

**AB 617 Portside Community Emissions Reduction Plan Workshop Agenda**  
**Wednesday September 23, 2020 | 1:00-3:00 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**  
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**Workshop Goals**

- Present Community Emissions Reductions Plan (CERP) to community stakeholders
- Receive stakeholder feedback on Community Emissions Reduction Plan
- Provide an interactive space for stakeholders to provide feedback

**Agenda**

- I. Welcoming & Review Agenda (Daniela Simunovic & Chuy Flores, Co-facilitators)**
  - a. Review Workshop Goals & Agenda
  - b. Meeting Guidelines / Zoom Etiquette
    - i. Poll Question (Please indicate whether you live, work, or own a business in the Portside Community or if you work for SDPACD): 23% Work in Portside Community
  
- II. Presentation: CERP Overview (Mahiany Luther, SDAPCD)**
  - a. [Invited residents to join community steering committee](#)
  
- III. Presentation: CERP Strategies**
  - a. SDPACD Strategies (Mahiany Luther, SDAPCD)
    - i. [Outreach, Incentives, Rule Development, Enforcement](#)
    - ii. [In chat: more information on asbestos rule was requested](#)
  - b. Heavy Duty Truck Strategies (Joy Williams, Environmental Health Coalition/Portside Community Steering Committee)
    - i. [Thanked truck subcommittee members](#)
  - c. Land Use and Regional (David Flores, Environmental Health Coalition /Portside Community Steering Committee)
    - i. [Thanked subcommittee members](#)
    - ii. [Improve Transportation Efficiency: stressed frustration residents have with long commutes \(15min drive→1hour drive\)](#)
  - d. Working Waterfront Activities ([Maggie Weber](#), Port of San Diego)
    - i. [Explained renaming of subcommittee name](#)
  - e. [General CERP Timeline](#)
    - i. [We are now on Reduction Plan Development and the next step is a steering committee meeting](#)
    - ii. [Invited attendees to submit comments before October 2<sup>nd</sup>](#)
    - iii. [Showed how to access materials and documents on website](#)
  
- IV. Public Comment/ Facilitated Discussion (Daniela Simunovic & Chuy Flores, Co-facilitators)**
  - a. Discussion Questions
    - i. What strategy category do you want to discuss? (Rank 1, 2, 3)

- (A) Working Waterfront
- (B) Land Use Strategy
- (C) Community Engagement

ii. For each strategy, what is missing?

Working Waterfront

- a. Brian Hill: Ships and cargo equipment produce a lot of pollution. Before being able to transition to EV ships, we should be looking into things that will also contribute to lowering emissions. What are the innovations for the ships and tugboats?
  - b. Maggie: We are supporting tenants on moving into electric tugboats. Currently have shore power for ships at the cruise ship terminal and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.; are trying to expand this to National City terminal as well.
  - c. Joy: Also looking at expanding requirements for vessel speed reduction (ex. For cargo ships to slow down to 12 nautical miles)
  - d. David: Bonnet system
  - e. Maggie: Grant has been awarded to purchase bonnet system to meet requirements for ships that can't plug in to shore power
- (B) Silvia (From Bradley Bang): How much responsibility is the Navy going to take for their share of the air pollution on our waterfront?
- a. AC Dumauual (Navy): Just submitted CERP proposal to APCD. Working on discussing emissions, especially traffic around the base.
- (C) Brian Hill: As a resident, is there a way to look more into lower emitting alternatives?
- a. Maggie: All strategies are currently public. There is a sister document to CERP that is currently being drafted. Looking at all alternative but trying to achieve the biggest emission reduction at lowest cost.
- (D) Silvia(on behalf of Bradley): I don't know what everyone else thinks but I found the Navy's spokesperson's response inadequate. We all know they are responsible for a large part of the pollution. They just had a huge accidental discharge. This is a presentation where they had a chance to address these issues and they don't have a response?
- a. Daniela: The Navy was not invited to be part of the formal presentation, will be following up with Air District.
  - b. Mahiany: Are incorporating the actions Navy proposed to CERP, which will be available to website. The APCD does regulate the Navy: subject to inspection and enforcement program. The district did issue a violation following the Navy fire which can be found on the district homepage. Proposed an incident response plan for community input.
  - c. Silvia: Acknowledged the work that is being done.
- (E) Malachi Smith: Thank you for allowing us to share comments, especially to Mahiany. As a new father, lung cancer and respiratory issues—having clean air quality is a big thing. In the realm of technology there are diesel filters and EV options that reduce a lot but are also very costly. Have you looked into a solution around hydrogen? Specifically hydrogen combustion
- a. Maggie: We have looked into hydrogen technology. Looking at all alternative low emission fuels. Our primary focus is on electrification because other fuels are seen as a bridge to electrification. Invited Malachi

to the December board meeting.

iii. Land Use Strategy

- (A) David Flores: From Monday meeting, National City should also design and implement a truck route.
  - a. Brian Hill: Just wanted to comment idling is very inefficient
- (B) Bradley: I like that there is a proposal to create more green space in these neighborhoods near the port. Land use should be a priority. We need a more space in our communities
- (C) Joy: The working waterfront subcommittee also feel that grade separation at leading intersections and moving truck routes are great strategies.
- (D) Vicky White: Has there been any consideration of placing signs on I-5 directing trucks to only use certain exits? For example, I think trucks are not desired to exit at Cesar Chavez Parkway exit from I-5 southbound.
  - a. David Flores; We do have a strategy to solve issue of trucks exiting at that offramp. This would be a fantastic proposal. Caltrans and City of SD need to be able to make this commitment
- (E) Ashley Valentin Gonzalez: Resident of Logan Heights. Will Joe's Farm (Community Garden) will be included in Land Use subcommittee park expansion mentioned. Is there a way that the morning truck routes in Logan Heights (by Walmart) can be changed to night? There is a lot of pedestrian traffic in the morning.
  - a. David Flores: With community gardens, we can review this with the City of San Diego.  
  
Would need to be discussed in the Truck Subcommittee, but we have mentioned the need to connect with economic development / business groups to begin to inform businesses of upcoming truck rules from CARB. Invited to follow up and join the steering committee.
- (F) Bradley: How efficient are the barriers built next to freeways in reducing pollution from traffic?
  - a. Cathy: The is research on the efficiency of the barriers is being done right now.
- (G) Jack Monger: Suggested certain restrictions to residential development until there is a program or plan top address pollution from freeways. Allowing construction of new homes so close to freeways seems to be putting people's health as risk.
  - a. David Flores: Executive order signed today by Governor to put a very good goal for regular vehicles to push the transition to cleaner vehicles.
- (H) Silvia: Recommended Bradley become a steering committee member.
- (I) Barbara Lee: Sonoma Technology is working with Tree Fresno to measure the effectiveness of different types of vegetation barriers along roadways, through a Supplemental Environmental Project funded by the California Air Resources Board.
- (J) Alicia Sanchez: Would like to know if trucks parked on Main street along I-5 North(where there are hotels) are allowed to be there. They are idling; turned on and making noise.
  - a. Tim Wolff: There are restrictions on idling. If trucks are within 100 ft of a house, they are limited to idling <5 and even less depending on how old the trucks are.

b. Silvia: We do need a truck route in National City

(K) Olivia Ruiz: To Land Use regulation- How is it possible to set some areas for green spaces in Barrio Logan/Logan Heights? Is concerned that without regulation of land use not much can be done for community green spaces.

a. David Flores: As a city/cities we need to get creative. How can we create smarter development that uses space to its potential for green areas?

iv. Community Engagement

(A) Brian Hill: If you don't live in the area, how can you get involved to help? How can innovators get involved to help? Those working in the area and living just outside the district?

a. Mahiany: Proposing to enhance public participation/outreach plan.

(B) Silvia: Would be nice to see corresponding info regarding NC regarding park space and green space.

(C) Olivia Ruiz: Surprised that 31% of contaminates came from the home; it's important to get this information out there. A lot of people are making home improvements. Are there ways to help people along with projects that use greener materials and minimize the pollution that comes out of homes.

a. David: There are programs at city and state level. The district is looking to establish a supplemental environmental program that will be able to fund other community projects. CARM is also working on expanding what qualifies as a community project.

b. Joy Williams: EHC has been doing healthy homes for 20 years that provides this type of information.

v. General CERP Comments, Questions, Concerns

(A) Brian: Stresses the importance of alternative technologies and regulating current diesel consumption.

(B) William Duvall: Gold Hill resident and consultant. How is flight traffic being looked at / monitored? He notices it has greatly reduced since the start of COVID.

a. Kathleen: Not anticipating air traffic to stay low. Expecting this to be a temporary lull.

Daniela went over Air Pollution Control District website: finding all CERP chapters, blueprints, meetings, etc.

**V. Adjourn**

Mahiany Luther provided closing comments