting (20 th and Gale)—lighting too dim, crime issue	W4
Need lights under overpass at Wardlow Rd.	W4
No lights on Canal and Spring	W4
Not enough thoroughfares to cross freeway and river esp. for Jordan students	W4
PUBLIC SAFETY	
CONCERNS	
More lighting poles near bus stops	W4
STRENGTHS	
Police Department (west division)	W4

CHANGES	
School security @ Jordan High School	W1
Chavez Park area is dangerous for pedestrians	W1
Increase police monitoring of gangs (PCH and Anaheim)	W4
TREES AND STREETSCAPES	
CONCERNS	
South Street opportunity for green corridor/pedestrian environment	W1
Median and trees on Long Beach Boulevard and other corridors	W1
Green space/trees on Chester and Loma Vista as entryway to new Drake Park/Riverlink	W2
Improve Willow St. business corridor	W3
Trees and landscape (Arlington, Wrigley area, South Metro, Pacific Ave.)	W4
Tree planting and landscaping—many different areas, as a buffer for freeway and for shade when kids walk to school	W4
Beautify Wardlow between Santa Fe and Magnolia (walk, trees, plants, flowers)	W4
STRENGTHS	
California St.—Chinese Elms	W1
Pocket Park beautification with trees	W2
Trees on Easy. 55 years old. Only one block. Taper to Cameron.	W2
San Antonio—green median is great	W3
Coolidge Park Triangle area—tree-lined streets	W4
Keep the palm trees on Golden	W4
Keep trees on 23 rd St.	W4
CHANGES	
More trees/landscaping along freeway	W1
Better landscaping on Atlantic all along Cherry, Artesia	W1
Trees have been planted on Santa Fe but not watered. They are dry.	W2
More shade trees on 4 th and Magnolia	W2
More trees near the Alameda Corridor and the Port	W3
Coolidge area—trim trees	W3
Tree trimming (20 th and Gale)	W4
Beautification of major thoroughfares	W4
Large trees in medians on broad streets	W4
Plant trees along 103 corridor	W4
Missing street trees on Cedar Ave. and 32 nd	W4
Beautify Wardlow between Pacific and Santa Fe	W4
PARKS, GREENBELTS AND OPEN SPACES	
CONCERNS	
Increased green zones	W3
Youth centers—utilization of Los Cerritos Park	W3
STRENGTHS	
Shoreline Park	W1
Deforest Park—green space and walking path	W1
Deforest Park	W1
Parks, what little there is	W1
Houghton Park	W1
Skate park	W1
Bicycle trail and horse trail	W1
Memories of Houghton Park the way it used to be	W1
Parks and Rec.—movie night, offering pifatas every 3 rd Saturday at the park between Pacific and Pine on 14 th St.	W2
Cesar Chavez Park	W2
Veteran's Memorial Park	W2

Must keep Silverado Park	W2
Cesar Chavez Park	W2
Maintain Cesar Chavez Park better. Remove homeless, fix sprinklers, more activities for adults	W2
Cesar Chavez Park location	W2
Steps have been taken to enlarge Admiral Kidd Park. Beautification of medium strip on Santa Fe Ave.	W2
Del Mar—community started nature walk	W3
Los Cerritos Park	W3
Rancho Los Cerritos golf course—good asset	W3
Houghton Park	W3
Daisy Avenue tree lane	W3
Houghton Park—nice, large park but freeway noise	W3
New cultural center in Admiral Kidd Park	W4
Improve Silverado Park landscape and programs	W4
CHANGES	
South and Atlantic—open area, park and swimming pool	W1
Recreation activities—Jordan pool? Public access	W1
Park maintenance at Coolidge—water fountains and removal of trees	W1
Coolidge Park—employees should provide better services and supervision for children	W1
Nature trail at Deforest Park is dangerous	W1
Dog park in Scherer Park	W1
14 th St. Park	W1
Wall on north side of Coolidge Park is too low and kids jump over	W1
Using area under power lines for soccer fields, youth sports	W1
Caltrans area east of Coachella Avenue—no greenery	W1
Open space around Villa Park	W1
Opportunity to expand Deforest Park nature trail	W1
Restore original building at Houghton Park	W1
Barnett Elementary can be a park during when school is not in attendance	W2
Cesar Chavez rec. center—cleaning, better maintenance, pool and after school activities, water fountains, adult/mother aerobics	W2
Make all vacant land next to river a park with trees and lawn	W2
Open space connection to new library	W2
Washington Middle School area. We need the big park. The children around this area really need to be off the streets.	W2
Improve homelessness @ Lincoln Park	W3
Create a dog park @ Deforest Park	W3
More art at Scherer Park	W3
More art at Wrigley Heights Park	W3
Rancho Los Cerritos and Los Cerritos Park	W3
Enlarge Los Cerritos Park	W3
Los Cerritos Park	W3
Need more west side parks	W3
Veteran's Park—large park but not well-utilized	W3
Add exercise stations in Silverado Park	W4
Need a tree parkway south of Willow on Daisy	W4
TRAFFIC AND PARKING	
CONCERNS	
Control traffic at Pacific and Wardlow to San Antonio and Long Beach Blvd. (no turns at certain times)	W3
69 th Way and Butler—speed bumps or other means to slow traffic	W3
Traffic light at Wardlow and Pacific	W3
Neighborhood parking (20 th and Gayle)	W4
STRENGTHS	

CHANGES	
Parking enforcement—Morningside and Long Beach Blvd. north of Del Amo	W1
Need to put speed bumps on 53 rd St. riverbed to Long Beach Blvd. or make 53 rd St. and Pacific Ave. a four-way stop	W1
Traffic at Colin Powell Academy is unsafe for kids	W1
Truck traffic on Victoria and Long Beach Blvd. unsafe	W1
Light signal @ 5 th and Magnolia	W2
Slow 6 th Street exit, reduce traffic	W2
Remove fence west of Veteran's Park so you can park	W2
Noise and speeding of cars—Delta Street calming	W2
Poor parking @ the Pike	W3
Need more parking on Atlantic Ave. in Bixby Knolls	W3
Linden traffic too fast between San Antonio and 37 th	W3
Control outside traffic at Wardlow and Pacific	W3
Traffic control at Long Beach Boulevard and San Antonio St.	W3
Congested thoroughfares (Willow, PCH, Magnolia)	W4
Traffic signals at Wardlow and Pacific	W4
Trucks, parking space near port	W4
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, FACILITIES AND AMENITIES	
CONCERNS	
Supermarket (around Atlantic/Harding)	W1
Beautiful sign for entry into Los Cerritos Rancho	W3
STRENGTHS	
Main library	W1
Dooley's Elementary	W1
Plans for development of Atlantic Ave.	W1
CVS Pharmacy	W1
Jordan High School	W1
Senior center at Houghton	W1
YMCA Boys and Girls Club	W1
North branch library	W1
Preservation of historic homes—Wilmore District	W2
Mobile recreation trucks during summer. 17 th , Chestnut and Cedar.	W2
First Fridays on Atlantic	W3
Atlantic Ave—patio dining	W3
Bixby Knolls business district	W3
Wrigley marketplace	W3
Rancho Los Cerritos	W3
Virginia Country Club	W3
Library—good local resource	W3
Oakwood School	W3
Pacific Hospital	W3
Memorial Hospital	W3
Los Cerritos Rancho	W3
St. Mary Hospital	W3
Poly High School	W3
North Division police	W3
Practice golf, learning center	W3
Los Cerritos School—meeting place	W3
Farmer's Market at 45 th and Atlantic	W3
Los Cerritos Elementary School	W3
Los Cerritos Elementary	W3
Rancho Los Cerritos	W3
Dana Brand library	W3
A wonderful nursery and a flower vendor on Santa Fe	W4
Pacific Ave. development project	W4

Washington School (Cedar and Pacific)	W4
CHANGES	
New fire station at Artesia and Orange	W1
Need crossing guard at Barclay	W1
No supermarket in North Long Beach	W1
No major supermarket (Atlantic/Harding or Atlantic/South)	W1
City Hall ignores North Long Beach (north of Del Amo)	W1
Community center in old theatre hasn't happened (South and Atlantic)	W1
Clean up business corridors on Artesia Boulevard	W1
Enhance commercial area along Atlantic Blvd.	W1
Smoke shops on 5 th /Cedar—get rid of them near schools. Smoke shops should not be near school	W2
Homeless housing near Blue Line where homeless get off train at 1AM	W2
Improve fire station #12 at Long Beach Boulevard and Roosevelt	W3
Kids program at Coolidge Park	W3
The Pike—more interesting stores, retail, boutiques	W2
More positive focus on Jordan High School	W3
Accelerate re-opening of Johnny Rebs	W3
Barren plot of land—west of Target at 405 and Atlantic	W3
Rundown business corridor on Atlantic in need of redevelopment	W3
Los Cerritos Rancho sign	W3
More business along Atlantic corridor	W3
New cultural center right next to Cabrillo High School (empty lot)	W4
Closure of bars on Pacific and Pine	W4
Entertainment and restaurant hub on Pacific	W4
Westside banking facility	W4
Do not permit new bars on Anaheim and Long Beach Blvd.	W4
CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	
STRENGTHS	
CHANGES	
People living in garages in Deforest Park area and others	W1
STREETS AND ALLEYS CONCERNS	
Alleys must be paved—dust, air pollution; downtown alley between 3 rd and 11 th streets	W2
Stray animals (10 th and Gale)	W4
Take out old car from street (52 nd)	W4
Graffiti in alleys by 710 freeway	W4
Clean alleys on West side (especially between 33 rd and 34 th streets)	W4
Unpaved dirt alley (7 th Street)	W4
STRENGTHS	
Long Beach Blvd. on-ramp paved	W1
CHANGES	
Conditions on Butler Ave. (potholes)	W1
Street sweeping—Main St., boulevards	W1
Unpaved dirt alley on 27 th St.	W2
Repair alley between 3 rd and 4 th between Chestnut and Magnolia	W2
Condition of streets (Cameron and Easy)	W2
North town—alley needs to be repaved	W3
Alley clean up, street maintenance (PCH and Anaheim)	W4
Unpaved alley (1252 W 27 th)	W4
Vacate alley (2900 block of Eucalyptus)	W4

LA RIVER IMPROVEMENTS CONCERNS	
Address stagnant water within flood control channel	W2
The Riverlink Plan	W3
Homeless along river bank and under overpasses	W3
Dirt bikes in riverbed north of the 405 along the Blue Line	W3
Clean up homeless problem around river and corridor	W3
Easy access to LA Riverbank	W4
STRENGTHS	
Bike access to riverbed	W2
River bike path	W2
Wetlands	W3
Los Angeles River bike path	W3
Bike path along river	W3
Green river south of Willow	W4
CHANGES	
Need trees in river bike trail	W1
Higher river buffer on Artesia bridge for safety	W1
Attention to and follow-through on habitat/running trails along the Los Angeles River	W3
Trash barrier near Port/Ocean Blvd. overflows during storm—clean up upstream	W3
Bike trail to beach	W3
No pedestrian/bike alternate transportation across the river	W3
Safe walkway/bikeway along LA River	W3
Riverlink project	W4
Bike path—connection to LA River bike path to Pacific	W4
TRANSPORTATION AND GOODS MOVEMENT CONCERNS	
Grade separation/bridge over I-710, 1/8 mile span (Del Amo over Alameda Corridor)	W2
Landscape the MTA right-of-way from the LA River crossing to Willow Street, as promised by the County Transportation Commission (the forerunner to the current MTA)	W3
Landscape the light rail and promise water	W3
Remove truck exits on PCH and 710	W4
STRENGTHS	
Public transportation main corridors	W1
Blue Line and Long Beach transit	W2
Buses—connection to MTA is great (Delta and Wardlow)	W2
Wardlow Station rail	W3
CHANGES	
Lack of parking at Blue Line station (Del Amo)	W1
No grass next to Caltrans, all dirt (north Long Beach near Edison right-of-way)	W1
Bus line on Atlantic Ave. (frequent service)	W1
Not enough parking at Del Amo station	W2
Bus on Delta (residential street)	W2
Bus goes down a narrow street (Delta)	W2
Diversified transportation on Golden/6 th St.—get rid of the ongoing noise from the vans and repair of vehicles behind Edison Elementary	W2
Rails not to be switched behind our schools. Should happen in port.	W2
More port containers by rail along Alameda Corridor	W3
Improve aesthetic of 405 freeway over Pacific Ave.	W3
Metro Blue Line—sound wall and drought-tolerant plants	W3
More trees along Blue Line	W3
Landscape light rail ROW	W3

Landscaping along Blue Line	W4
Need a tile mural with landscaping (gateway viewed on Blue Line)	W4
Borders the I-710, the 405 and the Terminal Island freeway	W4
Need higher walls and sound walls for homes on freeway edge (20 th and Gale)	W4
More planting along light rail	W4
PEOPLE, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS	
CONCERNS	
STRENGTHS	
Petroleum Club	W3
Long Beach Municipal Band	W3
Coolidge Triangle Neighborhood monthly meetings—keep us informed and active in the community	W3
Experienced involved community leadership in Wrigley	W3
Wrigley Association	W4
CHANGES	
Advertisement of meetings of West Long Beach Association	W4
UNCATEGORIZED	
STRENGTHS	
CSULB—adds academic environment to Long Beach	W3
Long Beach Grand Prix races	W3
PAL Campus	W3
Long Beach Aquarium—great educational outlet	W3
Aqua Bus water taxi—fun transportation option	W3
Aquarium of the Pacific	W4
Shoreline Village	W4
The Pike	W4
CHANGES	
Lime Street business residential areas	W1

NON LOCATION SPECIFIC COMMENTS

710 FREEWAY: AIR QUALITY, HEALTH AND NOISE	
CONCERNS	
Air quality	W2
Air pollution	W3
Air quality	W3
Air quality	W3
Air quality	W4
Air quality-runoff	W4
Poor air quality	W4
Health issues-asthma	W4
Incorporate recommendations which accompanied I-170 expansion plan submitted to Gateway COG	W4
No I-710 expansion—any economic benefits more than offset by public health consideration (\$10 billion/year in LA basin)	W4
STRENGTHS	
CHANGES	
Too many factories, too much noise and pollution	W1
Air quality	W2
Air quality	W4
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS	
CONCERNS	
Safety for pedestrian crossing at major streets (not enough time)	W1
Sidewalks need repair	W1
Sidewalk repair	W1
Lighting for pedestrians	W1
Pedestrian-friendly sidewalks	W2
Fix and maintain sidewalks—fix whole street, new method of repairing parking problems	W2
Repave and repair sidewalks and alleyways	W3
Bikes	W3
Wider sidewalks and bike paths	W4
STRENGTHS	
CHANGES	
More walkable environment	W1
Pedestrian lighting everywhere	W1
Street lighting improvements	W1
Connect the communities together	W2
Safety (pedestrian)	W4
Pedestrian safety	W4
Repair sidewalk, clean street	W4
Make streets more pedestrian-friendly rather than car-friendly	W4
Pedestrian safety	W4
PUBLIC SAFETY	
CONCERNS	
Lighting issue—parks and streets	W1
Make the schools safer	W1
Gang issues—need activities for 12-22 range and adults	W1
Safety—sex offenders, night (walking)	W1
More residential/community police patrol	W2
Community is safe. Only 3 entrances. It's in the shape of a circle. No through traffic.	W2

Higher security and community alerts when people in the Megan's Law program move into the neighborhood	W2
Safety—loitering, lighting on streets, police patrol	W2
Students walk on congested sidewalks—not enough buses	W2
Crime on the border	W3
Safety	W3
Transients use the railroad corridor as throughway. Trees along the rail lines are falling and creation hazardous conditions.	W3
Neighborhood safety-burglary	W4
More police patrol and no more bars in areas near homes, schools, hospitals and parks	W4
Make (have) community meeting w/LBUSD regarding safety issues w/parks (homeless people) and schools surrounding neighborhood (w/children)	W4
Safety	W4
STRENGTHS	
Responsive police	W1
Noticed increased police patrol	W2
Neighborhood clean up, graffiti removal	W2
Safe neighborhood because there are no streets that go through	W4
Neighbors working together to inform each other of suspicious activities	W4
CHANGES	
Drugs prevalent	W1
Sex offenders live in the neighborhood	W1
Crime increase	W1
Gangs and tagging	W1
No enforcement of fireworks	W1
More police in all public areas	W3
100 more police per Bob Foster's promise	W3
Reduce crime	W3
Safety: Barangi system	W3
Neighborhood watch	W4
Police cars should patrol the area every three hours for safety reasons	W4
Police, school	W4
Safety—law enforcement, visibility	W4
Lack of police substations	W4
Crime	W4
TREES AND STREETSCAPES	
CONCERNS	
More street trees	W1
Trees and maintenance	W1
Trees are being cut/destroyed by people in neighborhood—replace all trees that are cut or damaged	W1
Tree trimming	W1
Trim our trees more often at the appropriate time of year	W4
More trees (generally all Long Beach)	W4
Sheer lack of trees	W4
More trees	W4
Tree trimming	W4
STRENGTHS	
Old trees	W3
Beautiful trees	W3
Trees are planted in the front yard in every house	W4
Keep few remaining large trees in Long Beach	W4
Trees/plants	W4

CHANGES	
More street tree planting	W1
Trees, trees and more trees	W1
Lack of trees	W1
Condition of streets—trim trees	W1
Maintenance of medians and parkways (eg. watering)	W1
Use different material for paving. Walkways should be more appealing.	W3
Plant trees	W4
Keep existing trees	W4
Trees everywhere	W4
Welcome to Long Beach sign needed	W4
More lights, trees, parkways, pedestrian lanes	W4
Trim trees appropriately	W4
Request nurseries to donate new trees	W4
Blighted landscape	W4
Public Works' unwillingness to not cut our mature trees and root prune instead of meander sidewalks	W4
Tree trimming	W4
PARKS, GREENBELTS AND OPEN SPACES	
CONCERNS	
Parks (more and better parks)	W1
More maintenance of Coolidge Park	W1
More and better-maintained open spaces	W1
More parks—sports, for kids, after school programs, cover river and make entertainment facilities	W1
Lack of open spaces. Parks are too small and not enough of them (need lots of trees)	W2
Community pride—band concerts at Cesar Chavez and Drake just like other parks	W2
More park rangers	W3
Existing greenbelts are not maintained	W3
More green spaces as well as open spaces are needed. Would like to see more environmental art.	W3
Green space/public space vs. commercial developments	W4
Parks that do what the neighborhood wants rather than what the City decrees	W4
STRENGTHS	
Skate park	W3
Pocket parks add green and serve as community gathering spaces	W3
Parks	W4
CHANGES	
Lack of green space	W1
Not necessarily playground equipment, but places to play	W1
More soccer, baseball and football fields	W1
Preserve and restore park	W1
Recreation center with pool and gym	W1
Public pool	W1
Lack of maintenance of public property (eg. Houghton Park or other parks)	W1
No pool in our area for children to learn how to swim. Not even at Cabrillo.	W2
Using park space for city facilities	W3
More pocket parks	W3
Parks for animals. Better enforcement of water, clean-up from dog owners	W3
Lack of facilities (eg. Youth center or equipment loan for use at park). Rec. center—change equipment to challenge older children. Eg. Wood climbing structure, rock climbing (not a wall, just old-fashioned rocks); hills; play area	W3
Pocket park	W4
Parks: tall grasses, trimming of trees, branches	W4
Not enough green areas	W4
Spiritual services in the parks	W4

Exercise points	W4
Swimming pool expansions	W4
Dog Park	W4
TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONCERNS	
Parking enforcement near intersection	W1
Parking for trailers, boats and RVs	W1
Traffic-calming	W1
Traffic calming	W2
Move four-way stop signs and speed bumps near parks and schools	W2
Vehicles park along main throughways and are left for days at a time. These include cars, trucks, boats and trailers. They also create safety issues for pedestrians.	W3
Parking space is sufficient	W4
No trucks on street	W4
STRENGTHS	
CHANGES	
Illegal truck parking, work trucks, etc.	W1
Speed bumps, speed limit signs, post speed limits	W1
No through traffic	W1
Overcrowded housing and parking shortage	W1
Make residential driveways	W1
Former city parking plan never got implemented	W1
Speeding along Long Beach Blvd.	W1
Increase off-street parking	W3
Improve traffic crossing signals	W3
Need more parking	W4
Parking	W4
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, FACILITIES AND AMENITIES CONCERNS	
Library	W1
Supermarket	W1
Community resources—after school activities	W1
More after school programs for kids	W2
Budget for long-term maintenance—are we wasting our time here?	W3
Repeal Landerman Petris Act to provide housing and care for mentally challenged people—a serious health issue	W3
Cultural awareness programs for African heritage and others	W4
Public art-more sculptures, mosaic, etc.	W4
STRENGTHS	
Plans for corridor development	W1
Better schools like Lakewood High School	W1
Residential neighborhoods	W1
Fire protection	W1
Police protection	W1
Convenience to local businesses (grocery, banks, restaurants)	W1
Vibrant multicultural area. Wide range of ethnic eateries and also various worshipping places.	W2
Diverse architecture	W3
Good secondary hospital option	W3
Farmer's Market	W3
Beautiful residential neighborhoods	W3
Senior center	W3
Committed and responsive police	W3
Hospital	W4

Single family homes—low density	W4
Restaurants	W4
Secluded neighborhood where people watch out for each other	W4
Good neighborhood and neighbors	W4
Underutilized space	W4
Our wonderful Japanese cultural center	W4
Historic Homes	W4
Home ownership—single family	W4
Good variety of houses of worship	W4
CHANGES	
Add Library and police station	W1
The “step child of Long Beach”	W1
Community lacks department stores, food stores	W1
Need supermarkets	W1
Lack of youth activities	W1
Boys and Girls Club—hours need to increase	W1
More youth activities	W1
Open all public schools to after-school activities	W1
Decent public library within walking distance	W1
New stores—coffee shop, better quality businesses, computer store, bagel shop, record store, bookstore restaurant	W1
Too much fast food—no nice restaurants	W1
No place in the community that’s free—everything costs money	W1
Greater response by City officials	W1
Less vagrancy and street cleaning	W2
Youth programs to keep them off the streets	W2
North town needs more businesses, major markets, banks	W3
More programs to bring seniors and kids together	W3
Need better facilities for younger children	W3
Need more activities for kids during early evening hours	W3
Budget for long-term maintenance	W3
More funding for women’s sports	W3
100 more police officers	W3
No services in the area	W3
Incorporate art into more areas ie. Park benches, street signs, even garbage cans	W3
Less banks along the business corridors	W3
Set up “canvases” for public art (on areas such as large buildings) and encourage graffiti artists to use them. These can be rotated or wiped clean every few months for new works.	W3
Additional hours of operation at police station	W3
Utilize large empty commercial spaces as shelters for homeless	W3
Enhanced gateways	W4
Single family homes—keep them, no higher density	W4
Need for more public libraries	W4
No major bookstores around	W4
No farmer’s market	W4
No Walmart and big pharmacy—no big retail store	W4
Outreach to substance abuse prevention programs to get involved in beautification projects	W4
Extend library hours	W4
Public Art	W4
Loud neighborhoods	W4
Limit blowers (gardeners)	W4
Amphitheatre	W4
Beautification	W4
Leaf blowers cause too much pollution	W4
Solar power/lighting	W4
Historic district	W4
Add a real supermarket	W4



Summer concerts and events for families—Cinco de Mayo celebrations, parades in all areas of Long Beach	W4
No cultural center—celebrate diversity	W4
Would be so nice to have a bank on this side of town even a credit union	W4
Farmer's Market	W4
CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	
Repair vandalism of public property	W1
Trash—neighborhood cleanup	W1
Graffiti removal	W1
Empty commercial properties suggest blight in the area	W3
Code enforcement 24/7 (preventive enforcement)	W4
Preventing dumping/graffiti	W4
More trash cans (too much trash on the ground)	W4
Stray animals and illegal trash dumping in alley	W4
Lawns are being paved for parking	W4
Removal of junk cars from residential areas	W4
STRENGTHS	
People take care of their property	W1
CHANGES	
Absentee landlords	W1
Litter removal	W1
Remove graffiti	W1
Keep graffiti off buildings	W3
Citywide: Change code enforcement to be proactive	W3
Discarding furniture, trash	W4
Graffiti	W4
Graffiti on overpasses	W4
Stray animals	W4
Too many people and too many cars per each residence	W4
Force all tenants and howeowners to clean and upkeep common areas	W4
Graffiti	W4
Junk cars and trash removal	W4
STREETS AND ALLEYS CONCERNS	
Streets—fill pot holes	W1
Street repair (spot patching)	W1
Pot holes and street improvements—too narrow, construction done at wrong time	W1
Poor condition of alleys and sidewalks	W2
Smooth streets (pot holes)	W4
Repair of curbs	W4
Alley paving and cleaning	W4
STRENGTHS	
Street-cleaning services on alleys—none currently	W1
Quiet Streets	W3
CHANGES	
Street beautification	W1
Poor street maintenance	W1
Add lighting to and clean up alleys	W2
Repave/repair sidewalk/alleys	W3
Alleys—dead space, invites graffiti	W4
Sweeper needed to sweep the street not run a race without using water	W4

Alleys being dark	W4
Vacate alleys	W4
LA RIVER IMPROVEMENTS	
CONCERNS	
Bathrooms along the riverbeds and bicycle trails for environmental and health issues	W2
Need to educate residents about keeping storm drains clear and not littering on public spaces (including streets)	W2
Safety along Riverbanks for bikers and pedestrians	W4
STRENGTHS	
Spreading basins in river	W1
Water on the river for recycling	W4
CHANGES	
River is isolated and unsafe	W1
Trees along the river should be indigenous to California	W1
Exit along riverbed for bikes	W2
Better use and access to LA River	W2
Bathrooms along river	W2
Accommodate the homeless along the river	W2
Access to drinking water along river bike path	W2
Clean up stagnant water, river walk, safety	W2
Tree-planting along the River	W3
Access to riverbed is inconvenient	W4
Plant native trees that grow to a height of 50' tall along river	W3
More art along LA River	W3
Mosquito and bug breeding in river @ Willow	W4
Clean river frequently	W4
Divert river water into the port	W4
Energy for City—install solar power along LA River	W4
Homeless hang out along bike path and river	W4
TRANSPORTATION AND GOODS MOVEMENT	
CONCERNS	
Transportation of goods from Port on silent, green magnetic levitation rail train—silent, pollution-free, 300 miles, \$50 million per mile	W2
Trains instead of trucks for containers	W3
Program to green locomotives—Union Pacific and Santa Fe companies to and from port	W3
On-dock rail—no rail boarding in neighborhood	W4
STRENGTHS	
Transit system (Passport)	W2
Public transportation access	W1
Thank you for Passport system—buses are pollution through cleaner gas	W2
CHANGES	
Round-the-clock public transportation	W1
Public transit lacking	W1
Public transportation	W1
Public transit neighborhood access	W1
Improve Long Beach Transit	W3
PEOPLE, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS	
CONCERNS	
STRENGTHS	
Community organizations	W1

The People	W1
Some areas have neighborhood groups	W1
Stable population and hardworking families. Some families are three generational homeowners	W2
People who care about their neighborhood	W3
Good mixture of senior citizens and young families	W4
Great cultural diversity including restaurants	W4
Clean and caring neighbors	W4
CHANGES	
Lack of partnership	W1
Lack of community participation	W1
Schools are disrespectful of residents	W4
UNCATEGORIZED	
STRENGTHS	
Affordability of community	W1
Good restaurant options downtown	W3
Many quiet nights	W4
CHANGES	
Distance from downtown	W1
Access to restrooms after school	W2
Napkins, soap for all schools	W2
Rent control policy	W2
Use different materials for fencing besides chain link	W3
Improve water quality of harbor	W3
The schools are not enforcing strict rules	W4
Too many studies not enough action	W4



COMMUNITY LIVABILITY PLAN

Design Review Workshop #1

November 28, 2007

What are the three most important projects listed on the Neighborhood Improvements Map?	
Bridges/Overpass improvements	•
I-710 Freeway Corridor (soundwalls/tree buffers, air quality, noise)	•
Trees and Streetscape Improvements	•
Anaheim Streetscape (40)	•
Broadway and Third Traffic Calming (44)	•
Parks, Greenbelts and Open Spaces Improvements	•
Have we left anything out that should be included on either the Neighborhood Improvements or the Corridor Improvements maps? Please explain.	
Improvements to bridges on 6 th and 7 th	
More green areas	
A community center on 14 th St. Park that includes fitness equipment	
More street lighting	
Cleaner streets	
We need more safety in the 3 rd St. by the entrance to the freeway (710). We are thinking a bridge or crossing guard to be able to cross the street especially for our children from Cesar Chavez Park to Cesar Chavez School	
More light on the alley and better pavement on alleys	
More light on Broadway by the freeway	
We need a pedestrian bridge at Broadway and Third (translated from Spanish)	
We also need a crossing guard to help kids cross the street (translated from Spanish)	
More street lighting (translated from Spanish)	
We would like to have a bridge because we are worried about the safety of our children, because there is a lot of traffic and cars travel very fast and we don't want to see any accidents (translated from Spanish)	
We need a bridge at Broadway and Third (translated from Spanish)	
We also need a crossing guard to help kids cross the street (translated from Spanish)	
More street lighting (translated from Spanish)	
A cleaner city (translated from Spanish)	
Clean streets and alleys (translated from Spanish)	
Please fix the streets because there are many that need repair because the city only fixes the ones downtown (translated from Spanish)	

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY PLAN

Design Review Workshop #2

December 5, 2007

What are the three most important projects listed on the Neighborhood Improvements Map?	
Atlantic Ave. Streetscape (#5)	••
Artesia Blvd. improvements (#3)	••••
North Long Beach Tree Buffer (#4)	•
Parks, Greenbelts and Open Spaces Improvements	••••
I-710 Freeway Corridor (soundwalls/tree buffers, air quality, noise)	••••••••
Trees and Streetscape Improvements	••
Wrigley Heights Pedestrian Bridge (#24)	•
LA River Bike Path Improvements	•••
Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	•••••
Atlantic St. North Village (#9)	•
Dominguez Gap Wetlands Connector (#11)	•
Union Pacific Landscaping (#13)	••
Parks, Greenbelts and Open Spaces	•
Livable schools	•
Dominguez Gap Wetlands	••
Wrigley Heights Park North (#19)	••
Pacific Ave. Streetscape (#20)	•
Metro Blue Line Landscaping (#27)	•
Riverlink projects	•••
Bridges/Overpass improvements	•
Los Cerritos/Del Mar Walking Trail (#18)	•
Have we left anything out that should be included on either the Neighborhood Improvements or the Corridor Improvements maps? Please explain.	
When will funding be available?	
Traffic on Artesia moves 45-50 mph most of the time. When 91 freeway backs up, Artesia is used as an alternate route. You want to risk lives of our citizens sharing the street with that kind of traffic? Not a good idea!	
Tree buffer is only on west side of I-710 but is needed also on east side in vicinity of Jordan High and Houghton Park	
Houghton Park is a filthy mess—the City needs to clean up/restore existing resources before starting new projects	
Houghton Skate Park needs to be cleaned up or closed	
Flood control to encourage walking and bicycling. No access on Artesia Boulevard!	
They should turn on the lights from the parks	
The County and City property along the Blue Line from San Antonio North is drying out and going to waste—City turned off the water	
Cooperation between County and City	
Del Mar entrance to bike path was recently locked and blocked after 40 years	
Police presence on the bike trail	
Pacific Ave. between Country Club and Wardlow—close off to thru traffic during the day or speed bumps	
Del Mar St. access to bike trail	
More police presence on the bike trail to prevent crimes	
We need a dip or special speed bumps on San Antonio between Long Beach Blvd and Pacific	

[One thing] you guys left out on Neighborhood Improvements is littering. North Long Beach has trash everywhere in the streets.
Del Amo Blvd. is being designated as a Ped/Bikeway but as it approaches the 710 it gets very dangerous. There are two freeway ramps there and a park-and-ride Blue Line Blue Line Station a little further down. There needs to be a safe way to get from the neighborhoods to the station. Perhaps a ped/bike bridge.
Air quality
Funding—just do it
More improvements in the Addams neighborhood
More street resurfacing
More skateparks
Skate park near Long Beach Blvd. and Del Amo
Basketball court or small soccer field in park at Locust and Plymouth
DeForest Park entrance is poorly paved, and you have to go under Long Beach Blvd. and there is a lot of homeless people there
Of all the parks you are going to build, which ones are skate parks? Most of the people in the neighborhoods don't want kids on the streets, property, etc. If there is no place to skate, then our only option is the streets.
Bike paths and widening the streets or sidewalks. Opening more areas for bike paths. Vacant lots should be little skate parks or small parks.
Speed bumps on San Antonio Dr. (between Long Beach Blvd. and Country Club Dr.) Also, on Pacific Ave. between Wardlow Rd. and San Antonio Dr.)
Forget the tree buffer at Hudson School facing the Terminal Island Freeway. Hudson needs a wall—contact Caltrans.
Storm drain restoration everywhere
Bike path restoration everywhere
Speed bumps on Pine Ave. (from Wardlow north) and San Antonio (east to Long Beach Blvd.). If you have a bike path (#17) you need to slow the short-cut traffic down. Many school age kids do ride on San Antonio.
Skate parks on the west side of LB. Skate parks on the North of LB (south of Jordan HS)
Paving of the currently unpaved alley between the 3400 blocks of Long Beach Blvd. and Locust Ave. This could be tied to item #25 since Wardlow Rd. is the southern terminus of this alley.
Residents should be given double-paned windows and air filtration systems if they are by freeways.
Maintenance of trees if planted
Lighting
Need more neighborhood parks where youth can have relevant activities. Skateboard, basketball.
Lighting
#18 and #24 should be one project
Connection between the south end of the Dominguez Gap wetlands project and the county property that connects the walking trail that parallels Del Mar Ave. in the Los Cerritos Park neighborhood.
Air quality issues from 710 freeway, Carson refineries and the ports
The lack of improvements planner for the area north of Del Amo to DeForest Park. And if improvements are planned will they be representative of the quality and consideration that has been shown in the area behind Virginia Country Club. I've notices that the pedestrian walkway was moved down the embankment so as not to disturb the golfers, yet the same courtesy was not extended to the residents of the trailer park south of Del Amo. Apparently their privacy isn't as important as that of the golfers and I'm sure that there are no such considerations planned for the residents north of Del Amo. That is, of course, if there are similar plans for that area at all. And what about the old Seventh Day Adventist school?
SE corner of Del Amo flood control. Park maybe?

Landscaping of on/off ramp to and from I-710 (apart from tree buffer). Many on/off ramps from the 710 area an embarrassment. Example—offramp from 710 N. to Del Amo Blvd. East

Removal of trash from our streets and freeways should be a priority

Most of your meetings to discuss were Thursday nights when most of us in North have obligations

Between Del Amo and city limits (especially to South): 1. Why Class II bike paths limited on corridor? 2. Why corridor improvements not shown? 3. Why greening is nominal? 4. Why is Riverlink application/improvements so limited on these corridors? 5. Why aren't major bridge and corridor improvements and bike paths not of any significance at Del Amo South Market and Long Beach Blvd? Huge open area near Long Beach Blvd. and river is screaming for improvements

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY PLAN

Design Review Workshop #3

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What are the three most important projects listed on the Neighborhood Improvements Map?	
Pacific Coast Highway Streetscape (#36)	••
Willow Streetscape (#31)	•
Anaheim Streetscape (#40)	•
Pacific Ave. Streetscape (#20)	•
Veteran's Park/Blue Line Bike Path (#28)	•
Riverlink projects	•
Hill Street Open Space Connector (#34)	•
Daisy Ave. Median (#32)	••
Parks, Greenbelts and Open Spaces Improvements	•
Los Cerritos Walking Trail (#18)	•
Wardlow Streetscape/405 Overpass (#25)	•
Wardlow Streetscape Improvements /710 Overpass (#56)	•
Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	•••
Wrigley Heights Park South (#22)	•
Wrigley Heights Park North (#19)	•
Neighborhood Services	•
27 th St. Alley Improvements (#57)	••
Alley Improvements (#14)	••
Los Angeles River Class II Bike Path (#35)	•
Have we left anything out that should be included on either the Neighborhood Improvements or the Corridor Improvements maps? Please explain.	
Bridge over 710 and river on Willow	
When alleys are turned into green spaces, you should consider closing off the ends with gates or something that neighbors have keys to so homeless don't hang out	
Consider doing something like the Millennium Park in Chicago—a park that goes over the freeway more than bridge but actually a very large area that can connect the west side of Long Beach to the east side. Create a green space and athletic areas—a real destination and the freeway can be under it, the river can be incorporated into it. A big vision that can change the face of Long Beach.	
The sound walls along the freeways are great, but is there a way to install some type of filtration devices on the walls to attract diesel particulates? This could be used in addition to greening the freeways.	
It would be nice to install solar power canopies along the LA River Bike Path. CSULB has installed these in some of their parking lots.	
Security concerns along the LA River and proposed parks need to be addressed.	
Access to bike path from Del Mar and North Virginia St. (just north of Los Cerritos School)	
A right turn only lane at Wardlow and Pacific Ave. eastbound west of Blue Line	
Problem of homes encampments in LA riverbed, especially south of PCH to Ocean Blvd.	
Security—police, camera on 710 to prevent crime	
Senior discount on parking meters etc. for walking exercise on shoreline beaches	
These little mini malls on the corner of Willow and Easy Ave, and Willow and Delta, they cause too many accidents and traffic jams	
A big problem with graffiti all over—by the 710 freeway between Willow and Hill, and by the 710 and Santa Fe, in the alleys	
If we want to get PCF tree'd up by grant or otherwise do have to deal with Caltrans? Or the Port?	

Replace the city engineer who says one thing and does the opposite—consistently, and he has decimated our urban forest!

Make the river bike path safe! Cops, cameras, lights, move the vagrants selling drugs, setting fires, and attacking residents and bicyclists.

Do not connect Hill St. over the river. That would make Riverlink Crimelink.