



VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

SCOPING SUMMARY REPORT
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Caltrans Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project conducted a Public Scoping Period from April 13, 2023, through July 10, 2023. Originally the scoping period was scheduled to conclude on May 12, 2023, and was extended through May 26, 2023, and extended a second time through July 10, 2023 to fulfill the community's request of an extended comment period.

Outreach methods included a variety of engagement tools including digital such as email notifications, social media, and the virtual meeting room (VMR). More traditional methods included meeting flyer mailers, direct phone calls, newspaper advertisements and attending local farmers markets.

Two scoping meetings were held which included a formal presentation and concluded with an opportunity to provide an official verbal comment through the court reporter.

- In-person scoping meeting: Thursday, April 27, at the East Wilmington Greenbelt Community Center
- Virtual scoping meeting: Thursday, May 4, via Zoom

Additionally, 13 stakeholder meetings were held during scoping where the project team provided a presentation which included an overview of the project, the construction staging options, the environmental process and the different methods to provide official comments. Each meeting concluded with participants providing feedback on the project or asking questions.

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was established as another response to the community's request to provide feedback, keep informed and collaborate with to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts to the community.

Throughout scoping, comments were collected via project email, mailed letters, and through the virtual meeting room online comment form. Topics ranged from extending the scoping commenting period, providing support for specific construction staging options, avoiding residential areas, fixing local roads, environmental factors, mitigation measures, forming a Community Advisory Committee, etc.



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The comments collected will help inform topics and concerns to consider or address in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Overview

It is Caltrans' mission to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Outreach efforts detailed in this summary report will demonstrate Caltrans' efforts and activities were consistent with Caltrans Equity Statement.

The project team conducted scoping and outreach to support the development of the Draft EIR. Outreach efforts have been consistent with the project's Public Involvement Plan, which embraces in-person/virtual meetings for the scoping period, engagement via digital and grassroots efforts including attending local farmers markets, along with strategically connecting with local stakeholders, local government, and community groups. Outreach strategies and communications with all audiences were tailored and appropriately developed messaging was implemented to meet the needs of the surrounding communities. Due to the large population of diverse stakeholders located in the region, and potential temporary traffic impacts during construction, public information was available in both digital and physical materials in English and Spanish.

1.2. Outreach Purpose

Outreach activities to inform and engage the public were focused on delivering a project consistent with Caltrans Mission, Vision, and Goals and commitments to transparent, equitable and inclusive public engagement for the life of the project.

The project team aimed at introducing the project, goals, schedule, resources, inclusive messaging for public outreach and engagement. Distribution of information was maximized within the project area and to other interested stakeholders, such as the public, commuters, and surrounding communities. All project materials included the purpose and need, project description and schedule, the environmental process, and how to provide comments while meeting the technical team's responsibility to meet and exceed public outreach requirements mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Ultimately, the project team engaged the communities surrounding the Vincent Thomas Bridge, as well as the communities surrounding the conceptual traffic detour routes, to not only inform them, but to allow them to participate and



submit a comment in an easily accessible and equitable manner. Information and opportunity to comment was provided both virtually and in-person and in English and Spanish. The online Virtual Meeting Room with project information and an outlet to provide comments, was also accessible 24/7.

1.3. Responding to Community Requests - Extended Outreach

In response to multiple requests, Caltrans extended the comment period to allow ample time for stakeholders and the public to be informed, submit comments, and provide feedback on the Build alternative and potential traffic routes.

Initially, the comment period began Thursday, April 13, 2023, and scheduled to close Friday, May 12, 2023. At the May 4, 2023, virtual scoping meeting, Caltrans extended the comment period an additional 14 days, until Friday, May 26, 2023.

Subsequently, following the scoping meetings and requests from local elected officials, community groups and the public, Caltrans extended the comment period for an additional 45 days, until Monday, July 10, 2023.

Caltrans prepared to facilitate extended outreach with local community organizations and groups to engage with a wider community audience. Consequently, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was formed as a direct response to community leaders and elected officials' requests. The first CAC meeting was held before the closing of the scoping comment period. For more information on the CAC, see Section **Error! Reference source not found.** (**Error! Reference source not found.**).

2. OUTREACH NOTIFICATIONS

Several outreach notifications were created, implemented, and made available to the public. The notification process was designed to reach a wide range of community stakeholders through a variety of distribution efforts to promote the project and scoping process effectively and efficiently, while promoting outreach and engagement opportunities.

2.1. Meeting Flyer Mailing

The meeting flyer (English and Spanish) with project details, scoping period details, an invitation to participate in the public comment process and public meetings was mailed to key locations near the project area. The meeting flyer also included public transportation stops closest to the in-person scoping meeting venue. Approximately 10,788 copies of this flyer were mailed to the locations identified in Figure 2-1 below.

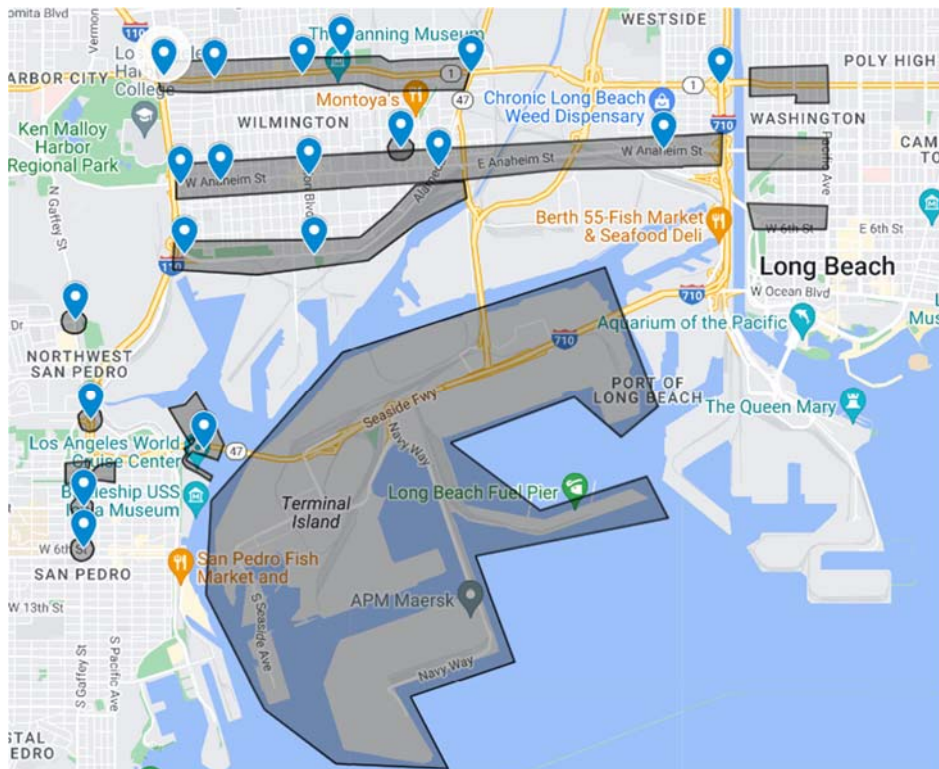


Figure 2-1: Meeting Flyer Mailing Map



2.2. Notice of Preparation/Notice of Scoping

On Thursday, April 13, 2023, the project's Notice of Preparation (NOP) was mailed via United States Postal Service (USPS) to a list of 220 elected officials, agencies and identified interested stakeholders for the initial comment period. A Notice of Scoping and Initiation of Studies letter was also included with the NOP. For the second and third mailings, to inform on the extended comment period, included a total of 428 elected officials, agencies, interested stakeholders that consisted of additional stakeholders who signed-up to receive project notifications and additional stakeholders who were added based on research.

The NOP was mailed with updated information related to the extension of the comment period. The distribution list and the NOPs can be referenced in Appendix A. The NOP was also translated in Spanish and provided to South Coast Air Quality Management District, specifically their Wilmington task force, to distribute to their community members.

Due to stakeholder feedback, Caltrans approved to extend the scoping comment period and subsequent mailings were completed for the two scoping comment period extensions. The scoping comment period extension notices can be found in Appendix A.

On May 9, 2023, the NOP and Notice of Scoping Comment Period Extension was mailed to elected officials, agencies and identified interested stakeholders and members of the public to inform them of the extended public scoping comment period, from Friday, May 12, 2023 to Friday, May 26, 2023, resulting in additional 14 days. Stakeholders who signed-up via the VMR, at local farmers markets and the scoping meetings were added to the distribution list.

On May 26, 2023, the Notice of Scoping Comment Period Extension was mailed to elected officials, agencies and identified interested stakeholders to inform them of the extended public scoping comment period, from Friday, May 26, 2023 to Monday, July 10, 2023, resulting in an additional 45 days.

2.3. Newspaper Publications

Ads to publish the NOP were placed in the following newspapers for publication as required to initiate the scoping phase.



Table 2-1: NOP Newspaper Publications

Newspaper Publication	Publication Date(s) – Initial Comment Period
1. La Opinion (Spanish-language ad)	Thursday, April 13, 2023
2. Daily Breeze	Thursday, April 13, 2023
3. Long Beach Press Telegram	Thursday, April 13, 2023

2.4. Email Notifications

A series of six email blasts (eblasts) were sent via MailChimp to announce the project scoping period and to invite the public and stakeholders to participate in the environmental process, including the public scoping meetings and comment submission, and information to visit the virtual meeting room (VMR). The eblasts can be referenced in Appendix A. The table below shows the number of emails sent in relation to each notification, the comment period extensions and the number of emails opened. The distribution list can be referenced in Appendix A.

Table 2-2: Series of Email Notifications

Eblast Notification	Date	Emails Sent	Emails Opened
1. Public Meeting Invitation (2 week prior)	Friday, April 14, 2023	42	19
2. Public Meeting Invitation (1 week prior)	Thursday, April 20, 2023	106	40
3. Public Meeting Invitation (1 day prior)	Wednesday, April 26, 2023	114	36
4. Extended Comment Period Notification	Tuesday, May 2, 2023	112	32



Eblast Notification	Date	Emails Sent	Emails Opened
5. Extended Comment Period Notification	Wednesday, May 3, 2023	113	30
6. Extended Comment Period Notification	Monday, May 8, 2023	156	56
7. Extended Comment Period Notification	Wednesday, May 17, 2023	194	62
8. Extended Comment Period Notification	Friday, May 26, 2023	205	95
9. Last Day to Submit Comment	Monday, July 10, 2023	220	73
Total Engagement		1042	370

2.5. Social Media

Ten social media posts were developed and published by Caltrans. Social media posts included details about the project and encouraged participation in the environmental process, public scoping meetings, the comment period and comment period extensions. The social media posts were a strategic approach to increase public awareness and engagement with the project. The table below provides engagement --details, and the individual posts can be referenced in Appendix A.

Table 2-3: Social Media Posts

Caltrans Social Media Post	Facebook Likes	Instagram Likes	Twitter Likes	Twitter Retweets
1. April 19, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking public feedback on VTB project 	4	24	8	9



Caltrans Social Media Post	Facebook Likes	Instagram Likes	Twitter Likes	Twitter Retweets
2. April 25, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of public scoping meetings 	2	N/A	6	8
3. May 4, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder of virtual public meeting 	0	14	2	4
4. May 9, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment period extended to May 26 	0	N/A	3	5
5. May 22, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to submit comments 	0	15	9	3
6. May 26, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment period extended to July 10 	0	9	2	6
7. May 30, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment period extended to July 10 	N/A	N/A	2	1
8. June 30, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approaching deadline for comment period 	0	17	9	8
9. July 7, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial final reminder to submit comments 	N/A	N/A	0	0
10. July 10, 2023	0	13	2	3



Caltrans Social Media Post	Facebook Likes	Instagram Likes	Twitter Likes	Twitter Retweets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second final reminder to submit comments 				
Total Engagement	6	92	43	47

2.6. Fact Sheet and Flyer Distribution to Key Community Locations

The project fact sheet and meeting flyer (both in English and Spanish) were distributed to key community locations in Long Beach, San Pedro, and Wilmington to disseminate the project information at the start of scoping. Updated project fact sheets were distributed two more times to each location with the extended comment period information. English and Spanish fact sheets were also provided at both Harbor City neighborhood council meetings. See below list of community locations.

- Alamitos Neighborhood Library – Long Beach
- Billie Jean King Main Library – Long Beach
- Mark Twain Neighborhood Library – Long Beach
- Freeman Community Center – Long Beach
- San Pedro Regional Branch Library
- Peck Park Community Center – San Pedro
- East Wilmington Greenbelt Community Center
- Wilmington Branch Library
- Banning's Landing Community Center – Wilmington
- Harbor City Library

2.7. Community Organizations Stakeholder Toolkit Direct Emails

The project team conducted outreach at the start of the scoping period with approximately 31 stakeholders listed below in Table 2-4 to directly engage them and encourage cross posting information on their respective social media channels. The direct emails contained virtual version of the flyer, a stakeholder toolkit with draft social media content, information to access the virtual meeting room, and fact sheet (English and Spanish). Reference Appendix A for the emails.



Table 2-4: Stakeholders Directly Emailed

Stakeholder Names
1. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority
2. Algalita Marine Research and Education
3. Aquarium of the Pacific
4. Banning Mansion Tour
5. Billie Jean King Main Library
6. Boys & Girls Club of San Pedro
7. CAE Maritime
8. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
9. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council
10. Communities for a Better Environment (Wilmington)
11. Develop San Pedro
12. Environmental Education Center and the Education Corps
13. Ernest McBride Park & Cal Rec Community Center
14. Foodbank of Southern California
15. Freeman Community Center
16. Harbor Christian Center – Food Distribution Center
17. Homeland Cultural Arts Center
18. Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
19. Long Beach Forward
20. Long Beach Transit
21. Los Angeles / Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council



Stakeholder Names
22. Mark Twain Neighborhood Library
23. Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
24. Ocean Residents Community Association
25. Peck Park Community Center
26. San Pedro Chamber of Commerce
27. SBCC Thrive LA / South Bay Center for Counseling
28. Willmore City Heritage Association
29. Wilmington Boys & Girls Club
30. Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
31. Wilmington Neighborhood Council

2.8. Utility and Waste Companies Direct Outreach

Outreach was also conducted at the start of scoping, to the utility and waste companies serving the Long Beach, San Pedro, and Wilmington areas to try and coordinate putting informational inserts in their customers monthly bills. Most companies did not provide a response, or the deadline was missed. Table 2-5 below provides details of the organizations contacted and the outcome.

Table 2-5: Utility and Waste Companies Direct Outreach

Organization	Response Received/Notes
1. SoCal Gas	No response
2. Southern California Edison (SCE)	Yes responded – does not do inserts in utility bills
3. LADWP	Yes responded – deadline for inserts was missed



Organization	Response Received/Notes
4. Waste Management	No response
5. Republic Services	No response

2.9. Local Stakeholders Direct Phone Calls and Emails

Per Caltrans request, direct phone calls were conducted to stakeholders the week of the virtual meeting to invite to participate, share the project website and information on how to provide comments. Stakeholder contact information was provided by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor, Janice Hahn’s office. Follow-up phone calls were made to these stakeholders to notify them of both comment extensions as well as emails to provide the latest comment extension letter. Table 2-6 below provides details of the organizations contacted and the outcome.

Table 2-6: Stakeholders for Direct Phone Calls

Stakeholder Name	Phone Calls Outcome
1. ILWU Local 63 – Marine Clerks	<p>5/10: Called and spoke with representative who confirmed the comment extension email blast was received.</p> <p>5/11: Emailed the updated commenting letter and fact sheet, followed up with a phone call and representative confirmed the email was received. Representative will forward to the officers and confirm if any officers would like to have a meeting.</p> <p>5/31: Emailed staff email new extension letter and fact sheet and extending offer for meeting.</p>
2. ILWU Local 65 – Security/Port Police	5/10: Spoke with representative and confirmed will look for email blast.



Stakeholder Name	Phone Calls Outcome
	<p>5/11: Followed up with phone call and email containing the comment extension letter and fact sheet and offered a meeting with Caltrans.</p> <p>5/31: emailed new extension letter and fact sheet and extending offer for meeting.</p>
<p>3. ILWU Local 68 – Port Pilots</p>	<p>5/11: connected with Jacobsen Pilot Services company who provided a different number for ILWU 68 (310) 732-3805.</p> <p>5/12: Spoke to representative Jake Crawford who is back in the county 5/20. The union has a meeting on 5/24 and possibly may want the team to present.</p> <p>5/22: Followed up with Jake Crawford. Jake was trying to get his team together.</p> <p>5/31: Followed up with Jake Crawford. Jake was still working on getting his team together.</p>
<p>4. ILWU Local 94 – Foreman/Walking Bosses</p>	<p>5/10: Spoke with Vice President Duane Martinez who provided his and the president’s emails: MIRANDA@ILWU94.ORG and martinez@ILWU94.ORG (Comment extension letter and updated fact sheet were sent to new emails).</p> <p>5/19: Representatives at the Union meeting organized with Local 13.</p> <p>5/31: Emailed 'MARTINEZ@ILWU94.ORG'; 'MIRANDA@ILWU94.ORG' new extension</p>



Stakeholder Name	Phone Calls Outcome
	letter and fact sheet and extending offer for meeting.
5. Local 13 – Longshore Union	<p>5/11: Called and spoke with Vice President Vic Zuniga (Vic.Zuniga@ilwu13.org) Emailed Zuniga the comment extension letter and updated fact sheet.</p> <p>5/15: Spoke with Vic Zuniga who requested to have an in-person meeting on 5/19 at their offices. The meeting has been scheduled for 5/19 and will be virtual.</p> <p>5/31: Emailed Zuniga new extension letter and fact sheet.</p>
6. Coastal, Central and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils	<p>Kristina Smith manages the websites and emails for the listed organizations. Updated comment extension information was uploaded to all websites.</p> <p>5/8: Called Kristina Smith and coordinated the new comment extension date information to be uploaded on the Neighborhood Council (NC) websites. All San Pedro NC websites have the updated commenting deadline date.</p> <p>5/11: Called and left a message for Kristina Smith to extend meeting offer to all San Pedro NC board members.</p> <p>5/17: Followed up</p>



Stakeholder Name	Phone Calls Outcome
	5/31: Emailed Kristina Smith (ksmith-mailroom@mail.com) new extension letter and fact sheet.
<p>7. Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC)</p>	<p>5/8: Called and left a message about the comment extension.</p> <p>5/11: Sent email to WNC President and WNC general email with the comment extension letter, updated fact sheets and extended the invite for Caltrans to meet with Board or committee members.</p> <p>5/19: President Valerie Contreras called Alex Brown to invite the team to present at the Board meeting on 5/23. Alex Brown confirmed attendance.</p>
<p>8. Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council</p>	<p>5/24: Emailed Treasurer with the comment extension letter, updated fact sheets and extended the invite for Caltrans to meet with Board or committee members. Meeting was scheduled.</p>
<p>9. Harbor City Neighborhood Council</p>	<p>5/24: Emailed President with the comment extension letter, updated fact sheets and extended the invite for Caltrans to meet with Board or committee members. Presentation was scheduled.</p>
<p>10. Wilmington Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>5/23: Emailed President with the comment extension letter, updated fact sheets and extended the invite for</p>



Stakeholder Name	Phone Calls Outcome
	Caltrans to meet with Board or committee members. Presentation was scheduled.
11. San Pedro Chamber of Commerce	5/5: Emailed President link to the Virtual Meeting Room and scheduled presentation.
12. Harbor Trucking Association (HTA)	<p>5/15: Left a voicemail on the HTA phone number and emailed Matt Schrap containing the comment extension letter, fact sheet and offered a meeting with Caltrans.</p> <p>5/31: Emailed 'matt@harbortruckers.org' new extension letter and fact sheet and extending offer for meeting.</p>
13. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)	5/10: Andrew Yoon and Jason Roach met with the SCAQMD. SCAQMD are sending Spanish versions of the scoping letter and NOP to Wilmington, Carson, and West Long Beach community members.
14. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)	<p>5/9: Spoke with Marilyn Alvarez and followed up with an email containing the fact sheet, comment extension letter and updated NOP</p> <p>Have received LAUSD VMR registrations and comment letter through the project email.</p> <p>5/31: Emailed marilyn.alvarez@lausd.net new extension letter and fact sheet.</p>



Stakeholder Name	Phone Calls Outcome
<p>15. Northwest San Pedro Council</p>	<p>5/16: Emailed President Raymond Regalado’s extending a meeting invite and attached the comment extension letter and fact sheet.</p> <p>5/17: President Raymond Regalado and Jason Roach had a conversation regarding comments received after comment period, the community advisory committee and having a 90-day comment period for the release of the Draft.</p> <p>5/18: President Raymond Regalado and Elizabeth Mazariegos had a similar conversation regarding comments received after comment period, the community advisory committee and having a 90-day comment period for the release of the Draft.</p> <p>5/31: Emailed Ray (rreg55@hotmail.com) new extension letter and fact sheet.</p>
<p>16. South Bay Cities COG (SBCCOG)</p>	<p>5/16: Meeting with Jacki Bacharach (Jacki@southbaycities.org), Steve Lantz (Lantzsh10@gmail.com) and David Leger (DavidL@southbaycities.org).</p> <p>5/31: Emailed David Leger new extension letter and fact sheet.</p> <p>6/21: SBCCOG posted comment extension to social media platforms.</p>
<p>17. Gateway Cities COG</p>	<p>5/11: Sent email to the general email with the comment extension letter, updated fact sheets and extended the invite for Caltrans to meet with Board/committee</p>



Stakeholder Name	Phone Calls Outcome
	<p>members. Called and spoke with a representative who will check in with the staff who oversees the email and will forward the presentation offer to the board/committee members.</p> <p>5/31: Emailed Gateway COG new extension letter and fact sheet.</p>
<p>18. Wilmington Neighborhood Watch</p>	<p>5/8: Spoke with Irma Venegas (who provided a verbal comment at the in-person scoping meeting) and she will forward the updated information to the members. Followed up with an email containing updated English and Spanish fact sheet and the website link.</p>

2.10. Virtual Meeting Room

The project’s virtual meeting room (VMR) was established as a primary hub during scoping for the community to learn about the project with 24/7 access to project information and comment forms. The VMR was launched to the public beginning Thursday, April 13, 2023, through Monday, July 10, 2023. The VMR was promoted via the meeting invitation flyer, project fact sheet social media posts, email outreach, stakeholder phone calls, and during the in-person and virtual public scoping meetings. The VMR afforded visitors with the opportunity to learn about the project, the scoping process and the commenting period. The VMR served as an extension to outreach efforts, allowing the public and stakeholders to visit the site at their convenience to take a virtual walk through the VMR’s stations, view the virtual boards, and to submit comments.

The English and Spanish recording of the virtual public scoping meeting, held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, was added to the VMR to provide access to the meeting and project team presentation for anyone unable to attend the meeting.

Approximately 3,200 unique/new users accessed the VMR with a total of 74,000 page views.

Figure 2-1 below illustrates the VMR main room with the stations and multiple boards for viewing.

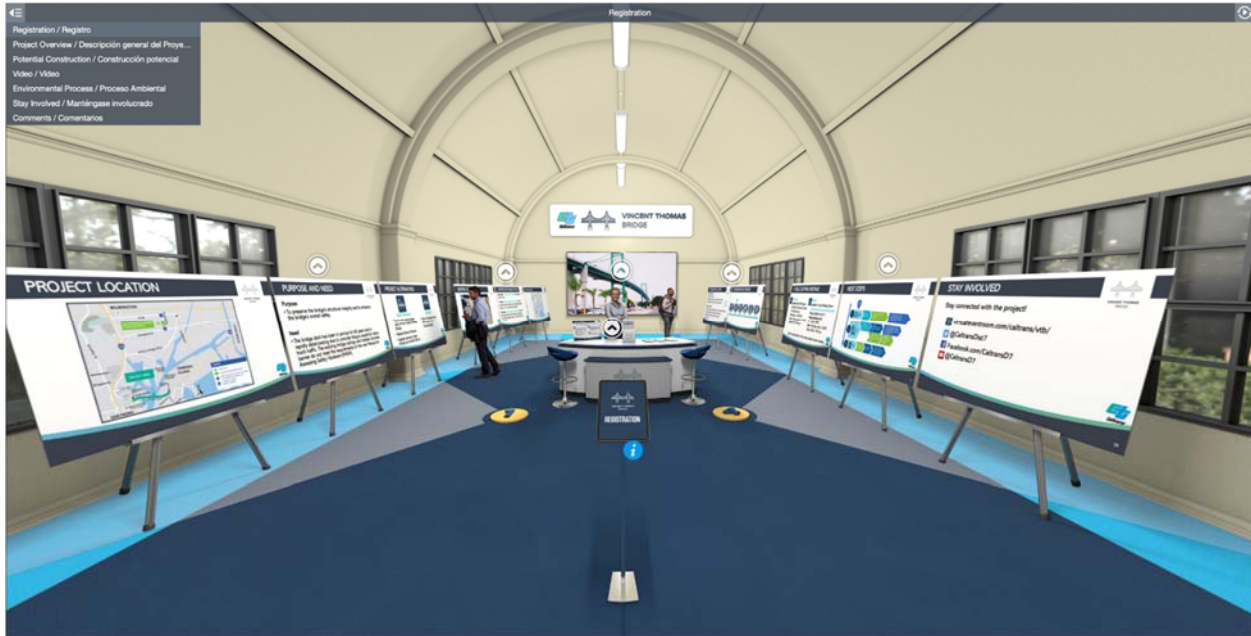


Figure 2-2: VMR Main Room

The virtual boards were assigned to VMR stations as listed in Table 2-7. The virtual boards can be referenced in Appendix E.

Table 2-7: Virtual Meeting Room Stations and Boards (English/Spanish)

VMR Station	Assigned Virtual Boards
Station 1: Project Overview	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Location Map 2. Purpose and Need 3. Build/No Build Alternatives 4. Project Schedule
Station 2: Potential Construction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing Conditions 2. Construction Staging 3. Conceptual Detour Routes



VMR Station	Assigned Virtual Boards
Station 3: Environmental Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental Scoping 2. Environmental Process
Station 4: Stay Involved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Scoping Meetings 2. Next Steps 3. Stay Involved
Station 5: Provide Comment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Direct link to comment form
Recording of Virtual Scoping Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Link to recording of virtual scoping meeting
Project Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fact Sheet 2. Meeting Flyer 2. Notice of Preparation

2.10.1. VMR Registration

The VMR included a project registration component for visitors to register to be included in future project notifications. The VMR received a total of twenty-eight registrations. Table 2-8 below lists the multiple organizations/businesses/agencies, and a full list of registrations can be found in Appendix E.

Table 2-8: VMR Registered Organizations/Businesses/Agencies

VMR Registered Organizations
1. Al Larson Boat Shop
2. American Bridge Co.
3. California High-Speed Rail
4. Catalina Channel Express
5. General Office/Architecture & Design



VMR Registered Organizations

6. HNTB

7. ILWU

8. Jerico

9. LAUSD

10. North Harbor Properties, LLC

11. Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

12. Port of Los Angeles

13. T.Y. Lin International

2.10.2. VMR Virtual Comment Cards

A total of 17 virtual comment cards were submitted via the VMR, these comments were received from three businesses/organizations and seven from the public.

Key topics mentioned collected in the VMR Comment Form are listed below and full details of these virtual comment cards can be found in Appendix G.

1. Bike lanes
2. Comment period extension
3. Coordination with Ports
4. More community outreach
5. Other construction staging options
6. Other detour routes
7. Project transparency (delays, cost, progress)
8. Safety concerns

2.11. Caltrans Press Releases

Caltrans published four press releases to promote the project, announce the public scoping meetings (in-person and virtual), to drive awareness and engagement via the VMR, and to create a call-to-action for comments from the



community. Press Releases details are listed below and can be referenced in Appendix A.

Table 2-9: Caltrans Press Releases and Details

Press Release Date	Overview of Press Release Details
<p>1. Thursday, April 13, 2023 Published on Caltrans website, April 18, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announced the project • Project Purpose, Need, and construction staging alternatives • Provide public scoping meetings dates • Promote the VMR • Instructions on public comment process • Public comment period
<p>2. Tuesday, May 9, 2023 Published/Emailed by Caltrans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announce extension of comment period from May 12, 2023 to May 26, 2023 • Project Purpose, Need, and construction staging alternatives • Promote the VMR • Availability of recorded public meeting on VMR • Instructions on public comment process
<p>3. Friday, May 26, 2023 Published/Emailed by Caltrans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on public input process • Announce extension of comment period from May 26, 2023 to July 10, 2023 • Project Purpose, Need, and construction staging alternatives • Promote the VMR • Availability of recorded public meeting on VMR • Instructions on public comment process
<p>4. Tuesday, May 30, 2023 Published/Emailed by Caltrans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announce extension of comment period • Project Purpose, Need, and construction staging alternatives • Availability of recorded public meeting • Promoted the VMR • Instructions on public comment process



Press Release Date	Overview of Press Release Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comment period

2.12. Media Coverage and Articles

News articles and media outlets shared project information and details, and accordingly extended the opportunity to create project interest and build community awareness. The ten published articles can be accessed in the links listed below in Table 2-10 and referenced in Appendix A.

Table 2-10: Articles and Media Coverage

Media Outlet	Article/News Publication Date, Title, and Details
<p>1. KTLA 5 Local News</p>	<p>Published: Tuesday, May 9, 2023</p> <p>Title: Residents raise questions, concerns about proposed closure of Vincent Thomas Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access published article online here. Access KTLA 5 reporter YouTube story coverage here.
<p>2. LB Patch</p>	<p>Published: Tuesday, May 9, 2023</p> <p>Title: Public To Get Say in Overhaul of Famed Vincent Thomas Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access published article online here.
<p>3. Random Length News</p>	<p>Published: Thursday, May 11, 2023</p> <p>Title: Vincent Thomas Bridge Proposed to Close in 2025 for Repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access published article online here.
<p>4. LA Daily News</p>	<p>Published: Friday, May 12, 2023</p>



Media Outlet	Article/News Publication Date, Title, and Details
	<p>Title: LA Harbor Commission discusses Vincent Thomas Bridge project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access published article online here.
<p>5. Daily Breeze</p>	<p>Published: Friday, May 12, 2023</p> <p>Title: LA Harbor Commission discusses Vincent Thomas Bridge project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access published article online here.
<p>6. Long Beach Post News</p>	<p>Published: Monday, May 15, 2023</p> <p>Title: Vincent Thomas Bridge needs months, maybe years, of construction; Caltrans weighs closure options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporter interviewed Jason Roach • Access published article online here.
<p>7. Roads & Bridges</p>	<p>Published: Monday, May 15, 2023</p> <p>Title: Caltrans is Planning Work on the Vincent Thomas Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access published article online here.
<p>8. Reddit</p>	<p>Reposted Daily Breeze article on Friday, May 12, 2023</p> <p>Post Title: Vincent Thomas Bridge closure hearing brings large crowd with complaints, questions. Bridge could be fully closed for 2 years during repairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access subreddit thread here.
<p>9. LA Times</p>	<p>Published: Tuesday, May 16, 2023</p> <p>Title: Motorists in San Pedro, Long Beach face headaches during repairs to Vincent Thomas Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access published article online here.



Media Outlet	Article/News Publication Date, Title, and Details
10. LAist	<p>Published: Tuesday, May 30, 2023</p> <p>Title: Vincent Thomas Bridge Will Get A Makeover And Caltrans Wants Public Input</p> <p>Access published article online here.</p>

3. OUTREACH MEETING AND EVENTS

3.1. Farmers Markets

The pop-up events at farmers markets were an ideal way to inform the public and engage communities including Environmental Justice communities on the project. The outreach team shared the community meeting flyer and fact sheets in English and Spanish with booth visitors and had sign-in sheets to add to the project distribution database. This project collateral promoted the upcoming public scoping meetings, the comment period, and encouraged attendees to submit comments on the project. The Wilmington Farmers Market event was attended primarily by Spanish-speaking community members. For reference, see Appendix B for individual pop-up quick reports. Event details are included in Table 3-1 below.

Table 3-1: Farmers Markets

Date & Time	Event	Walks-ups	Sign-ins	Comments
1. Friday, April 14, 2023, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	San Pedro Farmers Market 396 W 6 th Street San Pedro, CA 90731	10	2	2 (verbal)
2. Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Wilmington Farmers Market 470 N Hawaiian Avenue Wilmington, CA 90744	17	0	10 (written)



Date & Time	Event	Walks-ups	Sign-ins	Comments
3. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 5 – 9 p.m.	Long Beach Under the Stars Farmers Market 300 N Promenade Long Beach, CA 90802	3	0	0
Total Engagement		30	2	12

3.1.1. Key Concerns

Below is a list of common topics heard from the community during the Farmers.

Table 3-2: Key Concerns from Community

Key Topics
1. Most attendees were not aware of the project.
2. Glad that Caltrans was proposing multiple construction options
3. A participant expressed their concern about water usage.
4. No issues were expressed due to the attendee’s unfamiliarity with the project.
5. Comments cards collected expressed that the single stage construction option would be the best (9-12 months).
6. Most attendees were not interested.
7. A participant wasn’t interested in the Vincent Thomas Bridge because they didn’t use it.

4. PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Public scoping meetings were conducted to inform stakeholders of the project’s purpose, need, and benefits, explain the Build Alternative being studied, and allow opportunities for public participation and comment submission. Stakeholders had an opportunity to attend a public scoping meeting, in-person and/or virtually via the VMR. Table 4-1 below provides engagement details for the public scoping meetings.

Table 4-1: Public Scoping Meetings – Details and Engagement

Date & Time	Meeting Type	Attendance	Verbal Comments	Other Comments
1. Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	In-person Public Scoping Meeting East Wilmington Greenbelt Community Center 918 Sanford Avenue Wilmington, CA 90744	15	3	2 Comment Cards 2 Court Reporter Comments
2. Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Virtual Meeting via Zoom	95	16	28 Chat Comments
Total Engagement		110	19	32

4.1. In-Person Public Scoping Meeting

The in-person public scoping meeting was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the East Wilmington Greenbelt Community Center, in the community of Wilmington. This meeting provided the public an opportunity to submit comments and learn more about the project and potential construction and detour options. During this meeting, 15 sign-ins were collected, along with three verbal comments, two comment cards, and two comments were recorded by the court reporter. Spanish interpretation services were available, along with a court reporter to record all public comments. The post-meeting quick report can be referenced in Appendix C.

In addition to attendance from the general public, the meeting was attended by three elected official representatives and two community organizations from the following:

1. Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn (Board of Supervisors 4th District and Board Chair)
2. Councilwoman Nannette Diaz Barragan (44th Congressional District)
3. Councilmember Tim McOsker (Los Angeles Council District 15)
4. Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch
5. Los Angeles County Fire Department

4.1.1. Meeting Format

The meeting was designed to include a presentation, collect written or record verbal comments, and share information via topic-themed stations aimed at informing the public on project information, and to encourage engagement with the project team.

4.1.2. Meeting Presentation

The meeting was initiated by the project team at 5:30 p.m., with a welcome greeting and proceeded to the presentation. The project team presented on the following items:

1. Welcome & Opening Message
2. Introductions
3. Agenda Overview
4. Project Overview
5. Conceptual Detour Routes
6. Environmental
7. Next Steps and Comment Period Details
8. Moderate Verbal Comment Segment
9. Closing Remarks and Thank you

4.1.3. Stations

Following the presentation, attendees had an opportunity to visit the topic-themed stations set up with project information and to engage with the project team. Table 4-2 below outlines the stations and information available to attendees.



Table 4-2: Stations for In-person Public Scoping Meeting

Station Number/Name	Information Provided
Welcome Station	1. Sign-in
Station 1: Project Overview	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Location 2. Purpose and Need 3. Build/No Build Alternatives 4. Project Schedule
Station 2: Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental Scoping 2. Environmental Process 3. Public Scoping Meetings
Station 3: Stay Involved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next Steps 2. Stay Involved 3. How to Comment
Station 4: Potential Construction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing Conditions 2. Construction Staging Options 3. Conceptual Detour Routes
Station 5: Potential Construction Staging	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two Stage Construction – Work on Right Half 2. Two Stage Construction – Work on Left Half 3. Three Stage Construction – Work on Right 1/3 4. Three Stage Construction – Work on Left 1/3 5. Three Stage Construction – Work on Middle 1/3

4.1.4. Comment Themes and Key Concerns

During the public comment segment, attendees were able to submit questions and comments verbally. Table 4-3 provides an overview of the comments collected during the in-person scoping meeting.

Table 4-3: In-person Scoping Meeting Comment Themes and Key Concerns

Comment Themes	Key Concerns
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repair Alameda Street before start of construction 2. Appreciation for avoiding Anaheim Street as part of the detour routes 3. Community improvements 4. Underground tunnel 5. Prefer construction staging option 2 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic congestion 2. Existing street conditions 3. Truck traffic impacts 4. PCH and Alameda Street truck traffic congestion and street conditions

4.2. Virtual Scoping Meeting

The virtual scoping meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This meeting provided the public an opportunity to learn more about the project, potential construction, detour options and how to submit comments. After the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to give verbal comments or leave comments in the chat box. During this meeting, 95 participants attended, 16 verbal comments were collected, along with 28 comments collected via the Zoom Chat feature. Spanish interpretation services were available, along with a court reporter to record all public comments. The post-meeting quick report and chat box can be referenced in Appendix C.

4.2.1. Meeting Format

The meeting was facilitated virtually as an alternative to the in-person meeting and to accommodate a wider community audience. This meeting included a presentation and afforded the project team the opportunity to collect comments (verbally and written via the Zoom Chat feature). Concluding the presentation, the meeting was opened to official public comment that was captured and documented by a court reporter. The project team strove to inform the public and encourage engagement with the project team and provided instructions on the multiple methods to submit comments.

4.2.2. Presentation

The meeting was initiated by the project team at 5:05 p.m., with a welcome greeting and provided general virtual meeting guidelines before proceeding to the presentation. The project team presented and on the following items:



1. Welcome & General Housekeeping
2. Introductions
3. Agenda Overview
4. Project Overview
5. Bridge Deck Details
6. Conceptual Detour Routes
7. Environmental
8. Next Steps and Comment Period Details
9. Moderate Verbal Comment Segment
10. Closing Remarks and Thank you

4.2.3. Comment Themes and Key Concerns

During the public comment segment, the project team collected questions and comments verbally (documented by a court reporter) and via the Zoom Chat features. Only the verbal comments captured by the court reporter are included in the scoping comments received. The table below provides an overview of the comments collected during the virtual scoping meeting.

Comment Themes	Key Concerns
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extension of the scoping comment period 2. Impacted communities were not notified sufficiently 3. Suggested different project design (i.e., new or underground bridges) 4. Truck traffic and safety 5. Adding bike and pedestrian lanes 6. Trusting of Caltrans but outreach needs to be better 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendees were concerned with outreach and felt some communities were not informed 2. Pollution, air quality, health risks 3. Increase in traffic congestion 4. Unsafe conditions for impacted communities 5. Communities not being informed, should have Spanish outreach 6. Dangerous road conditions 7. Alternative detour routes

5. STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Stakeholder meetings were held by request and coordinated with key community organizations and stakeholder groups within San Pedro, Wilmington and Harbor City as well as representatives for LA City, Council District 15 and the Council of Governments for South Bay and Gateway Cities. The meetings consisted of a presentation with an overview of the project, construction staging options, conceptual detour routes and the environmental process. Each meeting concluded with the different ways to submit a formal comment and then proceeded to questions and comments from the audience. The feedback received is documented in meeting minutes (reference Appendix D) and considered by the project team but is not included in the official scoping comments. The purpose of the meetings was to continue educating the community on the project and establish relationships to collaborate with on outreach as well as mitigation measures. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council was also coordinated to present at, but the meeting was rescheduled after scoping period.

Table 5-1: Stakeholder Meetings

Stakeholder Name	Meeting Date	Key Topics
1. South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	Tuesday, May 16, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other construction alternatives • Truck traffic impacts
2. Unions, POLA, POLB, PMA	Friday, May 19, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road improvements prior/during bridge work • Traffic and Truck traffic impacts • Coordination with railroad/ports/businesses • Environmental and Economic impacts • Mitigate traffic/safety for community • Traffic enforcement • Project timeline



Stakeholder Name	Meeting Date	Key Topics
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other construction and detour alternatives
<p>3. Wilmington Neighborhood Council</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 23, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other detour and construction alternatives • Build new bridge • Traffic enforcement • Bridge preservation • Truck and Traffic impacts • Road improvements prior/during/after bridge work • Community impacts • More community outreach • Coordination with railroad/ports/businesses • Mitigate traffic/safety for community • Extend comment period • Community language/translation needs
<p>4. SBCCOG Board Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, May 25, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans Acting District 7 Director, Gloria Robert, announces formation of CAC and the comment period extension through July 10
<p>5. Office of Mayor Karen Bass re: outreach support</p>	<p>Thursday, June 1, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor’s office extends assistance and connections, noted high impact this project will have on the community and wants to make it as successful as possible
<p>6. Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council</p>	<p>Thursday, June 8, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative traffic/truck routes • Community impacts • Closure notifications • Coordination with railroad/ports



Stakeholder Name	Meeting Date	Key Topics
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road improvements prior/during bridge work • Traffic impacts • Other detour alternatives • Traffic enforcement • Environmental impacts
<p>7. Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council</p>	<p>Monday, June 12, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration/ coordination among advisory councils • Project awareness • Transparency about the project (delays, cost, progress) • Planning timeliness/ planning efforts • Regional planning needs/long-term planning • Traffic and Truck impacts • Coordination with railroad/ports/businesses • Build new bridge • Closure notifications • Bridge design/color
<p>8. San Pedro Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development & Policy Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 13, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road improvements prior/during/after bridge work • Traffic impacts • Capacity/forecast needs • Project timeline/ planning efforts • Environmental impacts • Impact mitigation • Community impacts
<p>9. Office of Mayor Karen Bass/CD 15 re: formation of CAC</p>	<p>Thursday, June 15, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations of organizations for CAC • Questions and Overview of the CAC



Stakeholder Name	Meeting Date	Key Topics
10. Harbor Trucking Association	Monday, June 19, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need GPS/Traffic/Truck data • Other detour alternatives • Truck and Traffic impacts • Engage community • Engage freight
11. Wilmington Chamber of Commerce	Tuesday, June 20, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge longevity • Alternative routes evaluation • Assessing current street conditions • Charging toll on bridge • Traffic management solutions • Bike and pedestrian lanes • Other project coordination • Small business impact
12. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council	Tuesday, June 20, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR preparation • Traffic analysis • Wilmington impacts • Traffic impacts • Building new bridge • Emergency preparedness
13. Harbor City Neighborhood Council	Wednesday, June 21, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck detours • Mitigation plans for trucks stuck on the bridge • Anaheim Street – road diet revert back to two lanes • Resurfacing detour routes • Improve signs and lighting • 2025 bridge closure date • Construction delays
14. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council	Tuesday, July 18, 2023 rescheduled from June 20, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans attended to answer questions.

6. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was established during the scoping period with representation from community-based organizations, neighborhood councils, businesses, community leaders and unions supporting and serving the communities in the project area. These organizations were selected for having a history of being involved in the development of transportation improvements in and around surrounding communities and POLA and POLB. The CAC meetings will continue throughout the life of the project and beyond if the committee sees a need.

The CAC developed collaborate partnerships with area elected officials, including but not limited to, the offices of Mayor Karen Bass, Councilmember Tim McOsker (District 15), Supervisor Janice Hahn, Assembly members Mike Gipson and Josh Lowenthal, Congressmembers Nanette Barragan and Robert Garcia, and local elected officials, such as the Rex Richardson, the Long Beach mayor, who were kept up to date and contacted for participation, guidance, and recommendations of key stakeholders and engagement.

6.1. CAC Meeting #1

The first CAC meeting was held prior to the end of the scoping period on Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Invitations were emailed via Caltrans' Public Information Officer, Allison Colburn. The invitees were invited to participate in the first CAC and register for the meeting via Zoom.

The meeting began on time with a discussion of the agenda and attendee introductions. The presentation started with an overview of the project including the existing conditions and project schedule. We then proceeded with presenting the public outreach and community input, this included an overview of comments received, and formation of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with a discussion the roles and expectations of the CAC members. During the presentation we conducted live polling to determine meeting format, time, frequency, and day and concluded the meeting with questions and comments. Poll results are listed below.



Poll results:

1. Format: 63% virtual, 44% hybrid (virtual and in-person)
2. Time: 60% weekday evening, 47% weekday afternoon
3. Day: 50% Wednesday, 36% Thursday
4. Frequency: 75 % Monthly, 25% Bi-Weekly

CAC meeting #1 invitations, presentations, meeting minutes, and attendance lists can be referenced in Appendix F.

Table 6-1: CAC Meeting Details

Date, Time, Location	Topics	Attendance	Feedback Themes
<p>1. Thursday, June 29, 2023, 6-8 p.m.</p> <p>Virtual via Zoom</p>	<p>I. Communication between TAC, CAC, and PAC Committees</p> <p>II. CAC Format</p> <p>III. Additional CAC member recommendations</p> <p>IV. Topics for future meetings</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>1. Traffic patterns affecting community events</p> <p>2. POLA's Container Issues</p> <p>3. Joint recommendations rather than separate committee recommendations</p> <p>4. Posting of recording</p> <p>5. Open communication</p> <p>6. Better community representation</p> <p>7. Traffic Data/Study</p>



7. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) were developed by Caltrans to be more transparent and coordinate with local agencies, cities, elected officials, and policy makers. The goal is to gain information from multiple technical experts or policy makers to help drive consensus. The formation of these committees began during the scoping period but the TAC meeting was not held before July 10.

The TAC will be comprised of regional and local agencies, county and city public works, elected officials, and planning staff with technical expertise and will meet as needed after the CAC meeting. Project updates will be presented and topics such as concurrent or adjacent projects, bridge deck replacement and construction staging options, environmental process, truck traffic, traffic detours and safety will be discussed.

The goal is to obtain multi-jurisdictional technical expertise from the TAC to address key concerns, discuss timing of adjacent or concurrent projects, and develop collaborative strategies to ensure safety and to minimize project related impacts.

The purpose of the PAC will be very high level and used for multi-jurisdictional coordination to discuss policy related issues and key issues from the CAC and TAC.

8. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

During the scoping period, comments were collected from the public and stakeholders through various methods including via email, direct mail and live during both the in-person and virtual scoping meetings with a court reporter. A total of 182 comments were collected, most of them through the project email.

- Project Emails: 122
- Virtual Meeting Room Comment Form: 17
- Paper Comment Cards: 8
- Mailed Letter: 14
- In-Person Scoping Meeting (via Court Reporter): 5
- Virtual Scoping Meeting (via Court Reporter): 16

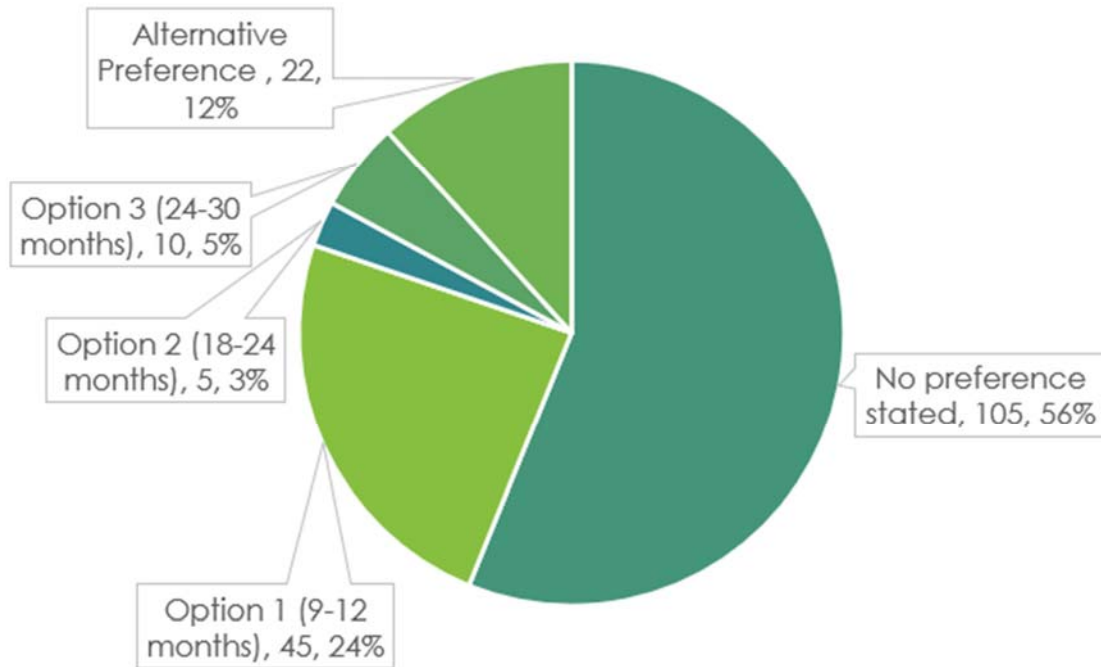
Due to the general variance in comments, comments were assigned themes with an end goal being to adequately capture the overall comment topic based on the common themes. Some comments were assigned multiple topics due to the nature of the comment.

8.1. Preliminary Construction Staging Preferences

Comments were collected to gather a general consensus of the community's preliminary construction staging option preference. Those who provided a direct comment on the current staging options, the option with the least amount of construction time was favored. Further analysis showed some stakeholders were interested in a different alternative solution such as nightwork only and open during the day, etc. Most of the comments did not have a preference and the comments were focused on other topics. A total of 187 comments referenced a construction staging preference or did not state a preference.

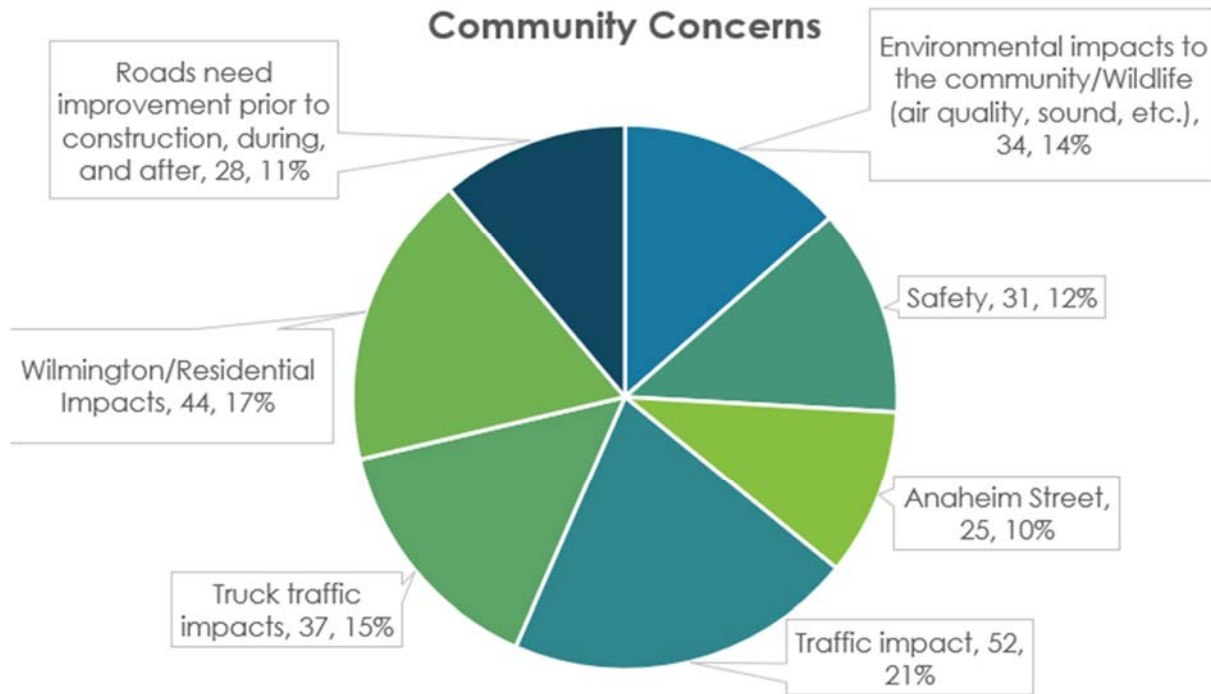


Preliminary Construction Staging Options



8.2. Community Concerns

There were multiple community concerns received with the main topics being the truck and traffic impacts as well as the impacts the residents surrounding the preliminary detour routes, specifically within the community of Wilmington. Stakeholders' comments raised concern about the road conditions and the current conditions need to be addressed before, during and after the project has been completed. One area of interest was Anaheim Street, referring to the Road Diet, current road conditions and traffic congestion. A total of 251 comments addressed a community concern.

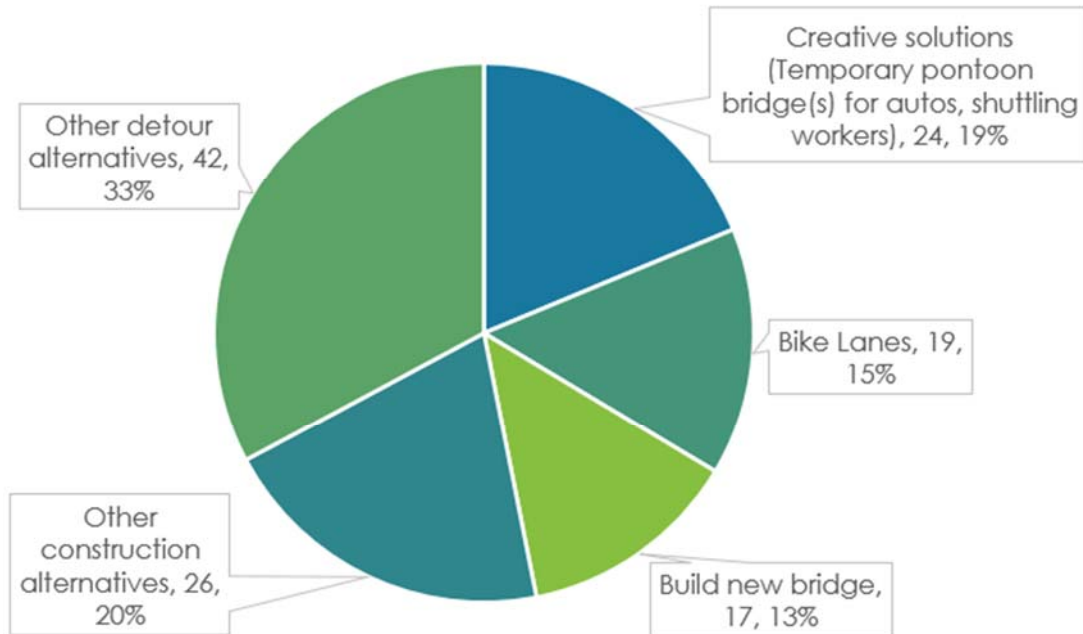


8.3. Other Alternatives and Solutions

With the project being in the start of the environmental phase, many stakeholders presented other alternative ideas to include in the technical studies and solutions to consider. Many comments offered other detour route possibilities, such as expanding the project area to include freeways (710, 405, etc.). Stakeholders also wanted to see creative solutions to help mitigate the traffic impact, such as implementing a ferry service to Terminal Island, food trucks on Terminal Island and shuttles for workers. Stakeholders also wanted to explore the possibility of building a new bridge entirely as well as adding bike lanes to the current bridge. A total of 128 comments addressed another alternative solution topic.



Other Alternatives & Solutions

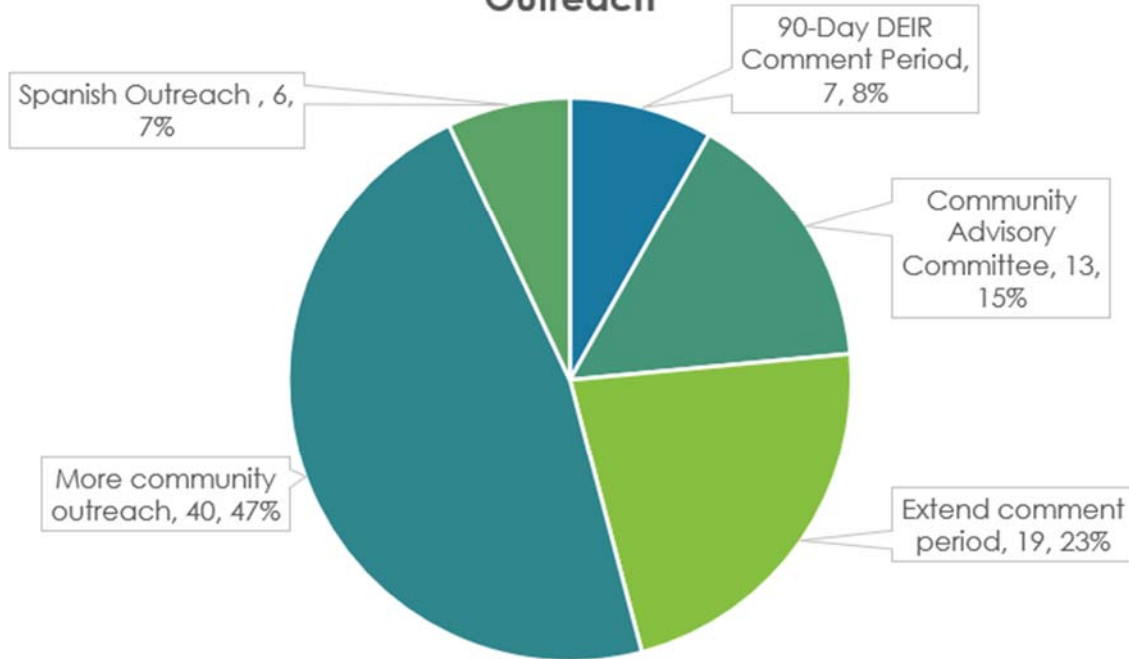


8.4. Outreach

Many stakeholder comments addressed outreach concerns such as the need to extend the comment period and to form a Community Advisory Committee. The main concern was there needs to be more outreach conducted through multiple channels to try and mitigate the traffic impact as much as possible. There were also multiple requests to have a 90-day comment period for the Draft EIR and to include more Spanish outreach. A total of 85 comments addressed a topic referencing outreach.



Outreach





9. SUMMARY

Overall stakeholders expressed their concern for their community and the potential impacts of the construction staging options and detour routes. The community expressed the desire to be involved to help collaborate on mitigation measures, the detour routes and engagement.

The comments from stakeholders collected throughout the scoping period will be considered in the environmental analysis and technical studies that are currently in development. The release of the Draft EIR and public hearings are tentatively scheduled for early 2024, and the release of the Final EIR, which will include the preferred detour routes and construction staging option, in Spring 2024.