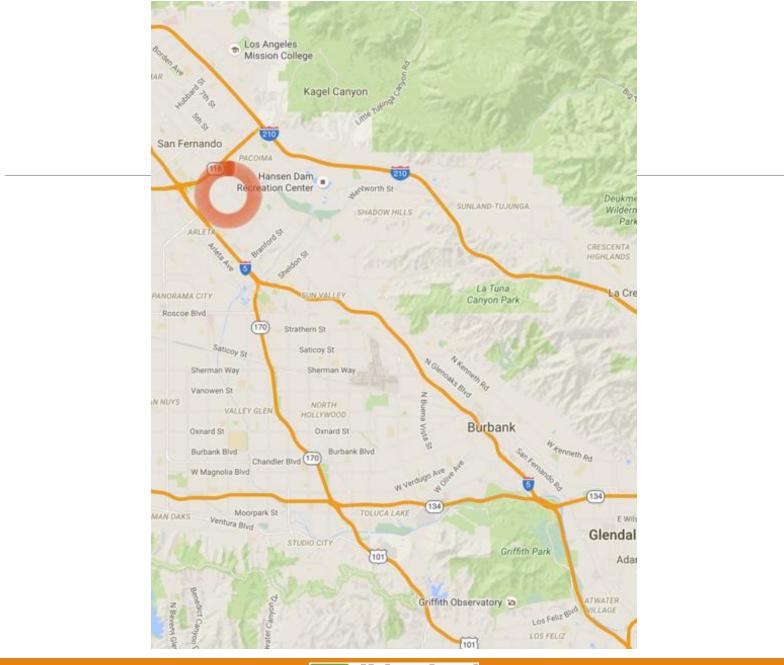
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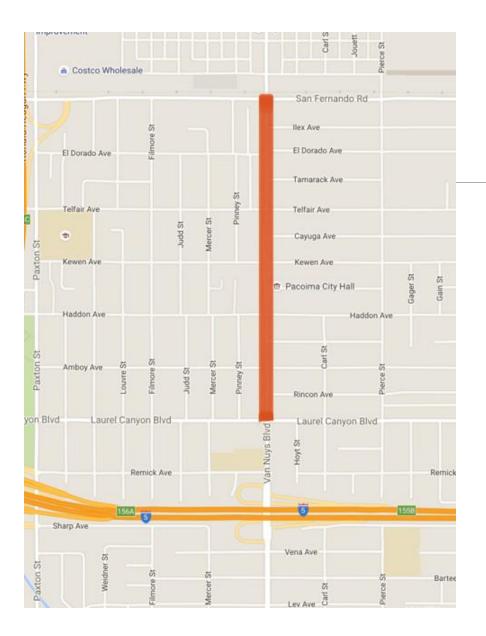
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Length of Street Section: .75 miles

Average # of Lanes: 5

Average Vehicle Speed: 35 mph

Available Transit: Bus

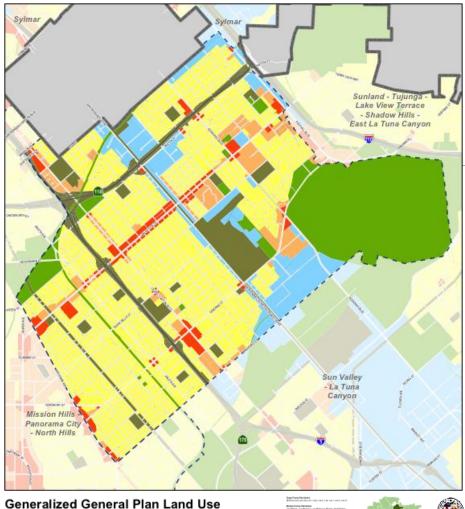
**Income**: \$13,180 per capita income; 20% of Pacoima residents are under the federal poverty limit; 10% unemployment

Land Use: Primarily storefront commercial, small markets, auto oriented uses









Generalized General Plan La

Arleta - Pacoima Community Plan Area



City Boundary

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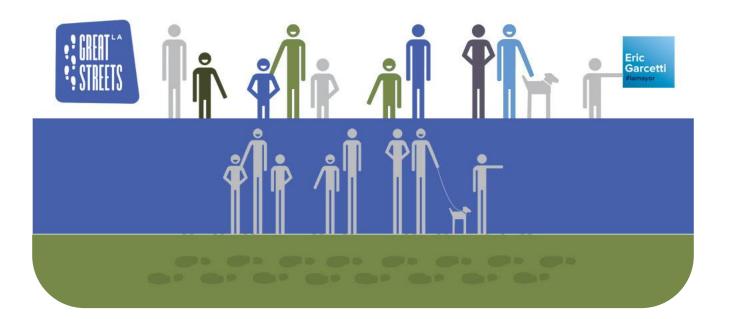
**Health:** History of environmental justice issues. Heart disease, diabetes, stroke and adult asthma ER visits are higher than the City average

Fewer neighborhood food sources, grocery stores than in LA as a whole, and high % of children eating fast food once/week



**Unified vision** (CD7, DOT and community) to make the street more ped, bike and transit friendly.

**One of 15 Great Streets segments** launched at ULI/LA's 2013 Transit Oriented Los Angeles summit on corridor redevelopment.





**Champion for change** in Councilman Felipe Fuentes and his staff. Activating and programing assets on the corridor, such as the Pacoima City Hall, tree planting, land use changes.

Corridor segment entirely located within this single Council district in the City





Why this Corridor?

Strong **community partners** already in place/connected with ULI. Pacoima Beautiful, together with LA Mas, recipient of a Great Streets Challenge Grant doing improvements to several local businesses on the corridor.





Rich **cultural history** in the community, and a tradition of celebrating the visual arts. **Outdoor Museum** concept, part time arts curator and seeking NEA funding for an arts incubator.





There is also an emphasis on **healthy food and eating** that is taking hold in the community. Pacoima City Hall has been programmed with a café/juice bar, serving healthy food and beverage items, and entities are supporting local homegrown food exchanges and the like.



nima-based businesses Fruta y Cultura and Café o Muerte are combining



# Transit is Coming:

#### East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor



- Curb running Bus Rapid Transit
- Bus Rapid Transit in new dedicated median
- Tram in new dedicated median
- Light Rail Transit

Draft EIS May 15, 2014



## Our Process









Information Gathering Corridor Tour MANY Past Studies Stakeholder Convening Health Groups Community Groups Agencies Artists National Study Visit Community Health + Dev Econ Dev Getting People to the Blvd Demonstration "Showing" not "Telling"



## Stakeholder Convening This Summer:





# Residents WANT:

- 1. More walking, biking and transit
- 2. Safer, cleaner, quieter streets/neighborhood, more trees
- 3. New stores, that will attract neighbors and their kids
- 4. Access to healthy food
- 5. Developers to take advantage of the buying power there, within walking distance
- 6. Artists to also be employed to embellish the streetscape
- 7. More open space, maybe add parklets
- 8. Green alleys



WHAT DEFINES A HEALTHY CORRIDOR?

**EXAMPLES** WHAT? PRIORITY - Collaboration CULTURE -Engagement \* Graffiti Kemaval SAFETY Educational Services PHYSICAL HEALTH EALT Jobs Skills/ Training ECONOMY education Co jobs GREEN -Places for youth to express through SOCIAL ♥ -Consider all people even transienty Education \* **OTHER?** X Schools Universities



#### HOW TO DEMONSTRATE HEALTH ON VAN NUYS BLVD

WHAT?	HOW?	WHO?
CULTURE	<ul> <li>Host regular art walks</li> <li>Help streamline the permitting process for art/murals</li> <li>Utilize Pacoima City Hall as a hub</li> <li>Street theater / music</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A community ambassador</li> <li>Community leaders</li> <li>Council offices</li> <li>Local artists</li> <li>CSUN Theater/Music Program</li> </ul>
SAFETY	<ul> <li>Added trash and recycling bins</li> <li>Community clean ups</li> <li>Added lighting for the night</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Volunteers</li> <li>Community Leaders</li> <li>Mayors Volunteer Corps Should this be shared with great streets?</li> </ul>
PHYSICAL HEALTH	<ul> <li>Food street vendors / trucks</li> <li>Educating restaurants of healthier food options</li> <li>Get people to move around</li> <li>Food demos</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Existing businesses</li> <li>CSUN Magaram Center</li> <li>100 citizens program</li> </ul>
ECONOMY	<ul> <li>Kids cook off events</li> <li>Having more food options</li> <li>Integrate Pacoima City Hall cafe as an opportunity to involve the community</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>VEDC</li> <li>Schools and Universities</li> <li>Council District 7</li> <li>CSUN College of Business</li> <li>VITA (Volunteer Income Tax help program)</li> </ul>
GREEN	<ul> <li>Have trees donated at a pop-up event</li> <li>Create green/park space for children</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nurseries</li> <li>CSUN Department of Recreation+ Tourism Mgmt. Community Relations and Community Development</li> <li>CSUN Institute for Sustainability</li> </ul>
SOCIAL	<ul> <li>Chalk art at Metro Stations for kids</li> <li>Vacant lot activation</li> <li>Temporary roadway re-envisioning</li> </ul>	• Schools + their students
OTHER?	<ul> <li>Improving/creating bus shelters/ shade structures</li> <li>Technologies @ bus stations</li> <li>1st mile/last mile improvements</li> <li>Pedestrian crossing improvements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Metro</li> <li>CSUN Urban Studies Dept</li> </ul>



### Next: DEMONSTRATE "Pop Up" or "Tactical Urbanism"

- "Show" residents, don't just
   "Tell" them
- On the ground testing with the public as a partner.
- Catalyst for a longer term test or permanent improvement.









It's a one-day-only transformation of one block of East Washington Street, and you're invited to make it a vibrant, healthy block! Come experience the block as it's transformed from the current configuration of 5 traffic lanes and vacant lots into a space for people, bikes, transit, local shops, artists, and food: a vision of what it could be the future! Activities all day!





#### ULI Health Zone at CicLAvia March 6, 2016





### ULI Health Zone at CicLAvia 3/6/16





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