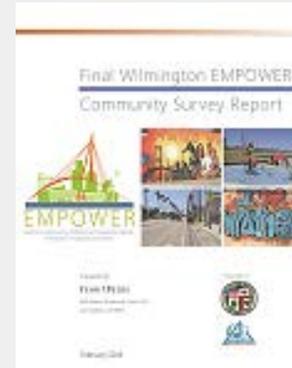




# Final Wilmington EMPOWER

## City of Los Angeles

Environmental Justice  
FY 11-12 Grant Cycle  
District 7  
Grant Award Amount: \$250,000



### Project Summary:

EMPOWER is a community based project designed to evaluate mobility issues and opportunities in order to develop a transportation master plan through 2035 and four to six related projects for implementation in the low-income, port-adjacent community of Wilmington, which faces serious environmental effects from goods movement and would benefit from transportation planning to address these negative effects.

### Community Outreach

- Fehr and Peers developed a survey targeting Wilmington residents and also included an on-line survey tool titled Metroquest
- A minimum of 12 groups were contacted to introduce the project and request assistance in disseminating project information to local stakeholders.
- Conducted 8 public outreach events in a variety of locations around the city of Wilmington

#### Environmental Justice Community Outreach:

- The online survey was available in both English and Spanish to get a more representative sample of the community being served.

### Project Outcome

- Recommended transit improvements such as enhanced lighting and new seating based on current levels of activity
- The identification of bicycle lane treatments already implemented in Wilmington that can be replicated elsewhere.
- Sidewalk enhancements featuring curb extensions, a refuge island, flashing beacons, pedestrian scale lighting and landscaping all in order to encourage pedestrian mobility.

### Successes & Next Steps

- Wilmington will begin to seek funding from a variety of different sources at the federal, state, regional, county and local levels.
- Begin work on Figueroa Street this includes the construction of sidewalks and bicycle/pedestrian safety improvements
- Begin work on Figueroa Place which will include pedestrian and bicycle connections to Harbor College; Public art at pedestrian tunnels under I-110