



# MEETING NOTES

**Subject:** Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor  
Community Leadership Council (CLC) Quarterly Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 25, 2013; 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** People's Independent Church of Christ  
5856 West Bl  
Los Angeles, CA 90043

## Meeting Participants

Approximately 111 people were in attendance including:

Name	Organization
Vincent Harris	Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas 2D
Nedra Jenkins	Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas 2D
Lisa Richardson	Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas 2D
Dan Rosenfeld	Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas 2D
J. C. Lacey	Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
Patrice Jefferson	Office of Councilmember Bernard Parks CD-8
Charles Stewart	Assembly Member Holly Mitchell AD-54
Ta-Lecia Arbor	CDD Business Services
Louis Atwell	City of Inglewood
John Bowman	City of Inglewood
Councilmember Michael Stevens	City of Inglewood, CD-1
Connie Thomas	EDD
Arshell Qualls	BVCIA
Stephen D. Clark	HUD
Alex Campbell	CHC
Stephen Thomas	Cherrywood/Leimert Park Block Club
Merle Davis	Crenshaw Subway Coalition
Carolyn Fowler	Crenshaw Subway Coalition
Damien Goodman	Crenshaw Subway Coalition
Anne La Rose	Inglewood Arts Commission
Chau Lucy	Junior Blind of America

Name	Organization
Jr. Toate	Union Member
Madeline Wilson	Universal Reprographics, Inc.
Kenny Crabb	Walsh She Contractors
Christina Armando	Stakeholder
Von Bell	Stakeholder
Norma Bertrand	Stakeholder
William Brent	Stakeholder
Jim Brock	Stakeholder
Nathan Burgess	Stakeholder
Willis Edwards	Stakeholder
Brenda Garvin-Brent	Stakeholder
Carol Goodall	Stakeholder
Stanley Grant	Stakeholder
Tut Hayes	Stakeholder
Clayton Jefferson	Stakeholder
Ken Lacy	Stakeholder
John MacFarlane	Stakeholder
Allison McBeth	Stakeholder
Nancy Page	Stakeholder
Cathy A. Person	Stakeholder
Gwendolyn Powell	Stakeholder

Virginia Piper	Junior Blind of America
Lanita Morris	LA Black Workers Center
John Dragone	LAXACC-El Segundo
Jerald Wright	Move LA
Cynthia Smith	MSTA
Victor Taylor	MSTA
Lady Cage-Barile	National Council of Negro Women
Nyasa Buchongo	Neighborhood Housing Service
C. M. Bryant	Park Mesa Heights Community Council
Suzanne Simmons	Park Mesa Heights Community Council
Winter Walker	Park Mesa Heights Community Council
Kim Yergan	People Codr Service Senior
Terry Gubatan	Vermont Slauson Economic Development
Sylvia Jones	WANDC
Johnnie Raines	WANDC
Randal Curtis	West Angeles CDC
Diane Dicksteer	Windsor Village
Olive Kearney	Windsor Village
Judy Citrin	WNA Westchester Dems
Robert Stronks	WNA Westchester Dems
Art Scott	Faithful Central Bible Church
EL J. Samuels	Pelo De Rose B/S
Willie Foster	West Angeles Church of God In Christ
Elizabeth Towers	Inglewood High School
Bill James	Avery James, Inc.
Jason Lombard	Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
Marlene Charbonnet	Charbonnet's
Nolan Charbonnet	Charbonnet's
Martisa Garcia	DRA, Inc.
Roni	Elevation Hair Salon
Gary Shaw	Gay Towing
Bill Heavin	L. K. Comstock National Transit, Inc.

Barbra Rose	Stakeholder
Clint Rosemore	Stakeholder
Dorothylou Sands	Stakeholder
Jessie Shorts	Stakeholder
Wilbert Shorts	Stakeholder
Diana Simmons	Stakeholder
Emmett Simmons	Stakeholder
Brenda J. Smith	Stakeholder
Denise K. Smith	Stakeholder
Owen Smith	Stakeholder
Sandra Warren	Stakeholder
Gwen Williams	Stakeholder
Charles Zacharie	Stakeholder
Tunua Thrash	CLC – LA Co-Chair
Arna Fulcher	CLC Inglewood Co-Char
Commander Ronene M. Anda	CLC Member
Willie Brown	CLC Member
Mary Darks	CLC Member
Erick Holly	CLC Member
Gary Kynard	CLC Rep. Armen Ross
Leah Lemelle	CLC Rep. Father Marcos Gonzalez
Linda Ricks	CLC Member
Theodore Thomas, Sr.	CLC Member
Rob Ball	Metro
Lynda Bybee	Metro
Perla Berry	Metro
Kinya Claiborne	Metro
Matt Gallagher	Metro
Ann Kerman	Metro
Mariam Scott Long	Metro
Jose Ubaldo	Metro
Donald Taylor	The Divine Enterprise

Joy Elliott	Lift Regional Center
Alim Washington	S.A.W. Enterprise
Patricia Means	Turning Point Communications

Fred MacFarlane	The Divine Enterprise
Rod Goldman	The Divine Enterprise

**Introduction/Opening:**

The Quarterly meeting of the Crenshaw/LAX Community Leadership Council (CLC) was held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the People's Independent Church of Christ in Los Angeles, CA. The scheduled agenda for the meeting is outlined below.

I. Call to Order & Introduction of Interim Commander Ronene M. Anda, LASD Transportation Services Bureau	Tunua Thrash, Los Angeles CLC Co-Chair
II. Roll Call of CLC Members	Tunua Thrash
III. Approval of Quarterly Meeting Notes: January 24, 2013	CLC Members
<b><u>Presentations</u></b>	
IV. Project Update	Rob Ball, Metro, Project Director
V. Construction Safety Awareness Program	Olga M. Lopez, Metro, Construction Relations Manager
VI. Business Sustainability (During Construction) (BSDC) POD Meeting Report	Erick Holly, CLC BSDC POD Member
VII. Safety POD Meeting Report	Taylor Mayfield, CLC Safety POD Member
VIII. Economic Development POD Meeting Report	Sharron King, CLC Economic Development POD Co-Moderator
IX. Joint Development POD Meeting Report	Arna Fulcher, CLC Inglewood Co-Chair
X. Quality of Life / Environmental Quality POD Meeting Report	Mary Darks, CLC Quality of Life POD Co-Moderator
XI. Timeline for the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line	Representative, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
<b><u>Action/Discussion Items</u></b>	
General Discussion	Tunua Thrash
Public Comment	Tunua Thrash

<b><u>New Business</u></b>	
Schedule Next Meeting	Tunua Thrash
<b><u>Adjournment</u></b>	

A summary of key issues and discussion points from the April 25, 2013 CLC Quarterly Meeting is outlined below.

**Project Update**

- Metro is continuing with early construction activities, primarily early utility relocation work. Metro Builders is continuing with sewer work on 59<sup>th</sup> St. They are moving toward Crenshaw Bl and will begin to work shortly between 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Streets in early May. They will also move forward with the sewer relocation work on 67<sup>th</sup> Street that is needed to accommodate the follow-on cut and cover construction work.
- Metro was seeking a nighttime noise variance for early work on Crenshaw at 59<sup>th</sup> – 67<sup>th</sup>, but the request was not supported so the work will be done in the daytime. That will take twice as long as working both day and night.
- Metro received contractor proposals in December 2012, evaluated both the technical and cost proposals, met with proposers and decided to issue a “BAFO” (Best and Final Offer) which were received in March 2013. Metro is now finished scoring for a recommendation to go into the board in May. A decision by the Metro Board is anticipated on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. If no decision is made, this may go to the June board. There is also an expected decision on the optional stations at Leimert Park and Hindry.
- If there is an award in May, Metro will be giving notice to proceed in early July. The contractor will mobilize starting in August. Major construction work would start in Spring 2014, with revenue service starting about mid 2019.
- There are employment opportunities being provided by Metro Builders. They are meeting their target disadvantaged worker goals. The PLA has a 40% requirement and they are currently at 60%. They are also meeting the 10% disadvantaged worker utilization goal (they are at 17%). The apprentice utilization goal is 20%. Currently, they are at about 13%.



**Construction Safety Awareness Program**

- Metro has launched a construction safety training program. The purpose is to raise awareness of how to be safe around construction sites.

- The program launched on April 5<sup>th</sup>. There were mailings to churches, senior groups, childcare centers, neighborhood councils and block clubs.
- For more information, call the Project Hotline at 213-922-2736 or contact via email at [crenshawcorridor@metro.net](mailto:crenshawcorridor@metro.net).

#### **Business Sustainability (During Construction) (BSDC) POD Meeting Report**

- Construction Relations will serve as a member of the management team that supports the construction contractor. Construction activity notices will go out 72 hours in advance to all areas affected by construction. Business groups, homeowner associations, neighborhood committees will receive special attention.
- Local business profiles have been completed throughout the corridor.
- Questions were raised regarding business parking during and after construction. After the selection of a contractor, Metro and the contractor will explain what would be done to mitigate loss of parking during construction.

#### **Safety POD Meeting Report**

- Metro presented design plans, safety features and intersection improvements for the at-grade segment between 48<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> St. and Crenshaw Blvd at the Slauson Station. Trains operating in the median strip will operate with traffic flow at a maximum speed of 35 mph. Fencing along the at-grade section and at station areas will be installed to discourage pedestrians from crossing tracks. Three lanes of through traffic will be maintained on Crenshaw Blvd.
- Presentations for the outreach of safety awareness began in March, targeting schools, churches and senior centers. These presentations will be made to groups within one mile of the transit line construction project. Metro's Safety Education will begin one year before trains operate.
- CLC member Sylvia Reid is compiling a stakeholder outreach list so the community is fully informed.

#### **Economic Development POD Meeting Report**

- The committee met on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The main focus was the PLA. Miriam Long from Metro presented on PLA activities. The Construction Careers Program has started.
- POD members would like for a representative from the federal government to explain their processes regarding who can and cannot be hired.
- A representative from LAANE spoke about the apprenticeship programs. The biggest concern is how the community is being prepared for these construction jobs and what jobs are really available.
- Metro was asked to come back to the next POD meeting with a summary of what the hiring goals are, how they will be monitored, who can and cannot be hired.

#### **Joint Development POD Meeting Report**

The role of the committee is to look at where the trains will stop and to identify what can be developed and provide input to Metro regarding community preferences. Ron Holley, development consultant for The Charles Company, is developing the District Square (SE corner of Crenshaw and Rodeo). It will have a Target, Ross, Marshalls, and Burlington Coat Factory on the ground floor. Smart and Final will be in the corner and Chase Bank, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, Panera Bread are still potential tenants.

- Artwork was a large concern. The Charles Company is looking at artwork but there was only one group that was contacted, so if there are local artists, there is a telephone number they can call if there is interest.
- The developer will provide handouts with details of the project, timelines, jobs, schedules, etc. at the next meeting.
- Hiring in the community is expected to be 50% local hires.
- Jason Lombard gave an update from the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Mall about the developments and improvements in and around the mall. There are bids in place for work on the front portion of the mall.
- There will be a station plaza at street level at Crenshaw and King that will come up from the underground station. There will be a future option for Wal-Mart to open up a knockout wall for direct access from the station into the lower level of Wal-Mart.
- A POD meeting was held on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> in Inglewood. Mawusi Watson of the City of Inglewood discussed the parcels that are adjacent to the Inglewood station near Market Street and the community planning update is taking place now. The City is conducting zoning code updates at this time.

#### **Quality of Life / Environmental Quality POD Meeting Report**

- Representatives of the Los Angeles City Department of Planning gave an update on the development of streetscape plans for the Crenshaw Corridor. In June of 2012, the city was awarded grant money from Metro to study and develop a master plan for upgrades around 10 stations (five Crenshaw stations and five Expo stations). The streetscape area consists of a ½ mile radius around each station and will promote pedestrian activity.
- The Crenshaw streetscape plans include furniture, bike racks, tree wells, bus shelters, etc. that could be identified and implemented with future funding. There may also be opportunities for wider sidewalks, curb extensions and pedestrian refuge areas.
- Fred McFarlane noted a newspaper article regarding emissions from autos and how the current air quality environment in the community may be improved with the trains. People are concerned about pollution and dust during the construction period.

#### **Timeline for the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line**

- Lisa Richardson of Supervisor Mark Ridley- Thomas' office spoke regarding the timeline of activities related to the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line and the proposed Leimert Park Station.

#### **Action/Public Discussion Items**

- There were concerns expressed regarding the visually impaired and consideration in station design of the need for persons to maneuver around stations as well as others who use walkers, wheelchairs and support canes.
- Would it be faster to build the rail line underground?
- Would the use of vertical parking spaces on Crenshaw Blvd. after construction is completed add parking capacity?
- When will parking spaces be removed from Crenshaw Blvd.?

- At the next CLC or POD meeting, a presentation was requested from Metro on parking issues, with more specific information regarding business mitigation strategies.
- The property owner at 6809 S. Victoria St. indicated that he has incurred damage to the property by Metro-related work and would like to speak to Metro staff regarding the issue.
- Could some of the POD meetings be scheduled at times other than 10:00 am?
- Could written reports on POD/CLC meetings be provided in writing?
- When would additional trees be removed from Crenshaw Blvd?
- Councilman Mike Stevens of the City of Inglewood District 1 expressed that residents are opposed to the at-grade station at Centinela and Florence, and that the City would like a below-grade station.

**Scheduling of Next CLC Quarterly Meeting**

The next CLC Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2013 at First Church of God...Center of Hope, located at 9550 Crenshaw Bl, Inglewood, CA 90305.