

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Tim Lohrentz, Equity Programs Administrator, Link21
TO: Equity Advisory Council (EAC)
CC: Link21 EAC Team (Staff and Consultants)
DATE: 5/21/2024

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM B: FOLLOW-UP TO PREVIOUS EAC FEEDBACK

This is a standing agenda item and accompanying memo entitled “Follow-Up to Previous EAC Feedback.” This memo documents questions and input from EAC members and demonstrates how that input is being considered in Link21 work. The goals of this memo are to:

- Confirm that EAC questions are responded to.
- Show transparency and accountability for incorporating EAC feedback into Link21 work.
- Demonstrate the value that EAC contributions have on Link21 work.
- Provide ongoing documentation of EAC input that can later be summarized into a report for Stage Gate 2 reviews.

This memo is not intended to be an exhaustive log of all feedback from and communications with EAC members. Rather, it focuses on input that is related to discussion prompts as well as select questions and input about Link21 or EAC logistics that were not previously or sufficiently responded to or were raised on multiple occasions.

Meeting Logistics

Feedback	Can chat be turned on for EAC members during the EAC meetings?
Where Raised	Post March 2024 EAC Meeting Survey
Follow-up	Chat could be enabled for panelists which would include EAC members along with EAC presenters and staff. During the May EAC meeting, the EAC team will turn on chat at the end of discussions in order to gather comments and input from EAC members who did not comment during the discussion or had an additional thought. After the May EAC meeting the EAC team will determine the effectiveness of the use of chat.

Feedback	Can we add a public comment after each agenda topic in order to give members of the public more opportunities for input?
Where Raised	Post March 2024 EAC Meeting Survey
Follow-up	An additional public comment period has been added just before the break for comments pertaining to agenda topics during the first half of the meeting. The final public comment period will be solely for comments on the topic(s) following the break. This should give the public more

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	opportunities to provide input while still maintaining the flow of the meeting.
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Community Benefits Program Feedback

Feedback	Displacement caused by neighborhood changes due to the Community Benefits Program or Link21 infrastructure would be unfortunate and should be avoided.
Where Raised	March 19, 2024, EAC Meeting
Follow-up	Link21 plans to integrate the local anti-displacement planning process into the community benefits planning process so that anti-displacement strategies can simultaneously address potential displacement pressures related to Link21 transportation improvements and potential displacement pressures related to implementation of other community benefits.

Feedback	<p>Several EAC Members suggested approaches to the Community Benefits, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider innovative outreach methods, such as strategies developed by James Rojas, including pop-ups in front of grocery stores and other community centers. • For youth engagement, consider partnering with organizations like UC Berkeley’s Center for City and Schools. • Also, for youth engagement, consider tabling directly in high schools, such as during lunch. In addition, partner with teachers to get into appropriate classes to present on Link21 and Community Benefits. • Work with CBOs that are already engaged in the project so we do not have to reinvent the wheel. • Avoid forcing communities to compete for funding. • Start with new stations where there is not something established that has to be undone, to get quicker support and to build momentum. • Ensure that maintenance is planned for with Community Benefits, if applicable. • Partner with human services agencies, including health agencies.
Where Raised	March 19, 2024, EAC Meeting
Follow-up	Link21 will consider these valuable ideas as planning for the community benefits approach continues.