



## Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP) Steering Committee

Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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### MEETING AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER *(3 minutes)*

#### WELCOME *(7 minutes)*

- In the chat: Enter Name, Pronouns, & Organization/Resident
- Question of the Day: Share one word to describe 2023 so far.

#### STEP PROJECT STATUS/NEW DEVELOPMENTS

##### a. Quick Build Project - LADOT *(25 minutes)*

##### a. Presentation

Margot Ocanas, Supervising Transportation Planner at LADOT. The team's area of focus is developing neighborhood streets, particularly those we call our Neighborhood Streets to improve their comfort, safety and convenience to using non-vehicles modes of travel, such as walking, scooters, bicycles and electric devices. We have been brought on to project manage what we call the STEP NEN (Neighborhood Enhanced Network) Quick Build Project.

We are one of seven other programs that fall under the CARB STEP umbrella. Those programs include:

- Universal Mobility Wallet
- Electric Mobility (E-Bike)
- Neighborhood Enhanced Network (NEN) Quick Build Project
- Rail to Rail First Mile- Last Mile
- Charging for All
- Zero Emissions Delivery Solutions
- Stakeholder Engagement & Outreach

What's exciting about our Quick Build Project is that there is a lot of crossover. We are reaching out to the other projects to find ways to work together.

NEN (Neighborhood Enhanced Network), the focus of this project is to identify neighborhood streets that may be more comfortable and



convenient to connect people from their starting points to their everyday destinations.

The [Mobility Plan 2035](#) includes a subsection called Neighborhood Enhanced Network, represented in blue. They are all the individual neighborhood streets that we want to test through neighborhood engagement. We believe that these are the streets that if we build them out correctly, they can be those connecting streets between the people who want to travel between the destinations they want to get to.

The goal of our Quick Build in South LA is to focus on 1 or 2 NEN segments and build them out. Another goal not stated, is to shift/ increase the number of people to make a decision to travel within their neighborhoods using non-fossil fuel vehicles.

She provided the difference between a Quick Build Project and Capital Project. The NEN project is a Quick Build Project because of the types of materials used to bring changes to the streets. What the project will NOT do is break pour concrete. Temporary materials will be used, not highly expensive. The intent is to create corridors quickly, test them and get feedback from the community. Lower cost and quick turnaround to complete the projects. If residents want to maintain these corridors, there will be a grant application option to make these projects into a more permanent phase.

Where do we seek to place these treatments? A map shown, shows East and West corridors, identified in the Mobility Plan. Currently there is no funding to build out all of the routes, so instead we are doing democracy by dots and conducting an online survey to collect data to see which streets the local communities feel would be most helpful, where the largest density of NEN users and highest densities of destinations. The survey will be available for the next two months.

The reason we are doing East/West corridors and not North/South corridors is that many of the North/South corridors are already scopes of works of other projects or have been funded.

When we talk about improvements that we'd like to include:

- A 15 mph gateway, we tend to put these at the beginning and end of blocks which enforces drivers to reduce their speed. The constriction is a slowing mechanism
- A continental crosswalk, making sure we highlight a zone meant for pedestrians.

- Vertical delineator, included on certain streets to help prevent u-turns and provides a guide for people to stick to their lanes and slow down.
  
- Temporary traffic circle, this is helpful in neighborhoods where there is a stop at the beginning and end of the block. The circle forces people to reduce speed and comply with the stop sign.
- Center median, this is shorter, but can be longer. The purpose is to reduce street space available for vehicles, again with the intent to reduce speed.
- Bicycle lanes built in a curve extension, the goal is to expand the standing area for pedestrians. This provides higher visibility.
- A temporary speed cushion/speed hump
- LADOT will work on Engineering plans, procurement and installation. In addition to identifying the types of treatments that will be put around the routes identified.
- Partners like CicLAvia and SLATE-Z are very important in the process. They will work on community engagement and receiving feedback from residents in the community.
  - Tafarai Bayne from CicLAvia reported on key activities:
    - Engaging at Transit WG meetings
    - Engaging at Resident Advisory Committee Meetings
    - Engaging at Community and Steering Committee Meetings
    - Online survey campaign
    - CicLAvia Happening on June 18th to engage bicyclists.
    - Series of bike ride events in the summer to do an audit and get feedback, as well as bike education with riders.
    - A pop-up event in October towards the end of the process to get feedback of design elements of the streets identified in the survey.
  - Stephanie Ramirez from SLATE-Z added that she wants to be able to utilize the RAC members' experience to complete the survey. She went on to inform the RAC members that there would be a special RAC meeting on May 30, 2023 to walk through the survey that they could share with friends, family, networks in particular with neighbors that live in the project area, as a way to narrow down where the pop-up demonstrations will be happening.



- Stipends will be provided to RAC members as part of the participation to help gather as many online survey results during CicLAvia.
- b. Survey
- Survey was shared so that the partners and RAC members could familiarize themselves with it and share with their friends.

c. Questions

- RAC Member Tim Jones asked if we have thought through the negative aspects, like taking away the parking that may be criticized.
- Margot Ocanas responded that we want to be very deliberate about the types of treatments relative to negative parking impact. Once we identify which corridor we are working on, we'll have rank order what the biggest problems are. A critical issue in being able to travel what she calls stress free on some of those streets, the biggest issues tend to come in those crossings where a neighborhood street connects with an ulterior. She reported that they are well versed in the concern with parking. They will need to assess the local context and see how many options there we may have to address that issue. We'll need to be very transparent in sharing the treatment relative to the benefit and negative impact. The goal is that in Summer months we'll collect data to point us to the right route. Once a route is decided, an assessment will be made at pop-up events to choose treatment, build an engineering plan and build it out. This will give an opportunity to have open dialogue and there may be a give and take.
- RAC Member, Tim Jones pointed out that there were no parked cars in any of the pictures shown.
- Avi Shavit from LA METRO asked if we would be looking at the safety data, the environmental data may not resonate with many.
- Tafarai Bayne from CicLAvia responded that there is very little data, in particular for these neighborhoods.

b. Event - **CicLAvia** (15 minutes)

a. Presentation

- Tafarai Bayne from CicLAvia reported that an event will be hosted by Holly J. Mitchell Juneteenth Festival, with STEP Hub on Sunday, June 18, 2023, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- This Sunday. 5/21/23, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, CicLAmini Watts, 1 mile, programming through all the events
- Hosting 9 events this year
  - 2/26/23, The Valley
  - 4/16/23, Mid City meets Pico Union
  - 5/21/23, CicLAmini Watts
  - 6/18/23, South LA
  - 8/20/23, Koreatown meets Hollywood
  - 9/17/23, CicLAmini North Hollywood
  - 10/15/23, Heart of LA
  - 12/3/23, South LA
- Next year, 12 events will be held, once each month.

b. Questions & Feedback



**GENERAL QUESTIONS** *(5 minutes)*

- RAC Member Jesus Benavides, commented that this was awesome and that he had been waiting for it to be done in Vermont!

**NEXT STEPS & CLOSING** *(5 minutes)*

- Reminder Next Meeting: Tuesday June 20, 2023