



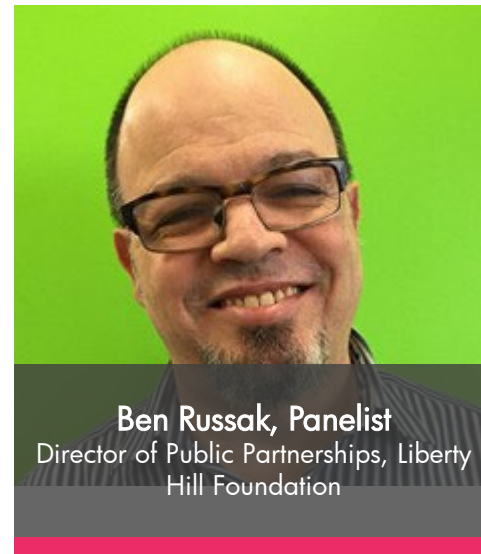
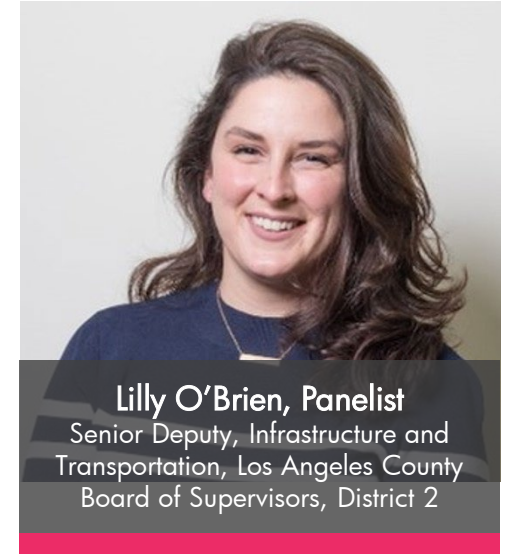
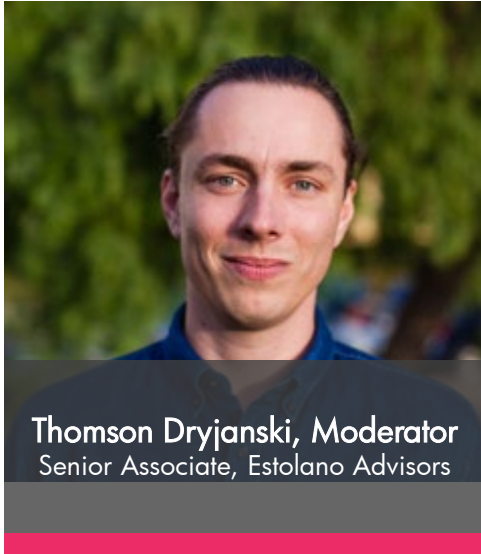
# Climate Resilient Infrastructure

## Transforming Communities & Building Power

California Adaptation Forum  
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# Meet the Panel





# The Future of LA's Streets and Sidewalks

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# Who is Investing in Place (IiP)?

- **Policy:** Created in 2015, IiP is a public policy implementation and advocacy group in Los Angeles.
- **Advocates:** We advocate for a more inclusive decision-making process and equitable resource allocation for public infrastructure (transportation, sidewalks, street improvements, etc.) in LA.
- **Non-Profit:** Independent funding from foundations such as: The James Irvine Foundation, The California Endowment, Transit Center, and others.

## **Our Top Priority**

**The initiative that would enable everything else:**

**Develop a comprehensive, multi-year Capital Infrastructure Plan (CIP) for the City of LA's public right-of-way.**

# WHY LA NEEDS A CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

**3.85 million people**

2022 Census

Out of 119 Metro bus routes, 105 go through the City of LA

Metro Transit Operations

**41,000 unhoused people**

LAHSA 2022 Count

**7,500 miles of roads**

2015 Mobility Plan

**15 public bathrooms**

Bureau of Street Services Sidewalk & Transit Amenities Program

**61,500 intersections**

City of LA Open Data Hub

**223,000 street lights**

Bureau of Street Lighting Strategic Plan 2020

**8,000 bus stops, 1,900 have shelters**

StreetsLA 2021 Strategic Plan

**700,000 street trees**

StreetsLA 2021 Strategic Plan

**9,000 - 11,000 miles of sidewalk**

Repairing LA's Broken Sidewalk Strategy  
2021, Ron Galperin, LA City Controller

**40,000 street vendors**

Unfinished Business 2021  
by UCLA and Public Counsel

**21,475 marked crosswalks**

2015 Mobility Plan

**78,000 curb ramps**

StreetsLA 2021 Strategic Plan

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# Who manages LA's public right-of-way?

1. Mayor's office
2. City Council
3. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
4. Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
5. Board of Public Works
6. Bureau of Engineering (DPW)
7. Bureau of Contract Administration (DPW)
8. Bureau of Sanitation (DPW)
9. Bureau of Street Lighting (DPW)
10. Bureau of Street Services (DPW)
11. Dept. of Transportation
12. Dept. of Water and Power
13. Dept. of Building and Construction (LADBS)
14. Dept. of General Services
15. City Planning
16. LAPD
17. LAFD
18. Metro
19. Private development (including commercial and non-profit)

- at least 19 different players
- Budgeting 1 year at a time
- No unified plan
- No comprehensive list of projects
- No shared vision
- Public in the dark

# What a CIP will do for LA:

1. **Improve governance** in the City of LA, including more accountability, transparency and **distribution of power**.
2. This process **distributes power, knowledge and coordination** among people, especially those who have not traditionally been able to participate in decisions about their own communities.



## What a CIP will do for LA:

**3. Opportunities for economic empowerment:** By clearly outlining specific projects and budget priorities, departments may create new contracting opportunities for BIPOC-owned and women-owned small businesses and support local hire job creation opportunities.

## What a CIP will do for LA:

**4. Actionable steps for LA to improve public health and resilience in the face of climate change: Safe streets and sidewalks play a crucial role in both public health and in our ability to stay cool in rising temperatures, but the City of LA has no comprehensive plan for maintaining these essential public spaces.**

## We looked at 30+ CIPs

1. Articulate a clear vision
2. Internally engage and coordinate
3. Externally involve and communicate
4. Use clear prioritization metrics
5. Include a state-of-good repair

## We looked at 30+ CIPs

**6. Include an unfunded needs assessment**

**7. Make it legible and accessible**

**8. Address emergency preparedness & climate change**

# Our Vision: public space that is...

**Welcoming**  
full of life and  
connection

**Accessible**  
so everyone can  
get around

**Inspired**  
by those who  
live there

**Budgeted**  
adequately funded  
and maintained



# Meet the Panel



**Lilly O'Brien**

Senior Deputy, Infrastructure and  
Transportation  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,  
District 2

# OUR WORK

SLATE

South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone



**TRANSIT**

**GREEN  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ACCESS**

**PATHWAYS**

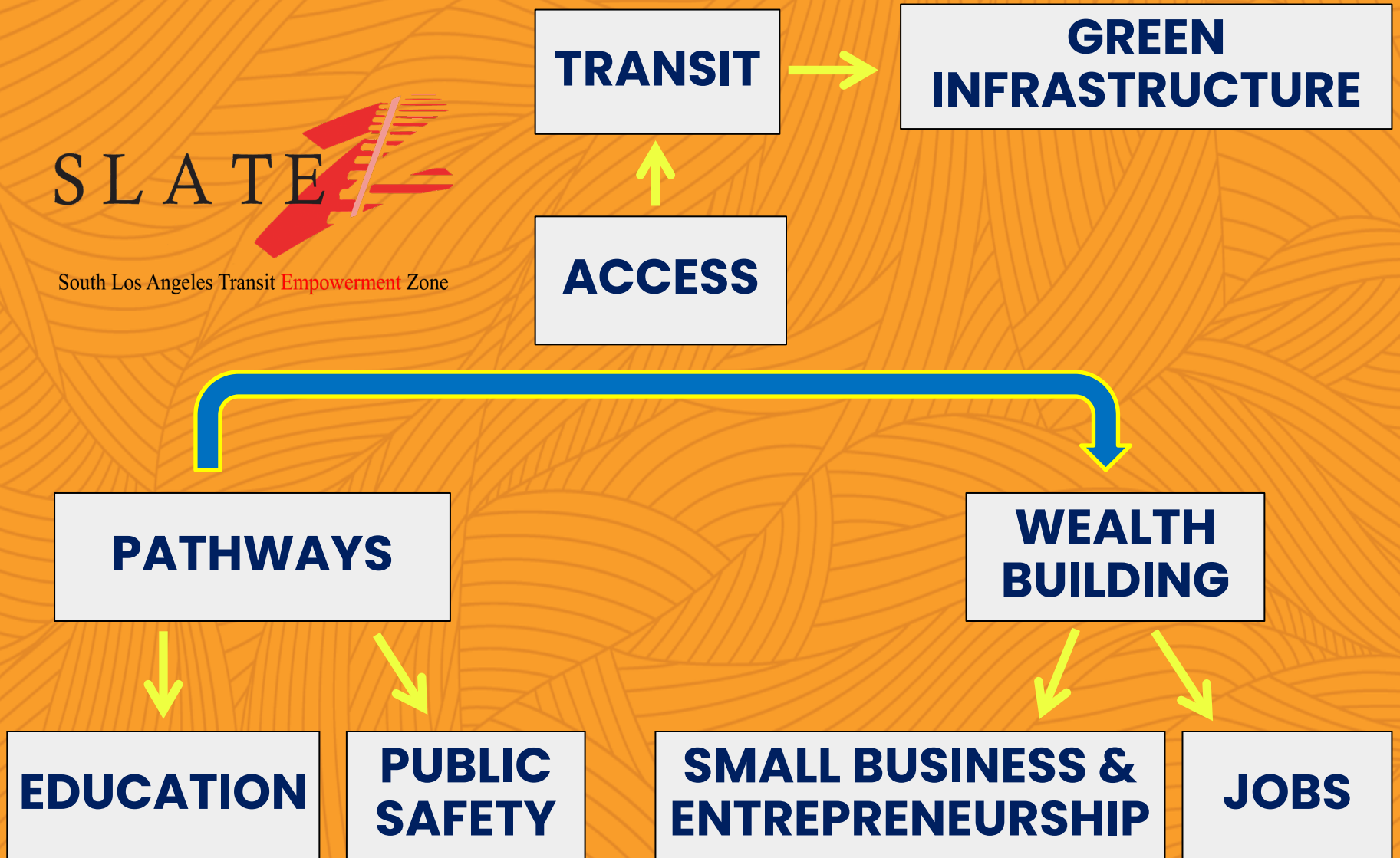
**WEALTH  
BUILDING**

**EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC  
SAFETY**

**SMALL BUSINESS &  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**JOBS**



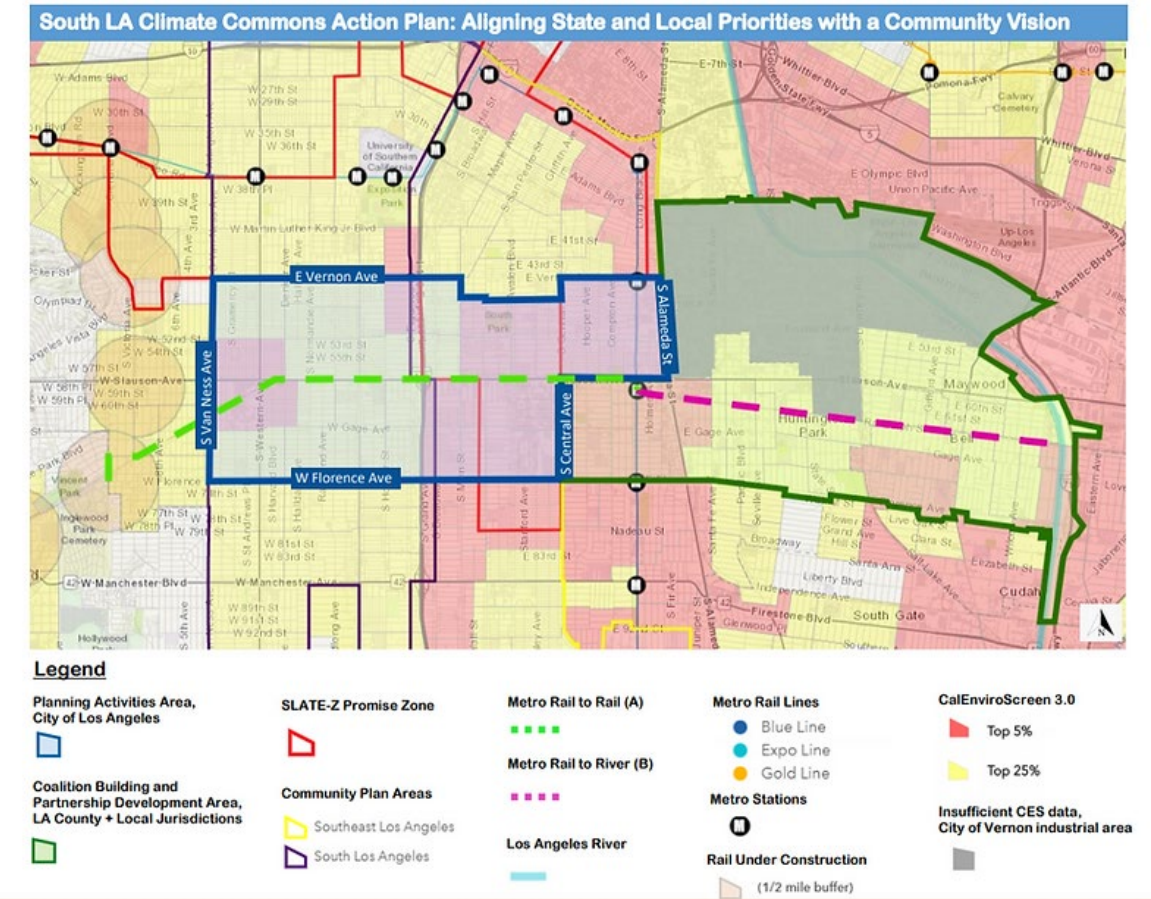
# VISION STATEMENT



The South Los Angeles Eco-Lab focuses on "**Economic Development through Climate Action**" to achieve the community's vision for a socially inclusive, sustainable, green community resilient to climate change, in the heart of South Los Angeles. The South LA Eco-Lab's synergistic projects are seeds cultivated by community residents, small businesses, CBOs, and public agencies in these neighborhoods. The seeds will blossom into a South Los Angeles oasis, one with serene green spaces, energy and water efficient infrastructure, and expansion of safe active travel and public transit, all of which enhance public health, well-being, and environmental benefits, including reduction in GHGs.



# Planning Grant



# TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES (TCC)



STATE OF CA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL



ROUND 4 TCC IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FUNDING



SOUTH LA AWARDED \$35,000,000





# Change. Not Charity.

Ben Russak  
Director of Public Partnerships

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# What We Believe

The people most affected by injustice should be leading the fight for **change, fairness, and equity.**

# What We Do

Provide critical funding, training, and capacity building to our community partners leading grassroots organizing for racial justice.



Grants

Campaigns

Trainings

# Equitable Infrastructure Priorities

- Committing to Community Led Development
- “Soft Funding”: Philanthropic and Public Sector
- Shovel Ready ~~WORTHY~~

# Equitable Infrastructure Initiatives

- LA County Dept. of Public Works Equity in Infrastructure
- EJ Ready: Convening Action on Justice40

# Liberty Hill

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# Panel Questions

A dirt path leads through a field of yellow wildflowers. On the left, there are dense green trees. In the background, several high-voltage power line towers are visible against a blue sky with light clouds. The path is bordered by wooden posts and a wire fence.

# Audience Q&A

A scenic view of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with some clouds. The city lights are visible in the distance. The text "Audience Q&A" is overlaid in the center in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The foreground is dark, with silhouettes of trees and foliage.



# Learn More

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