



# Crenshaw Transit Corridor-Community Planning Project (West Boulevard Community Linkages and Revitalization Plan)

## Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Environmental Justice  
FY 09-10 Grant Cycle  
District 7  
Grant Award Amount: \$226,800



### Project Summary:

The grant engages communities in Los Angeles and Inglewood in a collaborative planning process to develop a comprehensive plan for neighborhoods surrounding the proposed Crenshaw Transit Corridor West Boulevard Station on the planned Crenshaw Transit Corridor transit line. The plan promotes transit access, mobility, and opportunity for economic revitalization. The final deliverable includes local and area linkage alternatives and cost estimates for design, construction, and project management.

### Community Outreach

- Created a Project Steering Committee (PSC) and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) made up of community stakeholders.
- Conducted a walking tour of the area with the PSC/TAC.
- Held a first community meeting on the project street sight with various exhibits and yellow tape outlining the proposed station area. Participants were provided comment sheets to offer input about the plan.
- Held a second community meeting to address concerns voiced about potential displacement and to carry out a planning exercise.
- Held a third community meeting to present the plan and gain any additional input.

#### Environmental Justice Community Outreach:

- The project area consists of mostly Hispanic and African American populations.
- All materials will be bilingual in English and Spanish.

### Project Outcome

- Key elements of the plan include: Streetscape revitalization, street-side plazitas to accommodate vendors and street musicians, mixed-use zoning, bus/train connections, gateway identification, improved multi-modal accessibility, potential sites for catalytic development, wayfinding signage, assessment of current market demand, and implementation strategies.

### Successes & Next Steps

- The final product outlined thirteen potential funding sources, ranging from public grants to private financing, including small business loans for commercial facade improvements.
- The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) is planning on applying for more funding in 2013 to implement specific elements in the plan.
- Pending funding, LANI is ready to move into the design development and construction drawing phases.