



California Department of Transportation
District 7 (Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)
100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

SR-1 Corridor Plan TAC Meeting

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12/13/2021 (Monday)

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM (Microsoft Teams)

MEETING MINUTES

Olivia Harris Arant (Corridor Manager) - Welcome to the first TAC meeting for the PCH Corridor.

Welcome all from Shefa Bhuiyan (Branch Chief) and Dan Kopulsky (Office Chief). This is a broad corridor study that will at times focus on specific areas. Thanks for your attendance today.

Presentation Introduced.

TAC Meeting #1 which provides overview of meeting.

TAC Committee- roles and responsibilities introduced. Everyone invited is an expert in their area. TAC will meet every 6 weeks.

8-step process introduced.

Step 1: Scope effort & assemble team

Step 2: Gather info, criteria, data and emphasis areas.

Focus on climate change resiliency

Focus on reducing conflict between all users (whatever mode you are using).

We are in a hybrid step of 1 and 2 as the project team is assembled and we are currently gathering data and working on the emphasis areas.

Project Overview

Segment shown (LA PM 35.18 to VEN PM 15.10)

Goal of corridor plan – safety improvements and climate change resiliency.

California Coastal Commission (CCC) granted a project permit for 2 secant walls. The permit stipulated that a corridor plan for the portion of SR-1 where the project is located must be completed within 5 years of project completion.

Purpose & Need shared with group.

Plan will develop short and long-term improvements/projects. Provide strategies and address funding by collaborative discussions with Caltrans, partner agencies.

Olivia will provide meeting materials to those who requested it in chat.

Reece Allen introduced to talk about Climate Change.



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We have various climate change documents that outline different strategies for sea level rise and other climate features along this corridor. We have a report outline that will identify what will be included.

Olivia Harris Arant: Goal of document structure is to provide a high-level overview and a starting point for working groups.

Outline shared with group.

Climate section is pretty detailed already.

Analyze existing studies and culminating in a list of projects & strategies that will inform our overall corridor projects & strategies.

Active transportation, complete streets, and transit section will be fleshed out in working group.

Will also talk about funding opportunities for the plan.

GIS map and viewer are a long way off.

Initial working groups are Climate Change and Complete Streets/Active Transportation/Transit.

Our external partners can join the working groups by reaching out to Olivia. You can be as involved as you want to be. Safety & Equity are not in separate working groups as these will be considered in each working group throughout the process as these are the guiding principles.

CAPTI is also a guiding document.

Engagement Efforts

We want to work w/our externals on engagement. Caltrans is willing to present at external meetings, participate in coordinated media blasts (i.e., Twitter accounts) and use external partners tools for community engagement (i.e., Zoom). We want our external partners to think about how to work with us to engage members of their communities. Olivia happy to set up focus meetings with externals.

Open Discussion

Michael Schneider, Streets for All – at the end of the day, we need to make room for protected bike lanes and bus only lanes, is there any chance that will happen? Does not want to see another good plan relegated to the shelf.

Dan Kopulsky, Caltrans – this plan will give a menu of projects but this is not the implementation phase. We'll show a strategy of projects but not the specific funding. Direction is to handle climate change and safety before the project is implemented.

Mine Struhl, Caltrans – part of the goal of the workshops is to bring together these discussions, what the needs are from Caltrans' view and what the locals views the needs are. This is a mechanism to discuss these priorities.

Robert Glaser, Regional Planning. What is the timeline for these deliverables?



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Olivia Harris Arant -the plan should take 2 years to complete, generous timeline. Working groups to meet in January and the timelines will come out of that work.

Amanda Fagan, VCTC – included in chat. PCH receives the highest motorist aid call for services in the County of Ventura. From a safety perspective, this will affect the Purpose & Need. She will send the info to Olivia.

Alfredo Torales, City of Santa Monica – clarity wanted on the southern end of the project. Near Lincoln and Ocean Ave.

Olivia Harris Arant– Study will look at the part of PCH within Caltrans right-of-way.

Dan Kopulsky – Lincoln will not be included in this study. The tunnel is where the project will be included, where the highway goes under Ocean and turns along the coast.

Shannon Fiala – would like a slide that shows who is on the TAC. Full scope of agencies that are included in this committee.

Olivia Harris Arant– LADOT, BBB, SCAG, Bicycle Coalition, Streets for All, Ventura & LA County Public Works, LA County Beaches & Harbors, City of Oxnard, etc.

Shannon Fiala– curious will there be a plan to include community engagement beyond the TAC. Will there also be a public engagement component?

Olivia Harris Arant– final slide was how to work with our externals' engagement partners; would like to work with TAC partners to the broadest extent that we can.

Severin Martinez, LADOT – echo the importance of working with CCC. City has run into issues because of access requirements with removing one parking space. Will determine with his agency if he is the best person to be invited at his department.

Dan Kopulsky, Caltrans– points out that local representation may mean several specialties represented within a department

Shannon Fiala, CCC – active transportation needs- will corridor plan rely on the Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan data or will this reinvent the wheel?

Cuong Trinh, Caltrans- the CAT Plan will generate a needs assessment for locations that have bicycle or pedestrian user needs. We have that available to our System Planning counterparts so that we do not have to reinvent the wheel.

Mine Struhl, Caltrans – her office has both Complete Streets and Climate Change. It is more than sharing the data. There will be shaping of the data.

Cuong Trinh, Caltrans – Data that went into the CAT Plan is crash data, active transportation data, etc. It will be reflective of needs for bicycles/pedestrians to analyze and complete. Our partner jurisdictions have taken count data (bike/ped counts), which has been incorporated into this corridor plan.

Danielle LeFer, Parks – would like to understand the process for State Parks as they own quite a bit of land along this corridor. How would they get involved before the decision making impacts



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the land? In the past, Caltrans has projects that required vegetation to be removed for other infrastructure needs. Caltrans is not always aware of the ownership of the parcel.

Mine Struhl, Caltrans– this is a plan. Not a project. At this point there will not be any impacts discussion.

Dan Kopulsky, Caltrans– Danielle can outline what should be done/can't be done with state properties from her perspective. Projects may not start for a while, but she can define the process at this point in the planning process.

Amanda Fagan, VCTC – might consider adding a representative of the Naval Base. Contact to be shared as they would be an important neighbor to include. Also suggest that opportunity to present to Ventura's Transportation TAC (TTAC) or commission. Amanda to follow-up with an email regarding this info.

Aaron Engstrom, VC Planning – this corridor plan compared to other corridor plans? It is an eligible scenic hwy. Projecting the future issues/uses or a typical highway corridor plan?

Dan Kopulsky, Caltrans – Corridor plans are more multimodal in nature. PCH is similar but this has special issues that are being focused on.

Shefa Bhuiyan, Caltrans- We are working on 6 other multimodal corridors. The focus for the PCH Plan is on climate change resiliency and safety.

Tami Grove, CCC –good to acknowledge this plan is needed because of the vulnerability of the coast. Kudos to Dan and Mine for having the willpower to address this. Looking forward to working with you by focusing on Climate Change and Complete Streets, will be focusing on a lot of issues. Want to do what integration they can with other plans. Wants strong linkages between this plan and Vulnerability Impact Assessments that Caltrans has put together. Also, Critical Infrastructure Guidance document that was recently adopted by the Commission.

Hopes to receive information packet with enough time to understand the pertinent background, material before the next meeting.

Shefa Bhuiyan, Caltrans – agrees that PCH is crying out for attention for many years. We are working in partnership with Climate Change and Complete Streets. We look forward to working with CCC.

Olivia Harris Arant– only agenda sent. Externals do not have access to Microsoft Teams where we post the materials. Meeting minutes, PowerPoint and Purpose & Need to be sent out to everyone, including externals. Going forward, meeting packets will be sent out beforehand.

Mine Struhl, Caltrans- we are looking forward to working with CCC. Vulnerability Assessment and other reports will be put to good use. Environmental has been working on sea-level rise. We intend to be very comprehensive on this plan.



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Closing Remarks

Contact Olivia if you want to set up a focused meeting. See everyone in 6 weeks.

Dan Kopulsky, Caltrans – we sometimes put together a charter for the direction headed.

Action Items

- **Chat request for meeting materials from CCC, LA County staff (William Chen)**
- **Amanda Fagan, VCTC to email naval base contact, email annual and current monthly callbox reports. She also suggested that Caltrans present to TTAC or Star Commission. Amanda to send follow-up email.**
- **Michael Schneider, Streets for All, wants to be part of the Complete Streets working group**

Meeting Attendees:

1. Rawan Al Jamal
2. Edward Alegre
3. Alfredo Torales
4. Reece Allen
5. Amanda Fagan
6. Arthur (Guest)
7. Osama Assaad
8. Shefa Bhuiyan
9. Caleb Brock
10. Cassandra Carlin
11. Sergio Carvajal
12. Marina Cazorla
13. Frank Ching
14. Aaron Engstrom
15. Florigna G Feliciano
16. Felix Adelaida
17. Shannon Fiala
18. Jason Finley
19. Leah Fisher
20. Tami Grove
21. Miya R Edmonson
22. Olivia Harris Arant
23. Trevor Hill
24. Hina Chanchlani
25. Aleksandr Holm
26. Karen Perez Rubio
27. Dan Kopulsky
28. Gianfranco Laurie



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29. Danielle LeFer
30. Emmanuel Liban
31. Jacob Lummen
32. Robert Machuca
33. Harrison Martin
34. Benjamin Medina
35. Michael Schneider
36. Cesar Moreno
37. Anthony Phan
38. Jacqueline Phelps
39. Nick Pisano
40. Carlo Ramirez
41. Robert Glaser
42. Abdolhossein Saghafi
43. Tina San
44. Jordan Sanchez
45. Keith L Sellers
46. Severin Martinez
47. James A Shankel
48. Ryan Snyder
49. Andra L Speck
50. Zuhair Takriti
51. Cuong Trinh
52. Nam Vo
53. William Chen
54. Kate Anderson
55. Son Dao
56. Steve Offerman
57. Mine Struhl
58. Sean Drake
59. Charles Lau