

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning  
 East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan  
**Agency and CBO Stakeholder Meeting | Meeting Notes**

**Attendees**

| Name                   | Organization                                                                             |
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| Rosendo Garcia         | WDACS / San Gabriel Valley Service Center                                                |
| Guadalupe Duran-Medina | Planning Deputy, Supervisor Hilda L Solis                                                |
| Andrea Gullo           | Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority                                              |
| Mike Hughes            | Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority/<br>Hacienda Heights Improvement Association |
| Lourdes L. Alvarez     | Foothill Transit                                                                         |
| Nilda Gemeniano        | LA County Public Works                                                                   |
| Andrew Ross            | LA County Public Works                                                                   |
| Shirley Lai            | LA County Public Works                                                                   |
| Clement Lau            | LA County Parks and Recreation                                                           |
| Michelle O'Connor      | LA County Parks and Recreation- Trails Planning                                          |
| Kristen Pawling        | LA County Chief Sustainability Office                                                    |
| Adrine Arakelian       | LA County Regional Planning                                                              |
| James Drevno           | LA County Regional Planning                                                              |
| Mi Kim                 | LA County Regional Planning                                                              |
| Norman Ornelas Jr.     | LA County Regional Planning                                                              |

**Activity: East San Gabriel Valley Issues and Opportunities**

In this activity, meeting attendees split into small groups to identify local issues and opportunities through the lens of their organization. The following is a summary of the responses received from the small groups. They are organized by some of the related elements of the Area Plan. Bolded responses were prioritized by the group.

| Health and Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paving sidewalks with permeable pavement to make places ADA accessible</li> <li>• Retrofit existing structures for fire safety</li> <li>• Provide winter shelters.</li> <li>• More bike paths</li> </ul> | <b>Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extreme Heat</li> <li>• <b>Air Pollution</b></li> <li>• Wildfire Risk</li> <li>• Extreme Cold</li> <li>• Inland flooding</li> <li>• Sufficient lighting in dark areas and bus shelters</li> <li>• Homelessness and shelters</li> </ul> |
| Land Use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redeveloping some areas that are currently not being used into a mixed use area with housing, transit oriented communities, shopping centers</li> </ul>                                                  | <b>Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Housing Affordability</li> <li>○ Gentrification</li> <li>○ <b>Homelessness</b></li> <li>○ Lack of historic preservation</li> </ul>                                                                                                     |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keep the 3000 acres of Puente Hills as open space</b></li> <li>• <b>Concentrate development in infill areas</b></li> <li>• Allow development around bus routes</li> <li>• Identify historic character of communities</li> <li>• Add affordable housing with new development and infrastructure to address change in market</li> <li>• <b>Build more homeless shelters</b></li> <li>• Reevaluate waiving requirements for subdivisions to support plan outcomes.</li> <li>• Provide a clearly worded vision to support development requirements</li> </ul> |  |
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**Mobility**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Teach individuals the benefits of clean vehicles and the money saving opportunities of taking transit</li> <li>○ Control or decrease traffic</li> <li>○ Congestion pricing</li> <li>○ <b>Wildlife corridors</b></li> <li>○ <b>More bus routes</b></li> <li>○ Plan for goods movement (trucks)</li> <li>○ Separate pedestrians, bicyclists, traffic.</li> <li>○ Improve transit access</li> <li>○ Expand dial-a-ride</li> <li>○ Provide safe pedestrian areas</li> <li>○ Permeable treatments for new transit infrastructure.</li> <li>○ Support and expand greenways and trails</li> <li>○ Improve community mobility.</li> <li>○ Increase active transportation opportunities. This requires agencies to work together</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Too many cars per household</li> <li>○ Make all transit stops ADA compliant</li> <li>○ Preserve green space</li> <li>○ <b>Traffic and congestion (Colima Blvd, Hacienda Blvd, SR-60)</b></li> <li>○ Exhaust from mobility is degrading wildlife</li> <li>○ How is ADA compliance considered?</li> <li>○ How can we achieve ADA compliance with greening?</li> <li>○ Transit access is limited</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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**Environmental Justice and Social Equity**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open up Schabarum trail</li> <li>○ Provide more vegetation to sequester carbon emissions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Air Pollution from vehicles, trucks, and rail</b></li> <li>○ Access to and loss of green and open space</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reduce emissions, promote EV charging stations.</li> <li>○ Provide a mechanism to preserve green space.</li> <li>○</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contaminated sites</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Economic Development</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opportunities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Focus economic development around bus routes</b></li> <li>○ Provide incentives for green/health-oriented businesses</li> <li>○ Expand green zones program to this area if feasible, or apply lessons learned from green zones program to this area</li> <li>○ Improve maintenance and security of business to encourage people to want to shop there</li> <li>○ Maintenance district along commercial corridors</li> <li>○ Zoning to support local neighborhood commerce</li> <li>○ Vibrant commercial corridors with more green space</li> <li>○ Provide a hierarchy of commercial land uses to promote hubs and routes to destinations</li> <li>○ Support economic development in community hubs</li> <li>○ Signage to showcase history and community identity.</li> <li>○ <b>Greater placemaking.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Infrastructure</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opportunities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More lighting on streets</li> <li>○ Utility corridors and brownfields (with remediation) could be opportunities to expand open space</li> <li>○ More lighting on streets</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Issues             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anything above 150' is bad for wildlife, and lights/beacons are bad for wildlife.</li> <li>○ Flooding</li> <li>○ Water Quality, from point source to nonpoint source</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Sustainability</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opportunities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Air pollution monitoring</li> <li>○ EV charging facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Issues             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Air Pollution</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cooling facilities</li> <li>○ Lead hazard abatement</li> <li>○ Hazard abatement program</li> <li>○ EV charging at county facilities</li> <li>○ <b>Preserve open space, promote infill development with buffers</b></li> <li>○ Public facilities should be LEED certified</li> <li>○ Habitat roofs/green roofs</li> <li>○ Education on sustainability, transit</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development within 500' of high capacity roadways with sensitive land uses</li> </ul>                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Partnerships</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opportunities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work with cities and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments</li> <li>○ Proterra</li> <li>○ Temple/ Homestead Museum</li> <li>○ Many cities participated in the development of the Sustainability Plan.</li> <li>○ <b>We need to pay attention to social impact.</b></li> <li>○ Promote topic-focused coalitions</li> <li>○ Leverage resources for greatest public benefit</li> <li>○ Work with local cities to find opportunities for continuous paths in a joint effort.</li> <li>○ Enhance community buy-in through the planning process</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Issues             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of communication between agencies and with stakeholders, especially in terms of funding</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Public Services and Facilities</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opportunities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Multi-use public space</li> <li>○ Community pocket parks</li> <li>○ Monuments at public parks.</li> <li>○ People want to be in open space</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |