



# CHAPTER 7 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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## **7.0 COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

### **7.1 Introduction**

This chapter documents the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project Public Involvement Program for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This chapter documents the public participation process and activities from the scoping period (September – November 2007) to the submission of the Administrative FEIS/FEIR (May 2011).

The goals of the public involvement program are to:

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

#### **Project Hotline Established**

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

#### **Project Database**

In addition to key individuals and/or groups identified as part of the initial project due diligence, the project database includes a listing of all stakeholders who have attended public meetings, placed telephone calls to the project hotline, participated in a key stakeholder meeting, community events or who have otherwise asked to be added to the database. It is used to notify stakeholders of public meetings, to send out the e-Newsletter, or other updates as needed. As of May 2011, the database included over 4,000 stakeholders.

### **Project Website**

The project website serves as a central point where stakeholders can go to obtain a variety of information about the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. The website is located at Metro.net under the projects and programs tab, or at [www.metro.net/crenshaw](http://www.metro.net/crenshaw) is updated frequently, and contains maps of the project and other collateral materials, key documentation such as the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR), the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), station area planning workshops, and working group presentations.

### **Outreach Materials**

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

## **7.1.1 Outreach During Environmental Scoping Process**

### **7.1.1.1 Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation (NOI/NOP)**

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

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

### **7.1.1.2 Stakeholder Identification**

To properly inform the public, Metro compiled a list of key stakeholders located throughout and adjacent to the project study area, who could potentially be impacted by the project and, therefore, should be informed of the project. The stakeholder list is a living document and will continue to grow throughout the life of the project. The current stakeholder database for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project includes over 4,000 individuals, businesses, and organizations. The following is a representative list of organizations and entities that have been contacted during the public outreach process:

#### **Chambers of Commerce and Business Groups**

- Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
- Coldwell Banker Commercial Premier
- Central City Association (CCA) Promotions
- Comerica Bank



- Community Redevelopment Agency/Los Angeles
- Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles Downtown Center BID
- Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
- FAME Assistance Corporation (FAC)
- Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce
- Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce
- Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
- Hollywood Park
- Inglewood Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
- Los Angeles Housing Department
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)
- One United Bank
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
- Ward Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)
- Ward African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church
- West Angeles Community Development Corporation

**Schools, Colleges, and Universities**

- Audubon Middle School
- Baldwin Hills Elementary
- Crenshaw High School
- El Segundo Unified School District
- Hawthorne High School
- Hawthorne Unified School District
- Inglewood Child Development Center
- Inglewood High School
- Inglewood Unified School District
- Lennox School District
- Los Angeles High School
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- New Designs Charter School
- Springfield College
- Saint Mary's Academy

- St. Johns The Evangelist School
- View Park Preparatory School

**Neighborhood Groups, Block Clubs, and HOAs**

- Baldwin Hills Estates HOA
- Brookside HOA
- 5th Avenue Block Club
- Central Alameda Neighborhood Council 9th District
- Cherrywood/Leimert Block Club
- Chesterfield Square Park
- Crenshaw/Slauson Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
- Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Development Council (NDC)
- Empowerment Congress North Area NDC
- Empowerment Congress South West Area NDC
- Empowerment Congress West Area NDC
- Fusion Homeowners Association
- JBAC-L.A. Block Association
- Ladera Heights Civic Association
- Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association
- Larchmont Boulevard Association
- Larchmont Village Association
- Mid City West Neighborhood Council
- Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
- Neighborhood Council West Area
- Olympic Park Neighborhood Council
- Park Mesa Heights Community Council
- Park Mesa Heights Community Council Land Use Committee
- West Adams Neighborhood Council
- West Adams-Sugar Hill Association
- West Area Neighborhood Council
- West Boulevard Block Club
- Westchester Business Improvement Association
- Westchester Neighbors Association
- Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council
- Wilshire HOA/Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
- Wilshire Park Association Block Club
- Wilshire Vista Neighborhood Association
- Windsor Hills Block Club



- Mid City Neighborhood Council
- Windsor Square Association
- Windsor Square-Hancock Park Historical Society
- Windsor Village Community Association
- Windsor Hills Block Club
- United Homeowners Association
- Veronica/Sanchez/Sycamore Block Club

**Community Organizations**

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

- Subway to the Sea
- Wellington Square
- West Adams Work Source Center
- West Adams/Baldwin Hills Work Source Center
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps
- Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition
- Healthy African-American Families
- Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation

#### **Developers**

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

#### **Faith Based**

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

#### **7.1.1.3 Scoping Meetings Schedule**

Scoping meetings were conducted in compliance with NEPA/CEQA guidelines. Three scoping meetings were conducted for the general public. Each meeting venue was strategically selected based on geography to ensure that meetings took place throughout the span of the project corridor. Additionally, two of these meetings were scheduled in the evening and one meeting was scheduled on a Saturday morning, providing those community members who could not attend any of the weekday meetings with an opportunity to participate. A fourth scoping meeting, held at Metro headquarters, was scheduled for local, state, and federal agencies to participate. The meetings were scheduled as shown in Table 7-1:





Table 7-1. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Scoping Meetings

Meeting	Date/Time
Darby Park, Inglewood	October 15, 2007 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Metro Agency Scoping Meeting	October 16, 2007 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, Los Angeles	October 17, 2007 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Audubon Middle School, Los Angeles	October 20, 2007 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Source: Lee Andrews Group, 2008.

**7.1.1.4 Mailings for Environmental Scoping Meetings**

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

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

**Electronic Invitations**

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

**Media/Web Outreach**

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

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

A press release announcing the scoping meetings was also given at the time of the newspaper notices. Notifications were also circulated via e-blasts. As a result of the e-blasts, the meeting announcements were picked-up and published in the blogs and web pages of various organizations.

### **Flyer Distribution**

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

- Mayor Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles City Council
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- Inglewood City Council
- El Segundo City Council
- Hawthorne City Council
- U.S. Representative Diane Watson
- U.S. Representative Maxine Waters
- U.S. Representative Jane Harman
- Assemblymember Karen Bass
- Assemblymember Ted Lieu
- Assemblymember Curren Price
- State Senator Jenny Oropeza
- Supervisor Ridley-Thomas (Fmr. State Senator)
- Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
- Los Angeles Urban League
- Rancho La Cienega
- Community Build
- El Segundo Chamber of Commerce
- Village Green Owners Association
- Dorsey High School
- Baldwin Hills Library
- Jim Gilliam Recreation Center
- Rancho Cienega Sport Complex Center
- Baldwin Hills Mall – adjacent shops/businesses
- Magic Johnson Theatres
- Audubon Middle School
- Crenshaw High School
- Los Angeles High School
- Village Green Community Center/Office
- Starbucks Coffee
- Shops Bulletin Boards
- 5th Street Dicks
- Ladera Park



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

## 7.2 Summary of Environmental Scoping Meetings

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

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

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

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

### 7.2.1 Agency Coordination

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

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

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- State of California Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- City of Inglewood
- Community Redevelopment Agency/Los Angeles
- U.S. Representative Diane Watson
- State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- Councilmember Bernard Parks, Council District 8, City of Los Angeles
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- SCAG
- U.S. Representative Jane Harmon



- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation
- County of Los Angeles Public Library
- City of El Segundo
- Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)
- City of Los Angeles, Department of Planning
- Governor’s Office of Planning & Research
- Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation
- Assemblymember Ted Lieu
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

**7.2.2 Scoping Report**

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

**7.3 Public Outreach Following Environmental Scoping Meetings**

**7.3.1 February 2008 Project Update Meetings**

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

Table 7-2 is a list of the dates and locations for the four project update meetings:

**Table 7-2. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Public Community Meetings**

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

Source: Lee Andrews Group, 2008.

All of the outreach communications tools utilized during scoping were utilized for the project update meetings. In addition, another 107,000 direct mail invitations were sent to residents and businesses within a quarter mile of proposed alignments, and

approximately 3,000 flyers were distributed throughout the corridor, including on Metro buses in the project area.

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

Ads for the meetings were placed in the following newspapers:

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

A total of 143 persons attended the project update meetings:

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

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

### 7.3.2 Working Groups

Working groups were formed in August 2008 to ensure a wide range of representative participation in the planning process, for the primary purpose of facilitating community consensus on the definition of the project. In consultation with project staff, community leaders/organizations, and elected officials, Metro initially identified 60 community leaders to participate in the working groups. However, the working groups are open to all members of the public. The initial participants identified included representatives of neighborhood councils, chambers of commerce, developers, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and faith-based, transit-oriented, environmental, and economic development organizations.

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

Three sets of working group meetings were held: August 2008, September 2008, and March 2009. The meetings began in an open house format, with multiple presentation



boards on display. Project staff members were stationed at the boards to answer questions and respond to comments. The open house was followed by a PowerPoint presentation by project staff. Community participants then provided project staff feedback on the options and on other topics, such as station locations, grade separations, and mode considerations. At the end of each meeting, participants also had an opportunity to continue one-on-one discussions with project team members.

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

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

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

Table 7-3 shows dates and locations of the working group meetings held to date:

**Table 7-3. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Working Group Meetings**

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

Source: Lee Andrews Group, 2009.

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

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

- 63 persons attended the meeting at Community Build in August 2008.
- 46 persons attended the meeting at Darby Park in August 2008.

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

### 7.3.3 Ongoing Community/Stakeholder Briefings

In addition to the prior outreach, Metro has conducted community briefings and presentation with at least 50 different groups in the Crenshaw/LAX Corridor before the release of the DEIS/DEIR. The briefings vary in form and size depending on the audience. Briefings are held at the request of community organizations and/or upon the recommendation of Metro or an elected official. Typically, a briefing includes a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a question and answer session. Briefings have been held with the organizations listed in Table 7-4.

**Table 7-4. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Community Briefings**

Meeting	Date
Mid-City PAC	October 23, 2007
West Angeles CDC	January 7, 2008
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative	January 8, 2008
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy	January 10, 2008
Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce	January 11, 2008
Los Angeles Urban League	January 18, 2008
Baldwin Hills Estates Home Owners Association	May 10, 2008
Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce (monthly member meeting)	May 15, 2008
Holy Faith Episcopal Church	May 18, 2008
West Adams Neighborhood Council	May 19, 2008
West Angeles Church of God & Christ	June 20, 2008
Empowerment Congress West Area NDC	July 2, 2008
First Church of God	July 10, 2008
Mid-City Neighborhood Council	July 14, 2008
Faithful Central Bible Church	July 23, 2008
St. John the Evangelist Catholic School	July 25, 2008
Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association	July 28, 2008
Park Mesa Heights Community Council	August 9, 2008
Inglewood City Council District 1, Town Hall Meeting; 75th Place Block Club	August 14, 2008
Park Mesa Heights Community Council Land Use Committee	August 18, 2008
St. John Chrysostom Church	September 4, 2008
Sycamore Block Club	September 16, 2008
Los Angeles Urban League	September 22, 2008
Mid City Political Action Committee	September 23, 2008
United Homeowners Association	October 9, 2008





Table 7-4. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Community Briefings (continued)

Meeting	Date
Cherrywood Block Club	October 18, 2008
Crenshaw/Slauson Community Action Committee	October 23, 2008
Brookside Home Owners Association	October 23, 2008
El Segundo Employers Association	November 3, 2008
El Segundo Employers Association Board	December 2, 2008
LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce	November 18, 2008
View Park Middle School	December 8, 2008
View Park Charter High School	January 26, 2009
Inglewood Chamber of Commerce	February 17, 2009
Crenshaw High School Cougar Coalition Parent Group	February 23, 2009
Springfield College	February 24, 2009
Community Health Council	March 3, 2009
Baldwin Hills Conservancy	March 12, 2009
LAX Area Advisory Committee (LAXAAC)	April 9, 2009
South Bay Economic Development Partnership	April 23, 2009
Capri / Festival Companies	May 27, 2009
West Angeles Church of God in Christ	May 28, 2009
Baldwin Village Community in Action (BVCIA)	June 17, 2009
People Coordinated Services (PCS) Multipurpose Senior Center	June 25, 2009
CRA/LA – Crenshaw / Slauson Community Advisory Committee	June 25, 2009
Inglewood National Night Out	August 4, 2009
Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa	August 11, 2009
Westchester Business Improvement Association	August 26, 2009
Westchester Neighbors Association	August 31, 2009
Loyola Marymount University	September 3, 2009
Gateway to LA Business Improvement District	September 10, 2009

Source: Lee Andrews Group, 2010.

**7.3.4 Briefings with Elected Officials**

The project area includes five jurisdictions: the cities of Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Inglewood, El Segundo, and an unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County. Introductory briefings were conducted with each of the jurisdictions located within the project corridor. Briefings included information on potential alignments and modes, tailored to the needs of each jurisdiction. Meetings and communications with the City of Inglewood have been more frequent. Communication with each jurisdiction is ongoing. In addition, briefings have been provided to federal, State, and county elected officials and their staff. The meetings to date are set forth in Table 7-5.

**Table 7-5. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Briefings with Elected Officials**

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

Source: Lee Andrews Group, 2010.



Table 7-6. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Neighborhood Meetings

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

Source: Lee Andrews Group, 2010.

7.3.4.1 Native American Coordination

The California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was contacted by letter dated June 15, 2010, requesting a review of the potential presence of cultural resources important to Native Americans within 0.5-mile of the project area. The NAHC responded on June 28, 2010 and stated that there are Native American cultural resources in the project area and provided a list of Native American groups and individual contacts for Los Angeles County. The NAHC response included a list of nine Native American contacts that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. Letters via U.S. mail to each Native American contact on July 7, 2010 requesting information regarding potential cultural resources that may be located within the project area. A second series of letters to the contacts was sent on January 7, 2011. Telephone follow ups were also conducted on January 24, 2011. Table 7-7 is a list of the Native American coordination.

7.4 Public Outreach for the Circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report

Metro held a four public hearings in September/October of 2009 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the DEIS/DEIR which was circulated to the public for a 45-day period beginning on September 11, 2009. Approximately 1,500 CDs containing the DEIS/DEIR were mailed to stakeholders and 177 CDs containing the DEIS/DEIR were mailed to public agencies, elected officials, and community groups. Hardcopies of the DEIS/DEIR was also made available at libraries within and adjacent to the Corridor. The four public hearings were located in four different areas of the alignment to provide all residents and businesses an opportunity to attend.

Table 7-8 is a list of the dates and locations for the four public hearings.

**Table 7-7. Native American Coordination**

Native American Contact	Letters Sent	Follow Up
Bernie Acuna, Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe 1875 Century Park East, #1500 Los Angeles, CA 90067	07/02/2010 U.S. Mail 01/07/2011 U.S. Mail	01/24/2011: Voice mailbox full; also unable to reach by mobile phone.
Cindi Alvitre, Ti'At Society 6515 E. Seaside Walk, #C Long Beach, CA 90803	07/02/2010 U.S. Mail 01/07/2011 U.S. Mail	01/24/2011: Left message on machine.
Ron Andrade, Director Los Angeles Native American Indian Commission 3175 West 6th St., Room 403 Los Angeles, CA 90020	07/02/2010 U.S. Mail 01/07/2011 U.S. Mail	01/24/2011: Left message on machine.
Linda Candelaria, Chairwoman Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe 1875 Century Park East, # 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90067	07/02/2010 U.S. Mail 01/07/2011 U.S. Mail	01/24/2011: Left message on mobile phone voicemail.
Robert Dorame, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council P.O. Box 490 Bellflower, CA 90707	07/02/2010 U.S. Mail 01/07/2011 U.S. Mail	01/24/2011: Spoke with Mr. Dorame.
Sam Dunlap, Gabrielino Tongva Nation P.O. Box 86908 Los Angeles, CA 90086	07/02/2010 U.S. Mail 01/07/2011 U.S. Mail	01/24/2011: Spoke with Mr. Dunlap.
Anthony Morales, Gabrielino/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians P.O. Box 693 San Gabriel, CA 91778	07/02/2010 U.S. Mail 01/07/2011 U.S. Mail	01/24/2011: Left message on machine. 01/26/2011: Spoke with Mr. Morales.
John Tommy Rosas, Tongva Ancestral Territorial Tribal Nation	07/02/2010 Email  01/07/2011 Email	01/24/2011: Left message on machine.
Andy Salas, Chairperson Shoshoneon Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians P.O. Box 393 Covina, CA 91723	07/02/2010 U.S. Mail 01/07/2011 U.S. Mail	01/24/2011: Did not call due to correspondence via email with Mr. Salas.

Source: SWCA, 2011.

**Table 7-8. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Public Hearings**

Meeting	Date/Time
North Corridor: Wilshire United Methodist Church, Los Angeles	September 30, 2009 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Mid-Corridor: West Angeles Church, Los Angeles	October 1, 2009 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
South Corridor: Inglewood High School, Inglewood	October 3, 2009 10:00 – 12:00 a.m.
Mid-Corridor Transfiguration Church, Los Angeles	October 6, 2009 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Source: Lee Andrews Group, 2010.

All of the outreach communications tools utilized during scoping were utilized for the project update meetings. In addition, another 50,000 direct mail invitations were sent to residents and businesses within a quarter mile of proposed alignments, 2,000 meeting announcements were sent to the stakeholder database, and approximately 9,300 bilingual flyers were distributed throughout the corridor, including on Metro buses in the project area.



Opportunities for public input were made available on an ongoing basis. Comment forms and speaker cards for oral testimony were provided at each meeting. Additionally, Metro contact information for the project is listed on the project web page and on the comment forms. Public advertisements and legal notices were placed in publications with large minority groups, low-income residents, and groups with English as a second language. Advertisements were published in Spanish and Korean languages and flyers and other informational materials were made available in Spanish. Spanish and Asian language translation was also made available at the public hearings.

Legal Notices were placed in the following newspapers:

- *Los Angeles Watts Times*
- *Los Angeles Daily News*
- *Los Angeles Opinion*
- *Daily Breeze*

Ads for the meetings were placed in the following newspapers:

- *The Wave*
- *Korea Daily*
- *PACE News*
- *The Argonaut*
- *Inglewood Today*
- *Our Weekly*
- *Daily Breeze*
- *La Opinion*
- *Hawthorne Press Tribune*
- *Los Angeles Sentinel*

A total of 285 persons attended the public hearings:

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

- 50 persons attended the meeting at the Wilshire United Methodist.
- 85 persons attended the meeting at the West Angeles Church
- 50 persons attended the meeting at Inglewood High School
- 100 persons attended the meeting at the Transfiguration Church

A press release announcing the circulation of the DEIS/DEIR was also given at the time of the newspaper notices. E-blasts were disseminated twice to approximately 1,375 stakeholders. The project meeting announcement was also posted on the Crenshaw/LAX Facebook page. Media outlets also attended some of the hearings. Several third-parties

picked-up Metro announcements for their organizational e-blast, newsletters or bulletins including the following:

- City of Los Angeles Councilmember Parks weekly electronic newsletter ran the meeting announcement three consecutive weeks
- West Angeles Church received an additional 400 flyers, per their request, to disseminate at their Sunday service
- South Central Bungalow Blog
- Transit Coalition newsletter, was also published in Councilmember Parks e-newsletter
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas electronic newsletter
- ProgressiveRailRiding.com
- Metroriderla.com
- Dailyradar.com
- Daily Breeze
- 89.3 KPCC Southern California Public Radio
- The Wave
- LA Streets Blog
- Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
- Skyscraperpage.com
- Southern California Transit Advocates
- Railway, Track & Structure
- BBN3 Los Angeles (Broadband Network 3)
- LA Watts Times

## 7.5 Summary of Circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report

A total of 285 persons attended the four public hearings in September/October of 2009. Public comment opportunities were made available at each hearing. In addition to comment and speaker cards, the project hotline number and address were provided in writing at each meeting, as part of the formal presentation. To further document meetings, a court reporter recorded public comments and photographs were taken at all meetings. The public comment period formally closed October 26, 2009.

### 7.5.1 Summary and Logging of Comments

There were 1,234 comments received from 533 commenters during the circulation period for the DEIS/DEIR. Comments were received from federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, community organizations, transit advocates, and from members of the



general public. Additional comments were received and recorded after the circulation period closed. Comments were received via mail, e-mail, phone, and at each meeting. Comments were recorded in a database with the source, date, method of receipt, and issue area identified.

### **7.5.2 Agency Coordination**

Multiple federal, state, local agencies provided comment during the circulation period. Additionally, communications were received from elected officials. Comments were received from the following agencies, organizations, and elected officials:

- Diane E. Watson, Congress of the United States House of Representatives
- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, National Airspace System
- California Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse
- United States Department of the Interior
- California Department of Conservation
- Ted W. Lieu, California Legislature, 53rd District
- California Public Utilities Commission
- California Transportation Commission
- City of El Segundo, Office of the City Manager
- City of Inglewood, Planning and Building Department
- City of Inglewood, Planning and Building Department
- City of Inglewood, Public Works Department
- City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency
- City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning
- City of Los Angeles, Department of Environmental Affairs
- City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation
- County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation
- County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
- City of Los Angeles Councilmember Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles City Council, 8th District
- City of Los Angeles Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council, 11th District

- City of Los Angeles Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Los Angeles City Council, 10th District
- Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health & Safety
- Los Angeles World Airports
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Southern California Association of Governments
- Baldwin Neighborhood Homeowners Association
- BNSF Railway Company
- Chevron
- West Adams Neighborhood Council
- Neighbors for Smart Rail
- National Resources Defense Council
- Save Leimert Neighborhood Coalition
- Sierra Club
- The Festival Companies
- Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
- United Community Associations/Citizens' Campaign to Fix the Expo Rail Line
- United Homeowners Association
- Vistamar School
- Westchester Democratic Club
- Westchester Neighbors Association
- Wiseburn School District

## **7.6 Public Outreach Following Circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report**

### **7.6.1 Station Area Planning and Streetscape Design Workshops**

Metro invited the community to participate in thirteen station area planning workshops. A project update was provided, input received from past workshops was discussed, and new information on station alternatives, station area planning, streetscape, and landscape design concepts was presented. An update on the status of project options was also provided at these meetings. In addition, Metro invited the community to participate in Streetscape Design Workshops for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor. The purpose was to share ideas and hear the community's thoughts on streetscape, landscape, and urban design concepts for two at-grade sections along Crenshaw Boulevard. Table 7-9 shows dates and locations of the station area planning and streetscape design meetings held to date:





Table 7-9. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Station Area Planning and Streetscape Design Meetings

Meeting	Date
<b>Station Area Planning Round 1, Maintenance Facility Update:</b>	
Ascension Lutheran Church (West Station)	March 23, 2010
Westchester United Methodist Church (Manchester and Century Stations)	March 24, 2010
Saint Mary’s Academy Gym (La Brea Station)	March 25, 2010
Christ The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church (MLK Vernon, and Stations)	March 27, 2010
Lula Washington Dance Theatre (Exposition Station)	March 31, 2010
<b>Streetscape and Urban Design Workshops:</b>	
Park Mesa Streetscape Design Workshop	June 22, 2010
Lula Washington Dance Theatre Expo-39th Streetscape Design Workshop	June 30, 2010
<b>Station Area Planning Round 2, Maintenance Facility Update:</b>	
Inglewood City Hall (Florence/West Station)	October 28, 2010
LADWP Crenshaw CSC – Auditorium (MLK and Vernon: Optional Stations)	November 4, 2010
Faithful Central Church (La Brea Station)	November 6, 2010
Crenshaw High School Library (Slauson Station, Park Mesa Heights Alignment)	November 9, 2010
Westchester Senior Center (Manchester (Optional) & Century Stations)	November 16, 2010
West Angeles Church – The Crystal Room (Crenshaw/Exposition Station)	November 18, 2010

Source: McKissack & McKissack, 2011.

7.6.2 Ongoing Community/Stakeholder Briefings

Metro conducted additional stakeholder briefings and presentation with more than 70 different groups in the Crenshaw/LAX Corridor since the publication of the DEIS/DEIR. The briefings vary in form and size depending on the audience. Briefings are held at the request of community organizations and/or upon the recommendation of Metro or an elected official. Typically, a briefing includes a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a question and answer session. Briefings were held with the organizations listed in Table 7-10:

Table 7-10. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Community Briefings

Meeting	Date
Crenshaw Crush – A Crenshaw District Culture Discovery Bike Ride	September 27, 2009
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas Church Leaders Briefing	September 28, 2009
Westchester Neighbors Association (WNA) General Membership	October 5, 2009
Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP)	October 5, 2009
LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce	October 7, 2009
Councilman Tabor’s Town Hall Meeting, City of Inglewood	October 8, 2009
St. John Chrysostom Church “Fiesta”	October 18, 2009
Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWANDC)	October 20, 2009

**Table 7-10. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Community Briefings (continued)**

Meeting	Date
Chevron	October 22, 2009
Property Owner Aviation/Century Boulevard`	October 22, 2009
Councilmember Ralph Franklin, City of Inglewood Town Hall Mtg	October 31, 2009
Westchester Vitalization Corp. (WVC)	November 9, 2009
El Segundo Chamber of Commerce	November 12, 2009
Park Mesa Heights Community Council – General Meeting	November 14, 2009
Assemblymember Speaker Karen Bass Town Hall	November 19, 2009
Gateway to LA BID Board Meeting	May 14, 2010
Urban League – Los Angeles	May 27, 2010
St. John the Evangelist Church	May 27, 2010
LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce	June 2, 2010
Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce	June 3, 2010
Crenshaw High School	June 4, 2010
US Bank Slauson & Crenshaw Office	June 4, 2010
Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood Council	June 4, 2010
Westchester Neighbors Association	June 7, 2010
Crenshaw High School – Focus Group and Presentation to Students	June 7, 2010
People Coordinated Services/Crenshaw Senior Multipurpose Facility Meeting and Focus Group Presentation	June 7, 2010
HUD Meeting	June 7, 2010
Lula’s Dance Studio	June 8, 2010
Crenshaw Farmers Market & Baldwin Hills Mall	June 14, 2010
Our Weekly Newspaper	June 16, 2010
Lucy Florence Cultural Center	June 17, 2010
Denny’s Crenshaw	June 17, 2010
Junior Blind of America	June 21, 2010
Community Build Stakeholders Group	June 21, 2010
The Festivals Companies (Baldwin Park Crenshaw Plaza)	June 24, 2010
El Segundo Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee	June 28, 2010
Westchester/Playa Neighborhood Council	July 6, 2010
Department of Cultural Affairs (African Marketplace)	July 8, 2010
CRA/LA Crenshaw Community Advisory Committee	July 8, 2010
West Angeles Church Meeting	July 12, 2010
Black Business Association	July 12, 2010
GLAAACC	July 14, 2010
United Homeowners Association (View Park, View Heights & Windsor Hills)	July 15, 2010
Westchester Revitalization Group	July 19, 2010
CRA/LA Crenshaw/Slauson Community Advisory Committee	July 22, 2010



**Table 7-10. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Community Briefings (continued)**

Meeting	Date
Holman United Methodist Church	July 27, 2010
Infinity Redevelopment	July 28, 2010
Westchester Family YMCA	July 29, 2010
Angelus Funeral Home	July 30, 2010
Tour of Don Lee Farms	August 4, 2010
Urban League & Urban Design Center	August 5, 2010
Councilmember Franklin Town Hall	August 7, 2010
Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWANDC)	August 7, 2010
LAX Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Meeting	August 10, 2010
Rotary Club of Inglewood	August 10, 2010
Los Angeles Sentinel Newspaper	August 11, 2010
Westchester BID Board	August 19, 2010
Leimert Park Merchant Association	August 23, 2010
Loyola Marymount University	August 24, 2010
Inglewood Today	August 24, 2010
GLAAACC Crenshaw LAX Stakeholder Focus Group	August 24, 2010
Faithful Central Church	August 26, 2010
Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood Council	August 26, 2010
Miracle Temple Church of God Pentecostal	August 30, 2010
CRA/LA Crenshaw Community Advisory Committee	September 9, 2010
Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood Council	September 9, 2010
Gateway to LA	September 9, 2010
Westchester Revitalization Group	September 13, 2010
Recycling Black Dollars	September 14, 2010
West Angeles Church Meeting	September 15, 2010
Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce	September 16, 2010
Park Mesa Heights Community Council	October 9, 2010
Holman United Methodist Church	October 17, 2010
West Adams Neighborhood Council	October 18, 2010
Ministers Baptist Conference	October 18, 2010
CD11 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	October 18, 2010
Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWANDC)	October 19, 2010
West Angeles Villas	October 20, 2010
View Park Library	October 21, 2010
View Park Prep	October 21, 2010
Westchester Senior Center	October 22, 2010

**Table 7-10. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Community Briefings (continued)**

Meeting	Date
Employment Development Department	October 22, 2010
Westchester Neighborhood Council Board	November 2, 2010
Gateway to LA	November 11, 2010
West Adams Neighborhood Council	November 15, 2010
Inglewood Chamber of Commerce	November 16, 2010
Inglewood Joint Block Club	November 17, 2010
Capri Capital Partners	December 14, 2010
Capri Capital Partners	February 24, 2011
Fusion Homeowners Association Meeting	March 9, 2011

Source: Lee Andrews Group and McKissack and McKissack, 2011.

### 7.6.3 Briefings with Elected Officials

Metro conducted additional briefings and presentations with more than 20 different federal, state, and local elected officials and their staff since the publication of the DEIS/DEIR. The briefings to date are set forth in Table 7-11:

**Table 7-11. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Briefings with Elected Officials**

Meeting	Date
Legislative Briefing (Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza)	September 22, 2009
Office of Assemblymember Ted Lieu	October 7, 2009
Office of Councilmember Herb Wesson	October 15, 2009
Inglewood City Council	October 20, 2009
Office of the Mayor of El Segundo	October 22, 2009
El Segundo City Manager	October 22, 2009
Tour with the Office of Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky	November 6, 2009
Tour with the Office of Representative Maxine Waters	November 13, 2009
Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas	November 16, 2009
Meeting with the Office of Councilmember Rosendahl	May 19, 2010
Meeting with staff of Councilmember Rosendahl and Mayor Villaraigosa	June 16, 2010
Metro South Bay Governance Council	July 7, 2010
Office of Senator Curren Price	July 21, 2010
City of Inglewood	August 4, 2010
Mayor Danny Tabor, City of Inglewood – Metro Quarterly Business Breakfast Meeting	September 9, 2010
Council District 11 – Bill Rosendahl’s Office	September 15, 2010
Metro Legislative Briefing	February 23, 2011
Council District 11 – Bill Rosendahl’s Office	March 22, 2011

Source: Lee Andrews Group and McKissack and McKissack, 2011.

**7.6.4 Stakeholder Bus Tour**

The project team co-hosted a “Transit Oriented Development” bus tour with the CRA/LA on October 23, 2010 to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about Metro’s transit system and transit oriented development. Approximately 50 community leaders from the Corridor participated, including representatives from the offices of federal, county, and local elected officials, local jurisdictions, community councils, advisory committees and organizations.

**7.6.5 Agency Outreach During Planning and Design of the Project**

Federal, State, and local public agencies and the local cities with jurisdiction in the Corridor have all been closely involved in the environmental planning process for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project. Metro has met with these and the cities’ respective transportation departments, planning departments, elected officials, and other staff and worked with them to obtain their feedback at each step of the project. These meetings addressed a wide range of topics, including collection of data regarding regulatory requirements, development goals and plans, traffic and parking information, public safety services and concerns, grade crossing analysis, city transportation services, and basic project definition issues such as potential station locations and other project features. After the Metro Board adopted the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), Metro participated in the following coordination meetings listed in Table 7-12. In addition, at least seven Technical Advisory Committee meetings were held on the following dates:

- February 9, 2010
- March 9, 2010
- April 20, 2010
- May 18, 2010
- June 22, 2010
- July 21, 2010
- March 16, 2011

The following entities have been in attendance at Project TAC meetings:

- Federal Aviation Administration
- Caltrans District 7
- California Public Utilities Commission
- City of El Segundo
- City of Inglewood
- Los Angeles Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering

**Table 7-12. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Agency Coordination Meetings**

Meeting	Date
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	February 25, 2010
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)/Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)	March 4, 2010
CPUC/ Los Angeles Department Of Transportation (LADOT)	March 25, 2010
CPUC/LADOT	May 13, 2010
CPUC/City of Inglewood/LADOT	June 24, 2010
LADOT	July 15, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	July 26, 2010
LADOT	July 29, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	August 2, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	August 9, 2010
CPUC/City of Inglewood/LADOT	August 11, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	August 16, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	August 23, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	August 30, 2010
FAA/LAWA	September 1, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	September 8, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	September 13, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	September 20, 2010
City of El Segundo	September 27, 2010
CRA - Los Angeles	September 27, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	October 4, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	October 11, 2010
West Angeles Church	October 13, 2010
FAA/LAWA	October 18, 2010
Federal Aviation Administration	October 18, 2010
AMB Property	October 20, 2010
Southern California Edison	October 21, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	October 25, 2010
CRA – Los Angeles	November 1, 2010
FAA	November 18, 2010
Charles Company – District Square	November 28, 2010
Move LA	December 1, 2010
FAA (teleconference)	December 2, 2010
LAWA	December 8, 2010
Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza	December 14, 2010
FAA	December 20, 2010



Table 7-12. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Agency Coordination Meetings (continued)

Meeting	Date
Third Party/Private Utility Project Briefing	January 27, 2011
FAA	January 13, 2011
AMB Property	February 5, 2011
Mapleton Investments	February 7, 2011
LADOT	February 8, 2011
LAWA	February 9, 2011
FAA	February 10, 2011
FAA/FTA	February 16, 2011
Tour with FAA/FTA	February 22, 2011
FAA	May 2, 2011
FAA	July 9, 2011

Source: Metro 2011.

- Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency
- Los Angeles City Planning
- Los Angeles World Airports
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
- Los Angeles County Regional Planning
- Los Angeles Sheriff Department Transit Services Bureau
- Los Angeles Fire Department
- Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health & Safety

**7.6.6 Open House Prior to Circulation of the FEIS/FEIR**

Prior to the release of the FEIS/FEIR, an additional open house was held at the Living Room at Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood on July 19, 2011. The latest milestones for the environmental process were described and a recap summary of the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Transit alignment, station locations, maintenance facility site and the analysis of environmental impacts and mitigations was provided. This meeting was an open house format where project boards were presented for viewing, and a brief presentation was given. Project staff was available during the Open House to answer individual questions.

**7.7 Community Outreach for the Evaluation of New Maintenance Facility Sites and Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project**

This section documents the community participation for the Crenshaw/ LAX LRT Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Recirculated Draft Environmental

Impact Report (SDEIS/RDEIR), in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This section documents the public participation activities specifically related to the evaluation of the four new maintenance facility site alternatives and Section 4(f) Evaluation. The community participation activities completed to date include the initial identification of the potential new sites (February 2010), the identifications of site alternatives (March 2010), and notification of efforts to prepare the SDEIS/RDEIR (September 2010). During circulation of the SDEIS/RDEIR, an open house/public meeting was held on March 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and an open house/public hearing was held on March 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to receive public testimony regarding the environmental effects of the alternative maintenance facility sites. The following meetings were held during this outreach process:

- February 22, 2010, Tour of existing Metro maintenance facilities for local elected officials and staff
- February 24, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Westchester United Methodist Church – Meeting to disclose new site search and solicitation for initial identification of sites
- March 23, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Ascencion Lutheran Church – Briefing to update site selection process
- March 24, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Westchester United Methodist Church – Briefing to update site selection process
- March 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Saint Mary’s Academy School Gym – Briefing to update site selection process
- March 27, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Christ the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church – Briefing to update site selection process
- March 31, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Lula Washington Dance Theater – Briefings to update site selection process
- May 2010 through January 2011 – Meetings with potentially affected individual tenants and property owners. All properties were sent a notice in the mail and offers of meetings were made available
- December 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Del Aire Park – Briefings to update site selection process.
- March 1, 2011, 6:00 p.m., Flight Path Learning Center – Open House/Public Meeting to receive comment on circulated SDEIS/RDEIR.
- March 31, 2011, 6:00 p.m., Inglewood City Hall – Open House/Public Hearing to receive comment on circulated SDEIS/RDEIR

### 7.7.1 Disclosure of Identification of Potential Sites

Following the elimination of the two maintenance facility site alternatives evaluated in the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project DEIS/DEIR, renewed community participation was initiated to solicit ideas for new sites that the project team should consider. The first community participation activity was a public workshop held on February 24, 2010. At this meeting, the public was presented with a summary of the





services to be provided at the maintenance facility and the physical requirements necessary to make it functional. The public was asked to identify potential sites by placing markers in locations they found to be desirable. The second part of the meeting was focused on identifying selection criteria that the public felt was important to the evaluation of the potential sites.

### **7.7.2 Stakeholder Identification**

To continue to keep the public informed of the site evaluation and selection study, Metro maintained a contact list of stakeholders located throughout the project area and, in particular, those located adjacent to the potential maintenance facility sites and others who could be directly affected. The stakeholder list is a “living document” and has continued to grow throughout the life of the project. Contacted stakeholders included, but were not limited to: residents, chambers of commerce, business improvement districts (BIDs), environmental groups, transit organizations/advocates, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, neighborhood councils, businesses, professional associations, homeowners associations (HOAs), elected officials, city managers, and community redevelopment agencies. The current stakeholder database for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project includes approximately 2,000 individuals, businesses, and organizations.

### **7.7.3 Mailings for Public Workshops**

Based on the list of stakeholders, approximately 3,000 flyers were distributed to notify stakeholders of the February 24, 2010 public workshop, which initiated the additional analysis for the new maintenance facility sites. In the flyers, the public was presented with information regarding the purpose and physical requirements of a maintenance facility site and was asked to participate in the initial identification of potential sites.

In March 2010, approximately 15,000 flyers were distributed for four additional public workshops. The purpose of these workshops was for the project team to present the 16 potential sites that the public identified at the first public workshop in February 2010. In addition, the project team planned to discuss the selection criteria proposed by the public to screen the potential sites.

### **7.7.4 Electronic Invitations**

E-mail blasts, including a “Save-the-Date” and a “Reminder” e-mail, were sent out to the stakeholder list for the one February and four March 2010 meetings. The stakeholder list includes over 3,500 individuals.

### **7.7.5 Workshops for the Screening of Potential Sites**

At the four March 2010 meetings, the 18 potential sites that the public had identified at the previous February meeting, as well as the public-recommended screening criteria, were displayed. The project team informed the meeting attendees of the results of an initial screening that had occurred using the criteria. The objective was to identify potential sites that could be eliminated because of fatal flaws. This initial screening

process was displayed on a matrix and identified eight sites to be dropped from further consideration. During these meetings, public input was sought regarding the remaining eight sites under consideration.

#### **7.7.6 Community/Stakeholder Briefings**

Metro also contacted all potentially affected major property owners and nearby building tenants in an effort to disclose information about the remaining four potential maintenance facility sites. Metro conducted briefings and presentations with more than 40 potentially affected property owners and tenants. Typically, the briefing included an overview of the project and the selection process to be used to identify potential maintenance facility sites. The information also included a timeline for potential property acquisitions and an explanation of how potential real estate acquisitions would occur. Owners and tenants were also asked to contribute information about their property or business that could help characterize the extent of potential displacements and relocations and associated costs. Metro also conducted a supplementary briefing on December 1, 2010, to inform adjacent property owners and area residents and businesses in the vicinity of the Site #17 Marine/Redondo Beach and Division 22 Northern Expansion Alternatives. A mailing was sent to property owners within a half-mile of the two sites and included approximately 5,000 properties.

#### **7.7.7 Briefings with Local Governments**

Metro also wanted to ensure local governments were kept informed of efforts to identify and select new maintenance facility sites. The maintenance facility site alternatives are located in four different local government jurisdictions. These include the Cities of Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Redondo Beach. Introductory briefings were conducted with each of these jurisdictions. Briefings included information on potential issues resulting from the selection of maintenance site alternatives. Update briefings were provided as requested.

### **7.8 Public Outreach for the Circulation of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report**

Metro held one open house/public meeting and one open house/public hearing in March of 2011 to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the SDEIS/RDEIR for the maintenance facility sites and Section 4(f) Evaluation which was circulated to the public for a 45-day period beginning on February 25, 2011. At least 160 CDs containing the SDEIS/RDEIR were mailed to public agencies, elected officials, and community groups. Hardcopies of the SDEIS/RDEIR were also made available at some libraries near the Corridor. Copies of the SDEIS/RDEIR (CDs or printed copy) were also made available upon request. The open house/public meeting and open house/public hearing were located in areas adjacent to the maintenance site alternatives to provide potentially affected residents and businesses an opportunity to attend.

Table 7-13 is a list of the dates and locations for the open house/public meeting and open house/public hearing:



Table 7-13. Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor SDEIS/RDEIR Public Hearings

Meeting	Date/Time
Flight Path Learning Center, Los Angeles	March 1, 2011 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Inglewood City Hall Community Room, Inglewood	March 31, 2011 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Source: Metro, 2011.

All of the outreach communications tools utilized during the initial DEIS/DEIR circulation period were utilized for the SDEIS/RDEIR public meeting/hearing. In addition, approximately 11,000 direct mail invitations were sent to residents and businesses within a quarter mile of proposed maintenance facility site alternatives, every person who commented on the DEIS/DEIR, and property owners/representatives of the four candidate sites. Approximately 1,000 bilingual flyers were distributed throughout the corridor, including on Metro buses in the project area.

Opportunities for public input were made available on an on-going basis. Comment forms and speaker cards for oral testimony were provided at each meeting. Additionally, Metro contact information for the project is listed on the project web page and on the comment forms. Public advertisements and legal notices were placed in publications with large minority groups, low-income residents, and groups with English as a second language. Spanish translation was also made available at the public hearings. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation was also made available due to a request from the public.

Legal Notices were placed in the following newspapers:

- *La Opinion*
- *Los Angeles Watts Times*
- *Los Angeles Daily News*

Ads for the meetings were placed in the following newspapers:

- *Beach Reporter*
- El Clasificado
- Lawndale Tribune
- Hawthorne Press Tribune
- Inglewood News
- Korea Daily
- PACE News
- The Argonaut
- Inglewood Today

## **7.9 Summary of Circulation of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report**

A total of 225 persons attended the public hearings in March of 2011. Oral testimony was received from 53 people:

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

- 105 attended the meeting at the Flight Path Learning Center
- 120 attended the meeting at the Inglewood City Hall

A press release announcing the meetings for the SDEIS/RDEIR was also given at the time of the newspaper notices. E-blasts were disseminated four times to approximately 5,000 stakeholders. The project meeting announcement was also posted on the Crenshaw/LAX Facebook page and website. In addition, a Metro media release and The Source article were distributed.

Public comment opportunities were made available at each hearing. In addition to comment and speaker cards, the project hotline number and address were provided in writing at each meeting, as part of the formal presentation. To further document meetings, a court reporter recorded public comments and photographs were taken at all meetings. The public comment period formally closed April 12, 2011.

### **7.9.1 Summary and Logging of Comments**

There were 198 written comments received from 42 commenters during the circulation period for the SDEIS/RDEIR. Comments were received from federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, community organizations, transit advocates, and from members of the general public. Additional comments were received and recorded after the circulation period closed. Comments were received via mail, e-mail, phone, and at each meeting. Comments were recorded in a database with the source, date, method of receipt, and issue area identified.

### **7.10 Consideration of Crenshaw/Vernon Station and a Park Mesa Heights Grade Separation at the May 24, 2011 Metro Board Meeting**

At its May 24, 2011 meeting, the Metro Board considered whether to add the Crenshaw/Vernon Station and a below-grade grade separation in the Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood (between 48th and 59th Street) to the Project Definition and whether to add funding to the project to cover the additional cost. Over 200 members of the community attended the Board meeting and more than two hours of oral testimony was received as comment to the proposed motion. Neither element was adopted at the meeting and the Metro Board directed staff to include the Crenshaw/Vernon Station as a bid option (separate from the base project definition) during the procurement of design-build contracts. A determination of whether the station will be included will be made if proposed costs align with project funding.