# **Health Innovation Community Partnership August 7, 2020 Meeting Summary**

Attendees Registered for Zoom Meeting: Jasmine Acero, Michelle Acero, Cecilia Aguilar, Pamela Agustin, Pilar Alatorre, Monica Alcaraz, Carolina Aristizabal, Al Ballesteros, Rosa Barahona, Manuel Bernal, Greg Bonett, Susana Bonis, Maria Brenes, Christina Cardenas, Melina Castelan, Connie Castro, Ismael Castro, Antonio Chapa, Maria Collins, Katie Cox, Vani Dandillaya, Brad Davies, A. Delgadillo, Yolanda Duarte-White, Guadalupe Durán Medina, Vivian Escalante, Martha Escandon, Jazmin Flores, Deborah Flores, Eliza Fraga, David Galaviz, Estefany Garcia, José Gardea, Veta Gashgai, Karen Glenn, Natalie Godinez, Jorge Gonzalez, Lorena Gomez, Heather Hays, Ernesto Hidalgo, Agnes Hirai, Hank Hsing, Eduardo Ibarra, Cindy Ionita, Daniel Jimenez, Martha Jimenez, Haidy Juarez, Lynn Katano, Barbara Kappos, Wendy Knight, Zoe Kranemann, Maria Leon, Yvette Leon, Dalila Lopez, Elizabeth Lupercio, Andrea Marchetti, Brenda Martinez, Ivan Matthews, Rebeca Melendez, Juana Mena, Andrew Moey, Juanita Montes, Daisy Morales, Teresa Nuno, Anthony Nyivih, Gloria Ocampo, Jorge Orozco, Brenda Ortega, Katherine Otanez, Ana Parra, Aydin Pasebani, Gabriel Perez, Henry Perez, Dayana Primero, Alicia Ramos, Cristina Ranches, Iris Anna Regn, Martin Reyes, Ruth Rivera, Ruby Rivera, Diego Rodrigues, Melissa Rodriguez, Roberto Roque, Bianca Rosales, Rosalinda Sagara, Edgar Solis, Maribel Soria, Rosa Soto, Tana Teicheira, Juliana Vidal, Alex Villalobos, Brenda Wiewel, Beatriz Zaragoza

| Agenda Item      | Discussion Highlights                                                                                                             |
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| I. Welcome &     | <ul> <li>Heather Hays welcomed the group to the Zoom meeting and reviewed the agenda.</li> </ul>                                  |
| Meeting Overview | The Meeting Agenda, presentation slides, and the 3rd and Dangler Community Benefits Agreement were provided in an                 |
|                  | email to participants.                                                                                                            |
| II. HICP         | Health Innovation Community Partnership Membership Update- Heather Hays, LAC+USC Medical Center Foundation, Inc.                  |
| Membership       |                                                                                                                                   |
| Update           | Guiding Principles Review: Heather Hays reviewed the HICP's Guiding Principles:                                                   |
|                  | 1. All participants agree to basic principles prioritizing equity, community resilience, and health in all programs and projects. |
|                  | 2. All participants agree to approach issues with an open mind, be willing to engage in dialogue, and commit to thinking          |
|                  | boldly about solutions.                                                                                                           |
|                  | 3. Participants will state views and ask genuine questions.                                                                       |
|                  | 4. Participants will seek to avoid monologues and arguments; move to conversations where participants are curious and seek        |
|                  | to understand various points of view.                                                                                             |
|                  | 5. Participants will explain reasoning and intent; share how we reach our conclusions so that others can understand our           |
|                  | divergent reasoning.                                                                                                              |
|                  | 6. Participants will attack the problem and not the person, organization, or institution.                                         |
|                  | 7. Participants will define key terms so that we can attain a shared understanding.                                               |
|                  | 8. Participants will share all relevant information.                                                                              |
|                  | 9. Participants will always arrive prepared for the meeting.                                                                      |
|                  | 10. During meetings, only one person speaks at a time; we will not engage in sidebar conversations.                               |
|                  | 11. Participants will work to develop a comprehensive, common set of information with which to solve problems and make            |
|                  | decisions.                                                                                                                        |
|                  | 12. Participants will jointly design next steps.                                                                                  |

### Update on membership agreements and voting process

- Membership agreements for current HICP voting members have been sent out to be signed.
- Invitations and membership agreements for new voting members will be sent out soon to non-voting HICP members who have been actively and consistently involved in the Partnership
- A virtual voting process, modified from the in-person process described in the HICP Bylaw, will be used to vote on the 3rd and Dangler Community Benefits Agreement in this meeting.
  - While only current voting members are eligible to vote, all members are encouraged to participate in a robust discussion of this agenda item.
- Virtual voting will proceed as follows:
  - O All voting items must be communicated in advance to Partnership members with sufficient time for review.
  - O The voting item will be introduced and discussed at a regular Partnership meeting.
  - A vote may be cast by either the voting member or their alternate.
  - The Partnership will take a temperature check (up to two rounds) to achieve agreement in order to move forward to a vote.
  - O Non-voting members will be excused from the meeting, and the voting members (per signed membership agreements) will vote on the item.
  - O Voting members may vote yes, no, or abstain.
  - The vote will pass using a simple majority (50%+1) of the present eligible voting membership for the final vote.

### Survey reminder

- Today is the last day to complete the Annual Partner Survey from California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI), one of the funders of HICP
- The survey is anonymous and will take 10 minutes to complete, and participants will be entered to win a \$50 gift card

## New CACHI Workgroup

- A new committee has been formed as part of HICP's work with the California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative
- The work group's focus is on building protective factors for children 0 to 5
- An information session will be held August 20th at 11 a.m.
- If you are interested, email <u>julianav@thewellnesscenterla.org</u> or put your email in the Chat
  - o Roberto Roque volunteered via the chat

## III. Women's and Children's Hospital Ceremony

## Women's and Children's Hospital Ceremony - Monica Alcaraz, Exodus Recovery

- The Women's and Children's Hospital Ceremony, which was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be rescheduled
- The ceremony will be held in September on a date to be determined, with a limited number of in-person attendees and virtual options to ensure COVID safety
- The event will maintain the original goal of cleansing and blessing the space and commemorating the hospital's history
- Once a date is set, a flier will be circulated via social media including a livestream and/or recording so the community can participate virtually

If anyone would like to share reflections or video testimonials about what the hospital means to you that we can include in the event, email Monica Alcaraz at malcaraz@exodusrecovery.com

## Village Update

IV. Restorative Care Women's and Children's Hospital Demolition and Civic Arts Updates - Alicia Ramos (Department of Public Works), Ismael Castro (Boyle Heights Building Healthy Communities), and Iris Regn (LA County Department of Arts and Culture)

### Women's and Children's Hospital Demolition

- Project Description
  - O Demolition of +/- 390,000 sq. ft. of the decommissioned 12-story WCH
  - Demolition of six surrounding trailers
  - O Demolition of Cooling Tower/Air Compressor and WCH Storage
  - Abatement of hazard materials
  - O Creation of surface parking lot until funding for future Restorative Village Psychiatric Hospital are secured.
- Project Status and Next Steps
  - O Debris removal and hazardous materials abatement are complete
  - O The demolition service contract award for the demolition of the WCH structure is targeted for September 2020
  - The WCH structural demolition is also anticipated to start September 2020
  - O A flyer is circulated to the community alerting them of the forthcoming demolition. Because the hospital has a basement, there will be a large hole at the site while the demolition is underway
  - O The hospital has a time capsule that was created when the building was constructed, and we will locate and preserve it. Specific plans for the time capsule are being discussed.

## Restorative Care Village Civic Arts Update

- There will be four murals in the RCV, on each of three buildings along Zonal and on a building in the center of the site (see images on slides 16-21 for maps and mural renderings)
- Ismael Castro stated that the civic arts process has been a learning space that has truly listened to community voices and input to guide the process. Communication with the artists has ensured that the art symbolizes what our many communities represent.
- Alicia Ramos thanked community members for the time and sincerity they dedicated to the process, and described the mural renderings by the selected artists, including Lorenzo Hurtado Segovia (slides 17-18), Jaime Scholnick (slide 19), Patrick Martinez (slide 20), and Star Montana (slide 21)
- Iris Regn noted that all the murals will be permanent and made out of tile, a budgeting success.

## **Child Care Center Civic Arts Update**

- The next civic arts process on the LAC+USC Medical Campus will be for the Child Care Center, which a will have a curved exterior wall featuring a mural surrounded by a seating area (see image on slides 22-23)
- The preliminary schedule and process for the Child Care Center civic artwork includes:
  - July 2020: Announcement to HICP of upcoming civic art opportunity

- O August 2020
  - We are requesting that HICP members help us by recommending artists to participate in Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for this mural (by September 15, 2020)
    - The RFQ application includes ten images of the artist's work and an artist's statement
    - The deadline is September
  - We are also seeking recommendations for tile and mosaic installers from the community
- o September 2020
  - Release of RFQ on LA County website and email
  - Request for help to distribute RFQ to artists
  - RFQ deadline is October 2020
- Mid October 2020: The Project Coordination Committee (PCC) will select artists to create proposals
  - The PCC membership includes:
    - User Group Representative: Jorge Orozco
    - Two Voting Community Representatives
      - O One from HICP
      - One from CCC Parent Advisory Group
    - Unlimited non-voting advisors
    - Arts Professional: Artist and educator Star Montana, who is from Boyle Heights and also one of muralists selected for the RCV project
- The artists selected by the PCC will work on proposals for six weeks
- o Mid-December 2020: The PCC will select a successful proposal for commission
- O January 2021:
  - The selected artist will submit a final design based on comments from the PCC
  - The Art Department will share the final design with HICP
- o February 2021: Artwork fabrication begins
- o May/June 2021: Installation of artwork

### Questions and Comments:

- Via the chat, **Brenda Martinez** and **Veta Gashgai** requested contact information regarding the upcoming Civic Arts Process, and asked how the RFQ information could be distributed for families that don't have internet access
  - o **Iris Regn:** The RFQ information will be distributed in a downloadable and printable flier form on LA County Arts website in downloadable format, and any interested artists can contact <u>iregn@arts.lacounty.gov</u> or the Wellness Center. If printed fliers are better, we can work with the Wellness Center to distribute them.
  - **Heather Hays** suggested circulating printed fliers with food distribution in partnership with Self Help Graphics and Casa 0101.
  - **Rosa Soto** (via chat): Interested community members without email access can call 213-784- 9252, leave a message with the artist's name and contact information, and the Wellness Center will pass the information on.

- Veta Gashgai (via chat): What is an RFQ?
  - o **Iris Regn:** An RFQ is a Request for Qualifications, a call to find artists most suitable to this project. Submissions to an RFQ include samples of the artist's work and an artist's statement.
- Alex Villalobos (via audio) and Rosa Barahona (via chat) asked if the art creation and tile/mosaic installation fall under the same RFQ.
  - o **Iris Regn:** The County contracts the artists, who subcontracts to the installer. Part of the artist's fee is the installation fee, and they notify us as to who the installer will be. The installer must be highly qualified and needs to be prevailingwage certified. We help the artist navigate who their installer could be, but the contract for the installer is with the artist. We do not recommend specific installers, but keep a list of installers and fabricators that we can share with artists. If anyone knows installers or fabricators, they can be added to this list.

## V. LAC+USC Medical Impacts of COVID-19 on the LAC+USC Medical Campus - Jorge Orozco, LAC+USC Medical Center Center Update

- Played this <u>video of an interview</u> with **Monica Escobar**, an ICU nurse at the LAC+USC Medical Center, about the challenges of treating COVID-19 patients in isolation and working under high risk of exposure.
- **Jorge Orozco:** This video underscores the gravity of the crisis, and the emotional and psychological trauma to staff is unprecedented. Fortunately, however, LAC+USC Hospital is in a better place than we were two weeks ago at the height of the recent surge.

#### Current Numbers

- o 69 patients currently hospitalized with COVID-19
- o 32 of these patients in the ICU
- o 22 patients on ventilators
- O Patients are trending down in age range

## • Response to surge

- Current numbers are a decline from peak of 125 patients hospitalized with COVID, but it does not take much of a surge to put the hospital into crisis mode
- O A team of clinicians from the Department of Defense, including Air Force medics, physicians, nurses, and respiratory therapists, has been here for 1.5 weeks, and will be here for 30 days. We really needed them when we had over 120 patients with COVID.

#### **Questions and Comments:**

- Pamela Agustin (via chat): "Jorge, has there been a change in insured and uninsured patient numbers for the medical center since March? I wonder if this is an indication of folks remaining unemployed or not."
  - O Jorge Orozco: I haven't seen the specific numbers for the hospital, but the industry was predicting a big change in enrollment to MediCal-managed care. due to loss of employment. Unfortunately, we haven't seen that change, whether it is due to barriers to enrollment, awareness of the program, or because enrollment programs are on hold. I would predict a delayed increase in MediCal enrollment.

- o **Rosa Soto** (via chat): "The Wellness Center continues to enroll community members in healthcare. We also support families with troubleshooting their healthcare questions. We are also supporting with wraparound services for food and housing access and referrals, and services for domestic violence and homeless youth. Call 213-784-9191."
- Brenda Martinez (via chat): "Is the number of homeless patients increasing?"
  - O **Jorge Orozco:** I would have to check. We have a significant amount of homeless in our patients, about 15-20% in ER visits, but I don't know if that has gone up.
- Monica Alcaraz: I have a friend whose father just passed and their mom in hospital, and I know how hard it is for the family. But this video shows the sight of the nurses, what they are seeing every day, can help the community understand, even as some people are having parties. I just want to thank you guys, for everything you are doing.
- Alex Villalobos: That video was heartbreaking and confronting. It is great that the video is publicly available, so show that the ebbs and flows are no reason to put our guards down. Are there any other ways we can support the hospital staff, or ways to share with the community what is happening?
  - O **Jorge Orozco:** In addition to this video, there was also a piece run on the hospital on the Today Show this week. In terms of help, one of the big stressors right now is kids not being able to go back to school, and staff are concerned about what they are going to do. It is not a typical day care need, but a need for someone to sit with kids and learn in this new format. We are considering creating a learning lab here with internet access, computers, and a tutor for the kids. We were going to do it with volunteers and staff, but if we can get any help with this, such as in feeding the kids, or people with expertise about supervising kids. We are early in the planning process, but we appreciate any suggestions or help anyone can offer.
    - Rosa Soto (via chat): Contact me for Child Care/Learning Lab support at 213-784-9252.
    - Monica Alcaraz (via chat): "Have you reached out to USC or Occidental College? They have a teachers' program. I have contacts and Occidental which is in Highland Park."
      - Rosa Soto (via chat): "Monica- No, those are good ideas."
    - Brenda Martinez (via chat): "LAUSD has day care centers for parents whose jobs are in the health field!"
      - Rosa Soto (via chat): "Thank you Brenda. We will reach out to them."
- Yolanda Duarte-White (via chat): "What are you tracking most and why? (Deaths, positivity, admin, etc.)"
  - O Jorge Orozco: We are tracking everything: deaths, positivity rates, daily admissions, daily positives, employee exposure, employee confirmed COVID cases. We submit a daily dashboard submitted to the state, which then submits it to the federal government. For us, the most important one is probably ICU capacity, because that has been the bottleneck in the healthcare system
- Brenda Martinez (via chat): "If someone is found to have the virus in their lungs, do they have to be hospitalized?"
  - O **Jorge Orozco:** The virus can affect the respiratory system, but it can also affect the gastrointestinal system or the cardiac system. It's so new that people don't totally understand it. If it is not impacting your ability to breathe, you don't necessarily need to be hospitalized.
  - O We also have a Safer at Home oxygen program, where a patient can be sent home with an oxygen tank so they can monitor themselves, while nurses and doctors call them every day. This has been an important program for us, because without it all those patients would be hospitalized, and people don't want to be hospitalized.

- Ozzie Lopez: During Memorial Day weekend, my best friend's mother went to a gathering, contracted COVID, and is currently in the ICU. The video is very impactful for showing the impact of COVID-19 in our communities. Is there a video in Spanish that could be shared with Spanish-speaking stations?
  - O **Jorge Orozco:** It's a great suggestion. We have been featured in Univision and Telemundo, and have links to those. Monica is bilingual, and we might see if she is willing to share a similar story in Spanish with the media.
- Brenda Martinez (via chat): "Does MediCal cover the oxygen program?"
  - Jorge Orozco: Yes, it does.
- Estefany Garcia (via chat): "Have most folks been covered with insurance?"
  - O **Jorge Orozco:** Typically our uninsured rate is 8-10%, which is low. That is because of the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of MediCal coverage. If someone who is eligible for MediCal but is uninsured arrives at our hospital, we enroll them. The numbers of uninsured patients have been relatively stable.
- Pamela Agustin (via chat): "What are the considerations that the medical staff needs to think through before letting a patient leave with an oxygen tank? I ask because my mom works at the Eisenhower Medical Center. She called me in tears last night about a 30-year-old patient that died when he went into the restroom and removed his oxygen for brief moments."
  - O **Jorge Orozco:** The main considerations are severity of disease, and how they respond to oxygen. We use a pulse oximeter to measure how much oxygen is in your blood. If a patient's blood oxygen is low but oxygenation goes up significantly with supplemental oxygen, they are a good candidate for at-home care.
  - Education in terms of the use of the machine is paramount. We have a training video that is available to them. They
    get trained before they leave the hospital, and hospital staff check in on patients daily.
- Martha Escandon, Monica Alcaraz, and others in the chat requested links to the <u>video interview with Monica Escobar</u> and the clips from the Univision and Telemundo features on the LAC+USC Hospital's response to COVID-19.
  - o **Heather Hays:** We will provide these so that we can share these messages with our communities.
- Heather Hays relayed messages in the chat from Monica Alcaraz, Brenda Martinez, Yolanda Duarte-White, Martha
  Escandon, Estefany Garcia, Roberto Roque, Rosa Barahona, and Barbara Kappos thanked Jorge and the LAC+USC hospital
  staff for their work, care, and dedication.

## VI. Transportation Update

**Updates on Transportation Improvements in LAC+USC Medical Center and East LA** - Martin Reyes, Transportation Deputy, Office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

## Metro 710 North Mobility Improvements Projects (MIP)

- Funding
  - o \$1.027 billion was allocated to San Gabriel Valley Cities, the City of LA, and the County of LA in 2018 and 2019
    - \$300 million was allocated to the County of LA and City of LA
    - \$150 million for unincorporated East LA
    - \$150 million for City of LA neighborhoods including El Sereno, Northeast LA, etc.
  - Funding sources include local Measure R, state Regional Improvement Program (RIP), federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)

- Funding was redirected from the canceled 710 N Tunnel project, and can be used for mobility improvements within local jurisdictions, primarily to improve north-south mobility
- Most funding for LA County MIP is available beginning FY 2021-22

### LA County Mobility Improvements Projects

- Includes both traffic synchronization and infrastructure projects.
- LA County Traffic Synchronization Projects (~\$30 million):
  - Atlantic Boulevard Traffic Corridor Improvement Project (N-S): \$3.7 million
  - O Arizona Ave./Monterey Pass Rd./Fremont Ave. Traffic Corridor Improvement Project (N-S): \$7 million
  - o Traffic Signal Control Intersection Upgrade Project (3 intersections): \$30,000
  - o Ford Boulevard Traffic Corridor Improvement Project (N-S): \$2.3 million
  - o Eastern Ave. Traffic Corridor Improvement Projects (N-S): \$1.9 million
  - City Terrace Drive Traffic Corridor Improvement Project (E-W): \$800,000
  - o Floral Drive Traffic Corridor Improvement Project (E-W): \$250,000
  - 1st Street TSSP and ITS Improvements (E-W): \$6.2 million
  - Cesar Chavez Ave. TSSP and ITS improvements (E-W): \$5.5 million
  - East Los Angeles ITS Enhancements: \$800,000
  - Olympic Blvd. ITS improvements (E-W): \$2.9 million
  - O Whittier Blvd. ITS improvements (E-W): \$2.2 million
- LA County Infrastructure improvement Projects (~\$120 million):
  - o El Sol Shuttle Service Improvements \$18,185,000
  - O Cesar Chavez Ave. Mobility Improvements: \$7.9 million
  - Olympic Blvd. Mobility Improvements: \$6.7 million
  - O Wellness Shuttle Fleed Upgrade and Expansion Project: \$9,485,000
  - o Whittier Blvd. Mobility Improvements: \$8.25 million
  - o Atlantic Blvd. Mobility Improvements: \$5 million
  - East LA Mobility Hub Project: \$2 million
  - o East LA Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements: \$2.5 million
  - o East LA Vision Zero Enhancements: \$10 million
  - o Floral Drive Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements: \$5 million
  - o LAC+USC Medical Center Mobility Improvements: \$30 million
  - O Micro-Mobility Program and Infrastructure Improvements: \$2.5 million
  - O Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Enhancements: \$2.5 million
- Infrastructure improvement projects include:
  - Electrifying El Sol Shuttle lines and the Wellness Shuttle on the LAC+USC campus
  - O Corridor projects along large corridors like Cesar Chavez, Olympic, Floral, and Whittier

- Project funding allocation
  - These budgets show placeholder funding reflecting the general scope of each project, but specific improvements have intentionally not been proposed yet
  - O During the allocation of these funds, Metro did not give enough time to do a robst community outreach process, so we will be implementing a broad, comprehensive planning process for these.
  - LA County will be conducting outreach and engagement with the East LA community to define the project scope going forward

### LAC+USC Medical Center Mobility Improvements

- \$30 million allocated in placeholder funding for improvements on the Medical Center campus
- Next Steps
  - Our planning team at the Supervisor's office will be working with the Chief Executive's Office, the General Hospital Feasibility Study team, and the Department of Public Works team working on the Restorative Care Village, and the Development Authority to develop a strategy for this funding
  - O This will likely begin with a transportation access study around LAC+USC, building on insights from the General Hospital Feasibility Study to focus on roadways around the campus, including access on the existing campus as well as planned projects underway
  - We will be looking to engage a community-based organization to help with community engagement in the planning process to develop well-defined scope with buy-in from residents

### Valley Boulevard Multi-Modal Transportation Improvements Project

- A feasibility study will look at transportation improvement concepts along Valley Blvd between Union Station and the City of Alhambra boundary
- Improvements may include walking/biking paths, bus rapid transit, and rail realignments/modifications
- Funded through LA City MIP (710 funding; \$34 million) and a portion of LA County MIP (\$30 million)
- Next Steps
  - O City of LA is procuring a consultant to conduct the feasibility study
  - o First phase of the study will involve community outreach
  - O City of LA will attend a future HICP meeting for update on LA City MIP

### **Contact Information:**

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#### **Questions and Comments**

- **Vivian Escalante** (via chat): "Hello Martin, this is Vivian M. Escalante with Boyle Heights Community Partners, wanting to know how we can learn more about our Historic Brooklyn Avenue Corridor/Cesar Chavez. Even if you aren't ready with the details, we would like to be a part of future discussions."
  - Martin Reyes: The Cesar Chavez project has not started. I would love to hear any of your thoughts and would be happy to connect.
- Monica Alcaraz: We talk a lot about East LA, which is on one side of the hospital, but I want to make sure we are including Northeast LA, which was also going to be impacted by the 710 project.
  - Martin Reyes: Thank you Monica. I did invite the City to join this presentation, but they were not able to make it today due to scheduling. CD14 would like to do a presentation about what they plan to do with their funding. I can't speak too much to projects in Northeast LA because it falls in their jurisdiction. However, we at SD1 will be working closely with them to make sure community engagement efforts are consistent and that the community's perspective is brought in.
  - **Heather Hays:** Our next HICP meeting is September 4, which could be an opportunity for the City to present updates on their transportation projects.
  - O Vivian Escalante (via chat): "Thank you Monica Alcaraz, I know that Little Tokyo would like to be informed."
    - Monica Alcaraz (via chat): "The funding is to go to the communities that would have been affected by the 710 build out. I am not sure if Little Tokyo was part of it, but I could be wrong."
    - Martin Reyes (via chat): Vivian thank you for mentioning Little Tokyo. The community is not eligible for 710 funding because they are a bit far from the 710 corridor, but I have had recent meetings in the last couple of weeks with the Little Tokyo Community Council, Little Tokyo Business Association, and Little Tokyo Service Center to discuss various Metro projects in the area.
  - Alex Villalobos (via chat): "Are these outreach efforts in East LA going to be specific to location or broadly applied to all as a whole?"
  - O Martin Reyes: The projects on the list hit a lot of different corridors, not just in one part of East LA. There are also projects without a specific location, like the Vision Zero Enhancements and the Pedestrian Improvements, which will likely fund spot improvements throughout East LA. We will be reaching out to the entire community to address priority needs. If a resident brings up an issue, we can then identify the best project to put it on. If needed, we may also go back to Metro Board to revise this list.
- **Vivian Escalante** (via chat): Will above-ground monorail be considered, especially since this is a transit that is good for our environment, and cost effective?
  - o Martin Reyes: We are not looking at any fixed-rail projects as part of this project, but Metro is currently working on light rail expansion called Gold Line Eastside Extension. The Gold Line Light Rail is going to be extended from its terminus on Atlantic and Pomona, down Atlantic to Whittier. This is the Washington Blvd alignment. We are trying to get this project completed by 2028.
- **Brenda Martinez** (via chat): "You mentioned a billion dollars collected from taxes, can you explain that briefly or refer me to a website? Thank you."

- o Martin Reyes: Of course. \$700 million comes from Measure R, a sales tax expenditure plan passed in 2008 by the voters to fund the 710 North extension project. Metro also identified an additional \$300 million in state and federal funds. After the project was canceled, and the no-belt alternative was chosen, this money was reallocated to the mobility improvement projects talked about today and to similar projects in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Rosalinda Sagara (via chat): We are from a group called First Blocks of Whittier Boulevard, we represent Whittier in LA from Boyle Ave to Indiana. We would like to provide input. We need help in Boyle Heights for street sweeping and trash cleanup and other basic needs.
  - Martin Reyes (via chat): "Rosalinda I would be happy to engage with First Blocks. I will follow up with a phone call.
     Unfortunately, 710 funding can only be used for capital projects and cannot be used for operations. I would recommend reaching out to CD14 and the City of LA Departments on issues related to street sweeping, cleanliness, etc."
- Pamela Agustin (via chat): "Martin, when you say LA City, do you mean the planning department or CD14 and CD1?"
  - Martin Reyes (via chat): "Pamela Hello! I've been working with CD14, Bureau of Engineering and LADOT on these discussions."

### Feedback Poll

- Heather Hays launched a Zoom poll for member feedback on the transportation update presentation.
- 26 out of 26 respondents answered "Yes" to the question, "Did you find this discussion informative?"
- 26 out of 26 respondents answered "Yes" to the question, "Are you interested in hearing more on this topic in the future?"

## VII. 3rd and Dangler Community Benefit Agreement Presentation and Discussion

VII. 3rd and Dangler 3rd and Dangler Community Benefit Agreement Presentation and Discussion - Guadalupe Duran-Medina (Office of Supervisor Hilda Community Benefit | L. Solis) and Zoe Kranemann (National CORE)

Presentation of Voting Item - Guadalupe Duran-Medina, Office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

- The 3rd and Dangler Community Benefit Agreement was circulated to HICP members via email in advance of this meeting, and will be put to a vote today.
- The document was developed through the Oversight Committee and leads from each of the different CBA components.

## 3rd and Dangler Project Overview - Zoe Kranemann, National CORE

- Project Description
  - o 78 housing units
    - One manager's unit
    - 77 units of affordable rent (households earning 60% or less of the Area Median income)
    - 39 Supportive Housing units
  - Amenities and services
    - Community Center
    - Technology Lab
    - Youth tutoring

- Workforce development services
- Mental Health services
- 87 parking spaces
- Slide 42 shows a snapshot of what the first floor will look like. There will be a green space on a small parcel next to the building itself.
- o Community Advisory Committee
  - National CORE, the developer, will work with the committee and local CBOs to facilitate the benefits described in the benefits agreement.
- Benefit Areas
  - Health and Wellness/Salud y Bienestar
    - Fitness classes
    - Healthy cooking classes
    - Health screenings
    - Healthcare navigation
    - Other trainings
    - The project will have a large space that is open to the community for these activities
  - Community Stability and Housing/Estabilidad Comunitaria y Vivienda
    - We want to ensure that residents can have healthy lives, and can remain housed if they are facing a crisis.
    - Individual Resident Assistance & Community Wellness Services include:
      - Healthcare access
      - Nutritional food sufficiency programs
      - Rental and housing assistance
      - Utility Assistance
      - Others
  - o Economic Development/Desarrollo Económico
    - National CORE is focused on supporting economic mobility, including homeownership, for those in our communities.
    - We offer Economic Mobility Training, including:
      - Credit
      - Money Management
      - Banking Basics
      - Savings
      - Decreased Debt
      - Improve Credit Scores
      - Others
  - Opportunity and Workforce Development/Oportunidad y Desarrollo Laboral
    - Local hire for construction

- Through the pre-construction and construction phase, we have funding from LACDA that will require 30% local hire.
- We aspire to a 50% micro-local hire (within 2-mile radius), beyond the LACDA requirement, through partnership with WDACS, other community organizations, and local colleges
- Training programs
- Aspire to local hiring for post-construction permanent position (up to 6)
- o Environmental Justice and Arts and Culture/Justicia Ambiental, Artes y Cultura
  - ¼ of energy produced on-site (required through funding)
  - Sustainable and Environmentally Friendly Features
    - Landscaping fronting 3rd St. including water efficient/drought tolerant plants.
    - Possibility for rooftop edible garden
    - Solar panels
  - Open Green Space
    - Open Space Committee
  - \$75,000 for Public Art Work
    - Work with architect to identify potential places for mural art
    - Will reach out to local art community so that it reflects the community and history of the area
    - Public Art Committee
  - We will follow Department of Health guidelines on the materials we can use in order to maximize carbon absorption and minimize pollution
- Safety and Youth Services/Seguridad y Servicios Juveniles
  - Programs will be open to anyone from the local community, not just residents
  - Preparing At-Risk Youth for future self-sufficiency
    - Homework help
    - Character development
    - Exercise
    - Nutrition education
    - College/career exposure
- Transportation and Access/Transporte y Acceso
  - LA County is our co-applicant for our Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funding.
  - The LA County Public Works will be providing a number of improvements secured by this funding, including upgrades to streets and sidewalks, bus shelters, and biking and walking paths
  - Additional funding will go to the purchase of 5 LADOT zero-emission Dash buses and 5 LA Metro zero-emission buses to expand services in East LA
- Committees
  - Existing Committees
    - Community Advisory Committee (oversees project benefits) HICP
    - Open Space Committee (oversees open space, pocket park planning and edible garden) Legacy LA

- Public Art Committee Self Help Graphics
- Local and Target Hire WDACS will be incorporated into HICP workgroup
- Local Notification and Outreach Committee InnerCity Struggle and Eastside LEADS
- Community Services / Community Center InnerCity Struggle
- Community Advisory Members
  - Gabriela Solorzano
  - Brenda Ortega
  - Greg Bonett
  - Guadalupe Duran-Medina
  - María Leon
  - Ozzie Lopez
  - Pamela Agustin
  - Yolanda Duarte
  - Andrea Marchetti
  - Isidro Villanueva
  - Grace Ramirez Gaston
  - Betty Avila
  - Maria Brenes
  - Lou Calanche
- O National CORE Development Partners:
  - Zoe Kranemann
  - Cynthia Mejia

## Next Steps - Rosa Soto

- If the CBA is approved, sign and submit to County
- HICP will host at least quarterly meetings
- Update on CBA progress to HICP quarterly
- Thank you to everyone involved in the Oversight Committee for ensuring all the community's concerns are reflected in the CBA, and to National CORE for engaging in the CBA process.

## **Questions and Comments**

- Rosalinda Sagara (via chat): What does affordable housing really look like in terms of actual rent to be paid?
  - O Zoe Kranemann: The rents are set by our funding sources. Affordability is based on rent as a percent of income for people making no more than 60% of AMI. Some units are available for those making 30% or less, 50% or less, or 60% or less than AMI. At the top of that range, a 2-bedroom will rent for about \$1300 per month. For 50% of AMI, a 2-bedroom is \$1100 per month. One-bedrooms are \$900 for the top income range. A studio apartment is \$500-\$700 per month.

- **Brenda Martinez** (via chat): What are the criteria and process to qualify people who are homeless to receive affordable housing?
  - Zoe Kranemann: LACDA has strict criteria. We applied to provide housing for people at risk of homelessness or formerly homeless residents. People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) is our partner, they are approved service provider from the county.
  - O **Monica Alcaraz:** For this process, applicants go through a coordinated entry system. People who are homeless who are eligible get matched to units.
- **Yolanda Duarte-White** (via chat): There is no budget attached or references for the maintenance of the pocket park. Who is responsible for maintenance and security?
  - O Zoe Kranemann: National CORE will own the land and pay for its development. We are willing to work with a local community-based organization to develop it. CORE will provide security, maintenance, and servicing, but any park programming would be a collaboration with the community.
- Yolanda Duarte-White (via chat): Will the mural be permanent (this would be preferred)?
  - o Zoe Kranemann: Yes, the art will be permanent and the CORE will provide maintenance for it.
- **Beatriz Zaragoza** (via chat): "This is my first time attending an HICP meeting. I may have missed this information from a previous session. Did National CORE complete a community impact study? Can it be emailed to me?"
  - O Zoe Kranemann: This project is being developed on 3rd and Dangler, which falls under the 3rd Street Specific Plan. National CORE meets all the design guidelines laid out in that plan. The 3rd Street Specific Plan did all the analysis and studies that led to the design standards; National CORE itself did not. However, we did do broad community outreach to gain input and feedback on the project design.
  - Beatriz Zaragoza (via chat): "In regards to the community impact study, I'm not referring to the design, I want to know
    if there was a community impact study on how this project will affect the current landlords and tenants of the
    community."
    - Zoe Kranemann: National CORE relies on work done by the county planning department on design standards based on traffic, pollution, school services, etc. National CORE did not engage in studies, but we engaged in outreach. For example, one of the first things we did early on was hold an at-large meeting where we learned that traffic and parking was a main concern. Underground parking is expensive, and we were not required to provide parking because the development is across from the Metro. However, we heard from the that parking was a big concern, so we revised our design to add an additional parking level and increase on-site parking from 40 to 87 spaces.
- **Beatriz Zaragoza** (via chat) noted that unit sizes, rent, and budgets were not included in the CBA, and asked if a budget would be made available. **Rosalinda Sagara** and **Brenda Martinez** also asked about rent tables in the chat.
  - O Zoe Kranemann: The development agreement is a public document, so there will be a project budget, rent schedules, etc. I am about to finalize that and will forward it to LACDA. LACDA needs to approve it according to their underwriting standards before it becomes public. It should be available next week.
- Brenda Martinez (via chat): Who is the homeless partner?
  - Zoe Kranemann: The homeless partner is People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). They have been around a very long time.

- Monica Alcaraz: PATH is a really great partner. They just opened a couple of buildings on the Westside, and they really
  good at providing wraparound services to people that live in their units.
- Rosalinda Sagara (via chat): How can I get people I know who are homeless on a list for housing and wraparound services?
  - Monica Alcaraz: Anyone who is homeless and wants to get on the list can self-refer on <u>LA-HOP.org.</u> An outreach team will then meet people where they are staying to do an intake. However, that would not guarantee they get a place in this particular building.
- O Rosalinda Sagara (via chat): When are the applications available for Dangler and Veranda?
  - This project is currently about 80% funded. We are planning to apply for our last piece of funding in September, and we feel pretty confident about it. If we are successful in this round of funding, we plan to close construction financing in April-May next year. Construction will take about two years and is projected to finish in the first quarter of 2023. Per the CBA, we will be sending out and organizing workshops to area residents via CBOs, so they know how to apply and can be ready to do so when the application opens.
- **Vivian Escalante** (via chat): "This is such an amazing project, and it covers the needs of the community, including all of the parking, which is an ongoing problem in Boyle Heights and throughout Los Angeles. And it includes studios and one-bedrooms, which we feel is very important yet not considered in Boyle Heights....Great Community Project."
  - O Rosalinda Sagara (via chat): "It's great... we need 100 more across the city."
  - O Brenda Ortega (via chat): "Agree with Rosalinda!"

### Temperature Check to Proceed to Partnership Vote

- **Heather Hays** launched a poll about whether attendees would like to proceed to a membership vote on the CBA and the opportunity for HICP to be able to oversee the CBA.
  - o 14 out of 16 respondents said "I am ready for the membership to vote on this issue."
  - o 2 out of 16 respondents said "I would like to further discuss this issue before voting."
- Rosa Soto: The Community Benefit Agreement we are signing is the skeleton of CBA components and drafts of committee
  processes. There is still an opportunity to develop details at the committee level about how early notifications of the
  community will be done, pocket park plan and design, local and targeted hire. This is not the only opportunity for HICP input.
- **Guadalupe Duran-Medina:** Since we have some new members here today, I want to share that this project went through quite extensive community input. There were standing meetings with the developer, at-large meetings before COVID, and numerous virtual meetings with CBOs and stakeholders. The CBA establishes a framework to follow up on the elements that were brought up in that outreach and ensure community oversight.
- Maria Brenes (via chat): "The Oversight Committee has reviewed CBA language several times and will continue to monitor FYI
- **Heather Hays** invited questions from those who indicated they wanted further discussion. When no questions were posed, a second poll was launched.
  - o 15 out of 16 respondents said "I am ready for the membership to vote on this issue."
  - o 1 out of 16 respondents said "I would like to further discuss this issue before voting."
  - O Based on poll results, discussion was concluded and we moved to close the regular meeting.

| VIII. Regular       | Heather Hays launched a meeting feedback poll.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Meeting             | O For the question, "On a scale from 1 - 5, how informative was today's meeting? 1=not informative and 5=very                                                                                                                                                    |
| Adjournment         | informative":                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                     | ■ 15 out of 20 respondents answered "5"                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                     | ■ 3 out of 20 respondents answered "4"                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                     | ■ 2 out of 20 respondents answered "3"                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                     | <ul> <li>For the question "What could have been done differently?," 8 respondents answered "Time allocation for each<br/>speaker."</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    |
|                     | The next HICP Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 4, 2020. Agenda items include updates on affordable housing                                                                                                                                             |
|                     | projects in Eastside areas, a discussion of permanent supportive housing in the Restorative Care Village, and a transportation update from the City of LA.                                                                                                       |
|                     | <ul> <li>The regular meeting adjourned, and non-voting members were excused for the membership vote on the 3rd and Dangler CBA.</li> <li>Next regular meeting will be the first Friday in September – September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 hosted via Zoom.</li> </ul> |
| IX. 3rd and Dangler | • In response to a question, Heather Hays noted that 17 of the founding 40 members had signed the membership agreements                                                                                                                                          |
| Community Benefit   | to serve as a voting member, but that many County staff have declined to have a voting role within HICP, preferring to serve in                                                                                                                                  |
| Agreement Vote      | a consultative, advisory and partnership role without the                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                     | Launched a poll with the question "Do you vote to accept and sign the Community Benefit Agreement for the 3rd and Dangler                                                                                                                                        |
|                     | project?"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                     | <ul> <li>The voting membership voted unanimously for HICP to accept and sign the CBA.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                     | <ul> <li>Voting was concluded and the special meeting adjourned.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                      |