Downtown L.A. Streetcar Outreach Efforts (July 2006 – June 2012)

July 2006
Red Car Feasibility Study
Federal Appropriation secured by Congressmember Lucille Roybal-Allard

2008
Streetcar Delegation to Portland & Seattle arranged by Councilmember Huizar
Two dozen downtown leaders and stakeholders, including the E.D.s or members of each Business Improvement District in the streetcar area.

May 2008
Los Angeles National Streetcar Conference
Several hundred people attended the conference held at the Orpheum Theatre. The conference featured speakers from across the United States and was the largest event of its kind in the United States.

Dec 2008
CRA/LA allocated $10M to Streetcar Project

2009
Formation of Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc.
Non-profit formed with initial Board Members from downtown Business Improvement District Executive Directors, property owners, and stakeholders.

July 2009
Streetcar Open House
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., hosted a public open house to solicit alignment alternatives and inform the public of the project’s progress.
- Mass mailing of property owners and residents in the streetcar area
- 250 attendees

Apr 2009
Central City Community Plan / General Plan Amendment (CF 09-0385)
The streetcar project was formally adopted into the Central City Community Plan on April 24, 2009.

Aug 2009
Streetcar Design Charrette
Mass mailing of property owners and residents in the streetcar area
More than 120 people attended an all-day workshop at the Los Angeles Theatre Center to discuss 6 route options. The charrette specifically focused on how the streetcar could best integrate with streetscapes, other transit systems, and pedestrian enhancements.

Aug 2009
LA Streetcar Assessment District Contract (CF 09-1794)
CRA/LA formally awards Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., $400,000 to conduct a detailed analysis of potential funding sources for the streetcar project, including the formation of local assessment and special tax districts.

2010

**BID Presentations**
In 2010, Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., presented the streetcar project and its benefits to all of the BIDs within the Community Facilities District benefit area. The presentations included a description of the private-sector local financing commitment that would be required to advance the project.

**Feb 2010**
**Streetcar Awareness Campaign**
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., launched an ad awareness campaign around downtown, including the installation of ads in bus shelters, billboards, and distribution of informational material around downtown L.A.

**July 2010**
**CRA/LA, City of LA, and Metro MOU (CF 10-0937)**
A Memorandum of Understanding is established between the CRA/LA, the City, and Metro to jointly complete the required environmental documentation needed to advance the project for federal funding.

**Sept 2010**
**Get On Board Fundraising Event**
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., hosted a fundraising event at the L.A. Live Target Terrace with over 310 attendees.

**Oct. 2010 – Feb 2011**
**Individual Property Owner Meetings**
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., met with property owners with land holdings throughout the Community Facilities District benefit area. LASI also prepared parcel lists with special tax amounts for property owners who requested additional detail.

**Feb 2011**
**Economic Press Conference**
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., CD-14, CD-9, and other stakeholders hosted a press conference to reveal the findings of a streetcar economic impact study. The result found that the streetcar project will directly generate over $1 billion dollars in new development, 9,300 new jobs, $24.5M in new annual spending within downtown L.A., and $47M in new revenue to the City.
- Press conference featured in the Downtown News, Blog Downtown, and several other news outlets (including the NBC and CBS local affiliates)

**Feb 2011**
**Property Owner Meetings About Special Tax**
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., hosted three informational presentations for property owners potentially impacted by the Communities Facilities District
with an opportunity to review proposed assessment rates specific to their properties, answer questions, etc. (rate methodology at the time included operations and building square footage = 40% higher than currently proposed)

- Meetings noticed via mail to property owners within the proposed Community Facilities District boundaries

March 2011 – Present  Individual Property Owner Meetings – Continuation
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., continues to meet with property owners on an individual basis, including Board Members of Business Improvement Districts within the Community Facilities District benefit area. Detailed assessment rates are provided at these meetings to verify land ownership.

May 2011  DCBID Board of Directors CFD Briefing
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., presented the proposed CFD methodology to the DCBID Board of Directors. The methodology presented included operations and building square footage, which was roughly 40% higher than currently proposed.

May 2011  DLANC Briefing RE: Alternatives Analysis Process
On May 10, 2011, Metro staff and consultants presented to the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council the various alignments being considered, the public-private funding mechanisms, and solicited feedback/input to direct the Alternatives Analysis process.

May 2011  Formal Public Scoping Meeting for Alternatives Analysis
On May 17, 2011, Metro hosted a formal presentation to present the different alignment options being considered in the Alternatives Analysis and solicited feedback from community members and stakeholders. The presentation also included a discussion on the local funding mechanics, including the Community Facilities District.

- Meeting was formally noticed via:
  - The Downtown News (May 10),
  - La Opinion (May 10)
  - Daily News (May 10)
  - Chinese Daily World (May 10)
  - Rafu Shimpo (May 10)
- Two notices mailed to all downtown addresses (commercial and residential)
- 158 Attendees

Aug 2011  Alternatives Analysis Update Meeting
On August 2, 2011, Metro hosted an update meeting to present the refined alternatives being considered within the Alternatives Analysis.

- Meeting noticed via email
- 38 Attendees

Oct. 2011 DCBID Board of Directors CFD Briefing
Responding to comments submitted by the DCBID Board of Directors in April 2011, Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., prepared a revised CFD methodology that removed operations and only applied the special tax to parcel land area.

Oct. 2011 Urban Land Institute Fall Meeting
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., presented the CFD rates, process, and formation timeline at the premier real estate event in Southern California.

Nov 2011 Alternatives Analysis Update Meeting
On November 3, 2011, Metro hosted a final update meeting to display the various alignment alternatives developed during the Alternatives Analysis.

- Meeting notification occurred via email
- Featured in the Downtown News
- 56 Attendees

Nov 2011 “Future of Your Downtown” Event hosted at the Orpheum Theater
On November 9, 2011, Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., and Bringing Back Broadway hosted a meeting to update members of the public on the status of the streetcar project and other downtown initiatives. Included discussion of the Community Facilities District.

- Mass Mailing to Downtown property owners
- Event was a feature article in the Downtown News

Jan 2012 Adoption of the Streetcar Locally Preferred Alternative (CF 11-0329-S2)
City Council took action on January 31, 2012, to approve the streetcar Alternatives Analysis and Locally Preferred Alternative.

May 2012 Community Facilities District BID Meetings
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., noticed property owners throughout the Community Facilities District via email and postal mail inviting them to attend both formal BID meetings and informal information sessions.

- Central City Association: April 26
- Downtown Center BID: May 2
- Historic Downtown BID: May 16
- South Park Property Owners: May 18
June 2012 **City Council Action on CFD Deposit and Reimbursement Agreement**
(CF 11-0329-S5) On June 12, 2012, City Council directed the CAO's Office to negotiate a Deposit & Reimbursement Agreement with Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc. for the formation of a Community Benefits District.

June 2012 **Community Facilities District Informational Meetings**
Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., hosted another set of information meetings regarding the Community Facilities District for property owners with outstanding questions.
- Fashion District BID: June 20
- Property Owners At-Large: June 28
- Property Owners At-Large: June 29
- Meetings were noticed through the Business Improvement Districts

**Grant Applications:**
- Feb 2010 Submission of $25M Section 5309 Grand (CF 09-2984)
- May 2010 Submission of CalTrans Livability Grant (CF 10-0414)
- Aug 2010 TIGER II Grand Submission (CF 10-1441)
- Nov 2011 TIGER III Grant Submission (CF 11-1781-S1)
TIGER III Grant Application —
Letters of Support

1. U.S. Congressional District 34, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
2. U.S. Congressional District 31, Congressman Xavier Becerra
3. U.S. Congressional District 28, Congressman Howard L. Berman
4. U.S. Congressional District 38, Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano
5. U.S. Congressional District 30, Congressman Henry A. Waxman
6. California State Senate, 22nd Senate District, Kevin De Leon
7. City of Los Angeles, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
8. Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, Jenny Scanlin
9. California Department of Transportation, Malcolm Dougherty
10. American Institute of Architects Los Angeles Chapter, Will Wright
11. Central City Association of Los Angeles, Carol E. Schatz
12. Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, Patricia Berman and Shiraz D. Tangri
13. LA Fashion District Business Improvement District, Kent Smith
14. Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic, Hilary Norton
15. Historic Downtown LA Business Improvement District, Russel Brown
16. Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Gary Toebben
17. Los Angeles Conservancy, Adrian Scott Fine
18. Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau, Michael McDowell
19. Southern California Association of Governments, Hasan Ikhrata
20. Transit Coalition, Bart Reed
21. Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles, Cardinal Roger Mahony
22. 213 Ventures Inc., Cedd Moses
23. Broadway & Eighth Investments, LLC, Fred Afari
24. David Lawrence Gray Architects, David Lawrence Gray
25. Delson Investment Company, Shahram Delijani
26. DN AM Construction, Inc., Dae Woo Nam
27. Kate Bartolo & Associates, Kate Bartolo
28. Los Angeles Theatre Center, Jose Luis Valenzuela
29. Million Dollar Theater, Robert Voskanian
30. National City Towers, LLC, Shahriar Afshani
31. New Downtown Brokerage, Ed Rosenthal
32. Rockefeller Partners Architects, D. Rocky Rockefeller
33. The Yellin Company, LLC, Anne Peaks