

Appendix D: Steering Committee Meeting Materials

The Steering Committee included members from the District, LACSD 1, LACSD 5, SCAG, SGVCOG, ActiveSGV, SGVCC, TPL, RMC, Nature for All, and NAIC. The group met regularly with the Plan Team to provide feedback and perspectives throughout the entirety of the plan development process. A total of 20 meetings were held with the Steering Committee and Plan Team. Meeting materials for the Steering Committee meetings are provided here.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GREENWAY NETWORK STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

APPENDIX D: STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MATERIALS



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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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Prepared for: Los Angeles County Public Works

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Project No.: 153937

Purpose of Meeting: April 2020 Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting

Date: April 15, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams

Time: 2:00 p.m.

See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Agenda Prepared by: Lisa Skutecki, Brown and Caldwell

Attendees:

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| Keith Lilley, LACPW | Belinda Faustinos, Nature For All |
| Carolina Hernandez, LACPW | Robin Mark, Trust For Public Land |
| Dan Sharp, LACPW | Andrew Ross, LACPW TPP |
| Enrique Baul, LACPW | Edna Robidas, Trust For Public Land |
| Jennifer Aborida, LACPW | Daritza Gonzalez, LAC SD4 (filling in for Jocelyn) |
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| Natasha Krakowiak, LACDPR | Kevin Johnson, Studio-MLA |
| Sheela Mathai, LACDPR | Jean Yang, Studio-MLA |
| Deborah Enos, WCA | Tony Howze, PACE |
| Johnathan Perisho, WCA | Cherise Thompson, PACE |
| Hannah Brunelle, SCAG | Mark Krebs, PACE |
| Katie Ward, SGVCOG | Carlos Velasquez, KOA |
| Elaine Kunitake, LACPW TPP | Dan Tormey, Catalyst |
| Norma Quinones, SGV Conservation Corps | Megan Schwartz, Catalyst |
| Wesley Reutimann, Active SGV | Esmeralda Garcia, MIG |
| Rudy Ortega, Native American Indian Commission | Noe Noyola, MIG |
| | Stephanie Lane Pavon, MIG |

Meeting Minutes

A meeting was held between the consulting team, the LACPW team, and various stakeholders listed above. A summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Microsoft Teams Orientation
2. Introductions and welcoming remarks from Public Works

- a. Keith Lilley gave opening remarks regarding the current events and the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan.
- b. Participants introduced themselves using webcams, attendees are listed above.

3. PowerPoint Presentation

Lisa Skutecki the consultant Project Manager gave an overview of the project and reviewed the meeting agenda.

- a. Scope of Project
 - i. Lisa describes overview of project scope and each component.
 - ii. Project process is to analyze, prioritize, and guide Greenway development.
 - iii. Keeping the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in mind and want to include approved art into new projects.
 - iv. The conditions of the infrastructure and right-of-way will vary and will be assessed as part of the project's analysis.
 - v. Community engagement remains a high priority and will adapt to a virtual platform due to the current crisis.
 - vi. Belinda requested that the team use more SGV imagery in the presentation rather than Lower LA River. This sentiment is also held by Active SGV.
 - vii. Hannah asks: Does this plan include analysis of regional connectivity, or connections to local active transportation networks? She suggested that if the plan doesn't include this that the SCAG assist with this effort.
 - viii. Regional connectivity will be part of the prioritization process.
- b. Project Schedule
 - i. Lisa reviewed the schedule and noted the work under way, and what lays ahead.
 - ii. The project team will share a schedule of the next three to five-months with the STAC members after the meeting.
- c. Community Engagement
 - i. The engagement specialists on the team explained that community engagement will proceed while keeping in mind the need for social distancing.
 - ii. The goals for community engagement is to reach out to the community for their understanding and input.
 - iii. There is a three-phase engagement process which will help communities see how these greenways will improve the community.
 - iv. Martin asks: How are we connecting with community partnerships?
 - v. Esmeralda responds: Phone conversations with leaders of groups to identify how they communicate currently with members and planning how we will get materials to members that don't have technology easily accessible.
 - vi. Belinda: Nature For All has adopted a plan to pay constituents for their involvement.
 - vii. Next STAC meeting will be heavily focused on community engagement
- d. Task 3 Compilation of Studies
 - i. The team presented a map showing known projects in the area.
 - ii. Wes asks: Will this planning process include any actual project design? 30%, 60%? Many of the communities we work with have been asking for greenways for a decade or more,

- with sadly little progress in most places, with the exception of a few corridors (e.g., So Pasadena, Glendora, etc.)
- iii. Ten (10) conceptual designs will be created for the tributaries, but they will not be designed to 30%.
 - iv. Belinda asks: Did the research include the SGM and Watershed NPS Study and Metro Transit to Parks Strategic Plan?
 - v. Martin notes: I'd also like to request studying local jurisdiction active transportation plans to make sure we're maximizing connectivity.
 - vi. Lisa replied that the consultant team will look for these studies.
 - vii. The team will continue to use virtual participation by Stakeholder Committee members to address gaps.
 - viii. Kevin demonstrated how the STAC members can add comments and notes about missing projects, implemented projects, canceled projects, etc.
 - ix. Wes asks: How does the project team see this plan building upon – or complementing – rather than duplicating existing recent greenway planning efforts for the San Gabriel Valley?
 - x. Eric notes: Task 3 takes existing studies and includes them so we understand what plans are under way and will try to build on the SGVCOG Feasibility Study.
- e. Task 4 Update
- i. The project team shared a map displaying the compiled channel information.
 - ii. The team explained that we are collecting information about the channel slope, width, side slopes, top of banks, wall height, size of access roads.
 - iii. The team demonstrated the tool of compiled channel as-built information.
 - iv. Wes asks: Can someone please explain how the "safety parameters" are updated/determined? Is the County reassessing flood risk based on climate change models, an expectation for more extreme weather events in the future?
 - v. The safety parameters have not been updated in the LA County hydrology manual. We are using the same standard that we've had for some time. LACPW is partnering with UCLA to understand these changes but it will likely not be ready for this plan, however it is being looked at.
4. Next Steps
- a. Belinda asks: When will we be able to get access to this information?
 - b. A summary will be provided, but for now we can send the draft products to date for STAC members.
 - c. Carolina gives closing remarks.

Meeting Minutes

Prepared for: Los Angeles County Public Works

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Gather feedback related to the April meeting and Introduce and Discuss the Draft Community Engagement Plan

Date: May 13, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Waqas Rehman, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Jocelyn Rivera-Olivas, LAC B.O.S. SD4
Anish Saraiya, LAC B.O.S. SD5
Keith Lilley, LACFCD
Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD
Katie Ward, SGVCOG
Elaine Kunitake, LACPW TPP
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Stephanie Lane Pavon, MIG

Meeting Summary

The meeting was held between the consultant team, the LACFCD team, and the Steering Committee members listed above. A summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Introductions and welcoming remarks from LACFCD
 - Keith Lilley gave opening remarks and welcomed everyone to the second meeting

- Enrique Baul extended the welcome and reviewed the topics and next steps from the April meeting

2. Presentation

a. Questions/Comments related to April meeting

- i. Comments received to date
- ii. Go over web maps and discuss any potential gaps/missing information
 - o Lisa Skutecki reviewed the comments received to date and Kevin Johnson reviewed two new projects provided by Belinda Faustinos from the April meeting
 - o Kevin Johnson noted the Metro Transit to Parks Strategic Plan had been incorporated into the maps previously, addressing a comment from the April 2020 meeting
 - o Tony Howze reviewed the Channel As-Built Status Map previously presented in the April 2020 meeting
 - o The team reiterated that the deadline for any remaining comments is May 19th

b. Introduce Draft Community Engagement Plan

- o Esmeralda Garcia reviewed the project scope as presented in the April 2020 meeting and presented the Community Engagement Plan
- o Belinda Faustinos asked: how is this going to be managed in terms of who is the messenger? Will it be MIG or will it be partnerships with Steering member?
- o Esmeralda Garcia responded: MIG will be providing the materials and participating in the engagement but the technical team will also be present for engagement activities to receive direct feedback. MIG will provide the project team with the tools and training to interact with the community. MIG wants to partner with community groups because they already have great connection with the groups.
- o Belinda Faustinos noted: it's important to interact with the community groups that already have these relationships. The organizations will want to know if there will be any compensation to avoid burnout.
- o Dan Sharp responded: LAC wants to compensate the NGO's for this effort but this will likely be through a separate contract with those entities. LAC will be the face of the community engagement effort.
- o Belinda Faustinos requested google doc for the steering committee members to allow them to provide specific information.
- o Wesley Reutimann: In person approaches to community engagement may be not feasible with the current COVID-19 situation. How can we do more remotely? Compensation will really need to be considered with the budget cuts and recent layoffs for many entities.
- o Esmeralda Garcia: The team will have to an entirely virtual engagement strategy because not everyone has internet access. Strategies such as pop ups and other in person engagement is still very far in the future and will be assessed with state and county guidance at the time.
- o Wesley Reutimann noted: We are all hopeful that we will be able to do site walks, etc. in the future, but we will need to look for the best alternative options.
- o Martin Reyes noted: It's important that we can be fluid and responsive to the public health guidance. Things are slowly reopening, and we may want to consider our

engagement process in the same way. There are some parks that are already open, and this could be a place to put up posters or flyers. We could still be fluid with reaching out to people with minimal contact.

The team posed the following questions to the Steering Committee:

- How do we reach key communities most in need?
- What resources will be needed on the Community Engagement Plan?
- How do we leverage and connect with existing projects, planning and activities in the study area?
- How do we measure out engagement efforts?

3. Next Steps

- a. The Project Team will share a meeting summary, the draft Community Engagement Plan, and presentation slides
- b. The Steering Committee shall provide any feedback on the Draft Community Engagement Plan by June 3, 2020
- c. Future meeting dates
 - June 10, 2020, 2PM to 5PM – Review of channel analysis and technical data
 - July 8, 2020, 2PM to 5PM – Prioritization criteria workshop

Prepared for: Los Angeles County Public Works

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Gather Feedback Related to the May Meeting, Discuss the Draft Project Prioritization Criteria, Review Updated Channel Information

Date: June 10, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Jocelyn Rivera-Olivas, LAC B.O.S. SD4
Keith Lilley, LACFCD
Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD
Katie Ward, SGVCOG
Elaine Kunitake, LACPW TPP
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Meeting Summary

The meeting was held between the consultant team, the LACFCD team, and the Steering Committee members listed above. A summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Introductions and welcoming remarks from LAC
 - Enrique from LACPW gave opening remarks and let the attendees know that comments were received from the May 2020 meeting.
 - Lisa introduced the meeting agenda and welcomed the committee members.

2. PowerPoint Presentation

- Lisa introduced the schedule of the projects.
- a. Questions/Comments related to May meeting
 - i. Review Comments on draft Community Engagement Plan
 - Noe reviewed comments received for the draft Community Engagement Plan. He discussed ways to interact with the community in a virtual setting as well as planning for when COVID restrictions are lifted.
 - Belinda asked if the logo and website will be reviewed by the committee members.
 - Eric noted that the logo and website will be presented to the committee.
 - ii. Review channel information
 - Tony discussed updates on channel information produced. He reminded the committee of how we have been collecting data over the last few months. The goal is to determine freeboard, depth, and freeboard every 100 feet to see which sections exceed the freeboard and become issues of concern. Next steps are to determine the necessary widths of the channels.
 - Debbie asked about channels like San Jose Creek that have a lot of midblock crossings. If you were to create an underground crossing for the bike path, would you be losing capacity and how would you approach that scenario?
 - Tony noted that underpass and overpass data has not been collected yet. The project notes that there would be 28 potential crossings and those conditions would be addressed.
 - Debbie asked if the soft bottom channel could also be similar to the irregular channel option to flood the walkway/access road.
 - Tony noted that it would be extremely difficult to do the irregular channel with a retain wall. There would still be a lot of space required which could cause the design to go outside of the right-of-way.
 - Dan recognized that this is an extremely important option to use natural channels, but all the factors must be considered.
- b. Introduce draft Project Prioritization Criteria
 - Jean introduced the study area and corridors that could lead to these possible greenways. She noted that these are data sets that we have found through other projects during the existing project study but are not finalized for this project.
 - **Flood Management Data Set**
 - Belinda noted that efforts are being coordinated with the Army Corps of Engineers.
 - Eric noted that we are looking for as-builts and public works does have records of flow from gauging stations throughout the County. Eric will reach out to other County members to obtain this data.
 - Debbie asked if the storage capacity from the WASC projects being calculated into this flood management studies?
 - Jean noted that it is not a dataset that we currently have but will do more research on it.
 - Debbie asked about the possibility of studying floodable access roads and trails.
 - **Community Data Set**
 - Debbie asked if the band below highway 60 will be considered in this project.
 - Johnathan noted 1/4 mile and 1/2 mile have become standards because these are the distances most people are found to be willing to walk.
 - Debbie noted that people would be willing to bike further.

- Edna asked if there is a reason that the San Gabriel River and connecting to that infrastructure isn't included on this map/analysis.
- Eric noted that existing projects are not shown in connection with this map, but will be considered in the project.
- Johnathan noted that this is a significant undertaking with dynamic challenges, and thank you for your work so far. Given that the original 2017 motion called for updates to the 2006 San Gabriel River Corridor Master Plan consistent with more recent planning efforts as well as work for the SGV Greenway Network, specifically addressing climate resilience (flood, heat, sediment movement, carbon sequestration) and the biodiversity crisis are significant elements that are relevant to address. Setting out to create a kit of parts would be a strong approach for addressing the motion and needs of such a wide-ranging initiative. Setting priorities for maximizing soil (carbon, air and water quality, water conservation, water capture [soil can hold 20x weight in water], cooling, biological integrity), appropriate plant material for management and target species (air and water quality, water conservation, cooling, biological integrity, aesthetics), establishing a consistent plant pallet (recommend Bart O'Brien's original draft list as a start), limiting lighting impacts, and signage and interpretation along with aesthetic and security elements are all recommendations.
- **Circulation Data Set**
- Debbie noted along highway 10 there is a gap to get to the wilderness areas. She asked if circulation also considering points to the river trails.
- Jean noted yes that is considered in the data sets.
- **Recreation Data Set**
- Debbie noted she recommend connecting with Puente Hills Habitat Authority who manages trails in the Puente Hills that with good connectivity could be a regional draw via the river corridors, same for foothill trails. Joint use of schools along the rivers can provide additional recreation. Equestrian uses should also be considered and location of stables and equestrian districts.
- **Water Data Set**
- Belinda noted that there will be Measure W projects that the team should watch review and consider as they come in Phase 1 and 2.
- Debbie asked if there an opportunity to review options for in channel uses and water quality related uses - Kayaking near San Jose Creek Confluence. There are also model plane uses in channel near City of Hope.
- Sally asks how IRWMPs are incorporated into the project.
- Lisa and Jean noted that EWMPs and IRWMPs were included in the planning study.
- Debbie asked if the super fund site being considered.
- Johnathan noted he strongly recommends use of 2017 NRCS Soils for any potential infiltration considerations, third-party field tests have demonstrated infiltration rates match well, and also reference to US Bureau of Rec and Public Works LA Basin Study: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/social/basinstudies/LABasin.html>
- **Existing Projects Data Set**
- Lisa noted that this data set has been filled out in previous meetings.
- **Regulatory Data Set**
- Belinda noted it would be helpful to show what the maps are trying to connect to.

3. Next Steps

- a. Project Team to send meeting summary
- b. Committee feedback on the Draft Project Prioritization Criteria needed by July 1, 2020
- c. Future meeting dates
 - July 8, 2020, 2PM to 5PM
 - August 12, 2020, 2PM to 5PM
 - September 9, 2020, 2PM to 5PM

Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Gather Feedback Related to the June Meeting, Revisit the Draft Project Prioritization Criteria, Review Updated Channel Information and Discuss Story Maps

Date: July 8, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Martin Reyes, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Daritza Gonzalez, LAC B.O.S. SD4
Rachel Roque, LAC B.O.S. SD4
Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD
Lee Alexanderson, LACPW
Sally Gee, RMC
Belinda Faustinos, Nature For All
Edna Robidas, Trust For Public Land

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Meeting Summary

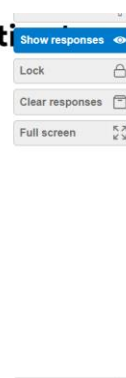
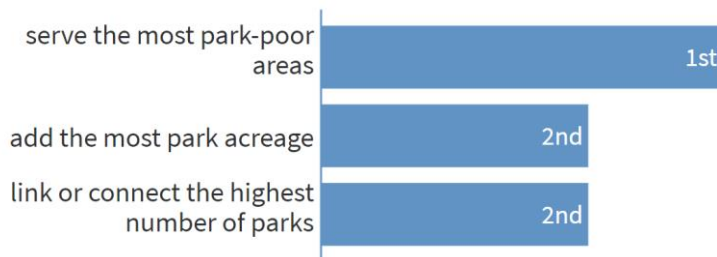
1. Introductions and welcoming remarks from PW
2. PowerPoint Presentation
 - a. Schedule Status
 - i. Lisa Skutecki reviewed the current schedule.
 - b. Questions/Comments related to June meeting
 - i. No questions or comments were provided from the June meeting.

c. Example Story Map

- i. Kevin Johnson introduced the story maps.
 - ii. Belinda Faustinos asked if bike trails in the planning phase are being mapped. She explained that, many times there are underlying private ownerships where PW has an easement, will you be mapping the private land ownership.
 - iii. Kevin Johnson clarified that bike trails in the planning phase are being mapped in the existing and planned projects story map.
 - iv. Enrique Baul explained that PW is working with the mapping group to come up with a map to see where they currently have easements.
- d. Draft Project Prioritization Poll - The project team asked the participants to assist the them in developing prioritization principles for the team to use in prioritizing projects.
- e. Recreation poll results: 1) serve the most park-poor areas, (tied) 2) add the most park acreage, and 2) link or connect the highest number of parks.

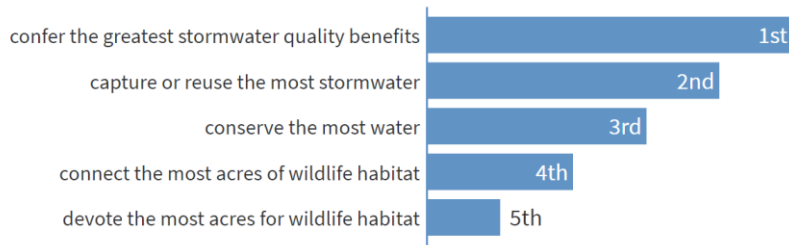
In terms of RECREATION, it would be vital for my organization to

identify projects or reaches that:



- i. Comment from Belinda Fautinos: Schools that have adjacent recreation opportunities can be considered and add to the prioritization. For recreation it is important to note the type of recreation that will be made available, i.e, walking, biking , equestrian uses are all important but equestrian as an example will be critical in areas that have adjacent corrals, etc.
 - ii. Comment from Michelle O’Conner: DAC communities are important from a state grant funding perspective.
 - iii. Comment from Martin Reyes: We should also keep in mind the WHAM initiative led by the County, which seeks to advance multi benefit projects that can leverage and be funded by Measures W, H, A and M.
 - iv. Comment from Edna Robidas: Increasing access to recreation and open space in areas that have no or limited access is also a priority for my organization, along with focusing on areas that are low-income and have other social vulnerabilities.
 - v. Comment from Carolina Hernandez: Would steering committee members feel differently regarding the size of the recreation area?
- f. Water poll results: 1) confer the greatest stormwater quality benefits, 2) capture or reuse the most stormwater, 3) conserve the most water, 4) connect the most acres of wildlife habitat, and 5) devote the most acres for wildlife habitat.

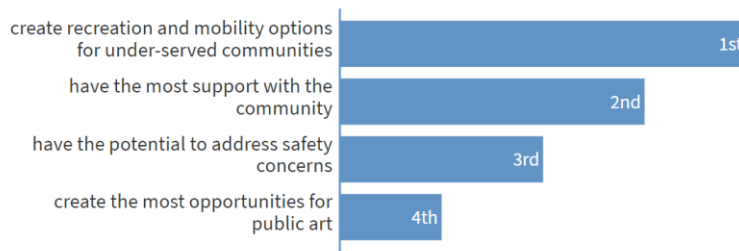
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- i. Comment from Sally Gee: We would like to prioritize green infrastructure projects vs gray infrastructure.
 - ii. Comment from Carolina Hernandez: There was no questions regarding flood risk mitigation.
 - iii. Comment from Belinda Faustinos: I would have liked a ranking that would give the highest priority to nature-based solutions (solutions based on natural topography and natural/local vegetation).
- g. Community poll results: 1) create recreation and mobility options for under-served communities, 2) have the most support with the community, 3) have the potential to address safety concerns, and 4) create the most opportunities for public arts.

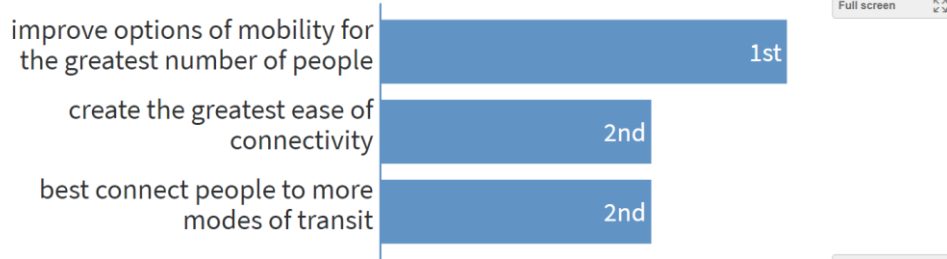
In terms of COMMUNITY, it would be vital for my organization to identify projects or reaches that:



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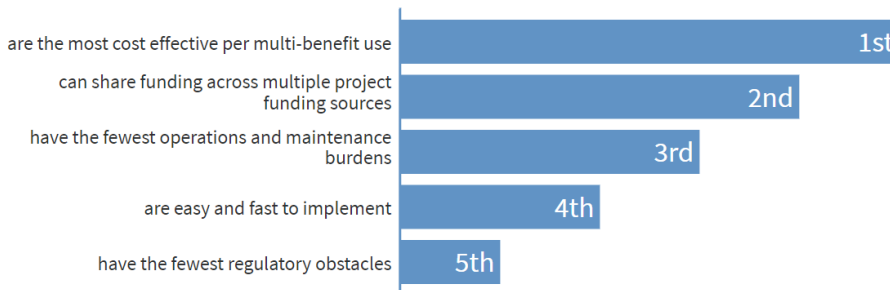
- i. Comment from Belinda Faustinos: Community led design is critically important and must be incorporated in all project sites.
 - ii. Comment from Edna Robidas: I have found that projects that lack community support from the outset are not as successful as those that have strong initial community support. It is much harder to develop and sustain support after the project has been selected during project development.
 - iii. Comment from Carolina Hernandez: Gaging the community’s feelings regarding active transportation vs. recreation/open space.
- h. Circulation poll results: 1) improve options of mobility for the greatest number of people, (tied) 2) create the greatest ease of connectivity, and 2) best connect people to more modes of transit.

In terms of CIRCULATION, it would be vital for my organization to identify projects or reaches that:



- i. Comment from Sally Gee: Loop designs also seem to be more popular than in and out designs. I think connection to existing trails/ access points and w/in walking distance of residential or school areas are important to consider.
- ii. Comment from Martin Reyes: Surrounding land use and destinations should be considered to identify greenway segments that may be used more.
- i. Planned Projects poll results: 1) are the most cost effective per multi-benefit use, 2) can share funding across multiple project funding sources, 3) have the fewest operations and maintenance burdens, 4) are easy and fast to implement, and 5) have the fewest regulatory obstacles.

In terms of EXISTING PROJECTS, it would be vital for my organization to identify projects of reaches that:



- i. Comment from Carolina Hernandez: The issue of PEH (people experiencing homelessness) should be addressed as well. It's difficult to address the burden of O&M when the responsible entities haven't been identified.
- j. General discussion on project prioritization:
 - i. Martin Reyes noted when homeless encampments and issues of safety would be of concern for the community when opening flood ways.
 - ii. Sally Gee would like to see categories about climate and climate adaptation.
 - iii. Belinda Faustinos would like to elevate the issue of equity throughout all the considerations. Water quality would also improve habitat and can be considered together.
 - iv. Carolina Hernandez would like to see more discussion of access. Maybe add this to circulation and consider it in terms of equity as well.
 - v. Daritza Gonzalez noted on community, she would like for certain communities near La Puente to be considered.

- vi. Johnathan Perisho noted that this plan can inform other plans and efforts. To the points on nature-based solutions, soil and vegetation are the drivers of planning and designing landscapes as functional systems and not just aesthetics, which have profound impacts on water quality, water conservation, and water supply, as well as air quality, carbon sequestration, habitat, and human restoration.
 - k. Update on Channel Information Study
 - i. Enrique Baul noted that the channel study is still ongoing.
3. Next Steps
- a. Project Team to send meeting summary
 - b. Committee feedback on the data summaries needed by August 3, 2020
 - c. Future meeting dates
 - September 9, 2020, 2PM to 5PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Gather Feedback Related to the July Meeting, Review, provide an update on Channel Information, and discuss how opportunity areas can be identified

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: Sept 9, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

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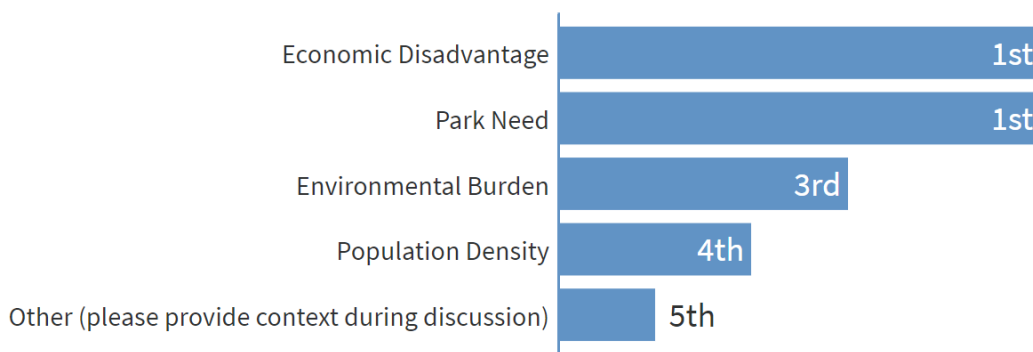
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Meeting Summary

1. Introductions and welcoming remarks from LAC
2. PowerPoint Presentation
 - a) Questions/Comments related to July meeting
 - i. No questions or comments were provided from the July meetings.
 - b. Schedule Status
 - i. Lisa Skutecki reviewed the current schedule and provided update to SC members.
 - c. Update on Channel Information Study
 - i. Tony Howze provides update on channel information and review.
 - d. Eaton Wash Example
 - i. Jan Dryer provided introduction to Eaton Wash example.
 - ii. Kevin Johnson provided overview of Eaton Wash example using online interactive tool.
 1. Belinda Faustinos asked about where the community will have input into what we presented today.
 2. Dan Sharp noted that each community will be engaged individually and will provide information specific to the community. The team is hoping to have some in person engagement but will start virtually if needed in a few months.
 3. Elaine Kunitake asked if railroad crossings were taken into account? i.e. near where Eaton Wash crosses Temple City Blvd. RR crossings have been obstacles that we've had a hard time overcoming in past bikeway projects.
 4. Kevin Johnson noted that the team does have data on the railroads and will make sure it is considered in planning.
3. The project team asked the participants to assist in developing prioritization principles for the later project prioritization. Polling results are as follows:
 - a. Community need poll results: (tied) 1) Economic Disadvantage and Park Need, 3) Environmental burden, 4) Population Density, and 5) Other.

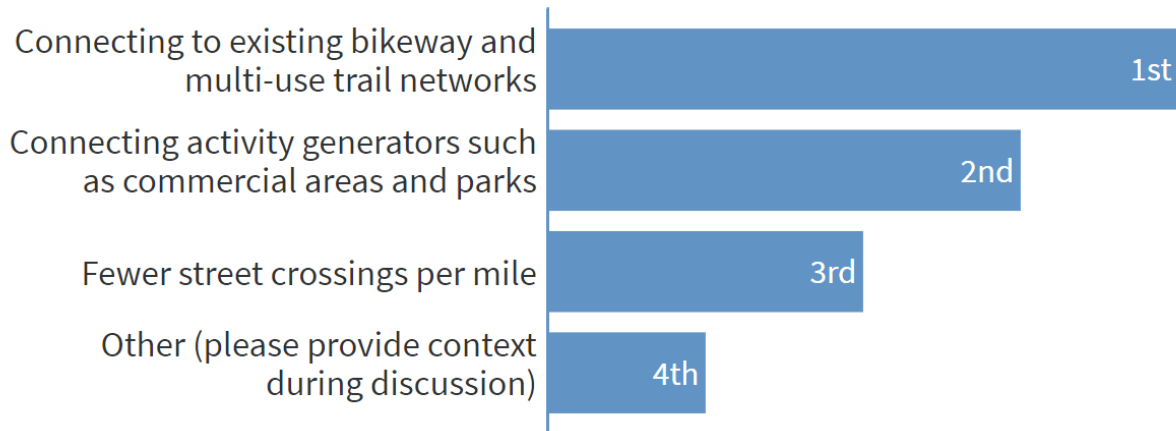
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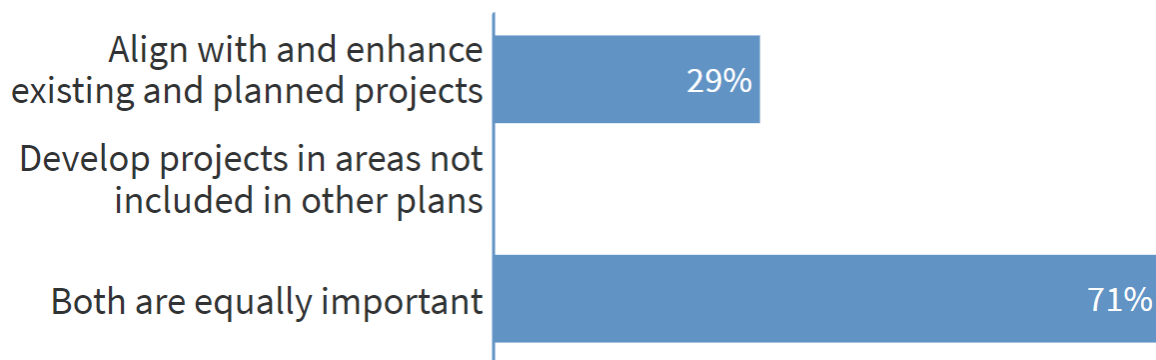
- i. Comments: Belinda Fautinos noted that age could also be an important factor in terms of type of access. Challenges include large biking groups can take a large portion of bikeways on weekends and this effects families and small families. Families would be more in need of slower speed and picnic areas.
- b. Connectivity poll results: 1) Connecting to existing bikeway and multi-use trail networks, 2) Connecting activity generators such as commercial areas and parks, 3) Fewer street crossings per mile, 4) Other.

How do we best connect the Greenway?



- i. Comments: Wesley Reutimann noted greenways with more "interruptions" such as street crossings, are less likely to attract or facilitate triathletes, groups of road bicyclists, from moving at high speeds, and will likely be more frequented/friendly to people walking, biking, etc. The former favor the existing regional facilities like the SGRT which have few at-grade crossings.
- ii. Sally Gee noted that safe access points may help increase use of the Greenway and therefore connectivity.
- c. Previously planned projects poll results: 1) Both are equally important, 2) Align with and enhance existing and planned projects.

Where should this plan expend energies in relation to PREVIOUSLY PLANNED PROJECTS?



- i. Comments: Sally Gee noted that in terms of funding and partnerships aligning with existing projects would be vital but both are equally important for the community.
 - ii. Belinda Faustinos noted that building on existing projects makes it difficult to address ongoing disparities. The abundant areas continue to receive funds.
 - iii. Wesley Reutimann noted the timeline for many of these projects has at least in recent history been very long (at least to the general public). Lowering barriers to moving projects forward is really critical (e.g., Quarry Clasp; San Jose Creek; etc). How many miles of greenway were implemented over the past decade? When we talk to the public and tell them “hey would you like to see this happen”, and then it might take a decade or more to complete, it's very difficult to keep people engaged...
- d. Vacant parcel poll results: 1) Very Important, 2) Somewhat Important.

Our VACANT PARCEL analysis looks at vacant and government owned parcels in the adjacent area that may be available park or open space development. Opportunities to develop parks and open space adjacent to a Greenways are:



- i. Comments: Wesley Reutimann provided a link to an open space (catch basin) along Eaton Wash and noted Eaton Wash this catch basin that is really nice. There was a tour there with about 25 community members a few years ago.
- ii. Michelle O’Connor noted the Department of Parks and Recreation toured this site recently and is at a very preliminary stage of evaluation for passive park improvements. No understanding yet if there is community support in this area, but it is an area of high park need.
- iii. Wesley Reutimann noted the Eaton Wash tour was done to support LACDPW's application to CA-ATP Cycle 4 in 2018. Participants were surveyed and results shared with LACDPW. He noted staff can provide you with the final application (sadly unfunded, like all submissions that cycle) if that might be of help.
- iv. David Diaz asked about the consideration of homes adjacent to paths.
- v. Dan Sharp noted that this is a regional plan and individual property owners will not be directly contacted until later in the process.

4. Next Steps

- a. Project Team to send meeting summary
- b. Committee feedback on the data summaries needed by October 2, 2020
- c. Future meeting dates
 - October 14, 2020, 2PM to 5PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Gather feedback on the Draft Prioritization Matrix, Community Engagement, and providing an update on the project website development

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: Nov 12, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Aydin Pasebani, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Martin Reyes, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Daritza Gonzalez, LAC B.O.S SD4
Anish Saraiya, LAC B.O.S. SD5
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Meeting Summary

1. Introductions
 - a. Welcoming remarks from LAC
 - b. Team Review
2. PowerPoint Presentation
 - a. Schedule (BC)
 - i. Lisa Skutecki noted that we have been working on the prioritization matrix, the project website and community engagement efforts.

b. Prioritization Matrix (Studio-MLA)

- i. <https://arcg.is/1rfT5W>
- ii. Kevin Johnson reviewed the content presented in the previous SC meeting. The next step is to quantify the channels and score them next to each other. The scores presented today are drafts and input will be needed from the SC members.
- iii. Kevin Johnson noted that the channels are very long but segmenting them can help us understand each channel and opportunities within those channels. Metrics used for analysis and segment creation include ROW width, flood capacity, jurisdictional boundaries.
- iv. Wes Reutimann asked what qualifies as a bikeway?
- v. Kevin Johnson noted that they used Class I and Class IV for this effort.
- vi. Kevin Johnson noted that the numbers in the draft scoring matrix are preliminary and are subject to change. All the scores are relative to each other.
- vii. Belinda Faustinos noted that the lower part of San Jose Creek seems like it would have a higher score due to need in the area. The need in areas like La Puente seems like it should outweigh some of physical and jurisdictional boundary.
- viii. Kevin Johnson noted that the area does rank relatively high, but the score could be weighed down by ROW width possibly, lack of other projects in the area, or jurisdictional boundaries.
- ix. Dan Sharp noted that the weighting will need to be adjusted to accommodate for these issues. There might be opportunity to take out certain factors and see how communities' needs are met without other factors. There may be a need to split the matrix into multiple matrices that can show scores for each channel through subcategories.
- x. Martin Reyes noted that it would be nice to have a separate list of identified "easy wins" in case there is any short deadline funding that may arise.
- xi. Brown and Caldwell will work with LACPW to update and adjust matrix based on feedback from Steering Committee members.

c. Community Engagement (MIG)

- i. Noe Noyola introduced the new logo and noted that this logo is only for the planning effort only. This has no bearing for wayfinding and signage. The logo will also include icons, and more icons can be developed and added to the icon library.

d. Project Website Development (MIG)

- i. Noe Noyola noted that the website is in development and it is live, but not live to the public yet.
- ii. Noe Noyola noted that the next steps for outreach will include stakeholder interviews with Board of Supervisors, cities, and agencies, as well as community-based organizations.
- iii. Enrique Baul noted that community engagement is extremely important, and LAC will be working with WCA to continue the community engagement effort. WCA will be working alongside the consulting team on this effort.
- iv. Noe Noyola noted that after the stakeholder interviews, the next step would be a kickoff with the public in terms of workshops. This effort is currently planned for early 2021.
- v. Belinda Faustinos noted that another community-based organization that should be included is API Forward Movement, Kyle Tsukahira. Happy to facilitate connection to him, Claire at Amigos.

- vi. Noe Noyola noted that a map-based survey will be utilized with the public to allow them to drop pins within the buffer of the greenway project area. This will help the teams better understand specific areas of interest noted by the community.

3. Next Steps

- a. Project Team to send meeting summary and presentation to the SC members.
- b. Committee feedback on the data summaries needed by December 3, 2020.
- c. Future meeting dates
 - December 9, 2020 2 PM to 5 PM
 - January 13, 2021 2 PM to 5 PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Present and gather feedback on the updated Prioritization Matrix and provide an update on Community Engagement and Project Website Development

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: Dec 9, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Martin Reyes, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Daritza Gonzalez, LAC B.O.S SD4
Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD
Katie Ward, SGVCOG
Andrew Ross, LACPW TPP
Wesley Reutimann, Active SGV
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Meeting Summary

1. Introductions
 - a. Welcoming remarks from LAC
 - b. Roll call
 - c. Comments from the November meeting

- i. Enrique Baul noted that there were no additional comments provided by the SC from the November meeting.
2. PowerPoint Presentation
 - a. Schedule update (BC)
 - i. Rosey Jencks noted that the project team is working on incorporating stakeholder feedback into the prioritization matrix and advancing moving forward on community engagement efforts.
 - b. Community Engagement and Project Website Development (MIG)
 - i. Rosey Jencks described upcoming community engagement activities including the style guide for presentations and flyers regarding the project, the website in beta form, stakeholder interviews to understand key issues in the community, map-based surveys in gather geographic-based concerns from community members, and a virtual kickoff workshop with the public.
 - c. Updated Prioritization Matrix (BC and Studio-MLA)
 - i. Jean Yang walked through the matrix process and noted that the next step after the December meeting is to get community feedback for some of the data that were provided.
 - ii. Jean Yang noted that after feedback from the November meeting the overall map for each wash was split into different maps including Community Impact, Equity & Burden, Circulation & Active Living, Environment, and Synergy & Opportunity.
 - iii. Jean Yang walked the group through the community impact dataset which included population density and park need.
 1. Dan Sharp requested that the STAC provide their any reactions that may rise throughout this process.
 - iv. Jean Yang walked the group through the equity dataset which included pollution burden and socioeconomic burden.
 - v. Jean Yang walked the group through the circulation dataset which included activity and existing bikeways and trails.
 1. Wesley Reutimann asked, “Did the project team consider including any of the following in the scoring/weighting: Area Ped/Bike Safety collision data? Connectivity to High Quality Public Transit including expanded Metro L Line?”
 2. Kevin Johnson replied that that collision data is not included but under discussion with the team and connectivity is included in the circulation data.
 3. Belinda Faustinos asked if the SGR & RH bikeways were considered as "connections" to bikeways?
 4. Kevin Johnson responded that those bikeways were considered as connections.
 - vi. Jean Yang walked the group through the environment dataset which included tree canopy and significant ecological areas.
 1. Wesley Reutimann asked if space for new tree canopy was considered in the dataset.
 2. Jean Yang noted that space around the channel was considered, but for now, the lens is focused on need then in a later phase opportunity will be factored in.
 - vii. Jean Yang shared the synergy dataset which includes early implementation projects and vacant government land.
 1. Belinda Faustinos asked if the team knew if distribution of vacant land between cities, county, etc.?

2. Jean Yang noted that this is an exercise that the team has not gone through yet but will come into the story later in the process.
 - viii. Jean Yang presented the themes that combine circulation with other elements throughout the region such as equity, community impact, environment, and synergy.
 - ix. Kevin Johnson walked the group through the updated webmap which can be accessed at <https://arcg.is/1rfT5W>
 1. Dan Sharp noted that all the layers shown on the webmap are unweighted, meaning they all carry equal weight.
 2. Wesley Reutimann asked if connection to planned metro transit could be included in a circulation or synergy lens?
 3. Kevin Johnson noted that this is another dataset that we will have to begin to look at and consider adding to one of the lenses.
 - x. Polling was held for the SC members to rank which themes reviewed would provide the most benefit to the San Gabriel Valley.
 1. Results are as follows: Equity and Burden, Community Impact, Circulation & Active Living, Environment, Synergy a& Opportunity.
 - xi. Dan Sharp noted that weighting factors will be added to the lenses based on the polling results from today.
 - xii. Belinda Faustinos noted that caution should be made when adding weighting factors because this could constrain project selection in the future.
 - xiii. Jean Yang noted that the team has been working on understanding all the complexity throughout the region and making sure that nothing is thrown out of the mix too soon in the process.
3. Next Steps
- a. Project Team to send meeting summary
 - b. Committee feedback on the data summaries needed by January 6, 2020
 - c. Future meeting dates
 - January 13, 2020 2 PM to 5 PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Present and gather feedback on the weighting of prioritization lenses

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: Various

Time: Various

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

- Martin Reyes, LAC B.O.S. SD1
- Jocelyn Rivera-Olivas, LAC B.O.S. SD4
- Anish Saraiya, LAC B.O.S. SD5
- Keith Lilley, LACFCD
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- Rosey Jencks, Brown and Caldwell
- Jesse Scolavino, Brown and Caldwell
- Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA

Meeting Summary

| Steering Committee Member | Organization | Date-Time | Decision | Additional Comments |
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| Norma Quinones | SGV Conservation Corp | 1/19/21 10:00 am | Agreed | The maps look good overall and seem to cover the whole valley. Add Thompson Creek label to the map. Noted there are 32 cities |

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| | | | | within the network, and they will all be reviewing this map as well. Would like to see more youth involvement in the engagement activities. |
| Elaine Kunitake | LACPW TPP | 1/19/21 1:00 pm | Agreed | What does SD1 think about this? Eaton Wash adjacent residents were not excited about opening the wash to the public. Without looking at equity the upper reaches rise up high. Good to include equity. Show job centers as a way of indicating that not all segments need to connect to the main stem if there are other elements they are connecting to. "You haven't missed anything" "The 28-16-8-8 breakdown are odd numbers, but it makes sense" One on ones are a good idea. The early hydrology lessons were difficult. |
| Andrew Ross | LACPW TPP | 1/19/21 1:00 pm | Agreed | Question on what went into the circulation layer. Where is political will captured? "Good job" glad you focused on circulation and that as you weighted circulation up at about 60% you saw the impacts of that and brought it down to 40%. How are tributaries connecting to or crossing the rivers? One on ones are a good idea and allows people to give meaningful feedback by letting them absorb the materials ahead of time. Stakeholder: Be cautious about only working with Dorothy Wong in Altadena as the Altadena head of the Town Council might be offended. |
| Katie Ward | SGVCOG | 1/19/21 3:00 pm | Agreed | There should be a focus on youth engagement |

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1. Next Steps

a. Future meeting dates

- February 10, 2021 2 PM to 5 PM



Meeting Minutes

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- Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA

Meeting Summary

| Steering Committee Member | Organization | Date-Time | Decision | Additional Comments |
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| Belinda Faustinos | Nature For All | 1/20/21 10:00 am | Agreed | The team decided to return to the board resolution to center the focus of the project around circulation. The purpose of prioritization with |

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| | | | | respect to grant funding is to identify priority reaches with the most benefit for the most people in the SGV. The goal is to create different tiers of projects so when a funding opportunity does arise there is a readily available list or lists of projects to pull from. Belinda noted that challenges may be prioritizing acquisition, this may be seen in areas like San Jose Creek. Eaton Wash shows highest priority, but in terms of equity it doesn't 'hit the mark' like some of the other areas. Critical groups to reach out to include some Latino biking groups. |
| Wesley Reu-timann | Active SGV | 1/20/21 2:00 pm | Would like to see how connections to transit impact scores before agreeing | Commented that he would like to see what elements are driving different reaches up high. What reaches are ranking high in circulation versus needs? Asked if funding was a driver. Would generally like to see less weighting on circulation and more on disadvantaged communities. Also asked if other corridors could be included. Inquired where feasibility was going to be addressed. Wanted to see the impacts of metro/rail on the weighting and what the results would be like with planned projects not included. |
| Rudy Ortega Alexandra Ferguson (Valdes) | Native American Indian Commission WDACS | 1/25/21 10:00AM | Agreed but may have questions later | The Native American Heritage Commission should be consulted. Alexandra noted that many tribe offices maybe be shortstaffed. Need to make sure the projects don't adversely affect sacred places. Rudy requested tribal |

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| | | | | language/history with signage is used. Alexandra stated that there is a public meeting every third Tuesday of the month at the Native American Heritage Commission and that the SGV team can speak at it (February agenda). |
| Mary Beth Vergara Sally Gee | RMC | 1/27/21 11:00 am | Agreed | Mary Beth noted that focusing on disadvantaged communities should be a priority but noted that if you combine community and equity categories that does total more than the 40% being allocated to circulation. |

1. Next Steps

a. Future meeting dates

- February 10, 2021 2 PM to 5 PM



Meeting Agenda

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Present Finalized Prioritization Matrix, gather feedback on ROW Analysis, and provide an update on Community Engagement

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: Mar 10, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Anish Saraiya, LAC B.O.S. SD5
Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD
Antonino Monterrosa, LACPW
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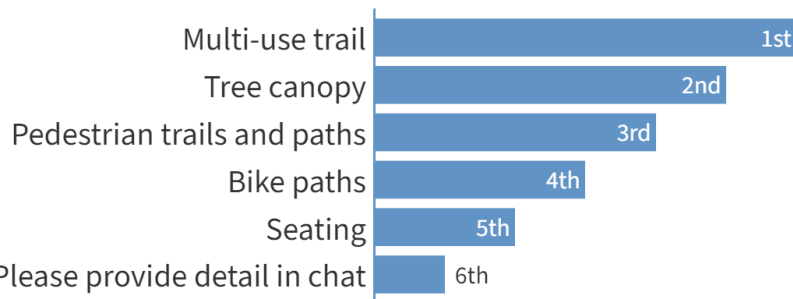
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Meeting Summary

1. Introductions

- a. Welcoming remarks from LAC
- b. Roll call
- c. Comments from the January one-on-one meetings
- 2. PowerPoint Presentation
 - a. Schedule update (BC)
 - i. Dan Sharp noted that the team has completed review of existing studies and conditions and developed a GIS database. The team is now moving toward development of the Greenway Network Plan with bike path alternatives.
 - b. Finalized Prioritization Matrix/Maps (BC and Studio-MLA) Slides 5-6
 - i. Dan Sharp reviewed prioritizations from the January meetings and confirms the finalized prioritization map with each Steering Committee member.
 - ii. No objections were noted for the prioritization framework map.
 - iii. Dan Sharp noted that areas with small gaps are areas where the channel system goes underground.
 - c. ROW Width Analysis (Studio-MLA) Slides 8-24
 - i. Lisa Skutecki introduced the ROW analysis goals for today’s discussion including discussion of options and tradeoffs for the greenway network.
 - ii. Jan Dyer noted that minimum widths are drawn from state and federal guidelines. Over 50 percent of the tier 1 project areas have 24 or more feet of ROW width.
 - iii. Jan Dyer noted that areas that do not have areas of equestrian uses can expand green infrastructure in the network.
 - iv. Wesley Reutimann noted that many families would be using the trail so it would be ideal if the path could accommodate multiple uses. Space to provide both hard and soft surfaces would best serve all users including electric options.
 - 1. A question was raised on whether scooter share would work in the valley. Additionally, it was noted that running groups want soft bottoms/trails while bikers would like hard. Pinch points and under crossings must be taken into consideration for pedestrian safety.
 - v. Poll: In a constrained condition, rank the following elements by order of importance in a greenway:

In a constrained condition, rank the following by order of importance in a greenway:



- 1. Other - Please provide detail in chat
- 2. Result of Poll: Multi-use trail, tree canopy, pedestrian trails and paths, seating.

3. Belinda Faustinos, Wesley Reutimann and other team members noted how critical shade is.
 - vi. Sally Gee asked if there's two sides to a channel, would they need to look the same on both sides?
 - vii. Dan Sharp noted that if they can't meet all the needs on one side of the channel, they may need to look into opening the other side. This would only be applicable if there is already an extensive network throughout the region before deciding to double in one area or another.
 - viii. Belinda Faustinos asked if there will be an analysis to figure out which side would have the path. Residential access would be key to a pedestrian path.
 - ix. Kevin Johnson noted that next steps will include street and railroad crossing analysis, results from flood capacity analysis, property ownership, and community support. These elements will all be included in the physical feasibility analysis.
 - x. Belinda Faustinos noted that she notices a lot of cyclone fencing being used along the channel at the moment and it can be a safety and aesthetic issue.
- d. Community Engagement (MIG) Slides 25-26
 - i. Noe Noyola introduced the activities in progress to kick off the community engagement, which includes a project fact sheet, website, presentation, social media post templates, promotional flyer, map-based survey, and other additional presentation tools.
 - ii. The community engagement phase 1 kickoff is tentatively set for April 21 and is intended to be a virtual zoom meeting and the date may be changed based on discussions with the board.
3. Next Steps
 - a. Project Team to send meeting summary, a PDF of PowerPoint slides, and polling results
 - b. Committee feedback on the data summaries needed by April 5, 2021
 - c. Future meeting dates
 - April 14, 2021 2 PM to 5 PM
 - May 12, 2021 2 PM to 5 PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Present an update on engagement activities and materials and discuss project opportunities and constraints

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: May 12, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Ramy Gindi, LACFCD
Antonino Monterrosa, LACPW
Haris Harouny, LACPW
Andrew Ross, LACPW
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Dan Tormey, Catalyst

Meeting Summary

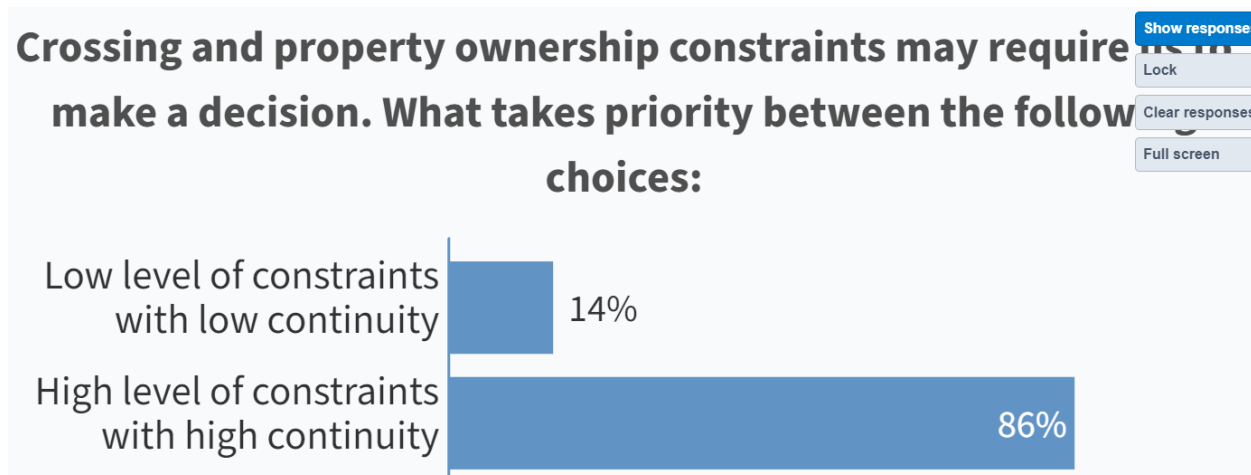
1. Introductions
 - a. Welcoming remarks from LAC
 - b. Roll call
 - c. Comments from the March meeting
2. PowerPoint Presentation
 - a. Schedule update (BC)

1. Daniel Sharp noted that meetings will be held bi-monthly.
 2. Lisa Skutecki stated the next meeting will be July 14th.
- b. Engagement Update and Materials (MIG)
- i. Website
 1. Noe Noyola introduced the website and showed some of the engagement buttons. The website is an interactive website and an outreach tool. The first community workshop will be virtual and presentation materials are being developed.
 - ii. Flyers and Announcements
 2. Noe Noyola stated that the informational flyer will be the first interaction people will have with the project. The flyer sets the tone of the project and will guide folks towards the website and survey. Large flyers can be posted on parks and trails. It includes a general introduction to the project and shows key goals and shows why this project is happening.
 3. Dan Sharp noted that equestrian use will be shown on flyer.
 4. Noe Noyola noted that the intent of this flyer is for people to start envisioning themselves using the greenway. There are numerous benefits, including social and ecological, from the completed greenway. A strategic greenway implementation plan will get people excited about the project.
- c. Opportunities and Constraints (Studio-MLA)
- i. Approaches and solutions
 1. Jan Dyer discussed the matrix developed about surface materials. Crossings were discussed, including how large project will have crossings and what is the best approach to these crossings and how flood capacity is involved.
 2. Kevin Johnson talked about path definitions and constrained right of ways and how we might be able to use different surface types to encourage and discourage different usages. Three categories were mentioned: Soft (dirt/sand) which is best used for equestrians but may not be great for pedestrians and bikes, Compacted Gravel (DG) which is great for storm water but may be difficult for ADA access and for pedestrians and bicyclists to use, and Hard (Asphalt/Concrete) which is an asphalt path which is great for biking and walking but is not great for stormwater.
 3. Sally Gee commented that a soft dirt path was hard to walk on and would like to change pedestrian access to marginally usable.
 4. Natasha Krakowiak commented that some people prefer soft soil for usage and equestrian usage on a hard surface is acceptable.
 - ii. Property Ownership
 1. Dan Tormey noted that property ownership is a constraint and focused on two primary ones. The first one is fee ownership vs. easement. Fee ownership is ownership by the County and is the easier spots to do projects and easements are agreements that allow the county to do certain activities on land owned by others. An easement brings a higher level of difficulty and potentially a higher level of time.
 2. Kevin Johnson noted that there are constraints and talked about intersections.
 3. Glenn Evangelista talked about crossing treatments and noted that identifying where the crossings are is the first step. There are different types of crossings: undercrossing, overcrossing, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, pedestrian hybrid beacons, full traffic

signal. Once all crossings are identified will do a case-by-case treatment and look into existing treatments.

4. Kevin Johnson mentioned that a question for the Steering Committee is how we should approach these crossings.

iii. Poll:



iv. Hydraulic solutions or alternative paths

1. Tony Howze explained the flood capacity analysis within Tier 1 Project Area.

v. Community vs. City social concerns

1. Kevin Johnson explained that possible to design greenways about flood risk
 - a. Buffalo Bayou Trail- Interesting to see path curving to slow down cyclists
 - b. Raised Garden of Saints- Has shade for bikers
 - c. The 606 in Chicago - Project strength is that is has many connections to people and big deal in the community
 - d. 39th Ave Greenway Railway is an interesting attempt to consider the place and look at the history of the place; want to look to the history as we design for the future
 - e. Milton Street Park- Great park and has long path gets used a lot by cyclists. This park is next to a street and a greenway and there is lots of visibility. In the past folks have been unsure about a park being far away from a pathway
 - f. The Emerald Necklace Plan stands out as a plan that works towards a greater greenway network plan

Other Comments

- Edna Robidas commented via Microsoft Teams chat that “the 606 ended up spurring a significant rise in housing prices in low-income areas adjacent to the trail because housing protection policies and interventions weren’t in place before the news of the project broke. It led to speculation and displacement of low-income and communities of color. Large scale active transportation projects around the county have had similar impacts. Will the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network plan take this into account in any way?”
 - Dan Sharp responded with saying that the Flood Control District is aware of this and wants to make sure that the Flood Control District ROW ends at their fence.

- Wesley Reutimann commented via Microsoft Teams chat “Haven’t seen it firsthand but did you look at the CV Link at all? I think they incorporated some interesting non-tree shade structures in initial segments”
 - Kevin responded with there have been some studies on shade equity and shade structures and they will look into it.
- Sally Gee commented via Microsoft Teams Chat “Ricardo Lara Linear Park in Lynwood can be another example to look at”
 - The team will look into it
- Johnathan Perisho commented “Anaheim Coves is another good example”
 - The team will look into it

d. Next Steps

- i. Project Team to send meeting summary
- ii. Committee feedback on the data summaries needed by June 3, 2021

e. Future meeting dates

- July 14, 2021 2 PM to 5 PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Present tributary narratives, the map-based survey, and an update on ROW analysis.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: July 14, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Ramy Gindi, LACFCD
Elaine Kunitake, LACPW TPP
Wesley Reutimann, Active SGV
Norma Quinones, SGV Conservation Corps
Belen Bernal, Nature For All

Extra

Alexander Sarno
Sally Gee, RMC
Enrique Baul
Giuseppe Canzonieri
Jonathan Lu

Project Team

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Natasha Krakowiak, LACDPR
Loretta Quach, LACDPR
Johnathan Perisho, WCA
Lisa Skutecki, Brown and Caldwell
Jesse Scolavino, Brown and Caldwell
Laureen Abustan, Brown and Caldwell
Carlos Velasquez, KOA
Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA
Kevin Johnson, Studio-MLA
Tony Howze, PACE
Cherise Thompson, PACE
Noe Noyola, MIG

Summary

1. Introductions

- a. Welcoming remarks from LAC
- b. Roll call
- c. Comments from the May meeting

2. PowerPoint Presentation

a. Schedule update (BC)

- Lisa Skutecki (BC) noted that they have been working hard on a lot of items especially the tributary maps, project priority matrix, the bike path alternatives, and the potential project list. Lisa Skutecki (BC) also noted that they are kicking off the project website, the web-based survey, and will be kicking off the community workshops after the web-based survey has been released

b. Opportunities and Constraints

i. Technical Update on Approaches and Solutions (PACE)

- Tony Howze (PACE) went over the technical updates.
- Tony Howze (PACE) noted originally data was collected in a cross-sectional form. Information shown on slide 6 is a has built plan. Measurements were taken from the bank to the right of way line, and this is what the original right of way was based off of. Tony Howze (PACE) noted that when they went into the field, they noticed discrepancies and to resolve the issues, high-resolution aeriels were used to understand fence lines and what type of trail that can be placed within the right of ways.
- Tony Howze (PACE) noted that on slide 7 a section is shown of what is possible given a ROW width of 24 feet or beyond. Based on current design standards, this width would allow for an equestrian path, two-way bicycle path, and adjacent pedestrian path. Width beyond 24 feet could be used for green infrastructure, seating or other park amenities. Each greenway design alternative will need to consider the specific community context and strive to serve the most users. In some communities an equestrian path may not be appropriate.

ii. Tributary Narratives (Studio-MLA)

- Jan Dyer (MLA) noted that the initial study area consisted of 130 miles in the San Gabriel Valley. Took these tributaries and segmented based on conditions, and then each segment was scored. Based on the scoring process they came up with 55 miles of Tier 1 high priority area. Jan Dyer (MLA) noted that compiling of previous efforts and studies in this area as well as many other datasets related to existing conditions and the surrounding community resulted in:
 - Community Need
 - Circulation
 - Equity
 - Environment
 - Etc
- Jan Dyer (MLA) explained each narrative in detail and noted that there will be narrative for each tributary. Each segment has bullet points that describe the segment.

iii. Round Table Discussion

- Johnathan Perisho (WCA) noted that WCA has a service agreement with Public Works and have WCA has a web presence and there are several ways they can contribute. John also noted that the information of the graphs is very useful.
- Wes (Active SGV) will share an update through their newsletter and social feeds. Wes noted that regarding the tributary narrative designs there are many different buckets and if you pull away and look at all of them, they look similar and noted that the narratives need to be distinguished.
- Kevin Johnson (MLA) noted that changing color schemes could be helpful and Wes agreed.
- Wes (Active SGV) asked if copies of these narratives will be sent out and Kevin Johnson responded saying that these materials will be printed, and they will be available online.
- Belen Bernal (Nature For All) noted that Nature For All has a website and social media outlets and are beginning their work with San Gabriel Valley leadership program which will take place both online and in person and they are happy to distribute the information to the participants.
- Kevin Johnson (MLA) asked if printed materials will be more helpful, and Belen Bernal (Nature for All) responded saying that is correct.
- Belen Bernal (Nature For All) noted that hard copies will be very useful, but they are prepared to distribute through social media platforms as well.
- Sally Gee (RMC) noted that they have a newsletter and social media that they can post on. Sally also noted that it was hard to distinguish between each narrative so changing colors will be helpful. Sally also noted that the demographics were too busy and wants to highlight the environmental aspect.
- Wes (Active SGV) asked in terms of sharing material what are the goals from the planning team.
 - Jesse Scolavino (BC) noted that there is a web-based survey that they want help distributing.
- Alex Sarno noted was wondering when the final plan will be finalized.
 - Lisa Skutecki (BC) noted by the end of the year or beginning of next year.

TRIBUTARY NARRATIVE

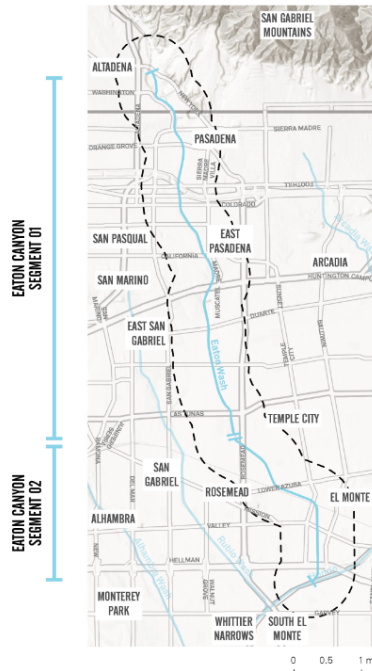
EATON WASH

Eaton Canyon Segment 01 (North of Broadway)

- Retail, office and industrial spaces along Colorado, Huntington and Las Tunas that may drive traffic.
- Very High to High park need south of Huntington Drive.
- Sensitivity and socio-economic burden is Low to Very Low.
- Exposure to pollution is High to Very High, particularly in the Pasadena and East Pasadena Area.
- Low to Very Low access to reliable public transit.
- High rates of access to a vehicle.
- FEMA has designated a possible but undetermined flood risk at the mouth of Eaton Canyon.
- Percentage of impervious surfaces is around the LA County average.
- High to Very High heat vulnerability. Hopefully some of the risk is mitigated by the tree canopy coverage.

Eaton Canyon Segment 02 (South of Broadway)

- More dense and have lower income than Eaton Canyon Segment 01.
- Retail, office and industrial spaces along Valley that may drive traffic.
- Very High to High park need throughout most of this area.
- Generally suffers from high environmental burden.
- Over-representation of population and health characters (such as asthma, housing burden, linguistic isolation) that would make them sensitive to pollution.
- Lower access to a vehicle, but higher access to reliable transit.
- No instances of FEMA-noted flood risks.
- Percentage of impervious surfaces is at or above LA County average.
- High to Very High heat vulnerability.
- High need for tree canopy, especially south of the Pacific Railway Tracks.



consider how a non technical person will decipher layers

perhaps use different colors to distinguish between each category

Hard to distinguish, graphics a bit busy. Simplify?

Information is useful

so many different buckets, look similar, so distinguish

Hard copies? Printed but online options too

Outreach

Drop in center/ bike center

website, social media

Service Agreement / Contracting work

nature for all website, social

Nature for All Leadership Program, and Coalition

print materials would be useful for tabling events with partners

Newsletter

what are the goals of the outreach for these?

outreach and awareness

find blindspots, ground-truth

When will final plan be finalized?
End of 2021

SYNERGY STORY

EATON WASH

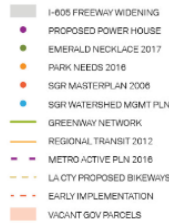
PART 1 - OPPORTUNITIES

Synergy story – early implementation projects, non-greenway projects, vacant parcels, and public land will help us understand where there are potential opportunities to build on the greenway.

EATON CANYON SYNERGY OPPORTUNITIES:

Eaton Wash is a popular tributary and has been identified by many studies and planning efforts in the past:

- The LA County Bicycle Master Plan 2012 identified a greenway alignment along this reach
- The SGVCOG Greenways Study 2019 ranked Eaton Wash among its “top 50 miles”
- A Greenway along the southern portion of Eaton Wash is currently in design between Rosemead Ave and Longden Ave.
- Phase 2 will continue North from Longden Ave to Huntington Drive (Currently in Planning).
- A third section from Rosemead Ave to the Rio Hondo was identified as “funded” within the SGVCOG Study
- Additionally, “constructing a park in the vicinity of Eaton Wash” was identified by the community as a high priority project during the 2016 Parks Needs Assessment



SYNERGY STORY

EATON WASH

PART 2 - COMPLEXITY

Understanding the legal as well as physical constraints along each wash will show existing issues that the design has to take into account.

EATON CANYON LEGAL COMPLEXITY

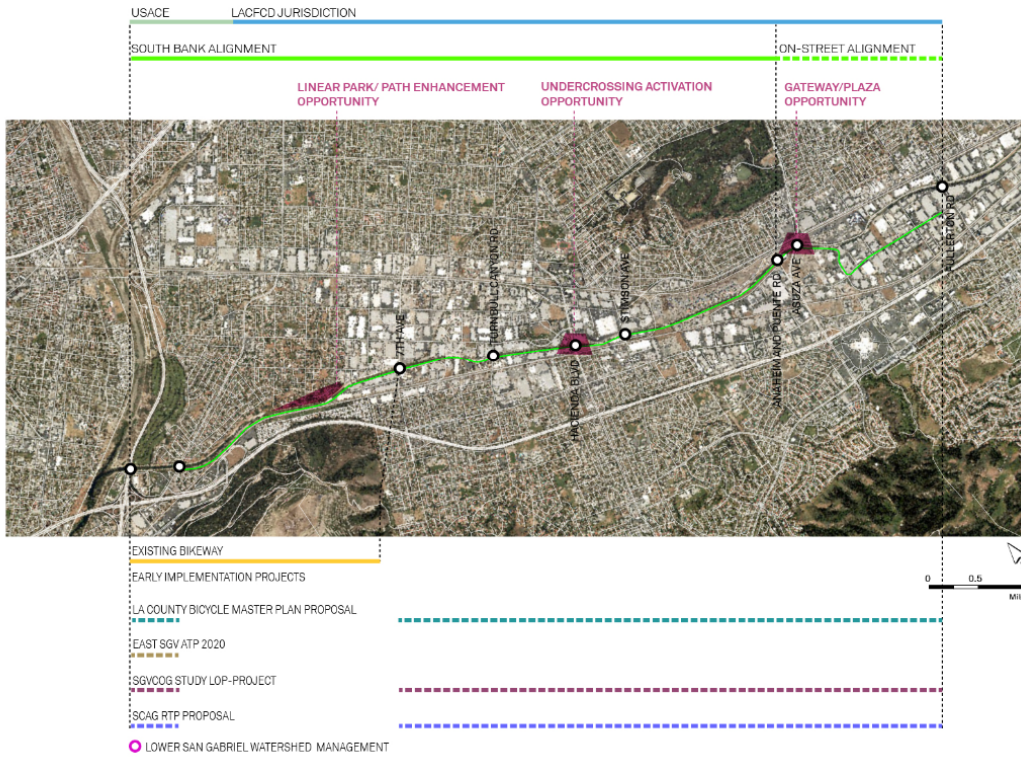
- Eaton Canyon parcels are mostly fee property, with a few marginal quitclaims and easements along the channel
- “Fee” parcels would require the least amount of regulatory approvals

EATON CANYON PHYSICAL COMPLEXITY

- Available As-built data was used along with County ROW parcel data
- Generally, Eaton Wash has over 10 feet of ROW available outside of the flood control channel
- Areas with 10 feet of available ROW are mostly concentrated between Acacia St and Encinita Ave



SAN JOSE CREEK - OPPORTUNITIES



These are more simple and easier to understand

ENVIRONMENT STORY

EATON WASH

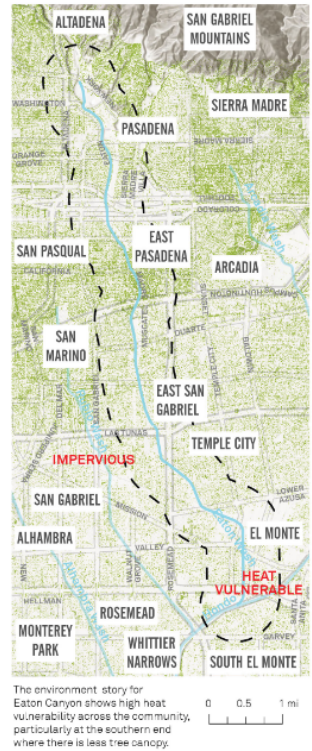
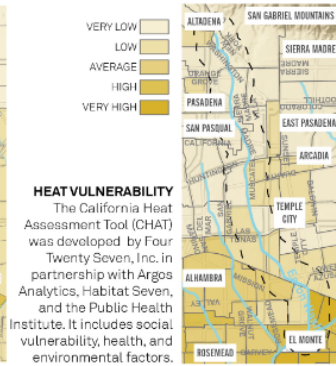
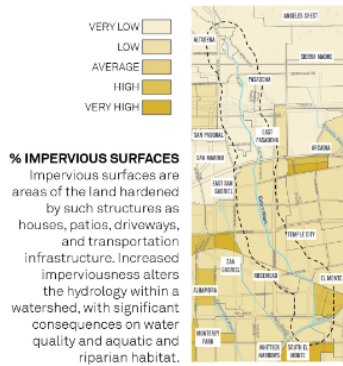
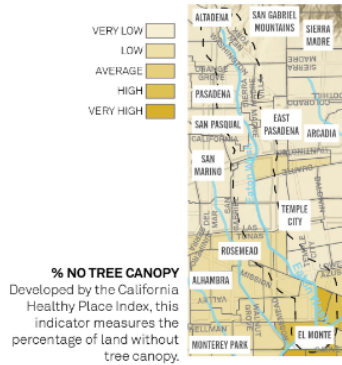
Shade study, impervious surfaces, and heat vulnerability will help us see where trees can be the most beneficial.

EATON CANYON SEGMENT 01

North of Broadway, there is High to Very High heat vulnerability. Hopefully some of the risk is mitigated by the tree canopy coverage.

EATON CANYON SEGMENT 02

South of Broadway, there is High to Very High heat vulnerability. There is a need for tree canopy, especially in the area south of the Pacific Railway Tracks.



CIRCULATION STORY

EATON WASH

Knowing existing circulation will inform where we prioritize connection, potential partnership, and modality.

EATON CANYON SEGMENT 01

North of Broadway, lack of access to reliable transit is High to Very High. The rates of having a vehicle are also high. Therefore, we assume that most of the community is driving.

EATON CANYON SEGMENT 02

South of Broadway, access to a vehicle is lower; but access to reliable transit is significantly higher.

- RAILWAY
- TRAILS
- GREENWAY NETWORK
- EXISTING BIKEWAYS
- 🎓 SCHOOLS
- 🚉 RAIL STATIONS
- ✕ INTERSECTIONS
- ✚ RAILWAY CROSSINGS
- BUS STOPS

- VERY LOW
- LOW
- AVERAGE
- HIGH
- VERY HIGH

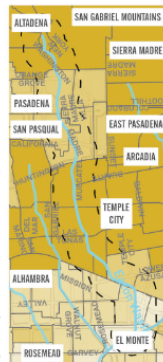
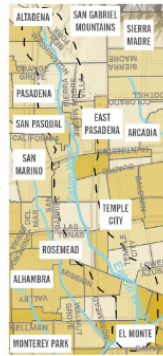
NO VEHICLE

American Community Survey asks about vehicles available to each household to develop transportation plans and services, understand how people are traveling in the course of a normal day, and evaluate pollution and access to transportation in emergencies.

- VERY LOW
- LOW
- AVERAGE
- HIGH
- VERY HIGH

NO TRANSIT ACCESS

From the California Healthy Places Index, this indicator measures the percentage of people living close to convenient, reliable transit, as defined by a half-mile or ten-minute walk, that comes every fifteen minutes or less during peak commute times.



The circulation story for Eaton Canyon shows lack of transit use through the majority of Eaton Canyon and high rates of population without a vehicle to the south.

EQUITY STORY

EATON WASH

Unfair burden of air, water, and ground pollution will inform the value of nature-based solutions in our design concepts. While socioeconomic burden (poverty levels, linguistic isolation, etc) will help inform programming.

EATON CANYON SEGMENT 01

North of Broadway, sensitivity and socioeconomic burden is Low to Very Low. But pollution exposure is High to Very High, particularly in the Pasadena and East Pasadena Area.

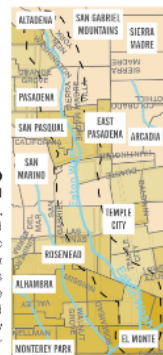
EATON CANYON SEGMENT 02

South of Broadway, the community generally suffers from Very High environmental burden. There is also over-representation of population and health characters (such as asthma, housing burden, linguistic isolation) that would make them sensitive to pollution.

- VERY LOW
- LOW
- AVERAGE
- HIGH
- VERY HIGH

SENSITIVITY AND SOCIOECONOMIC BURDEN

CalEnviroScreen, sensitivity and socioeconomic factors (age, health & socioeconomic situations that may make people more severely affected by pollution) are very high south of the Southern Pacific Railroad.



ENVIRONMENTAL BURDEN

According to Cal EnviroScreen, exposure to different types of pollution (air quality, lead risk, diesel, pesticides, etc) is very high south of Las Tunas Drive.



The equity story for Eaton Canyon is characterized by high rates of asthma throughout the area and heavy levels of housing burden and linguistic isolation to the south.

SAN JOSE CREEK - CONSTRAINTS



c. Engagement Update and Materials (MIG)

i. Website

- Noe Noyola (MIG) noted that the website is now live

ii. Web-based survey

- Noe Noyola (MIG) noted that they need help from the SC members to get the survey out to the public.
- Noe Noyola (MIG) noted that the survey Will be in English, Spanish, and Chinese.
- Noe Noyola (MIG) noted that the survey has a map where you can pick where you are and find a very specific geographic area.
- Wes (Active SGV) asked a question “On Access: why is skateboard and roller blade incorporated together? And for mobility device (wheelchair or scooter) put together?”
 - Noe Noyola (MIG) noted that both skateboarding, and rollerblading have been grouped together because they have small wheels. Wheelchair and mobility scooter will be grouped together.

- Wes (Active SGV) noted that the groups can be broken up more. Separate skateboards, scooters, roller blades, and roller skates. Wes also noted that may want to list electrical bikes.
- Marcela Benavides (LACPW) noted that Public Works Team has to check internally to see if electrical bikes and electrical scooters will be allowed on the pathway.
- Wes (Active SGV) asked “How did you identify the list of potential concerns? Is the order of the list randomized for each survey taker? Do you consider making this an open-ended question?”
- Sally Gee (RMC) had a question regarding destination, sometimes there's no destination for use, simply just to exercise without any destination in mind
 - Noe Noyola (MIG) noted that will add a box with no specific destination
- Ramy Gindi (LACFCD) asked if there was a goal in mind. He also asked how we address the fact that the survey is only online.
 - Noe noted this is not a scientific survey and it has to do more with representation
 - Noe also noted that they can have kiosks where a computer or tablet can be set up and a location to allow people to take the survey.
- Sally Gee (RMC) asked which areas are currently open and what it would do to the data if there were more areas open in richer areas rather than lower income areas and how does this impact the survey.
 - Noe Noyola (MIG) and Kevin Johnson (MLA) noted that there are no paths open that have to do with the San Gabriel Valley implementation plan and that the survey asks about where you will be entering the path, not where you live.

iii. Flyers and Announcements

- Wes (Active SGV) asked “Will electronic/print materials be translated?”

iv. Round Table Discussion

- Belen Bernal (Nature for All) noted that is an exciting project and wants to know the timeline of the engagement piece
 - Noe Noyola (MIG) noted that it will start with the survey
- Wes (Active SGV) had a question regarding the 2019 plan and was wondering if the cost estimates would be incorporated in this planning effort. He wanted to know if updated numbers would be part of the final plan.
 - Lisa Skutecki (BC) noted that cost estimations would be done for the projects that were chosen for the plan so certain things may not be updated for different projects
- Wes (Active SGV) noted that for the concerns question ASGV's preference would be for it to be left open-ended. I.e., not lead people to specific things but give them the space to answer with any concerns.
- Alex Sarno asked a question about if there is an alternative to the online survey and Noe Noyola (MIG) responded with one: they can put a phone number under the survey that can help those navigate the survey, two: the survey is not meant to be the only

place to receive feedback, and three: setting up a posted with the same type of questions.

d. Next Steps

i. Project Team to send meeting summary

- Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) noted that on the update that will be sent out to the Steering Committee dates and a timeline will be included.

ii. Committee feedback on the data summaries needed by August 3, 2021

e. Future meeting dates

- September 8, 2021, 2 PM to 5 PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Present tributary narratives, the map-based survey, and an update on ROW analysis.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Teams
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: January 12, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Martin Reyes, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Roberto Álvarez, LAC B.O.S. SD5
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Steve Hirai, Brown and Caldwell
Jesse Scolavino, Brown and Caldwell
Taylor McCauley, Brown and Caldwell
Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA
Megan Horn, Studio-MLA
Kevin Johnson, Studio-MLA
Noe Noyola, MIG
Raquel Jimenez, KOA

Summary

1. Introductions

- a. Jennifer kicked off the run through with a welcome, introduction, and walk-through of the agenda.
 - i. New team members: Julian Juarez, Robert Gomez, and Soledad Tlamasico introduced themselves.

2. PowerPoint Presentation

a. Schedule Update (Brown and Caldwell)

- i. Jesse walked the team through an update on the SGV Plan schedule including a review of ongoing efforts, noting that Task 6 is progressing well and that the team is currently finalizing alignments and projects. She also noted that the plan website and web-based survey are live and that the first round of community and pop-up events have been held/are underway.

b. SGVGN Plan Update

- i. Taylor provided a brief SGV Network Plan update, focusing on the major upcoming milestones including:
 - February 2022: finalization of the tributary narratives, bike path alternatives, and list of potential projects
 - April 2022: finalization of opportunities and constraints diagrams
 - August 2022: finalization of Greenway Network Plan
 - November 2022: finalization of EIR/EIS and all CEQA efforts
- ii. Tributary Narratives (Studio-MLA)
 - Kevin provided a review of the tributary narratives, noting that they have been put into a mural for ease of review.
 - Kevin reiterated that these tributary narratives were developed with data used to score reaches when determining “Tiers”
 - He walked through the Alhambra Wash Tributary Narrative as an example of the different information included in each narrative:
 - Overview - major takeaways
 - Circulation Story - vehicle access, transit access, existing trails/bikeways/rail stations
 - Equity Story - Pulled socioeconomic factors from Cal Enviro Screen, park needs assessment, etc.
 - Community Story Pt 1 - Gathering spaces, parks, park need
 - Community Story Pt 2 - Demographics, income, major ethnic populations
 - Synergy Story Pt 1 - Previously planned efforts/proposed projects
 - Synergy Story Pt 2 - Legal complexity, ownership agreements along washes
 - Synergy Story Pt 3 - Physical complexity, freeways, major arterials, etc.
 - Environmental Story - Focus to identify which areas are lacking
- iii. Opportunities and Constraints Diagrams (Studio-MLA)
 - Kevin also provided a brief review of the opportunities and constraints diagrams included in the mural. He stated that the diagrams show conceptual alternative bike path alignments and adjacent park parcels that have been identified as potential projects. Additionally, they highlight major constraints that affect each alignment.

c. Community Engagement Update (MIG)

i. Community Workshops – Round 1: Visioning and Opportunities

- Noe walked through Round 1 of the community workshops, summarizing the following information:
 - 87 total participants across the 4 workshops
 - Most attended workshop was in the late afternoon (3:30PM). This will be taken into account for the 2nd and 3rd rounds of workshops.
 - Poll questions during the workshops determined the following results:
 - 91% of respondents were interested in using the Greenway Network for recreational purposes
 - 49% of respondents were very likely to use the Greenway Network
 - Main concerns focused on safety and the network’s connectivity to existing bikeways
 - Discussion during the workshops focused on the following themes:
 - Lighting, accessibility, privacy, security, etc.
- A summary of the Round 1 workshops can be found in Table 1.

Table 1. Community Workshops: Round 1 Summary

| | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Workshop 1 | November 3, 2021, 6:00 PM | 31 Participants |
| Workshop 2 | November 6, 2021, 10:00 AM | 11 Participants |
| Workshop 3 | November 17, 2021, 3:30 PM | 36 Participants * |
| Workshop 4 | November 18, 2021, 6:00 PM | 9 Participants |
| Total | — | 87 participants |

ii. Map-Based Survey

- Noe discussed the map-based survey, which was launched on October 14, 2021, and has garnered 207 responses as of January 5, 2022. The survey is available in Spanish, Chinese, and English, and has been advertised via flyers, the website, and social media posts.
- The survey results were summarized into Figure 1.

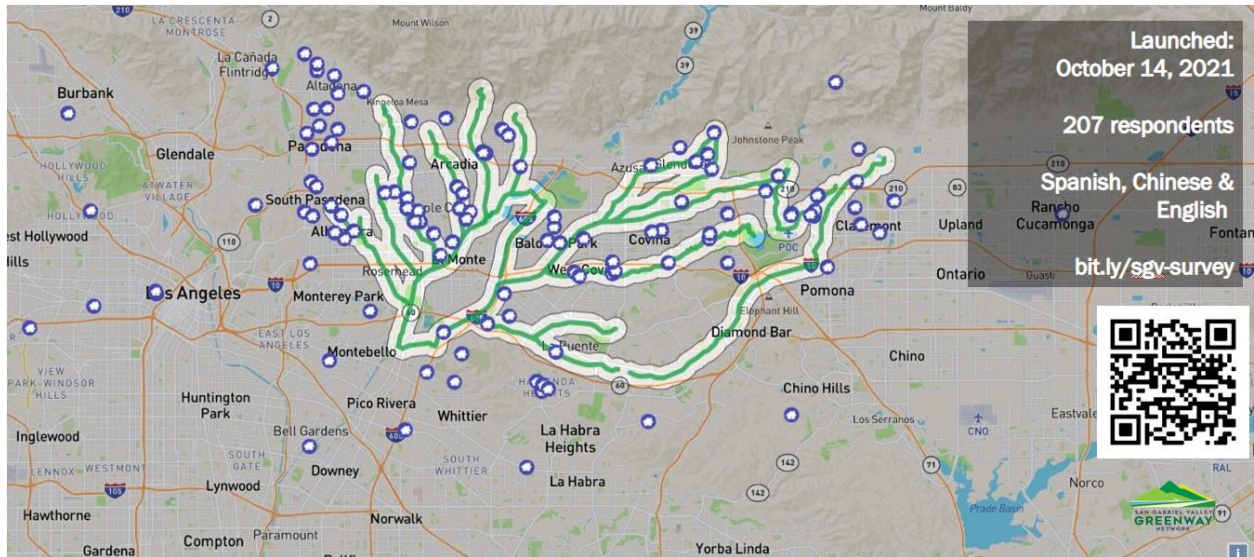


Figure 1. Map-Based Survey Results

iii. Pop-Up Events

- Noe summarized the pop-up events that have already been held, have been planned, and are in planning, as shown in Table 2. He stated that the two events that had already been held were a success. Jennifer recommended changing the schedule for the pop-up events to run from February through July 2022 instead of May 2022 to allow for more time between events. This change was made for the Steering Committee presentation.

Table 2. Pop-Up Events Schedule

| Location | Date | Day | Time | Status |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Whittier Narrows Recreation Area | 12/18/2021 | Saturday | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Completed |
| Peter Schabarum Regional Park | 1/8/2022 | Saturday | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Completed |
| Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area | 1/15/2022 | Saturday | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Pending |
| South Hills Park | 2/5/2022 | Saturday | 8:00 AM | Confirmed |
| Antonovich Trail | 2/12/2022 | Saturday | 8:00 AM | Pending |
| Walnut Creek Park | 2/19/2022 | Saturday | 8:00 AM | Pending |
| City of Industry Expo Center Trail | 3/12/2022 | Saturday | 8:00 AM | Confirmed |
| Bonelli Regional Park | 3/19/2022 | Saturday | 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM | Pending |
| Claremont Hills/Thompson Trail | TBD | | | |
| Rose Bowl Walking Loop | TBD | | | |
| Arcadia County Park | TBD | | | |
| Peck Road Water Conservation Park | TBD | | | |
| Monrovia Farmers Market | TBD | | | |
| Pasadena Farmers Market | TBD | | | |
| Alhambra Farmers Market | TBD | | | |
| San Dimas Farmers Market | TBD | | | |

iv. WCA Engagement

- Jennifer reviewed the proposed upcoming WCA engagement activities.
- WCA will conduct 16 workshops between February – July 2022.
- WCA will maximize meaningful contacts with SGV entities to reach historically under-served communities.
- WCA will partner with the following community organizations for the workshops:
 - Active SGV
 - Amigos de los Rios
 - Nature for All
 - Women’s Clubs

- v. Community Workshops: Rounds 2 & 3
 - Noe noted that the 2nd round of community will discuss design alternatives, survey findings, and outreach findings. They will be held on the following dates:
 - February 16, 2022
 - February 22, 2022
 - Noe stated that Round 3 of the community workshops will be held in May 2022 as of the current schedule.
 - The focus of Round 3 workshops will be to reach underserved communities via Active SGV, Amigos de Los Rios, Nature for All, and women's clubs.
- d. Asks from the Steering Committee and Discussion
- e. During this slide of the Steering Committee presentation, Noe requested feedback, comments, or questions from the Steering Committee on the subjects listed below.
 - i. Feedback on Round 1 of the community workshops
 - ii. Lists of potential groups (names and emails) that would benefit and would have interest in joining the community workshops
 - Wes recommended the South Pasadena Farmer's Market as a possible place to advertise workshops or to hold a pop-up event.
 - iii. Promotion of the workshops one month prior to the event.
 - Belen offered to support advertisement of workshops and events on social media, with resident groups, and with coalition partners.
 - iv. Other
 - Wes asked if the team will be incorporating any high-quality drone or wash level photography into the designs / graphic products. Noe noted that some drone photographs had already been taken of the washes.
- f. Next Steps
 - i. Jennifer noted that the project team will send a meeting minutes summary.
 - ii. SGVGN Plan Update
 - Jennifer summarized the upcoming deliverables for the Plan as follows:
 - Final Tributary Narratives – Feb 2022
 - Final Bike Path Alternatives – Feb 2022
 - Final List of Projects – Feb 2022
 - iii. Community Engagement Update
 - Jennifer also summarized the community engagement update presented by Noe, noting that the focus for the near future includes:
 - Continue with planned Pop-Up Events
 - Continue efforts to plan future Pop-Up Events
 - Preparation for Phase 2 Community Workshops
- g. Next Meeting
 - i. Jennifer closed out the meeting by noting that the next Steering Committee meeting will be held on March 9, 2022, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Present updates on schedule, community engagement, and plan; overview of bike path alternatives and project components, small group discussion, and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: March 9, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Martin Reyes, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Ben Feldman, LAC B.O.S. SD1
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Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD
Ramy Gindi, LACFCD
Haris Harouny, LACFCD
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Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All
Belen Bernal, Nature for All
Sally Gee, RMC
Johnathan Perisho, WCA

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Ana Padilla, MIG
Sasha Ragland, MIG

Summary

1. Introduction
 - a. Welcoming Remarks from LACPW
 - i. Noé welcomed the team to the call and introduced Julian to provide welcoming remarks on behalf of LACPW.

- b. Roll Call
 - i. Julian kicked off the presentation with a roll call and went over the agenda.
- 2. PowerPoint Presentation
 - a. Schedule Update
 - i. Laureen walked the team through the SGVGN Schedule Update, including an overview of ongoing efforts, noting that Task 6 is progressing well and that the team is currently finalizing alignments and project components and working on identifying the 10 projects to develop the conceptual designs. The team has also been working on developing the environmental strategy. She noted that the second round of community workshops were completed, and the pop-up events have been held/are underway.
 - b. Community Engagement Update
 - i. Noé provided an update on community engagement activities.
 - ii. Community Workshops – Round 2: Design Alternatives
 - Noé walked through Round 2 of the community workshops, summarizing the following information:
 - 25 total participants across the 2 workshops.
 - Discussion during the workshops focused on the following themes:
 - On-Street Alignments
 - Wayfinding to main path/resources
 - Pair with local pathways/corridors/plans
 - Link with transit stops
 - Avoid heavy traffic
 - Avoid toxic/polluted areas
 - Encampments
 - Adjacent Amenities
 - Activities/amenities for families
 - Historical stories/landmarks
 - Waterway/ecological education
 - Areas of rest/shade/greenery
 - Bicycling events/amenities
 - Safety features/lighting
 - A summary of the Round 2 workshops can be found in Table 1.

Table 1. Community Workshops: Round 2 Summary

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|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Workshop 1 | February 16, 2022, 3:30 PM | 15 Participants |
| Workshop 2 | February 22, 2022, 6:00 PM | 10 Participants |
| Total | — | 25 participants |

iii. Map-Based Survey

- Noé discussed the map-based survey, which was launched on October 14, 2021, and garnered 272 responses. The survey is available in Spanish, Chinese, and English and has been advertised via flyers, the website, and social media posts. The residence location of survey respondents are summarized on Figure 1.

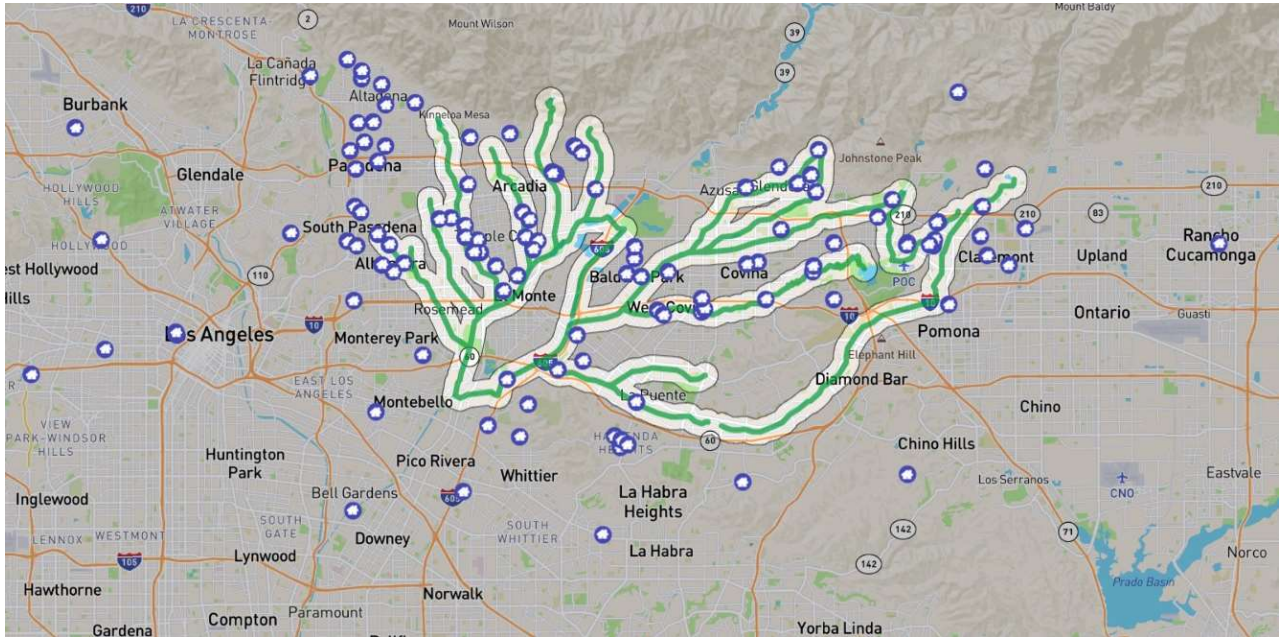


Figure 1. Map-Based Survey - Residence Location of Respondents

- The following map points of requested amenities and uses were identified and summarized on Figure 2.
 - Uses: 240
 - Amenities: 152
 - Access: 212
 - Destination: 184
 - Equestrian: 23
 - Concerns: 68



Figure 2. Map-Based Survey Results of Map Points

iv. Pop-Up Events

- Noé summarized the pop-up events that were completed, confirmed, pending, or are planned, as shown in Table 2. He stated that the five events that were already completed were a success. The pop-up event schedule would run from February through July 2022.

Table 2. Pop-Up Events Schedule

| Location | Date | Day | Time | Status |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Whittier Narrows Recreation Area | 12/18/2021 | Saturday | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Completed |
| Peter Schabarum Regional Park | 1/8/2022 | Saturday | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Completed |
| Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area | 1/15/2022 | Saturday | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Completed |
| South Hills Park - City of Glendora | 2/5/2022 | Saturday | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Completed |
| Encanto Park - City of Duarte | 3/5/2022 | Saturday | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Completed |
| Expo Center Trail – City of Industry | 3/12/2022 | Saturday | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Confirmed |
| West Covina Farmers' Market | 4/25/2022 | Saturday | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Confirmed |
| Covina Farmers' Market | 4/8/2022 | Friday | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Confirmed |
| South Pasadena Farmers' Market | 4/14/2022 | Thursday | 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Pending |
| Easter Egg Hunt – City of La Puente | 4/16/2022 | Saturday | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Pending |
| Arbor Day – San Dimas | 4/30/2022 | Saturday | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Pending |
| Bonelli Regional Park | TBD | TBD | TBD | Postponed |
| Antonovich Trail | TBD | TBD | TBD | Planned |
| Walnut Creek Park | TBD | TBD | TBD | Planned |
| Peck Road Water Conservation Park | TBD | TBD | TBD | Planned |

v. Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Engagement

- Johnathan provided a brief update on the progress of the 16 workshops that would be conducted between March and July 2022.
- The goal of these workshops would be to maximize meaningful contacts with SGV entities to reach historically underserved communities.
- WCA is partnering with Active SGV, Amigos de los Rios, Nature for All, and Women’s Clubs to host and facilitate the workshops.
- During the workshops, an overview of the map-based survey was shared, and attendees are encouraged to participate in the survey.

vi. Community Workshops: Round 3

- Noé noted that the 3rd round of community will discuss the outreach findings, survey findings, and proposed conceptual design projects. They will be held in May 2022 tentatively as of the current schedule.

c. SGVGN Plan Update

i. Taylor provided a brief SGV Network Plan update, focusing on the major upcoming milestones:

- April 2022: finalization of the tributary narratives
- May 2022: finalization of opportunities and constraints diagrams
- September 2022: finalization of Greenway Network Plan
- December 2022: finalization of EIR/EIS and CEQA efforts

ii. Bike Path Alignments Overview

- Jesse provided an overview of the proposed bike path alignments for Tier 1 segments and walked through portions along Big Dalton Wash, Walnut Creek, and Alhambra Wash as examples of the different information included in each bike path alignment:
 - Bike Path Alignment Example – Big Dalton Wash: The team created bike path alignments for all the channels. Where space allowed, bike paths were routed directly adjacent to the channel, shown as red, orange, and yellow lines, but due to constraints, options were looked at off-channel, shown as blue lines.
 - Bike Path Alignment Example – Walnut Creek: As shown by yellow lines, which indicate a larger available space next to the channel, opportunity for a park or green space along these routes would be possible.
 - Bike Path Alignment Example – Alhambra Wash: Similar to the other examples, the orange line showed one possible route along the channel and the blue lines showed a possible route off-channel.

iii. Project Components Overview

- Jesse provided a brief overview of the proposed project components. She stated that to complement the bike paths, parks and green infrastructure elements were incorporated along the routes. Hundreds of different parcels directly adjacent to the channels were evaluated, analyzed, then scored based on numerous factors.
- A summary of the number of project components for each Tier 1 tributary and the progression through the screening process can be found in Table 3, with 34 total project components selected for further review. The 34 proposed project component locations are summarized on Figure 3.

Table 3. Summary of the number of Tier 1 tributary potential project components through the screening process

| Tier 1 Tributary | Initially Identified | After Screening | Selected for Further Review | Est. Tier 1 Length (mi) | Est. Project Components per Channel Mile (#/mi) |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Alhambra Wash | 23 | 3 | 3 | 5.3 | 0.6 |
| Eaton Wash | 16 | 9 | 7 | 7.5 | 0.9 |
| Thompson Creek | 16 | 14 | 5 | 5.9 | 0.9 |
| Walnut Creek | 58 | 19 | 7 | 7.7 | 0.9 |
| Live Oak/San Dimas Wash | 33 | 4 | 3 | 7.2 | 0.4 |
| San Jose Creek | 39 | 6 | 3 | 7.6 | 0.4 |
| Little Dalton Wash | 11 | 1 | 1 | 2.2 | 0.5 |
| Big Dalton Wash | 39 | 4 | 3 | 4.9 | 0.6 |
| Rubio Wash | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2.5 | 0.4 |
| Puente Creek | 27 | 3 | 1 | 3.9 | 0.3 |
| Total | 268 | 64 | 34 | 54.7 | 0.6 (average) |



Figure 3. Proposed Project Component Locations

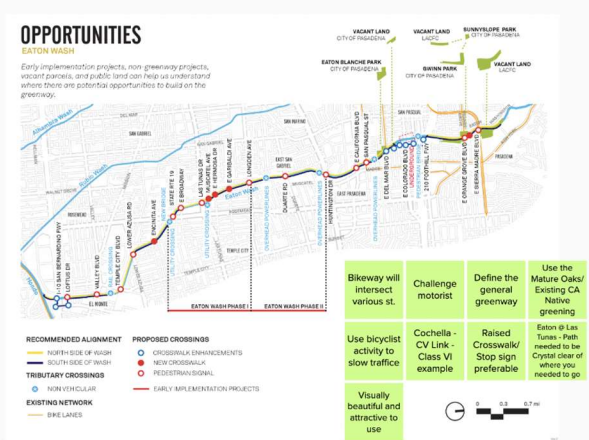
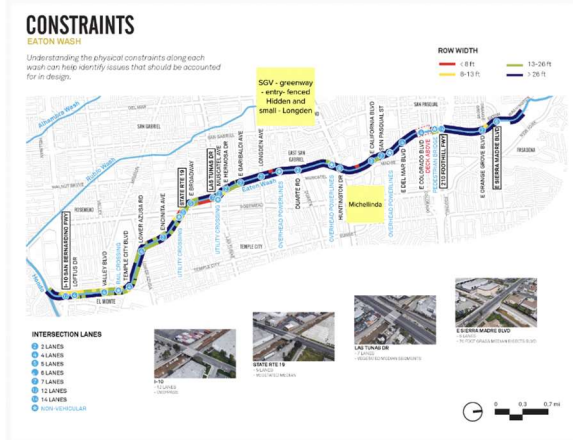
- Jesse walked through Vincent Lugo Park, Alhambra Gateway, and Walnut Creek Park as examples of the different information and potential project elements included in each project component summary.
 - Project Component Example – Vincent Lugo Park: Vincent Lugo Park is located along Alhambra Wash. The red dot indicated its location along the wash and the yellow outline showed the parcel boundaries. This project is an example of a park enhancement project which would utilize the existing park by adding in new stormwater management opportunities. Retrofit and enhancement of the existing park and stormwater management features were submitted through the Measure W / Safe Clean Water Program in July 2021. The SGVGN Plan could help to push this project forward into further development.
 - Project Component Example – Alhambra Gateway: The Alhambra Wash Gateway Project is located to the north of Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, along Alhambra Wash. This project is an example of a possible park at the entrance to a bike path alignment. This project would develop the empty lot as shown by the parcel boundary map to include green infrastructure elements and neighborhood access to the channel.
 - Project Component Example – Walnut Creek Park: Walnut Creek Stormwater Capture Project is located near the 10 and 605 freeway intersection, along Walnut Creek Wash. This project is an example of a possible park routed along the bike path within the County right of way. This project would develop the empty space next to the channel into not only a bike path but also a linear park.

d. Small Group Discussion

- i. Noé gave an overview of the breakout rooms. Attendees were given the opportunity to choose their area of preference based on whether they lived, worked, or frequented any of the trails or natural areas within the specified regions.
 - Group 1 (West) – Alhambra Wash, Rubio Wash, Eaton Wash
 - Group 2 (Central) – Little Dalton Wash, Big Dalton Wash, San Dimas Wash, Walnut Creek – Attendees did not join this group.
 - Group 3 (South & East) – San Jose Creek, Puente Creek, Thompson Creek
- ii. Breakout room attendees were presented with a set of key considerations and key questions.
 - Key Considerations:
 - Available ROW (right-of-way)
 - Major Crossings
 - Early Implementation
 - Key Questions:
 - Potential Bike Path Alignments
 - What are specific on-channel alignments that are potential bike path opportunities?
 - How would you expect on-street alignments to impact the use of greenways? Please share your experiences with previous projects or proposals.
 - Potential Project Components and Park Opportunities
 - What are specific parcel locations that are potential park opportunities?

- In your experience, what would you expect communities to request as far as amenities to be included or potential park locations? Have any of these requests caused concerns?
- iii. A Mural whiteboard, divided by the abovementioned three regions, was utilized to facilitate the discussion in each small group.
- iv. After the small group discussion, the attendees regrouped into the main room. Noé and the facilitators debriefed on the key ideas from each group.
 - Key Points
 - Safety
 - Concerns around major arterial road crossings
 - Concerns around mid-block crossings for cyclists
 - Concerns around bike path alignments that diverge sharply from trail
 - Leverage safe routes to school
 - Install class I paths and protected bike lanes for cyclists
 - Make the paths as continuous as possible
 - Motorist challenges
 - Use bicyclist activity to slow traffic
 - Natural Features
 - Use mature trees and existing native plantings
 - Make the network visually attractive to encourage use
 - Capitalize on scenic mountain views
 - Areas for bird watching
 - Amenities
 - Solar LED lighting
 - Signage
 - Trail restrooms
 - Water stations
 - Shade
 - Utilize parking lots for bike path amenities
 - Connectivity
 - Interconnectivity between many cities and jurisdictions
 - Connection to colleges in the south/ east
 - Connection to Emerald Necklace, Bonelli, Claremont running trail
 - Promotion
 - Posting flyers with SGVGN Plan information and survey links at washes
 - Frame the plan around children using the network

EATON WASH



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| Interacting with cities - going to be a challenge | Change in leadership | Existing facilities and programs | Public signage at the washes now to get the most public input on surveys, workshops | | Trying to make it as continuous and safe as possible | Interaction with PWD regarding Eaton wash funding Phase 1 - ZOT | Map orientation |
| Use Children benefit / concerns | | | | | | ROW Acquisition considerations Currently | |
| Posting the Survey flyer on the actual washes | Inform EVERYONE | | | | | Design / Construction approach? | |

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Mid Block crossings are concerning | Whiter greenway consideration | As a cyclist the mid block crossings are concerning | | |
| Class I Paths | Ease of use and level of stress | physical separation of uses in spaces in other jurisdictions | | |
| Safe Routes to school leverage | | | | |

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| Way Finding | Clearly marked path | Different colors of paint | Animal crossing/ Management | Coyotes/ Wildlife corridors |
| Solar LED Lighting for two way path every 10 feet | Yellow Brick road | Similar to how on a hwy there is no question of where to go | Birdwatching | Signage |
| separated uses for ped and Cyclist | Facilities; local trail, restroom, water | Greening of space - landscaping | Turn into a scenic view corridor of the Mountains | |
| Native CA Habitat | Trees/ Shade | Forests in Boston | MEASURE W \$ | |

Figure 6. Mural Whiteboard Notes for Eaton Wash

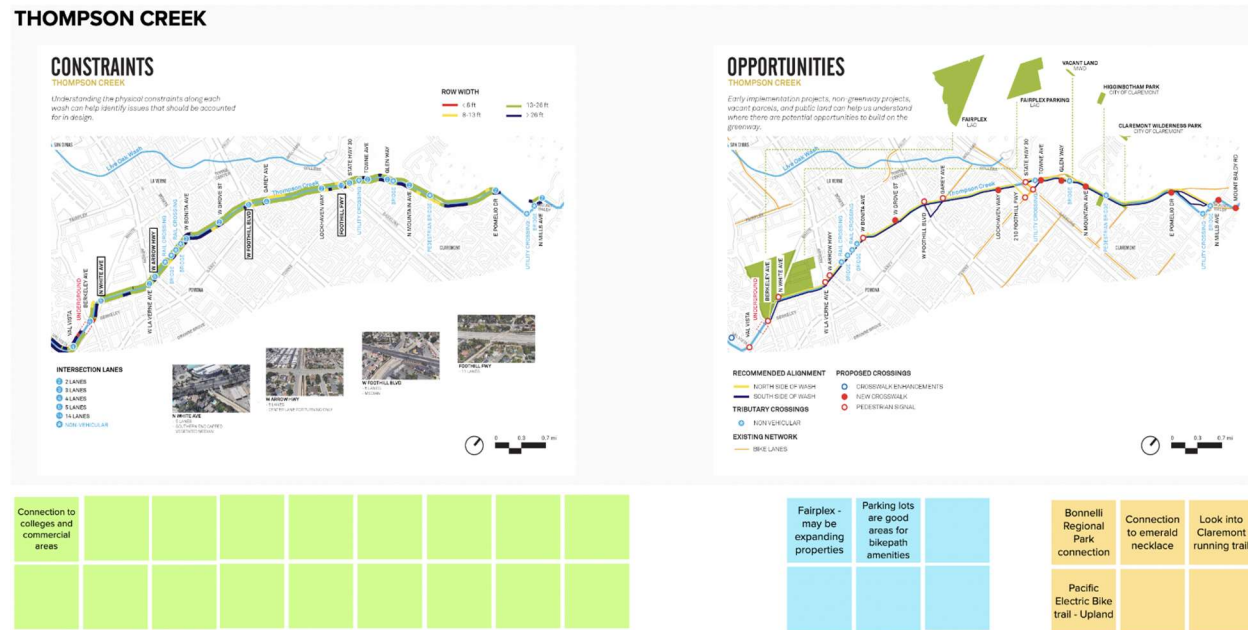


Figure 9. Mural Whiteboard Notes for Thompson Creek

e. Asks of the Steering Committee

i. Julian walked through the Asks of the Steering Committee that would be presented during the Steering Committee Meeting:

- Provide feedback for the Community Workshops: Round 2.
- Send of list of potential groups (names and emails) that would benefit and would have interest in joining the Community Workshops.
- The Project Team's goal is to promote the workshops one month prior to the event.

f. Next Steps

- i. Julian mentioned that the meeting minutes summary would be sent after the meeting.
- ii. The Opportunity and Constraints Diagrams anticipated to be completed in May 2022.
- iii. Community engagement would continue with the planned pop-up events and efforts to plan future pop-up events as well as preparation for Community Workshops Round 3.
- iv. Julian closed out the meeting by noting that the next meeting would be held on May 11, 2022, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Community engagement, SGVGN Plan, and environmental documentation updates would be presented.



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Meeting Title: May 2022 Steering Committee Meeting

Purpose of Meeting: Present updates on schedule, community engagement, and plan; overview of proposed conceptual designs; environmental documentation update; small group discussion; and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

Date: May 11, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

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Meeting Minutes

Summary

Meeting Format

The May 2022 Steering Committee Meeting had 31 attendees and was held over Zoom during a two-hour session from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The meeting kicked off with a PowerPoint presentation looking at the most recent schedule for the project, followed by a review of recent and upcoming community engagement efforts, updates on the environmental documentation and the plan, and an overview of the conceptual designs for potential projects.

The meeting then moved into small breakout rooms for 30 minutes in which attendees were able to review and discuss the draft proposed conceptual design project sites. The Steering Committee members and the Project Team were given the opportunity to discuss five potential projects in the SGV Greenway Network in a large group discussion: Alhambra Wash at Vincent Lugo Park, Big Dalton Wash at Hilda Solis Park, Eaton Wash at Eaton Blanche Park, Thompson Creek at the Fairplex Parking Lot, and Walnut Creek at Syhre Park. After the breakout rooms the group reconvened for a report-out discussion and closing remarks.

Please refer to the attached PDF of the Steering Committee Meeting PowerPoint presentation slides.

1. Introduction

a. Welcome Remarks from LACPW

- Noé Noyola welcomed the team to the call and introduced Jennifer to provide welcoming remarks on behalf of LACPW.

b. Roll Call

- Jennifer Aborida kicked off the presentation with a roll call and reviewed the agenda.

2. PowerPoint Presentation

a. Schedule Update

- Lauren Abustan walked the team through the SGVGN Schedule Update, including an overview of ongoing efforts, noting that Task 6 is progressing well and that the team is currently working on the 10 proposed conceptual design projects. The team has also been finalizing the environmental strategy and developing the Programmatic EIR. She noted that the third round of community workshops will be held in person in June, and the pop-up events have been held/are underway.

b. Community Engagement Update

- Noé provided an update on community engagement activities.
- **Map-Based Survey**
 - Noé discussed the map-based survey, which was launched on October 14, 2021, and garnered 634 responses. The survey is available in Spanish, Chinese, and English and has been advertised via flyers, the website, and social media posts. The residence locations of survey respondents are summarized on Slides 7 and 8 of the attached PowerPoint presentation.

- **Pop-Up Events**
 - Noé summarized the pop-up events that were completed, confirmed, pending, or are planned, as shown in the tables on Slides 11 and 12 of the attached PowerPoint presentation. He stated that the 13 events that were already completed were a success. The pop-up event schedule would run from February through October 2022.
 - **Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Engagement**
 - Jennifer provided a brief update on the progress of the workshops that have been completed/planned between March and July 2022.
 - The goal of these workshops has been to maximize meaningful contacts with SGV entities to reach historically underserved communities.
 - WCA has partnered with Active SGV, Amigos de los Rios, Nature for All, and Women's Clubs to host and facilitate the workshops.
 - They have completed 24 workshops.
 - During the workshops, attendees have been encouraged to participate by taking the map-based survey.
 - **In-Person Community Workshops: Round 3**
 - Noé noted that the 3rd round of community will be in person on Thursday, June 16 at San Gabriel Library and on Saturday, June 18 at Esther Snyder Community Center in Baldwin Park.
 - The workshops will discuss the engagement findings, survey findings, and proposed conceptual design projects.
- c. **Environmental Documentation Update**
- Megan Schwartz provided a brief overview of the Draft Environmental Strategy and an update of the Programmatic EIR process.
- d. **SGVGN Plan Update**
- Jesse Scolavino provided a brief SGV Network Plan update, focusing on the major upcoming milestones:
 - May 2022: finalization of the Tributary Narratives
 - June 2022: finalization of the Design Guidelines and Standards
 - July 2022: finalization of the Conceptual Design Projects
 - August 2022: draft of the SGV Greenway Network Plan
 - February 2023: finalization of EIR/EIS and CEQA efforts
 - **Proposed Conceptual Designs Overview**
 - Jesse briefly reviewed the Overview Map of the Proposed Conceptual Design Projects, mentioning several of the 10 project site locations, as shown on Slide 20 of the attached PowerPoint presentation.
 - Each conceptual design project is comprised of bike path alignments and project components.
 - **Bike Path Alignment Example:** Jesse provided an overview of the proposed bike path alignments for Tier 1 segments and walked through a portion along Alhambra Wash as an example of the different information included in each bike path alignment. Similar to the other examples, the orange line showed one possible route along the

channel and the blue lines showed a possible route off-channel, as shown on Slide 21 of the attached PowerPoint presentation.

- Project Component Example: Jesse walked through Vincent Lugo Park as an example of the different information and potential project elements included in each project component summary. Vincent Lugo Park is located along Alhambra Wash. The red dot indicated its location along the wash and the yellow outline showed the parcel boundaries, as shown on Slide 22 of the attached PowerPoint presentation. This project is an example of a park enhancement project which would utilize the existing park by adding in new stormwater management opportunities. Retrofit and enhancement of the existing park and stormwater management features were submitted through the Measure W / Safe Clean Water Program in July 2021. The SGVGN Plan could help to push this project forward into further development.

- **Multi-use Greenway Development**

- Jesse shared photos of example amenities that may be included in each proposed conceptual design project, such as bike and pedestrian path, bike racks, wayfinding signage, educational signage, or native plants and trees, as shown on Slide 23 of the attached PowerPoint presentation.

e. Small Group Discussion

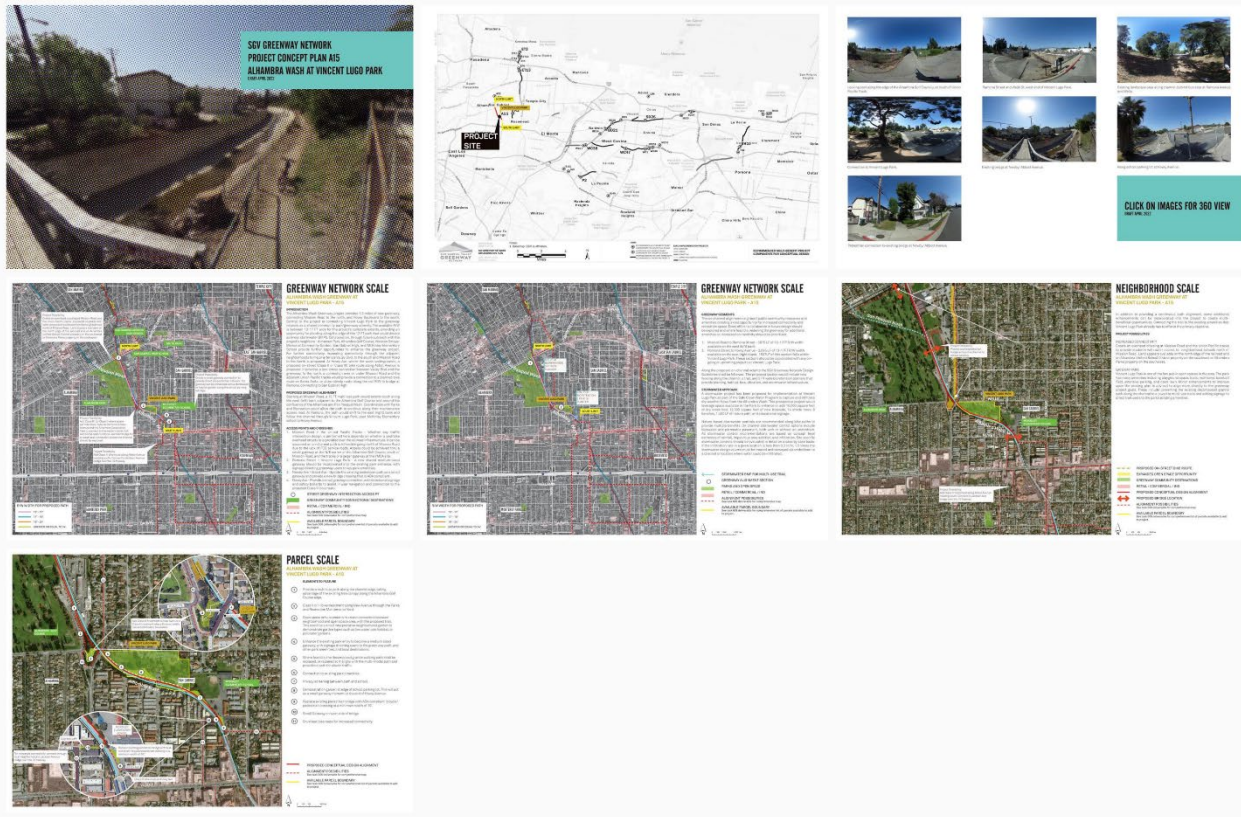
- Noé went over the format of the small group discussion, breakout groups, and the virtual Mural whiteboard. Megan Horn provided an overview of the following five proposed conceptual design project sites:
 1. **Alhambra Wash at Vincent Lugo Park**
 2. **Big Dalton Wash at Hilda Solis Park**
 3. **Eaton Wash at Eaton Blanche Park**
 4. **Thompson Creek at The Fairplex Parking Lot**
 5. **Walnut Creek at Syhre Park**
- There were two group discussions. Both groups reviewed the specific amenities or locations that they would recommend for the community at each project site and discussed the following questions:
 - **Safety:** What specific **safety amenities or locations** (e.g., lighting and signage or privacy features)?
 - **Greenway Amenities:** What specific **greenway amenities or locations** (e.g., shade shelters, seating and benches, water foundations, educational or historical signage/kiosks, exercise stations, restrooms, etc.)?
 - **Bike Amenities:** What specific **bike amenities or locations** (e.g., bike racks, parking, rental stations, etc.)?
 - **Connectivity:** What specific **connections or locations** (e.g., connections to existing bikeways, parks, equestrian trails, transit, parking)?
 - **Flora/Fauna:** What specific **plants or habitat locations** (e.g., native plants, habitat restoration)?
 - **Access:** What specific **access amenities or locations** (e.g., gateway entrances, parking, street crossings)?
- The discussion focused on Vincent Lugo Park, Hilda Solis Park, and Eaton Blanche Park.
 - **Alhambra Wash at Vincent Lugo Park**

- Concerned about busy streets and the crossing points at a non-stop light location (Valley Blvd, Ramona St.)
 - Safer to cross at stoplights and need to be flashy
- **Big Dalton Wash at Hilda Solis Park**
 - Baldwin Park is proposing a bike path
 - Upgrade the Bridge and have the SGV on the East
 - Plant palette
 - Amigos de Los Rios has a plant palette for the San Gabriel River
 - More riparian-type plants; succulents or agave.
 - List as an invasive species on CAL IPC
 - Make sure native landscape planting is emphasized
 - Lots of beautiful oak trees on the Eaton Wash Greenway
- **Eaton Wash at Eaton Blanche Park**
 - Add under crossing to avoid highway
 - Connect to nature park in North (beyond 210 Freeway)
 - Add, preserve, and utilize Mature oak trees
 - Include multi use trail/ walking loop/ bike stop and amenities near Eaton wash between Duarte and Huntington
 - Mines Road is the precedent.
- **Additional Comments**
 - The presentation of the project at different scales is useful.
 - Include street view renderings and conceptual designs.
 - Changes to the Map
 - Map is difficult to read
 - Fix the Legend - Early implementation, colors
 - Be more specific/accurate in the description (paths v multi-use trails)
 - Proposed Projects
 - Prioritize multi-use trails (beyond bike)
 - Balance uses with right of ways & infrastructure
 - Utility easements should be factored in.
 - Southern Cal. Edison - No longer part of ROW - Impacted Pico Rivera
 - Engagement
 - Need more outreach to support proposals for funding to advance projects
 - Invite specific local contacts
 - Document Sharing: Update the Steering Committee documents on the SGV Greenway Network website to include the Opportunities and Constraints Diagrams and Conceptual Design Projects.

- Mural Whiteboard Notes

GROUP 1

ALHAMBRA WASH AT VINCENT LUGO PARK A15



Crossing Valley at a non-stop light location should be avoided

BIG DALTON WASH AT HILDA SOLIS PARK BD21

EATON WASH AT EATON BLANCHE PARK ET13

Potential for walking loop/ bike stop and amenities near eaton wash between duarte and Huntington

Mature oak trees near eaton wash - preserve and utilize

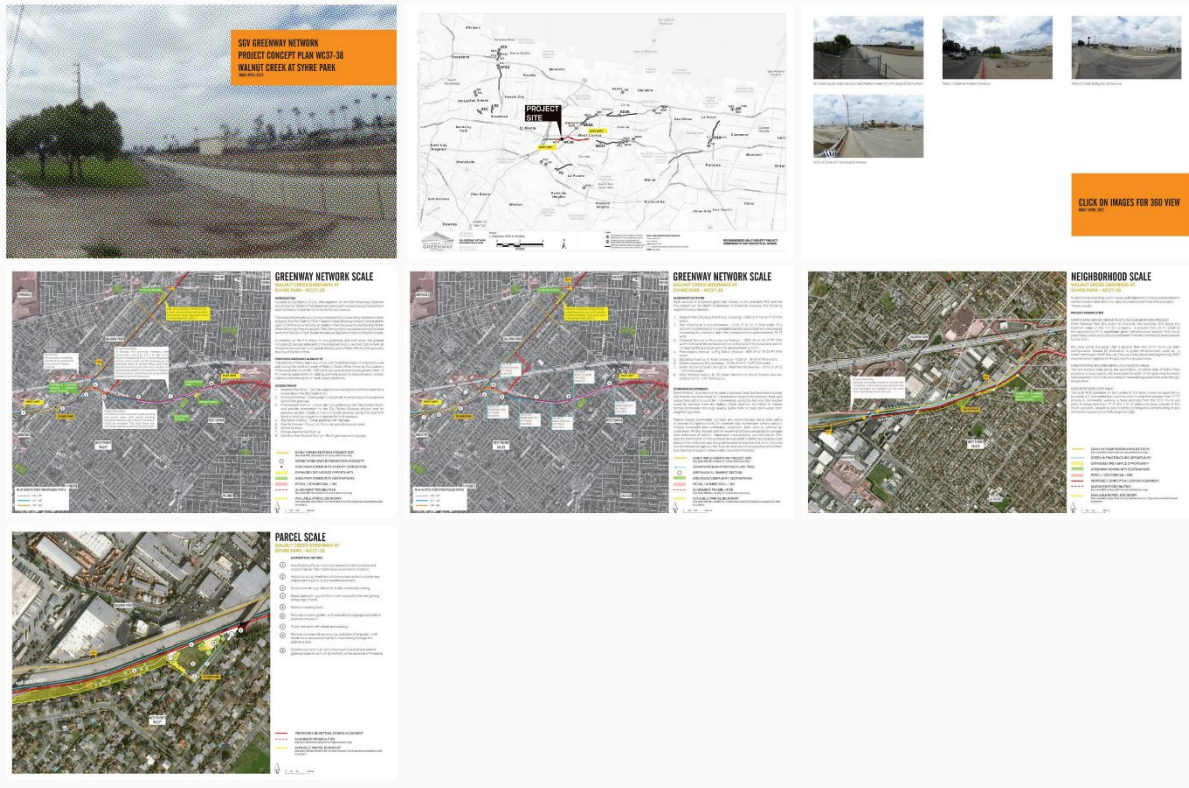
Connect to nature park in North (beyond 210)

Huntington crossing - under crossing may be feasible (15 ft to go up)

Mines Rd precedent

THOMPSON CREEK AT THE FAIRPLEX PARKING LOT TH10

WALNUT CREEK AT SYHRE PARK WC37 & 38



Additional Comments:

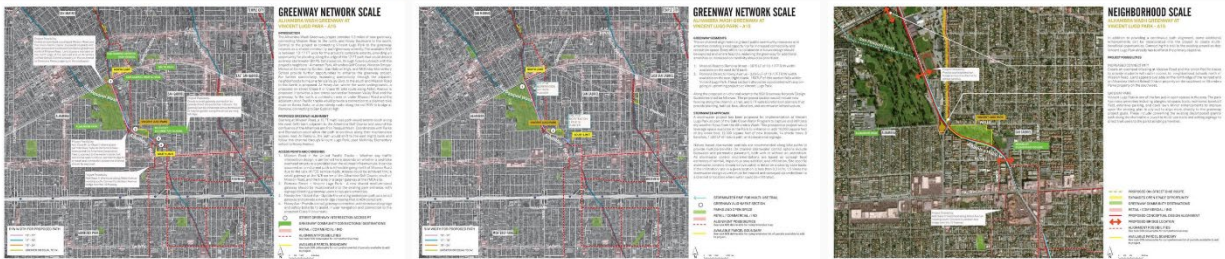
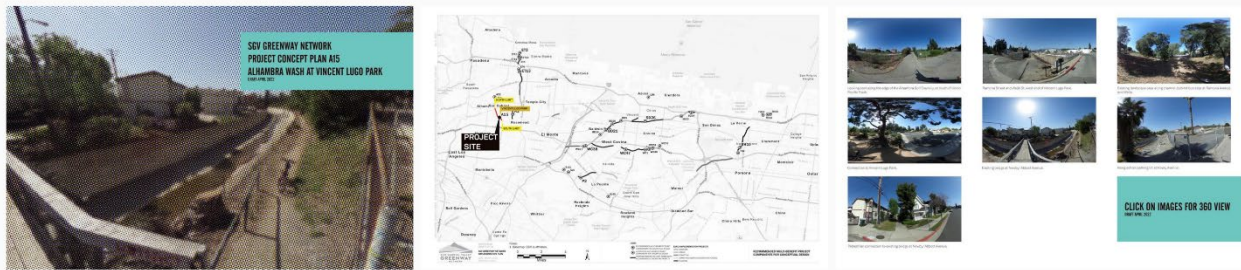
Prioritize multi-use trails (beyond bike)

Balance uses with right of ways & infrastructure

Utility easements should be factored in

GROUP 2

ALHAMBRA WASH AT VINCENT LUGO PARK A15



Class 3 - changes would need at be at Romona

White line / Blue - Description
Blue is the channel

accommodate bicyclist and ped W/E

Decomposed granite path

Abbot is not signalized

Crossing should be at a signalized

Valley is a very busy road

Concerned about busy streets and the crossing points

Another alt bridge at Romona

Valley is a very busy road

Busy street crossings should be done at stop lights

Stops and signals are busy - needs to be flashy

Map is difficult to read

Walk through at different scales was very helpful

BIG DALTON WASH AT HILDA SOLIS PARK BD21

BP is proposing a bike path

Upgrade the Bridge and have the SGV on the East

Fix the Legend - Early implementation

Maybe in the legend for the red lines, add the word "path" to make it more clear?

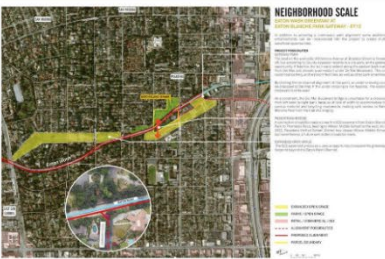
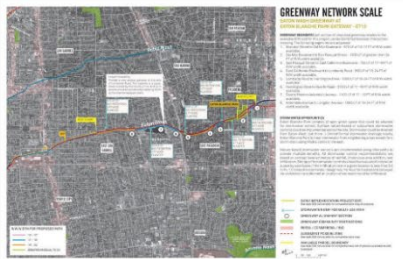
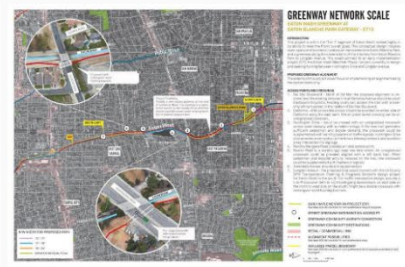
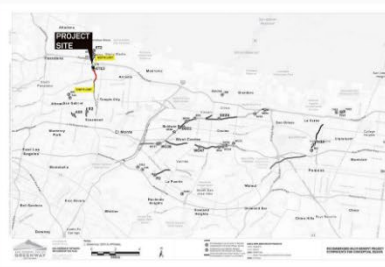
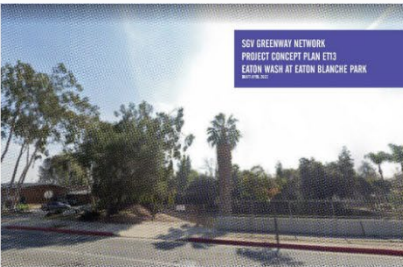
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for plant palette, Amigos de los Rios has a plant palette for the San Gabriel River, and I'd recommend that.

More riparian type plants rather than succulents or agave.

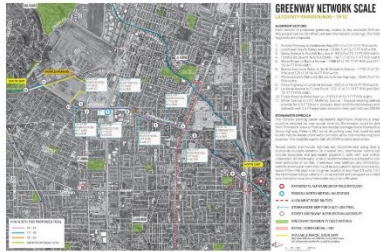
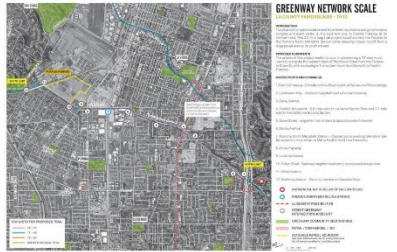
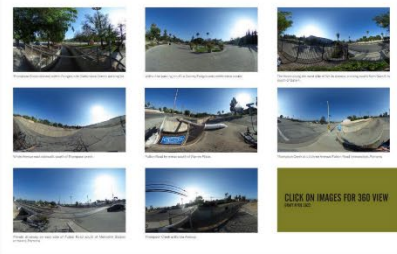
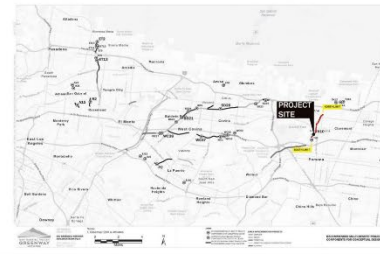
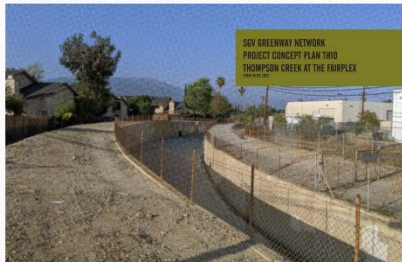
Nothing that is listed as an invasive species on CAL IPC

EATON WASH AT EATON BLANCHE PARK ET13



Oak Trees on the Eaton Wash greenway should be catered to with native plants that are compatible

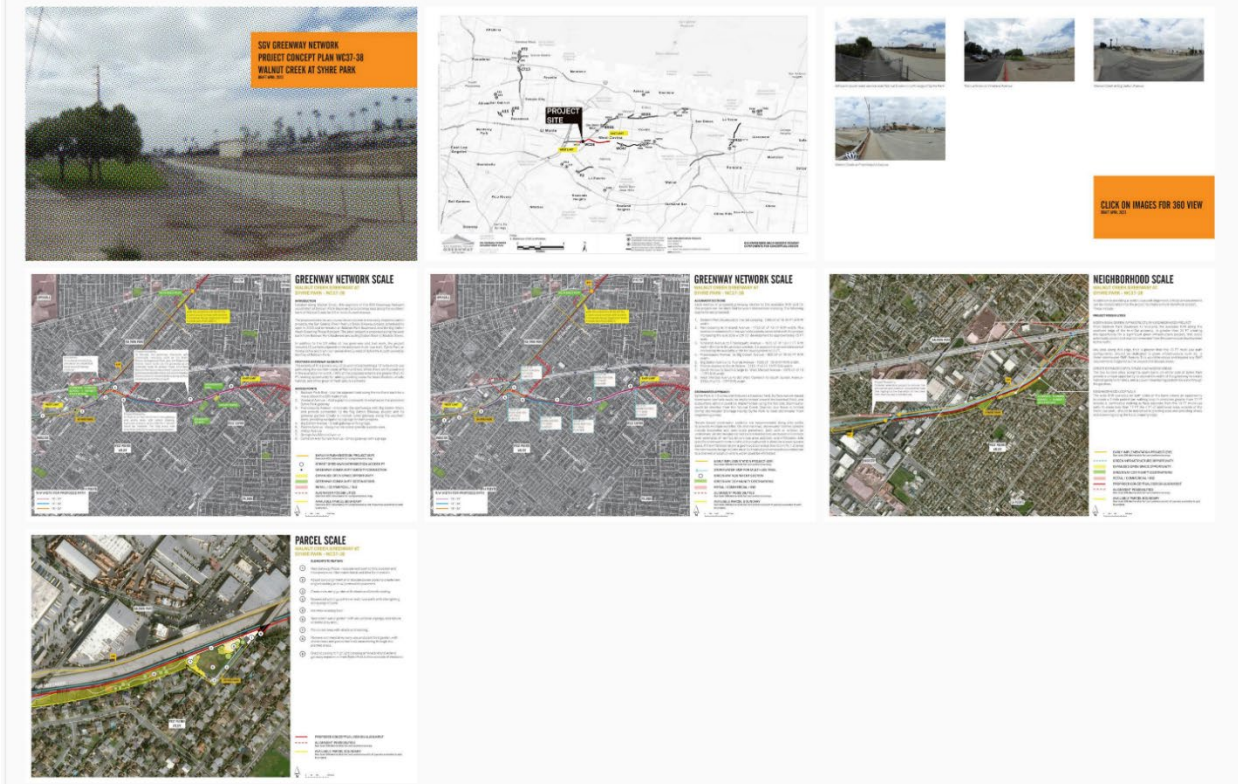
THOMPSON CREEK AT THE FAIRPLEX PARKING LOT TH10



Direct connection to adjacent facilities / Gateways with facilities and SGV Greenway

There should be a direct connection from bike paths to on channel amenities

WALNUT CREEK AT SYHRE PARK WC37 & 38



Additional Comments:

Southern Cal. Edison-
No longer part of
ROW - Impacted Pico
Rivera

Lots of beautiful oak
trees on the Eaton
Wash Greenway.

Need to make sure
native landscape
planting is
emphasized

Increase habitat, and
appropriate choices
that are compatible
with oaks.

for plant palette, Amigos de los Rios
has a plant palette for the San
Gabriel River, and I'd recommend
that. More riparian type plants rather
than succulents or agave. Nothing
that is listed as an invasive species
on CAL IPC

public viewing -
would want more
street view
renderings

Conceptual designs and
renderings are super
helpful for public
engagement/outreach
etc

not only now but when
agencies try to advance
projects and need to do
more outreach to support
proposals for funding

anything included into
the final plan that can
be repurposed for such
ends would be super.
Thank you!

Specific area focus :
invite specific local
contacts

Ex Alhambra wash

documentation
website - constrain /
opp. images

For Steering Committee
meeting, zoom is more
convenient. But I can if
need to do in-person in
Alhambra.

Depends on location
but travel time make
is difficult

f. Asks of the Steering Committee

- Jennifer walked through the Asks of the Steering Committee:
 - Send of list of potential groups (names and emails) that would benefit and would have interest in joining the in-person Community Workshops: Round 3.
 - Aid in promotion of the workshops one month prior to the event.
 - Provide feedback about holding one additional Steering Committee Meeting in June.
 - Provide feedback about conducting Steering Committee Meetings in person or virtually.
- Steering Committee Feedback:
 - Virtual meeting via Zoom is more convenient. In-person is possible but depends on location and travel time.
 - If the Project Team has sufficient content or updates to provide, then a Steering Committee Meeting in June is possible.

g. Next Steps

- Jennifer mentioned that the meeting minutes summary would be sent after the meeting.
- Community engagement would continue with the planned pop-up events and the efforts to plan future pop-up events as well as continued preparation for the in-person Community Workshops: Round 3.

3. Next Meeting Date

- Jennifer closed out the meeting by noting that the next meeting would be held on **July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**, with a potential additional meeting on **June 8, 2022**.
- Updates on the community engagement, SGVGN Plan, and environmental documentation would be presented.



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Meeting Title: July 2022 Steering Committee Meeting

Purpose of Meeting: Present updates on schedule, community engagement, environmental documentation, and plan; proposed conceptual designs review; overview of design guidelines and standards; group discussion; and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Date: July 13, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Martin Reyes, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Roberto Álvarez, LAC B.O.S. SD5
Ramy Gindi, LACFCD
Wesley Reutimann, Active SGV
Sally Gee, RMC

Project Team

Julian Juarez, LACPW
Jennifer Aborida, LACPW
Robert Gomez, LACPW
Soledad Tlamasico, LACPW
Laureen Abustan, Brown and Caldwell
Steve Hirai, Brown and Caldwell
Jeff Herr, Brown and Caldwell
Stephanie MacDurmon, Brown and Caldwell
Walter Okitsu, KOA
Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA
Kevin Johnson, Studio-MLA
Esmeralda García, MIG
Megan Schwartz, Catalyst Environmental
Emily Merickel, Catalyst Environmental
Andrew Ross, LACPW TPP
Sheela Mathai, LACDPR
Michelle O'Connor, LACDPR



Meeting Minutes

Summary

Meeting Format

The July 2022 Steering Committee Meeting was held over Microsoft Teams. The meeting focused on reviewing the Steering Committee PowerPoint presentation by looking at the most recent schedule for the project, followed by a review of recent and upcoming community engagement efforts, an update on the environmental documentation and plan, a reminder to provide review comments for the conceptual design projects, and an overview of the design guidelines and standards.

The meeting then moved into a group discussion in which attendees were able to discuss the design guidelines and standards, namely guidance on branding hierarchy and preference for lighting on the SGV greenways.

Please refer to the attached PDF of the Steering Committee Meeting PowerPoint presentation slides and the Microsoft Teams meeting recording.

1. Introduction

a. Welcome Remarks from LACPW

- Lauren Abustan welcomed the team to the call and introduced Jennifer Aborida to provide welcoming remarks on behalf of LACPW.

b. Roll Call

- Jennifer kicked off the presentation with a roll call and reviewed the agenda.
- Jennifer noted that the team wanted to provide an update of the recent community engagement efforts and the status of milestones for the plan. The team has been excited to approach the end of the development phase and soon would begin drafting the plan with the consultant team. The Project Team Meetings and Steering Committee Meetings will be winding down as well.

2. PowerPoint Presentation

a. Schedule Update

- Lauren walked the team through the SGVGN Schedule Update, including an overview of completed tasks and ongoing efforts, noting the following:
 - The GIS base maps and database, opportunities and constraints maps, bike path alternatives, and conceptual design projects were estimated to be completed this summer, with the design guidelines and standards anticipated to be completed this month.
 - The GIS base maps, opportunities and constraints maps, and conceptual design projects currently are under review.
 - The team finalized the environmental strategy and were developing the project description and alternatives for the Preliminary Draft Programmatic EIR.
 - The third and final round of community workshops were in person and completed in June 2022. More than half of the total 25 pop-up events were completed, with the

remaining events underway. The pop-up events were held throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

- The proposed conceptual design projects were presented during the last Project Team Meeting and Steering Committee Meeting in May 2022. The draft layouts were sent to the Project Team for review and shared with the Steering Committee for feedback. An overview of the design guidelines would be presented later during this Project Team Meeting and next week's Steering Committee Meeting.

b. Community Engagement Update

- Esmeralda García provided an update on the recent community engagement activities, including the in-person community workshops that were held last month and updates on the online survey, posting notices along the channels, and pop-up events, followed by the WCA engagement update.
- **Key Findings: Workshops, Surveys, and Pop-Up Events**
 - Esmeralda went over key findings that were received throughout the workshops, surveys, and pop-up events, with the first and foremost being safety and security being important for the community in terms of lighting and signage along the network, privacy for neighbors living in the area and in the adjacent spaces to the channels, as well as concerns about safety and security regarding people experiencing homelessness.
 - Amenities requested were shade, seating, water fountains, dog bags, and restrooms.
 - Several people shared environmental justice concerns, such as avoiding green gentrification, incorporating native plantings, and restoring the habitat.
 - Connectivity was important as well by utilizing existing bike lanes in many cities, connecting to local and regional parks, connecting to local schools, and ensuring that online resources exist to inform users about the network, how to navigate through the network, and for the network to be incorporated into applications like Google Maps.
 - People expressed interest to provide accessibility for all ages by being able to use the network for commuting to work or school, offering bike skills classes for bike riders, and considering older users and users with different abilities.
 - Lastly, multimodal uses were mentioned for walking, biking, running, rollerblading, skateboarding, and equestrian use. Ensure paths are safe for these different uses and provide safe road crossings.
- **In-Person Community Workshops: Round 3**
 - Esmeralda noted that the last round of community workshops was held in person, with Workshop 7 on the Thursday afternoon, June 16, 2022, at San Gabriel Library and Workshop 8 on Saturday morning, June 18, 2022, at Esther Snyder Community Center in Baldwin Park.
 - The workshops covered an overview of the plan, key findings from the community engagement, and proposed conceptual designs, followed by an interactive open house during which participants had the opportunity to look at the conceptual designs and ask questions to the project team.
- **Map-Based Survey**
 - Esmeralda provided an update on the map-based survey, which was launched on October 14, 2021, and garnered 915 responses. The survey is available in Spanish, Chinese, and English. It was advertised via flyers, the website, and social media posts. The residence locations of survey respondents were summarized on the map.

- Map points were presented with the following potential amenities and interests that people mentioned:
 - Home: 515
 - Uses: 827
 - Amenities: 441
 - Access: 470
 - Destination: 461
 - Equestrian: 62
 - Concerns: 159
- **Posting Notices Along the Channels**
 - Esmeralda shared a map and photos where the team posted informational notices about the SGV Greenway Network along the channels. Areas selected were there was foot traffic adjacent to parks, busy streets, and neighborhoods. Anyone walking by would be able to look, visit the website, or take the survey for more information.
- **Pop-Up Events**
 - Esmeralda shared photos and tables summarizing the pop-up events that were completed, confirmed, or pending at farmers markets, parks, or various community events to share information about the plan, hear what sort of amenities the community would be interested in or any concerns they might have.
 - She stated that 15 events were completed since December 2021, with more events planned through the summer. The team would aim to complete 25 pop-up events total.
- **Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Engagement**
 - Jennifer provided a brief update on the progress of the workshops and events completed between March and June 2022.
 - The goal of these workshops was to maximize meaningful contacts with SGV entities to reach historically underserved communities.
 - WCA partnered with Active SGV, Amigos de los Rios, Nature for All, and Women's Clubs to host and facilitate the workshops.
 - During the workshops, attendees were encouraged to participate by taking the map-based survey.
 - During June and July 2022, final events and 3 more bike rides were scheduled around San Dimas, Big Dalton Wash, Alhambra Wash, and San Jose Creek.
- c. **Environmental Documentation Update**
 - Megan Schwartz provided a brief update of the environmental strategy for CEQA compliance.
 - The Final Environmental Strategy Technical Memorandum was completed in May 2022.
 - The team met to workshop about the project description and discuss the approach and analysis for the programmatic EIR (PEIR). Several action items resulted from the workshop to better define the scope of the projects that would be analyzed, the level of detail to which specific project components would be analyzed, and how best to organize them so that the PEIR would logically flow for public review. The action items were in progress.
 - The team would be meeting again to discuss the schedule of the development and scoping of the PEIR and how the timing also would coincide with the plan publication as well as the AB 52 letters and tribal consultation.

- The AB 52 tribal consultation letters had been drafted. The list of tribes also was developed with the tribal contacts to which the letters would be sent, but the release of those letters would be timed in accordance with the overall PEIR schedule and the scoping documents.
- The project description and alternatives for the Preliminary Draft PEIR were under development.
- The public scoping meetings would be scheduled.

d. SGVGN Plan Update

- Laureen provided a brief timeline update on the major upcoming milestones:
 - July 2022: completion of the design guidelines and standards
 - August 2022: completion of the opportunities and constraints maps, and conceptual design projects
 - October 2022: draft of the SGV Greenway Network Plan
 - May 2023: EIR/EIS and CEQA efforts
- **Proposed Conceptual Designs Review**
 - Laureen indicated that the conceptual design project layouts were provided to the project team for review, as well as to the Steering Committee for feedback. She asked if the project team had any questions or follow-up comments regarding their review. The project team had no further questions or follow-up comments.
 - Laureen mentioned that the team previously had sent an email requesting review comments from the project team and Steering Committee. Any comments would be greatly appreciated and would help to ensure the best layout options at these proposed project locations for the community.
- **Design Guidelines and Standards Overview**
 - Jeff Herr provided brief overview of the timeline of the design guidelines and standards development. The technical team previously submitted the draft design Those comments were addressed, and very soon the team would be submitting the final document after the Steering Committee had the opportunity to provide feedback.
 - Jeff presented the purpose of the design guidelines and standards:
 - The design guidelines and standards are the framework for good project development. They have the information needed to plan the elements of any greenway project.
 - The design guidelines and standards reflect the baseline of values of our communities and the smart design to provide consistent greenway along the SGV channels.
 - The LA River Master Plan was a primary document that was used to develop the design guidelines and standards, so the requirements and recommendations are consistent with or complement those of the LA River Master Plan for dedicated greenways, and in some sections additional information was added.
 - Jeff gave a brief overview of the content:
 - Introductory information was provided.
 - Potential users were discussed.
 - The main content was the four classes of bikeways. Class I bikeways and multi-use greenways were on-channel and dedicated greenways. Classes II, III and IV were

bikeways not feasible to be on channel and would be routed off-channel as protected or non-protected alignments.

- A tremendous amount of content was related to signage and markings for bikeway and intersection design.
- Multiple types of architectural and safety elements and amenities were provided.
- Stormwater management was addressed not only for impervious surface created as part of the SGV Greenway but also for opportunities to retrofit areas where existing pipes directly connected into drains. For larger areas, such as a gateway or an expansive capture area, the groundwater system could be recharged with the captured stormwater.
- The last section addressed operations and maintenance.
- Jeff presented a summary table with community feedback (i.e., concerns or requests) and their respective solutions that were incorporated into specific sections in the design guidelines and standards. The main categories were safety, greenway amenities, bike amenities, connectivity to other sources of transportation, flora/fauna (native plants, habitat restoration, greenways as wildlife corridors), and access. With the table, the team was showing how the communities' feedback really was heard, considered, and incorporated into the design guidelines and standards. Safety was of paramount importance throughout the SGV Greenway and for the projects that were being developed.
- Jeff shared photos of example amenities that could be included as part of a multi-use greenway development, such as bike and pedestrian paths, bike racks, wayfinding signage, educational signage, or native plants and trees.

e. Group Discussion

- Jeff Herr and Kevin Johnson went over the discussion items about the design guidelines and standards:
 - **Lighting on SGV greenways**
 - **Greenway branding hierarchy**
- The following comments were received:
 - **Lighting on SGV greenways**
 - Jeff: The project team had a discussion about lighting. We believe that it is important to have lighting even if these bike paths are not open beyond daylight hours. Currently, we are not planning to make lighting a requirement, but we are encouraging it and are certainly trying to provide a lot of types of lights that we would want to see that are not disrupting the adjacent neighbors, not having a negative impact on wildlife, etc.
 - Jeff: Any thoughts on making lighting a requirement versus optional? And, secondly, any thoughts about the types of lights people would like to see?
 - Julian: To give a little discussion about lighting, the way we are approaching it is that lighting is an option that will be considered and potentially allowed on the greenway, but it will not be a requirement for any project. Basically, we are leaving it to the project proponent and the community to decide and implement. As an example, we have several early implementation projects. Three of them on Puente Creek, Eaton Wash, and Vincent Lugo Park have communities that have been against lighting and do not want lighting, especially lighting that is above the fence line that would shine light over their back walls.

- Julian: The other aspect about lighting is safety. If these greenways will be open all through the night, some people feel like lighting might be a way of deterring negative activity along the bike paths. Therefore, we want to hear from the Steering Committee. The project team is recommending to include lighting as an option and have lighting options, such as low-level path lighting and brighter lighting. However, it also depends on how the community will feel about lighting and what they would like to see.
- Wes Reutimann: Lighting is one concern we hear about most. A lot of folks we talked to do not feel comfortable using the greenway paths after nightfall, but some do. Many of them will ride in small groups. On bike lighting has gotten better, so most folks bring their own high-powered lights. It probably really depends where on the network. There may be some areas where there is more of a community interest or demand for it.
- Julian: There are a lot of options now for bike lights that help.
- Wes: A lot of new electric bikes have lights included on them as a standard.
- Kevin: In the design guidelines and standards, the lighting section discusses specific kinds of lights and the option for solar-powered lighting. Where and when to include lighting is being left up to the different communities.
- Julian: It will be very site-specific and community specific. Also, what is the intent of the lighting is? Is it to light the path for pedestrians and bicyclists or more for safety?
- Julian: Lighting would also add costs to a project, such as lighting elements, wiring to connect to electrical power in the area, etc. It could be a significant cost, especially for bike paths that are two miles long, for example. It will be something that the project proponent will have to consider.
- Sally Gee: Perhaps it may be beneficial to consider lighting at road crossings and on river channels separately. Having higher visibility where the chances of vehicle, bike, or pedestrian collisions are increased would increase safety.
- Walter Okitsu: Most municipalities will require, especially at a new painted crosswalk, that street lighting be provided adjacent to it. It depends on the type of crossing. If it is a very low volume crossing, both with low motor vehicles and bicycles, then it might not have any lighting, whereas at a crossing on a busy street will have lighting, provided it is physically feasible. However, most likely there would be lighting at a street crossing.
- Kevin: Project will be site-specific, but the project team is incorporating wildlife and habitat concerns into the lighting section in the design guidelines and standards.
- Jeff: The design guidelines and standards currently has content and text about lighting that does not disrupt wildlife, neighbors, etc.
- **Greenway branding hierarchy**
 - Kevin: Another question that came up amongst our internal project team and something we wanted to pose to this group is about the branding hierarchy. The design guidelines and standards are about encouraging good projects but also creating an umbrella and consistency across the network without being too prescriptive, allowing each community to design and develop their own look and feel, but we did develop a branding hierarchy, a signage and marking section (Section 7). It includes recommendations for wayfinding, signage, and actual Pantone color sheet that would dictate what color scheme to use depending on which wash you are

developing and some information about the signage types and the interpretive signage that could be used along those greenways.

- Kevin: The question that specifically came up was what about those areas that have already undergone extensive kind branding, specifically areas of the San Jose Creek, the San Gabriel River, the Rio Hondo, including the Emerald Necklace. They have already developed their own sort of branding and signage. There may be folks on this call who were involved on those projects specifically. So, do we need to redo those areas, or do we need to let them be? Where we landed as a team is that we will not redo any of the work that has been done, but we are recommending that new projects, moving forward, do follow the branding hierarchy that is in the SGV design guidelines and standards. Does anyone have recommendations about that section or about the question regarding the Emerald Necklace or other areas that have been developed already?
 - Kevin: We would like to discuss how to brand the SGV greenways, how to create informational signage, directional signage, interpretive signage that is cohesive while still recognizing and keeping other existing efforts, probably most prominently with the Emerald Necklace.
 - Julian: The project team of County Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and TPP have already discussed these items, and we really want to hear from the greater Steering Committee about feedback from your community, agencies, NGOs, or groups and what they would like to see, especially regarding lighting and branding hierarchy.
 - Wes: It would be great to have consistent branding with both clear time and distance information across the network, so that folks know how long it approximately would take to bike as well as provide local destination highlights, so if you get off the path, for example, you can get to Downtown Covina or can connect with the local networks. Currently, there are not a lot of amenities along the SGV greenways, and it is often hard, unlike on the LA River path where you have some businesses directly abutting the path. There are not as many opportunities along the SGV greenways.
 - Julian: The good news is that the SGV Greenway Network should be able to connect to the Emerald Necklace and the San Gabriel River, and further down you can stay on the bike path to the San Gabriel River and connect to different communities and businesses along that path.
 - Wes: Absolutely. Also, I think there are opportunities to improve that as well because there is not any type of signage on the existing Emerald Necklace directing to downtown districts and such.
 - Kevin: There is a section in the design guidelines and standards about directional signage which shows a destination and how long it would take to get there. Giving people as much information as possible about where they are going and how far things are while they are on the greenways will be important.
- Refer to the Microsoft Teams meeting recording or transcript for additional details about the group discussion.
 - **Discussion Questions**
 - Laureen shared the general discussion questions and requested additional input or feedback from the Steering Committee:
 - What specific amenities or locations would you recommend for the community at each project site?

- **Safety:** What specific safety amenities or locations (e.g., lighting and signage or privacy features)?
- **Greenway Amenities:** What specific greenway amenities or locations (e.g., shade shelters, seating and benches, water foundations, educational or historical signage/kiosks, exercise stations, restrooms, etc.)?
- **Bike Amenities:** What specific bike amenities or locations (e.g., bike racks, parking, rental stations, etc.)?
- **Connectivity:** What specific connections or locations (e.g., connections to existing bikeways, parks, equestrian trails, transit, parking)?
- **Flora/Fauna:** What specific plants or habitat locations (e.g., native plants, habitat restoration)?
- **Access:** What specific access amenities or locations (e.g., gateway entrances, parking, street crossings)?
- Julian: The opportunity to provide comments on the planned development is winding down. The project team plans to shift into the report writing phase soon. If the Steering Committee has any more ideas or feedback, please let us know. The Steering Committee will also have the opportunity to review the Draft Plan before the public comment period.

f. Asks of the Steering Committee

- Jennifer presented the Asks of the Steering Committee:
 - Send list of potential groups (names and emails) that would benefit or would have interest in the SGV Greenway Network.
 - Aid in promotion of the SGV Greenway Network Map-Based Online Survey. Submit responses by Saturday, July 30, 2022.
 - Provide feedback for the Conceptual Design Projects and Design Guidelines and Standards.
- Jennifer mentioned that the project team sent an email to the Steering Committee to request feedback on the conceptual design projects and a follow-up email will be sent to request feedback for the design guidelines and standards.

g. Next Steps

- Jennifer reviewed the next steps.
- Meeting minutes summary to be sent after the meeting. The meeting was also recorded.
- Jennifer stated the project team would continue efforts with community engagement. A few pop-up events were planned. The online survey would be ending on Saturday, July 30.
- The team will continue to work on the environmental documentation for the plan and the PEIR and will continue to work on the conceptual design projects, and design guidelines and standards.

3. Next Meeting Date

- **Next Steering Committee Meeting** scheduled for **September 14, 2022**, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Updates on the community engagement, environmental documentation, and SGVGN Plan would be presented.
- Jennifer and Laureen closed out the meeting by thanking everyone for their time.



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Meeting Title: September 2022 Steering Committee Meeting

Purpose of Meeting: Present schedule update, community engagement summary, environmental documentation update, small group discussion, and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Date: September 14, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

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Summary

Meeting Format

The September 2022 Steering Committee Meeting was held over teams during a one-hour session from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation looking at the most recent schedule for the project, followed by a review of recent and upcoming community engagement efforts, updates on the environmental documentation and the plan, and an overview of next steps for the SC members. The presentation was concluded with closing remarks.

Please refer to the attached PDF of the Steering Committee Meeting PowerPoint presentation slides.

1. Introduction

- a. Welcome Remarks from LACPW
- b. Roll Call

2. PowerPoint Presentation

- a. Schedule Update (Brown and Caldwell)
 - Laureen reviewed the schedule including the developing the majority of Task 6 items. The team is waiting for final review comments on some Task 6 deliverables to move them from Draft to Final.
 - Environmental documentation is in progress with the PIER and AB 52 letters.
 - Community Engagement Summary and Survey Summary reports have been submitted as draft deliverables to the County for review.
 - October 4 is the scheduled date of the Public Scoping Meeting.
 - To date, 18 of the 25 pop-up events have been conducted, the remaining 7 pop-up events will be designated during the Draft Greenway Network Plan development.
- b. Community Engagement Update
 - Key Findings (MIG)

Key Findings: Workshops, Surveys, and Pop-Up Events

Amenities

- Bicycle and Equestrian features
- Dog features
- Wayfinding and safety signage
- Cultural resources
- Recreation
- Online resources

Environmental Justice

- Avoid green gentrification
- Native plantings
- Restore habitat

Safety & Security

- Lighting & signage
- Privacy for neighbors
- Unhoused neighbors

Connectivity

- Existing Active transportation
- Seamless gateway points at Schools, Local and regional parks
- Continuous paths
- Equestrian paths
- Public transit.



Key Findings: Workshops, Surveys, and Pop-Up Events

Accessible to All Ages

- Use network for commuting to school or work
- Bike skills
- Older users and users with different abilities
- Neighbors and tourists

Multimodal Use

- Walking, biking, running, rollerblading, and skateboarding
- Ensure safe road crossings
- Resting spaces
- Gateway spaces

Maintenance

- Waste management
- Vandalism and property damage
- Reporting users and greenway issues



1. Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) noted shade will also become increasingly important in the years ahead. Currently, the San Gabriel Valley averages 32 days per year where daytime temperatures exceed 95°F. According to UCLA climate scientists, this number could skyrocket to an average of 74 days per year by 2050, and an average of 117 days per year by 2100. That would be 5 months a year.
- Community Workshops (MIG)
 1. Series 1: Fall 2021 – 4 workshops
 2. Series 2: Winter 2021 – 2 workshops
 3. Series 3: Summer 2022 – 2 workshops
 - Map-Based Survey (MIG)
 1. 1,546 submissions received for the survey.
 - Posting Notices Along the Channels (MIG)
 1. Laminated posters were placed along the greenway throughout the SGV Greenway Network; people were able to scan the code and participate in the survey.
 - Pop-Up Events (MIG)
 1. 18 of 25 pop-up events were held throughout the network.
 2. Swag items were very well received and can be used during future community engagement events.
 - WCA Engagement (WCA)
 1. Partnered with Active SGV, Amigos de Los Rios, Nature for All, and the Women's Clubs
 2. 25 workshops completed from March 2022 – June 2022.
- c. SGVGN Plan Update (Brown and Caldwell)
 - September 2022 – Finalizing Opportunities and Constraints Diagrams
 - October 2022 – Finalizing Design Guidelines and Standards
 - December 2022 – Preliminary Draft PEIR
 - January 2023 – Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan
 - d. Environmental Documentation Update (Catalyst Environmental)
 - The Preliminary Draft PEIR focuses on developing project descriptions and alternatives.

- Scoping period would be September 20 – November 18.
 - Scoping meeting would be held virtually on October 4.
 - The AB 52 letters to be mailed to the tribes on September 20.
 - The tribal consultation list provided by the Native American Heritage Commission
- e. Group Discussion
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) noted that when gathering comments from certain public groups, such as bicycle commuters or disabled community members, an effort should be made to capture the comments and response in a targeted package of responses/implementation.
- f. Asks of the Steering Committee
- Send list of potential groups that would benefit or would have interest in the SGV Greenway Network.
 - Aid in promotion of the SGV Greenway Network.
- g. Next Steps
- Project Team to send meeting minutes summary.
 - Continue Community Engagement efforts to plan future pop-up events.
 - Continue SGVGN Plan updates.
 - Provide Environmental Documentation updates
- 3. Next Meeting Date**
- Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Meeting Title: January 2023 Steering Committee Meeting

Purpose of Meeting: Present schedule update, environmental documentation update, plan update, 3D renderings preview, small group discussion, and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Date: January 11, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD

Ramy Gindi, LACFCD

Wesley Reutimann, Active SGV

Sally Gee, RMC

Arturo Gonzalez, RMC

Belen Bernal, Nature for All

Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All

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Jeff Herr, Brown and Caldwell

Christopher Jones, Brown and Caldwell

Kevin Johnson, Studio-MLA

Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA

Megan Schwartz, Catalyst Environmental

Emily Merickel, Catalyst Environmental

Summary

Meeting Format

The January 2023 Steering Committee Meeting was held virtually over Microsoft Teams. The meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the schedule update, followed by updates on the environmental documentation and the plan, a preview of the 3D renderings, a group discussion about funding sources and the 3D renderings, and an overview of the asks and next steps for the Steering Committee members. The presentation concluded with closing remarks.

1. Introduction

- a. Welcome Remarks from LACPW
- b. Roll Call

2. PowerPoint Presentation

a. Schedule Update (Brown and Caldwell)

- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) provided schedule updates on the Plan development and the status of the tasks and deliverables.
- Continuing to complete the deliverables for the Plan, including the Final Conceptual Designs, Opportunities and Constraints Maps, and Design Guidelines and Standards.
- Draft Greenway Network Plan is in development and will be submitted on January 19, 2023, to the County for review.
- Environmental documentation is in progress with the County reviewing the Project Description and Alternatives and the Draft PEIR in development. The Public Scoping Meeting was completed on October 4, 2022, and the AB 52 letters were mailed to the tribal contacts.
- Community Engagement Report and Survey Summary were submitted as draft deliverables to the County for review.
- 18 of the 25 Community Pop-Up Events have been conducted, the remaining 7 Pop-Up Events will be designated during the public comment period of the Draft Greenway Network Plan.
- SGV Greenway website continues to be ongoing and live.

b. Environmental Documentation Update (Catalyst Environmental)

- Preliminary Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
 - Project Description and Alternatives is under review by the County.
 - Draft PEIR will be prepared in Spring 2023.
- Public Scoping and Public Comment Period
 - Scoping period was conducted from September 20, 2022, through November 18, 2022.
 - Scoping meeting was held virtually on October 4, 2022. County is reviewing scoping comments received.
- AB 52 Letters and Tribal Consultation
 - AB 52 letters were mailed to the tribes on September 20, 2022.
 - No responses were received that required formal consultation.

c. SGVGN Plan Update (Brown and Caldwell)

- Plan Timeline
 - January 2023 – Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan
 - March 2023 – Steering Committee Review Period Starts
 - April 2023 – Steering Committee Review Period Ends
 - July 2023 – Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan and PEIR Public Release
- SGVGN Plan Purpose and Goals
 - The San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan will:
 - a. Improve mobility and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, youth and the aging population, bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians.
 - b. Reduce vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions.
 - c. Integrate stormwater capture and water management opportunities.
 - d. Enhance natural habitats and enrich community well-being.
 - Create a countywide network of interconnected, multi-use community greenways by transforming the storm channels, washes, and creeks that feed into the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers into a modernized network of bicycle and pedestrian pathways in the San Gabriel Valley.
- SGVGN Plan Draft Sections
 - Jesse Scolavino and Christopher Jones (Brown and Caldwell) gave an overview of the Plan sections.
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 - Engagement with Other Stakeholders
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4. Project Opportunities Analysis
 - Tributary Prioritization
 - Tributary Opportunities and Constraints
 - Gaps Analysis
 5. Greenway Concept Design Development
 - Tier 1 Greenway Alignments
 - Crossings and Intersections
 - Potential Project Opportunities on Tier 1 Reaches
 - Conceptual Design Projects
 6. Strategies for Implementation
 - Project Development
 - SGVGNSIP Resources for Project Development
 - Approvals Process
 - Advancing Partnerships
 - Funding Sources
 7. Limitations
 8. Resources
 - Acronyms
 - Definition of Terms
 - Endnotes
 - Table of Figures
 - Acknowledgments
 - References
 - Appendices
 - Introducing Our Project Partners in the SGV Greenway Network Plan
 - Project Team requested the Steering Committee members provide:
 - Most up-to-date logo
 - Short blurb about constituency and mission
- d. Funding Sources (Brown and Caldwell)**
- Jesse Scolavino (Brown and Caldwell) mentioned the various potential local, state, and federal funding sources included in the Strategies for Implementation section of the Plan and invited the Project Team to provide additional funding recommendations.
 - Local
 - Measure W
 - Measure H
 - Measure A
 - Measure M
 - State
 - Proposition Funds
 - Caltrans Grants

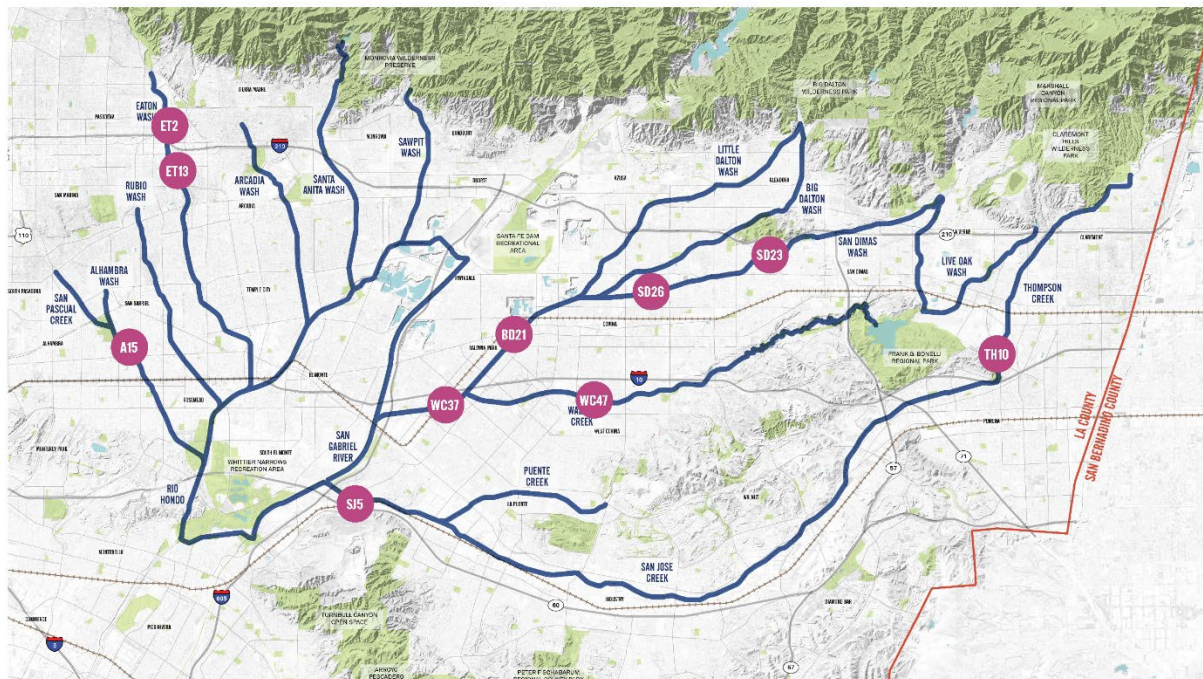
- State Conservancies
- State Agency Grants
- Federal
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - National Park Service
 - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
 - U.S. Department of Transportation

e. 3D Renderings Preview (Studio-MLA)

- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) provided a preview of the 3D renderings with brief descriptions of the selected project sites, the rendering process, and the draft birds-eye, aerial view renderings.

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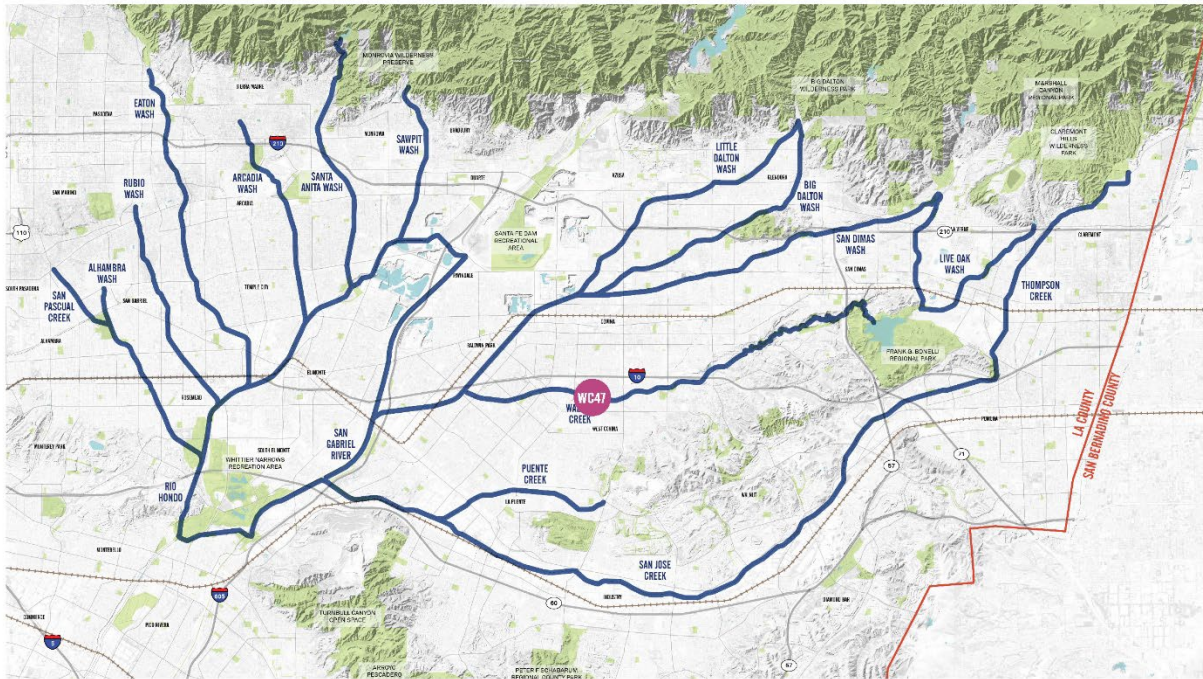


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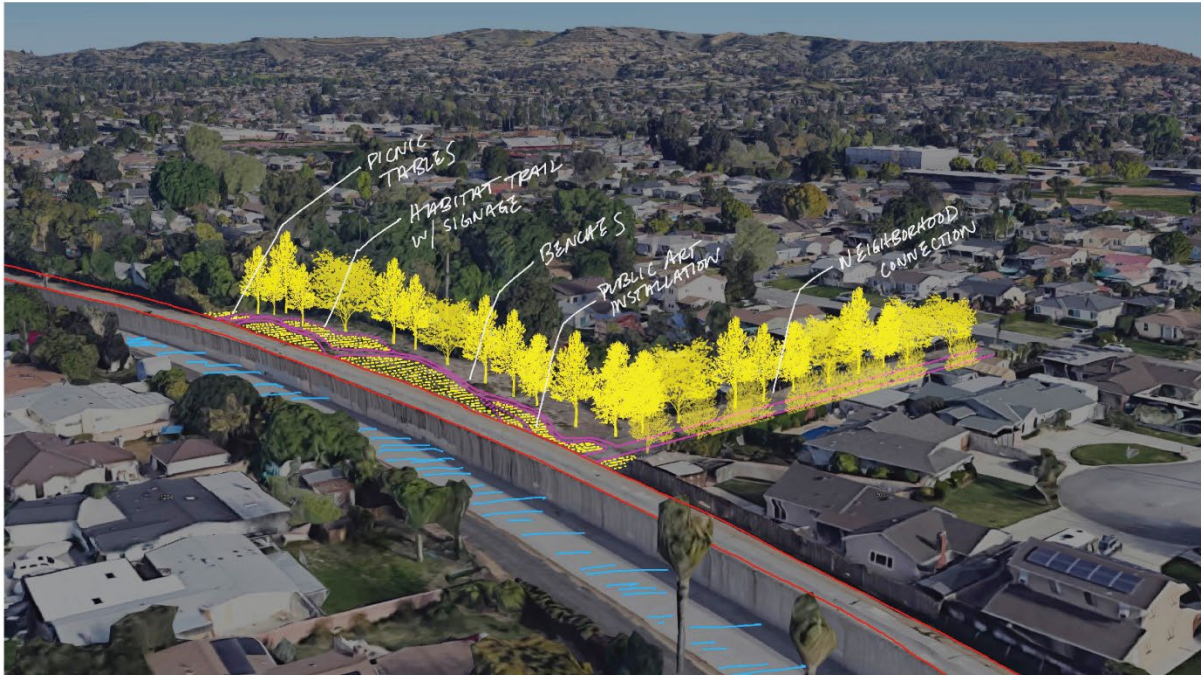


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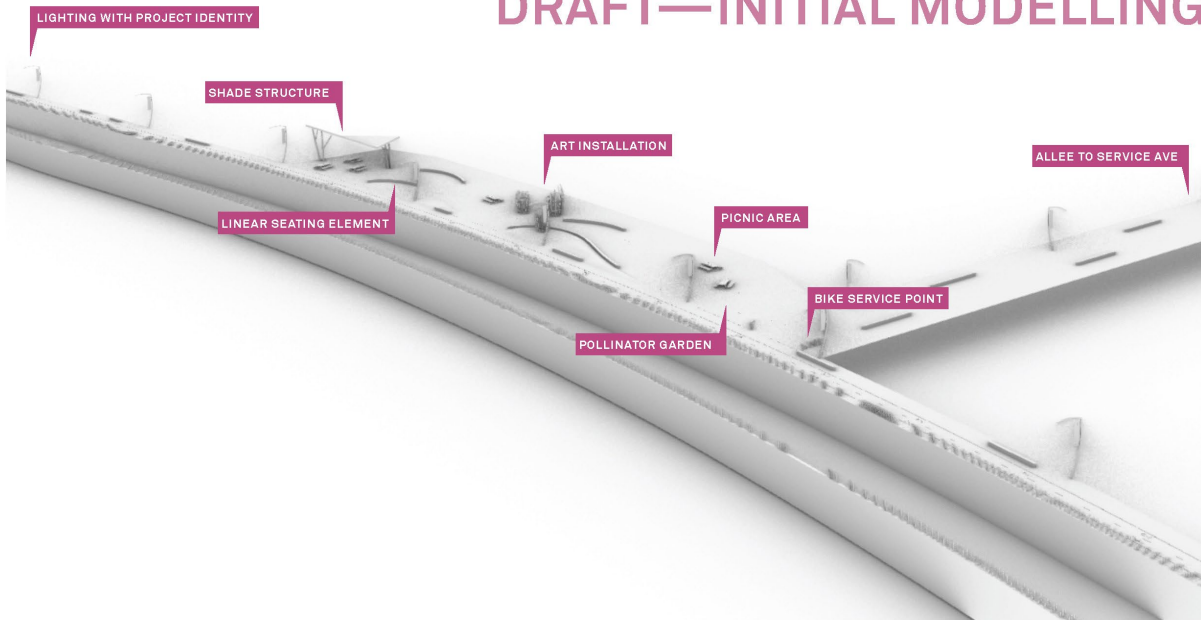
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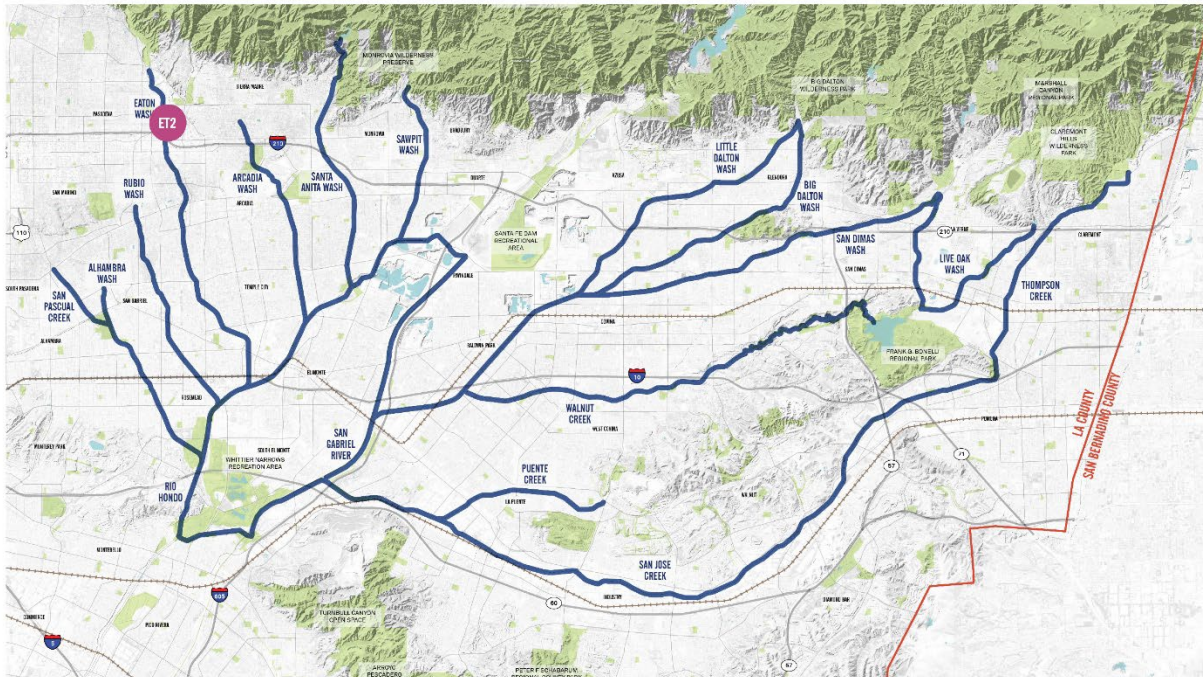
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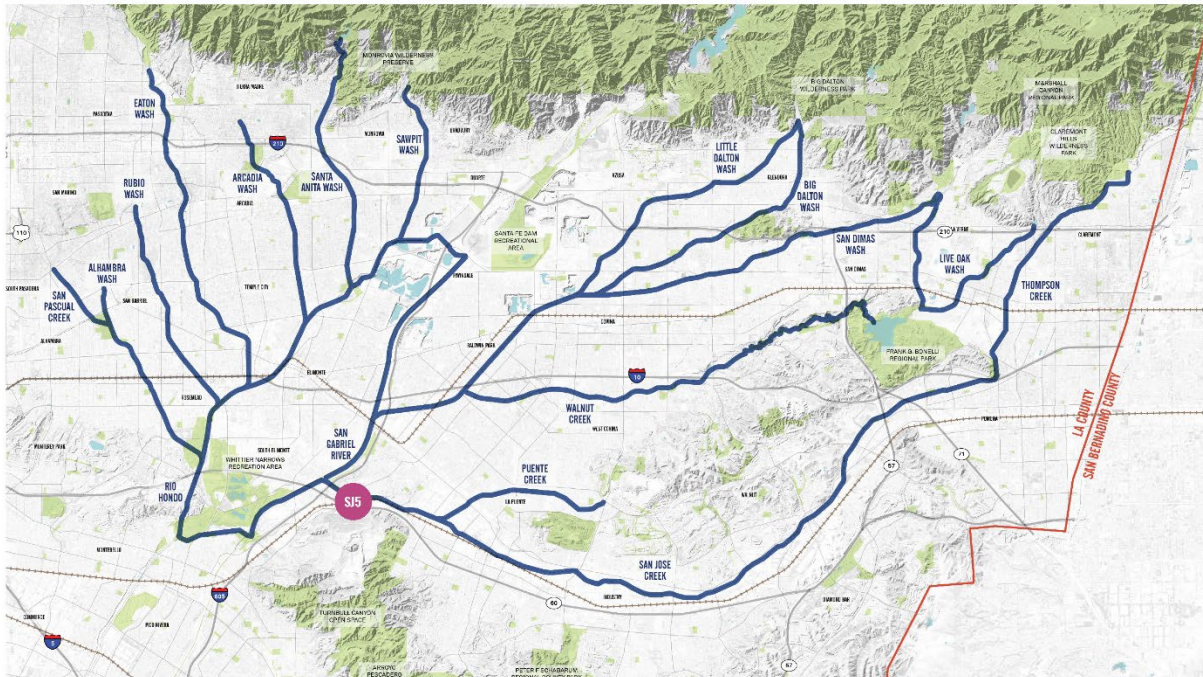


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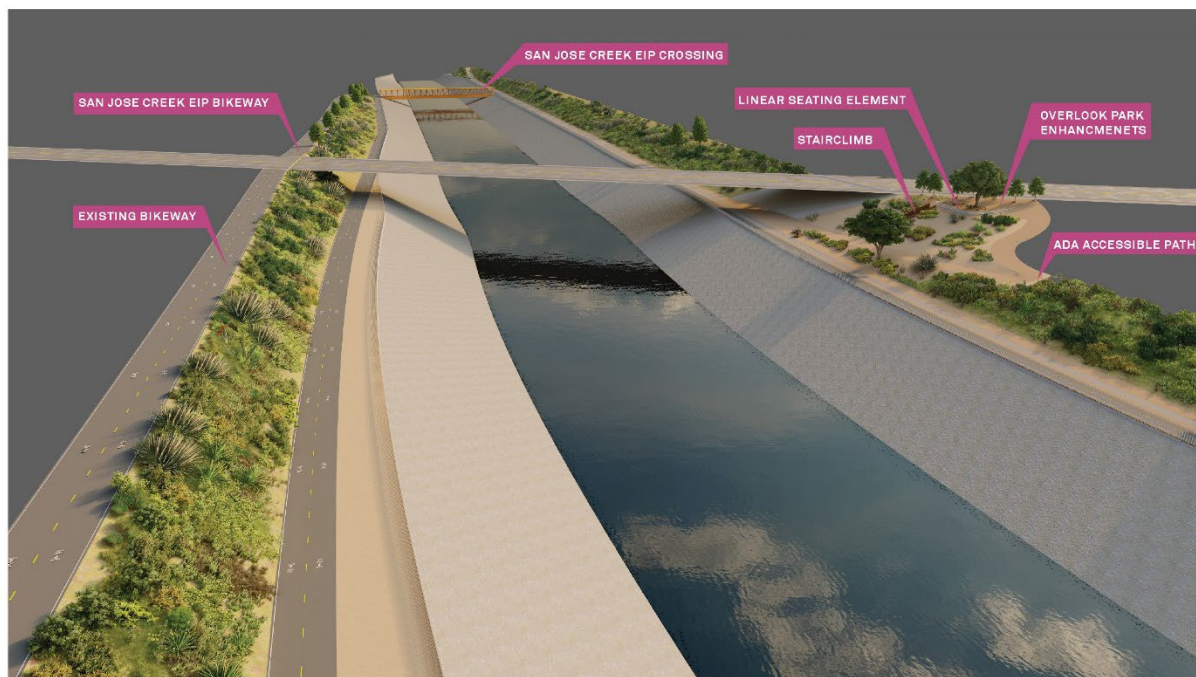
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f. Group Discussion

- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) opened up the discussion by inviting the Steering Committee to provide recommendations for funding sources, feedback on the Plan sections, suggestions for the 3D renderings, or to share any questions or comments.
- Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) mentioned that the team wanted to focus on the discussion about the funding sources and asked the Steering Committee to share ideas on the call, chat, or to email after the meeting.
- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) shared that what has been really interesting about this Plan is the way that the conceptual designs are set up as greenways with adjacent parks that are really teed up for a lot of different funding sources. They are not only applicable to active transportation planning grants or green infrastructure and blue infrastructure grants but can really check a lot of those boxes. The Project Team is looking for feedback on how the funding sources could be compiled together and move forward some of the programs.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) mentioned that in the past RMC has given updates on Proposition 68 grant funding opportunities and wondered if there is any potential for those opportunities on greenway type projects.
- Sally Gee (RMC) said that there are still proposition funds but there has not been a new proposition through the state since 2018, and funding has been decreasing. State budget funding is still considered under the state conservancies funding category. Funding sources have changed over time. Keeping the category a little bit more broad to state conservancies funding or state agency grants would be acceptable. Or, if you wanted to list specific state agencies like state parks could be another good entity. If there are more

habitat-based projects, then the Wildlife Conservation Board might be another potential source.

- Wes Reutimann (ActiveSGV) messaged asking if the Plan would be listing specific Proposition or Caltrans grants. Some of these projects should also be eligible for ExpressLanes Net Toll Revenue Return funding. Eaton Wash previously was awarded funding via the ExpressLanes program. Ditto on any funding for the Olympics. Projects connecting to Bonelli Park and/or other Olympic venues in the region might be competitive for Olympic funding. City of Glendora recently received an earmark for some of their greenway work.
- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) responded the earmark was from congressional appropriations.
- Wes Reutimann (ActiveSGV) confirmed that it was a Congresswoman Judy Chu earmark for a significant amount of approximately \$6 million or \$7 million.
- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) asked if Bonelli Park is the most relevant future Olympic venue in our area.
- Wes Reutimann (ActiveSGV) assumed the Rose Bowl will be a venue again. Olympic mountain biking is slated for Bonelli Park, and the park has already been selected as a venue. Whittier Narrows was used for trap shooting in the 1984 Olympics.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged SCAG funding, GoHuman funding, and Congressional Appropriations: "Community Project Funding" – need to approach specific Congressmembers. Nature for All has been successful securing CPF funding from Representative Chu; each Congressman is able to receive applications. Look at the SCAG grants too.
- Belen Bernal (Nature for All) clarified saying that Congresswoman Chu or the local representative is who would need to be approached for earmarks, or also called appropriations for community project funding.
- Wes Reutimann (ActiveSGV) messaged that he did not think that SCAG does much on the end of infrastructure implementation, mostly planning and some demonstration work.
- Sally Gee (RMC) messaged to similarly look into LA County Board of Supervisor funding. She asked if the team is also looking into mentioning any private funding sources or only public funding sources. Regarding private funding, there are certainly foundations who would be interested in healthier communities or climate resilience and other resources. A partner like Kaiser might do some kind of healthy community mobility funding.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged that there may be some more grant opportunities on the SCAG website: <https://scag.ca.gov/get-involved-grant-opportunities>.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged funding opportunities through the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL):
 - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/earmark-programs>
 - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/grant-programs/community-project-fundingcongressionally-directed-spending#:~:text=Over-view,FY%202022%20Consolidated%20Appropriations%20Act>
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged information on Congressional Community Project Funding – many agencies (appropriations):
 - <https://democrats-appropriations.house.gov/transparency>

- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged that the 3D renderings are really nice and very helpful for community members to visualize. Community members want to see as many trees along the greenway as possible - unshaded. Need as much canopy as possible to make the channels more pleasant. He agreed with Kevin's ideas on color improvements versus desaturated surroundings to clarify what is new versus existing.
- Wes Reutimann (ActiveSGV) messaged we love renderings; the more the better! They are great to engage folks. He recommends they include all the available options, especially the features that received a lot of public comment and support, such as shading, seating, water stations, native trees, etc. A more accurate rendering would probably not have much water in the flood control channels or less water. Adding a few birds might be nice too.
- Belen Bernal (Nature for All) messaged that she loves the renderings and, just in case, assume these amenities and renderings include what would be approvable, which is important in terms of setting expectations.

g. Asks of the Steering Committee

- Send most up-to-date logo and small introductory text.
- Provide feedback for the Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan.
- Aid in promotion of the SGV Greenway Network.

h. Next Steps

- Meeting minutes summary after the meeting.
- LACPW to continue Municipal Stakeholder Engagement by meeting with various cities in the SGV.
- Continue to provide SGVGN Plan updates.
- Continue to provide Environmental Documentation updates

3. Next Meeting Date

- a. Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Meeting Title: March 2023 Steering Committee Meeting

Purpose of Meeting: Present schedule update, plan update, plan sections, 3D renderings update, group discussion, asks of the Steering Committee, and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Date: March 22, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Ramy Gindi, LACFCD
Benjamin Feldman, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Karina Macias, LAC B.O.S. SD1
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Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA
Mia Lehrer, Studio-MLA

Summary

Meeting Format

The March 2023 Steering Committee Meeting was held virtually over Microsoft Teams. The meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the schedule update, followed by updates on the plan, plan sections, and 3D renderings. This was followed by a group discussion, which covered the conceptual design development, the layouts of the 3D renderings, and the content and appropriate order organization of plan sections and appendices. Additionally, there was an overview of the asks of the Steering Committee members, along with a discussion on the next steps. The presentation concluded with closing remarks.

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- b. Roll Call

2. PowerPoint Presentation

a. Schedule Update (Brown and Caldwell)

- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) shared the schedule updates on the Plan development and the status of the tasks and deliverables.
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- SGV Greenway website continues to be ongoing and live.

b. SGVGN Plan Update (Brown and Caldwell)

- **Plan Timeline**
 - May 2023 – Steering Committee to receive Draft Plan for review
 - June 2023 – Steering Committee Review Period Ends
 - Summer 2023 – Draft Plan Public Release for comment
 - Final deliverable documents will be included as part of the Final Greenway Network Plan.
- **SGVGN Plan Sections**
 - Steve Hirai (Brown and Caldwell) gave an overview of the SGV Plan sections.
 - The Table of Contents is based on the Draft Plan; it may be revised per the County comments received on the Draft Plan.
 - Tribal Land Acknowledgment
 - Director's Message
 - Executive Summary
 1. Introduction
 2. Existing Conditions Summary
 3. Engagement Strategy and Results
 4. Project Opportunities Analysis

5. Greenway Conceptual Design Development
 6. Project Implementation Strategies
 7. Limitations
 8. Resources
 9. Appendices
- **SGVGN Plan Sections**
 - Christopher Jones (Brown and Caldwell) provided additional details on specific Plan sections and subsections.
 - 1. Introduction**
 - 1.1 Plan Goals
 - 1.2 Project Partners and Planning Team
 - 1.3 Background and Introduction to the Project Area
 - 1.4 The Project Study Area
 - 1.5 Approach to Plan Development
 - 1.6 How to Use this Document
 - 2. Existing Conditions Summary**
 - 2.1 Compilation of Efforts and Studies
 - 2.2 Early Implementation Projects
 - 2.3 Data Research and Digital Database Development
 - 2.4 GIS Analysis, Database, and Mapping
 - 2.5 Channel Characteristics and Dimensions
 - 2.6 Tributary Narratives
 - 3. Engagement Strategy and Results**
 - 3.1 Community Engagement Plan
 - 3.2 Engagement Leadership
 - 3.3 Engagement with Municipal Stakeholders
 - 3.4 Strategic Relations Engagement
 - 3.5 Community Engagement Report and Integration of Community Feedback
 - 4. Project Opportunities Analysis**
 - 4.1 Tributary Prioritization
 - 4.2 Tier 1 Tributary Opportunities and Constraints
 - 5. Greenway Conceptual Design Development**
 - 5.1 Tier 1 Greenway Alignments
 - 5.2 Crossings and Intersections
 - 5.3 Potential Project Opportunities on Tier 1 Reaches
 - 5.4 Conceptual Design
 - 5.5 Estimated Conceptual Construction Cost
 - This section is focused on how Tier 1 reaches were characterized, and what data were developed to support greenway project implementation. Greenway and greenway adjacent opportunities were identified along Tier 1 reaches within the SGV with a special focus on bike paths that could make up the greenway network, greenway

crossings of existing roads, and project components on greenway adjacent parcels. Opportunity characterizations provide a comprehensive view of project potential along Tier 1 reaches, and some were included in the conceptual designs presented in this plan.

- Greenway alignment opportunities schematics were developed to determine the ROW available for paths along Tier 1 reaches. Section 5.1 discusses the classification of available alignment ROWs, explains the implications of these classifications for potential greenway development, and provides information on the available greenway alignment data to facilitate future project planning efforts.
- Greenway street crossing treatments, and intersection navigation opportunities were reviewed for the full extent of Tier 1 reaches. Section 5.2 discusses how crossing treatments were formulated to provide planners with a starting point for designing greenway street crossings.
- Potential project components were identified along Tier 1 reaches and included opportunities such as potential surface and sub-surface stormwater best management practices (BMPs), existing park enhancements and/or connections, potential new parks or pocket parks, and open space enhancements to existing schools and/or neighborhood connections. Section 5.3 discusses how potential project components were identified, prioritized, and characterized. Future planners will be able to use the data from Section 5.3 to identify projects that may be paired with greenway paths to maximize the multiple benefit nature of greenway projects.
- Draft conceptual designs were developed with consideration of the three elements identified along Tier 1 reaches to formulate what comprehensive greenway projects could be. Section 5.4 describes how data gathered in Sections 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 were used to formulate ten conceptual design projects that were representative of SGVGN Plan board motion goals. The ten conceptual design projects are also included to show what holistic greenway network projects could look like, and to provide materials that may be used to pursue funding and implement greenway projects.

6. Project Implementation Strategies

- 6.1 Project Development
- 6.2 SGVGN SIP Resources for Project Development
 - 6.2.1 GIS Datasets
 - 6.2.2 Tributary Opportunities and Constraints
 - 6.2.3 Greenway Alignments
 - 6.2.4 Crossings and Intersections
 - 6.2.5 Potential Project Components
 - 6.2.6 Conceptual Designs
 - 6.2.7 Design Guidelines and Standards
 - 6.2.8 Summary of Technical Resources
- 6.3 Permitting and Approvals
- 6.4 Advancing Partnerships
 - 6.4.1 Community Involvement
 - 6.4.2 Management Authorities
 - 6.4.3 Advocacy and Non-Governmental Organizations

6.5 Community Engagement Mechanisms

6.6 Funding Sources

6.6.1 Local Options

6.6.2 State Options

6.6.3 Federal Options

- Sections 1 through 5 describe the development of the Plan through the creation of greenway alignments, evaluation of project components, and preparation of conceptual greenway designs for ten Tier 1 segments. Section 6 provides guidance for project proponents to develop and implement projects within the SGVGN. Information is provided on key roles and responsibilities, available resources for SGVGN projects and how to use them, and considerations for permitting, stakeholder outreach and engagement, and project funding.

- **Project Development Process – 5 Phases**

- For the purposes of the Plan, a project includes greenway creation based on the definition of a greenway provided in Section 1.1. It is also expected and encouraged that greenway projects include additional project components, such as gateways, pocket parks, or stormwater management features, to enhance the user experience and environment, and create a safe and welcoming space for residents and visitors.
- Successful project development and implementation begins with thorough planning, preparation, and engagement in a project's early stages. At that time, it is critical to (1) identify project goals, objectives, and critical success factors in collaboration with stakeholders, (2) define site conditions, opportunities, and constraints, and (3) coordinate with LA County and regulatory agencies to understand project requirements and needed approvals to develop an achievable project plan and schedule.
- Multiple parties should be engaged at the appropriate stages throughout project development. Key roles that should be defined at project inception include:
 - Project proponent. The project proponent is the lead entity responsible for project development and implementation. In most cases, the SGV greenway project proponent will be LA County or a SGV community.
 - Technical consultants. Technical consultants include professional consultants and other service providers retained by the project proponent to assist in project development and implementation, such as survey, design, and geotechnical services.
 - Regulatory liaisons. Regulatory liaisons include departments within LA County (LACPW, LACFCD, and others) and other local, state, and/or federal entities to ensure the project is properly planned, designed, reviewed, permitted, and approved. For more information about the roles of individual departments and agencies, refer to Section 6.3: Approvals Process and Section 6.4: Advancing Partnerships.
 - Stakeholders. Stakeholders include interested or affected parties whose support is important for project success, such as the community or residents, community organizations, local businesses, and neighboring communities. Community organizations may include national, state, or local advocacy groups related to arts and culture, education, or the environment, or interest groups composed of residents.
- Project development can be divided into five primary phases: planning, design and permitting, bidding, construction, and operation and maintenance. Figure 6-1 provides a summary of the key elements in these steps and the involved parties. This is not a detailed list and key elements will vary depending on the project and permitting

complexity, types of project elements, connection to other planned projects, extent of partner and stakeholder involvement, and funding sources.

Figure 6-1

| STAGE | DESCRIPTION | INVOLVED PARTIES |
|--|---|---|
|  PLANNING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner/roles identification • Goals and objectives definition • Data collection • Opportunities and constraints analysis • Stakeholder and agency engagement • Concept development and cost estimating • Permitting and approval requirements and engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent responsible with technical consultants assisting • Key regulatory liaisons engaged to understand approval requirements • Early stakeholder engagement essential to project success |
|  DESIGN AND PERMITTING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize greenway alignment • Project element selection and configuration • Conceptual design • Detailed design, O&M plan/agreement, and cost estimating • Permit applications and environmental documentation submitted, RAI responses until approved | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent responsible with technical consultants assisting • Adjacent projects/communities coordination • Regulatory liaisons for project review and approval • Stakeholder coordination on design (public and advocacy groups) |
|  BIDDING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid package preparation (final construction and bid documents) • Bid advertisement and pre-bid meeting • Bid addenda issued • Bid opening • Bid assessment and award | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent responsible with assistance from technical consultants • Adjacent projects/communities coordination • Stakeholder coordination on construction expectations and support (public and advocacy groups) |
|  CONSTRUCTION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction • Administration and inspections • Submittal and pay application reviews • Periodic meetings • Design amendments/change orders, if needed • Final inspections and close-out • Permit clearances | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent is Owner • Technical consultants provides services per Owner • Adjacent projects/communities coordination • Regulatory liaison coordination • Stakeholder coordination, progress and addressing issues |
|  OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O&M Plan finalized with responsibilities • Post-construction activities maintain greenway and components to level of service • O&M reporting as required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent responsible • Project partners if performing some O&M activities • Contractors, if responsible for O&M • Regulatory liaisons if permitting requirements • Stakeholder feedback on O&M needs or general issues |
|  | <p>Community and stakeholder engagements should occur throughout the project life.</p> | |

- **Design Guidelines and Standards**
 - The Plan’s Design Guidelines and Standards include information to assist project proponents and technical consultants with greenway design and implementation.
 - This graphic shows the sections of the Design Guidelines and Standards organized by the project phase in which they are useful.



- **Funding Sources**

- Funding, another critical element of SGV greenway project implementation, is discussed in Section 6.6. Depending on the project funding sources, there may be additional requirements throughout project implementation for the project proponent related to applications, inspections, reporting, close-out, or other, that are not included in Figure 6-1.
- Potential SGVGN funding options at the local, state, and federal scale.
- Creation and maintenance of an extensive greenway network throughout the SGV will require substantial and sustained financial resources. Project proponents will need to leverage a range of local, state, and federal funding sources to achieve the goals of the Plan.
- Grants are an excellent opportunity for a one-time influx of funds to support project planning, design, and implementation. Due to their proximity to the Los Angeles population center and the innate relationship of the greenways with flood control channels, SGVGN projects are inherently multi-benefit. The strategic selection of project components that incorporate nature-based solutions and promote ecosystem health can further strengthen the argument that in addition to recreation and transportation, greenway projects provide a broad range of environmental, health, social, and climate resilience benefits. These benefits can be used to apply for grant funds from a variety of agencies and programs.
- Examples are provided in Figure 6-7 and the following subsections for potential local, state, and federal funding sources for Plan projects. Before preparing an application, project proponents should review the individual grant program criteria requirements with respect to their project, and verify funding is available and proposed project elements are eligible.
- Measure A is also known as the Safe Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Protection Measure, and provides funding to maintain parks, beaches, recreation, and open space in LA County. Funds are used for the protection, enhancement and maintenance of Los Angeles, California's neighborhood parks, open space, trails, beaches, natural habitat, rivers, streams, and the urban tree canopy by implementing an annual parcel tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of development. This measure also prioritizes parks that reduce the urban heat island effect. The resolution states that of the funds allocated to these programs, "multi-benefit projects should seek to leverage public and private funding from water conservation and supply; water and air quality improvements; flood risk management; climate pollution reduction or adaptation; carbon sequestration; heat-island reduction; habitat protection and biodiversity; public health; and environmental justice benefit programs." Greenway projects provide many of these benefits.
- Tax revenue is distributed as annual allocations to defined grant programs and as additional competitive grants. After the end of the LA County fiscal year, the funding amounts for each annual allocation grant program are announced to eligible agencies by September 15th. Funds for competitive grant programs are accrued over time; it is estimated that competitive grants will be available approximately every 1 to 4 years. Figure 6-8 from the Grants Administration Manual shows how Measure A funds are allocated to each program.

Local

Measure W: Stormwater projects that increase capture and reuse and reduce stormwater pollution.

Measure H: Funds measures to reduce homelessness.

Measure A: Safe Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Protection Measure

Measure M: Funds mobility and transportation projects, including active transportation

Agency funds from LACFCD, LA County Board of Supervisors, Congressional representatives

Net Toll Revenue Grant Programs to fund active transportation projects

State

Proposition funds: Propositions 1 and 68 to fund ecosystem and watershed protection and parks.

Active Transportation Program (ATP) to encourage biking and walking

State conservancies administer additional grant programs that benefit climate resilience and waterways

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program to support walking, biking, and use of public transportation

Caltrans grants

Federal

US Army Corps of Engineers

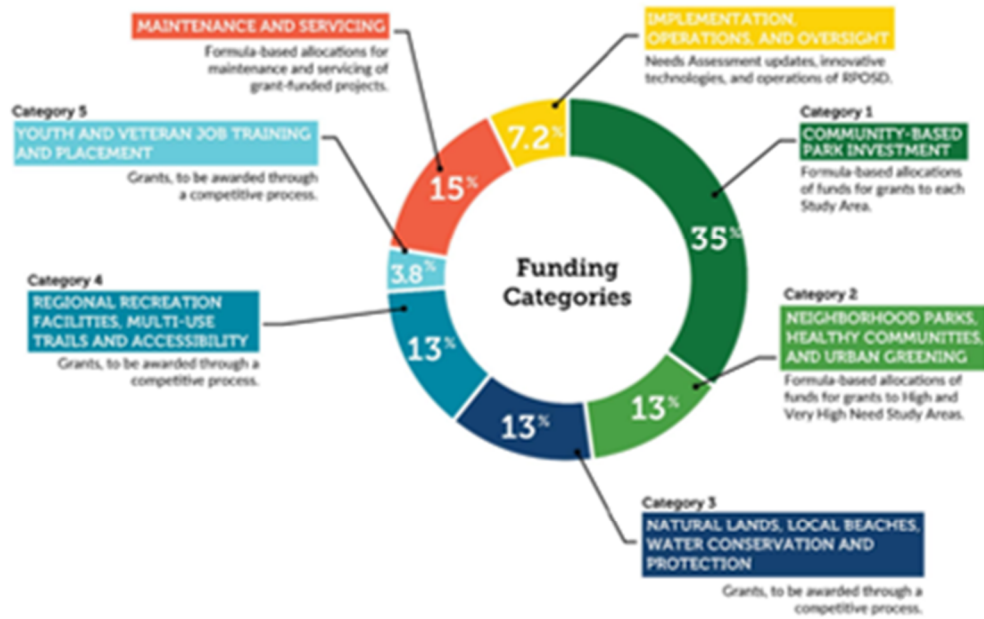
US Fish and Wildlife Service

National Parks Service

US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART

USDOT grants, including new grant programs from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Figure 6-7



Use of Measure A funds by category

Source: LA County Regional Park and Open Space District

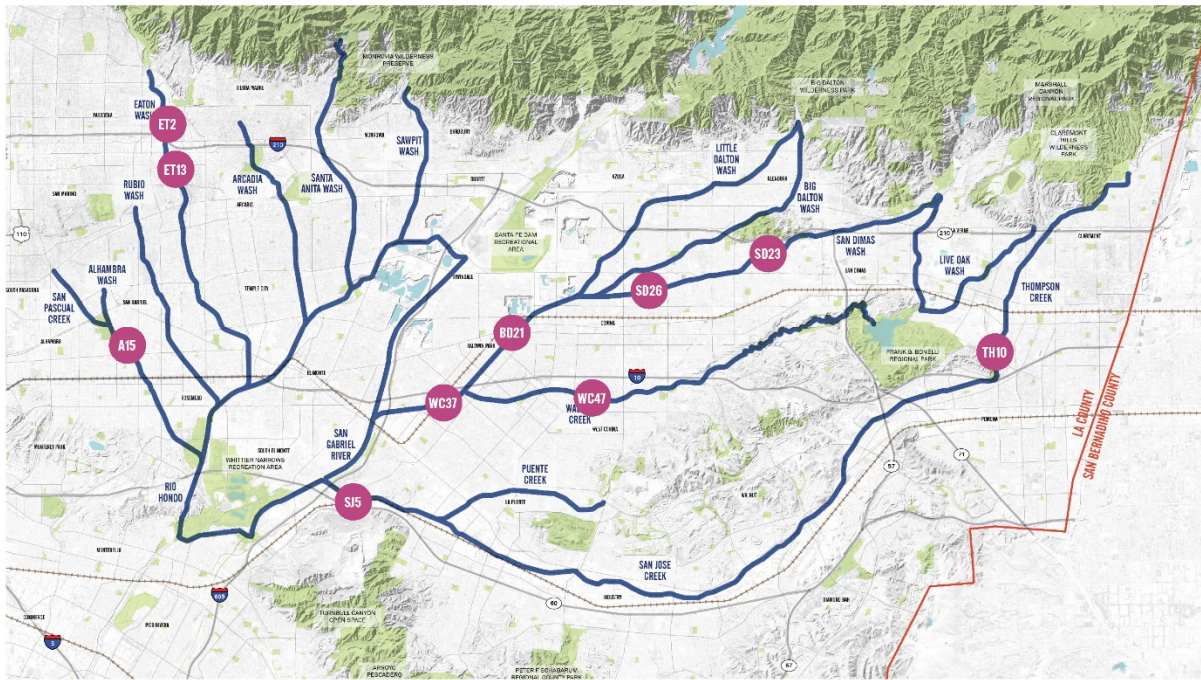
Figure 6-8

c. 3D Renderings Update (Studio-MLA)

- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) provided an update on the progress of the 3D renderings with a brief description of the selected project sites, the rendering process, draft aerial renderings, and axonal renderings.

PROJECT SITES

SGV GREENWAY STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN—RENDERINGS



STUDIO-MLA

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- **Aerial Renderings**



STUDIO-MLA

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SGV GREENWAY STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN—RENDERINGS



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SGV GREENWAY STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN—RENDERINGS



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SGV GREENWAY STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN—RENDERINGS



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SGV GREENWAY STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN—RENDERINGS



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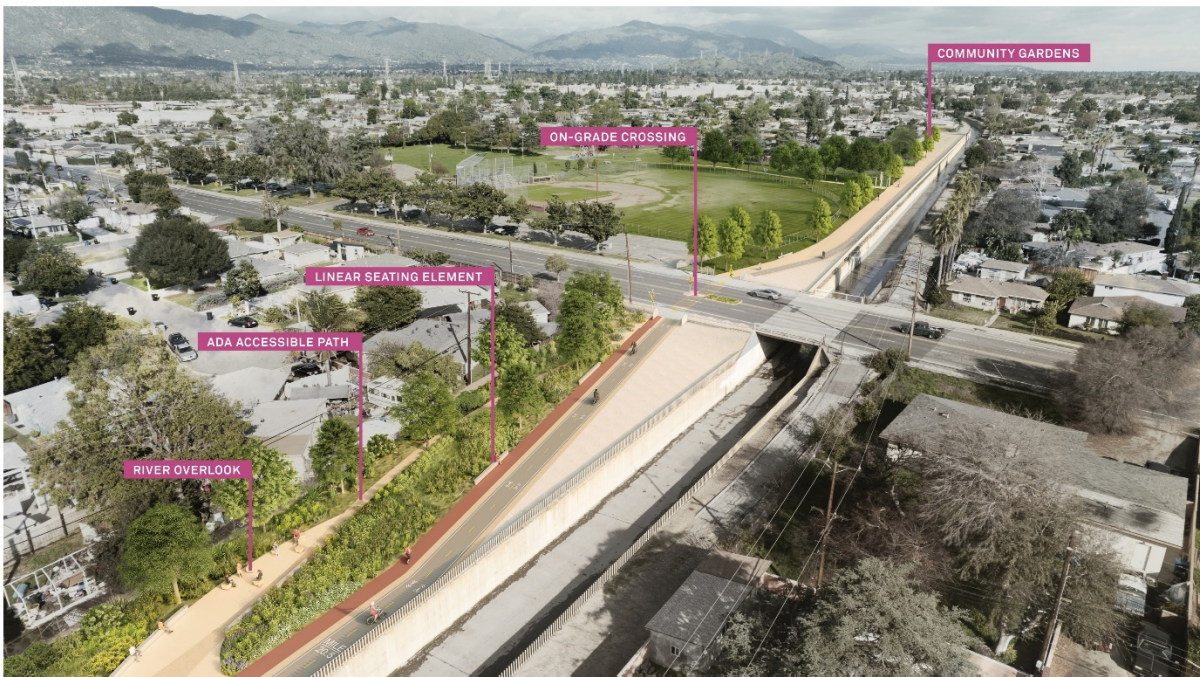


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SGV GREENWAY STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN—RENDERINGS



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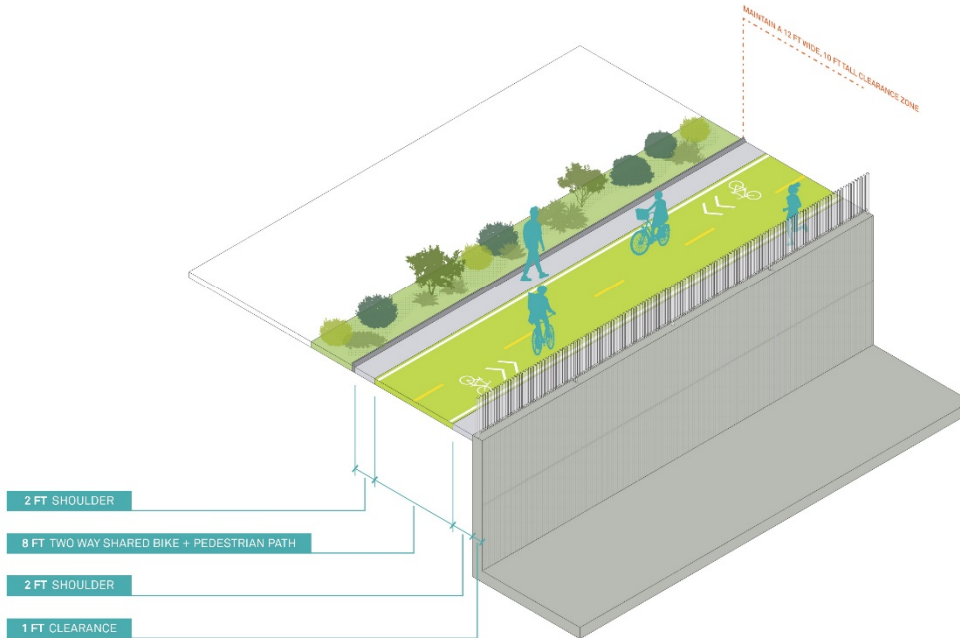


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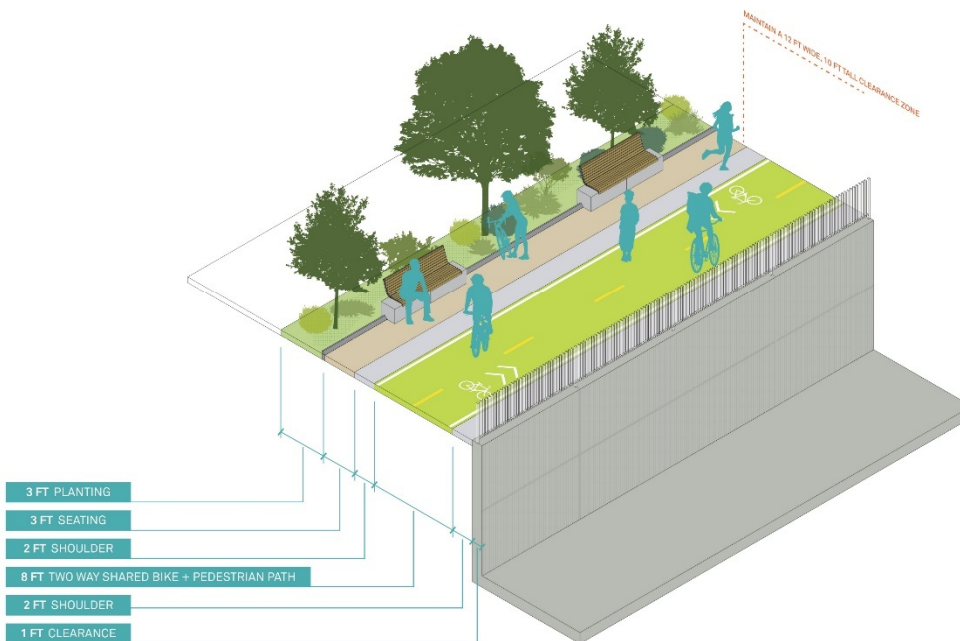
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- Axonal Renderings – Alignment Axons

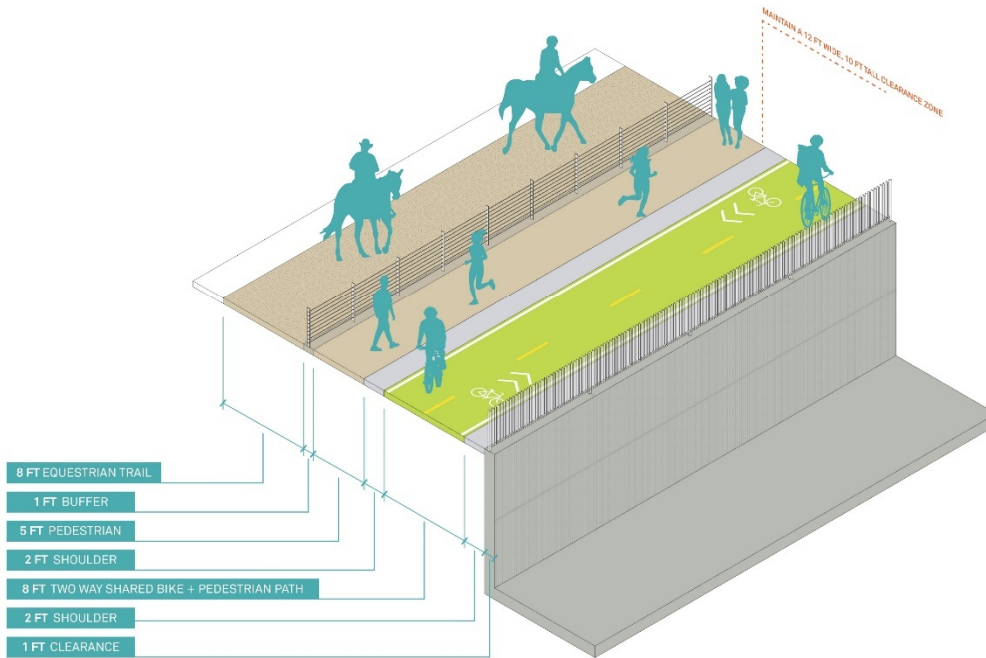
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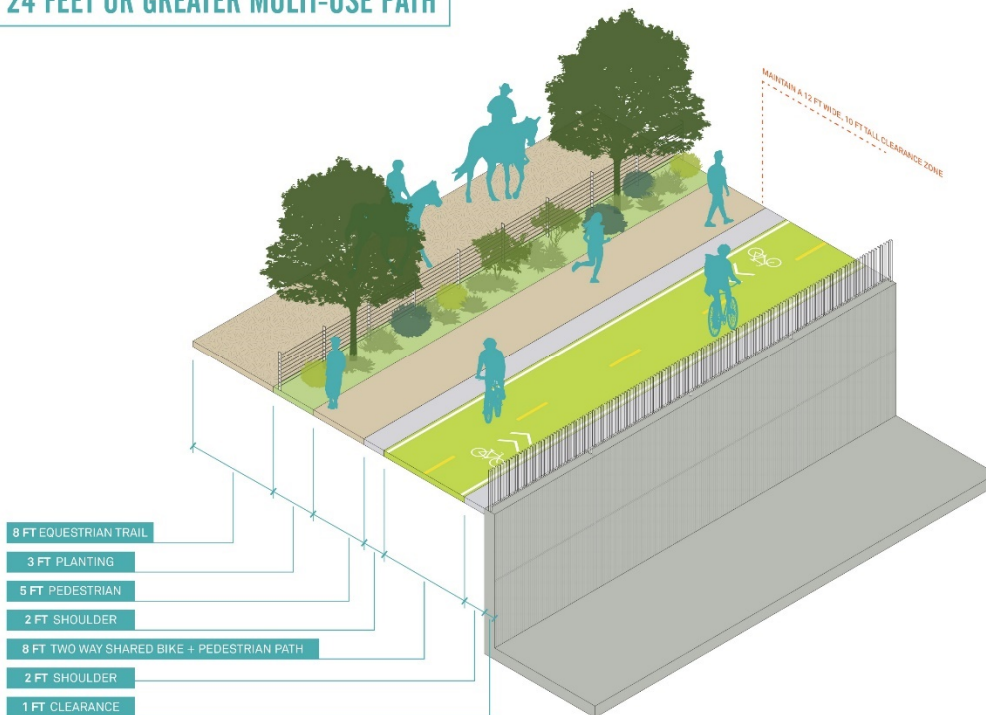
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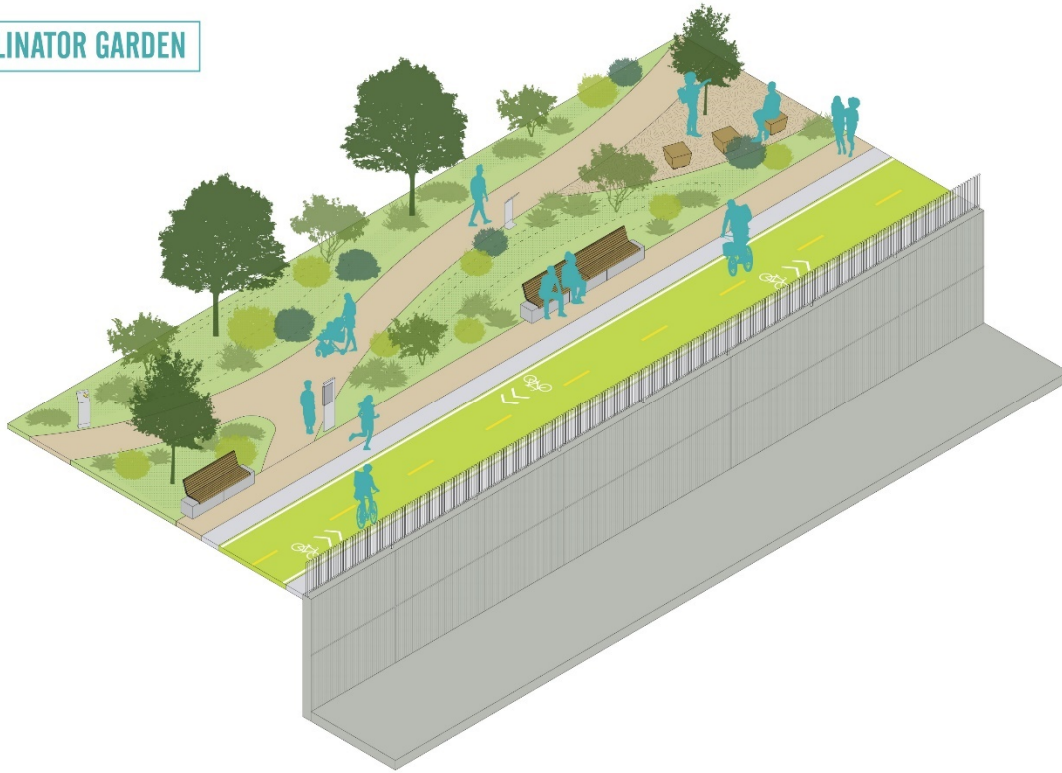


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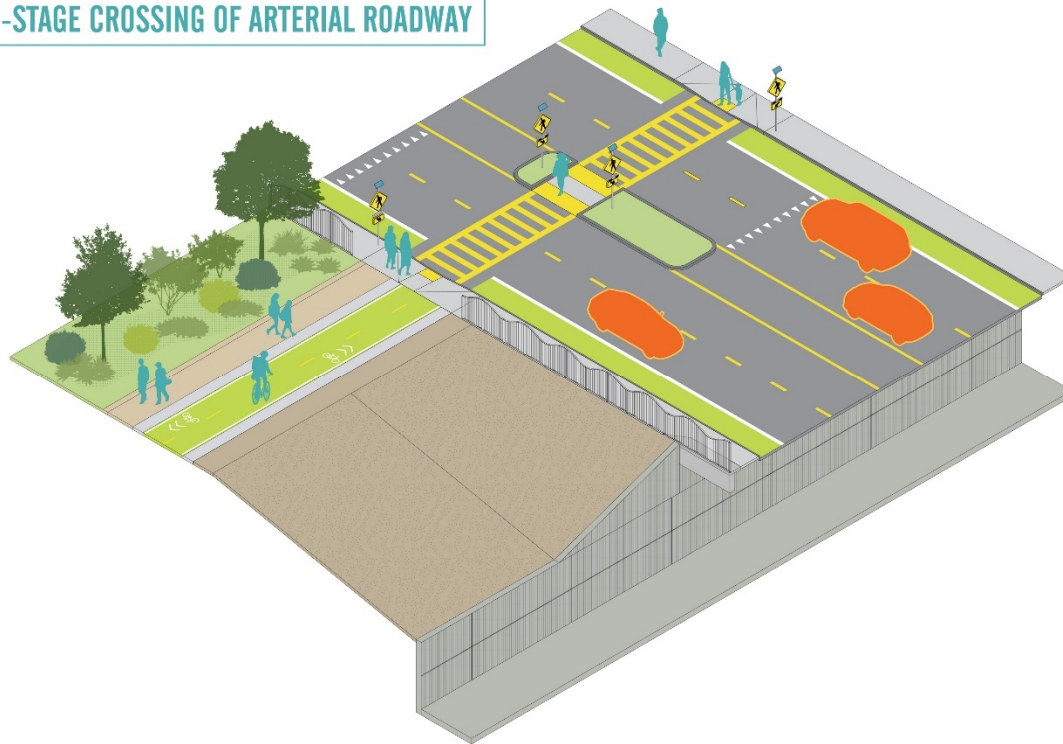
- Axonal Renderings – Design Axons

POLLINATOR GARDEN



SPREADING BASIN FITNESS LOOP



TWO-STAGE CROSSING OF ARTERIAL ROADWAY

- Other Project Component Diagrams in Progress
 - Bridge overcrossing of roadway rail
 - Bridge crossing of channel
 - Gateway park
 - Connection to existing park
 - Stormwater drain diversion
 - Under-crossing
 - Gardens (habitat/pollinator/community)
 - Walking path
 - Adjacent permeable pavement

d. Group Discussion

- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) opened up the discussion by inviting the Steering Committee to provide recommendations and feedback on the following questions:
 - What recommendations do you have for:
 - Plan section order?
 - Appendix order?
 - Conceptual design development?
 - 3D rendering layouts?
 - What feedback do you have on bolstering the Project Implementation Strategies?
 - Share experiences.
 - Share lessons learned.
- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) added a prompt, asking what would make it easier to receive feedback and comments when receiving a document like this; what has been successful in the past?
- Steve Hirai (Brown and Caldwell) added that the figures and graphics were meant to be more inspirational, a way to invite conversation with the community, and asked for feedback regarding how well they would accomplish that goal.
- Arturo Gonzalez (RMC) expressed his appreciation for the graphics and the figures and shared his personal experience with one of the sites in Alhambra Wash. He recounted how he and his son would frequently use the bridge. He added that there would be portions along the walkway where there would be holes, and his son almost fell due to those.
- Kevin Johnson stated that was the type of connection they were trying to improve. The bridge currently is not ADA-accessible and is very narrow.
- Christopher Jones (Brown and Caldwell) requested feedback regarding elements that the committee would like to see included in the plan.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) added that elements could include pointers regarding project development, permitting and approvals, and lessons learned while going through these processes, as well as any recommendations regarding funding sources and advancing partnerships with the community.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) offered a response, stating that the team has done a great amount of work in developing the Draft Plan and moving it along. The more feedback received, the more directed those efforts can be. To advance more public engagement, a partnership with WCA has been established.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) asked what would be helpful for cities, municipalities, etc. in implementing projects, specifically in terms of resources.
- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) commented that though this is a strategic implementation plan, a significant part of the project is considering how it will actually be implemented and what actually happens. He asked what else needs to be added to this section (referring to “Project Development”) in regard to that.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) responded by commenting that LACPW has helped local cities and NGOs implement multiple greenway projects. There is funding available for early implementation projects (EIPs), and the first time implementing a project such as this is always the most challenging in terms of learning the process and permitting. A plan and report such as this really helps guide the process.

- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) posed a question passed onto him by Wesley Reutimann (Active SGV), asking about potential case studies of recently completed sections of greenway, such as in Baldwin Park or Glendora. Though information about EIPs exists, consider broadening the lens of the EIP projects and including more recent projects to create a more complete “implementation story.” In addition, incorporate individual conversations with cities into the document.
- Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) added that it might not just be about lessons learned but also stories about successful implementation.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) commented that stories such as those have been touched on in the document, but those sections can be revisited and examined to improve its content.
- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) passed on another comment by Wesley Reutimann (Active SGV), discussing the importance of including cost estimates and different project proponents.
- Robert Gomez (LACPW) added that project proponents have appreciated the draft design guidelines and standards, commenting that they were looking for SGVGNSIP design guidelines and standards that were easy to navigate, clear, and concise. Also, early coordination with Parks and Recreation and Public Works has been very appreciated. For example, a meeting on the field with the City of Pomona led to a discussion of potential design components that could be adjusted before the engineering plans had been drafted. With this, the City was able to receive feedback at the beginning of the planning stages rather than later in the design process.
- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) agreed and added that coordination is key. The development of this plan and the steering committee is the first coordination, bringing voices together and implementing projects, allowing for easier future collaboration and coordination.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) expressed his appreciation for the design axons, commenting they were important because the plan is more than just ten locations. These are key regional locations, benefitting the entire region. Constructing small projects such as pocket parks in cities helps connect regions and create local destinations. These types of locations help connect to communities, and that’s the effort the axon diagrams demonstrate. The document’s language will reflect this effort.
- Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) wrapped up the group discussion and proceeded with closing remarks.

e. Asks of the Steering Committee

- Provide feedback for the Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan.
- Aid in the promotion of the SGV Greenway Network Plan.

f. Next Steps

- Meeting minutes summary to be sent after the meeting.
- Continue to develop the Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan.

3. Next Scheduled Meeting

- a. September 13, 2023, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Refer to the PowerPoint presentation slides, video recording, transcript, and Teams chat for more details.



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Meeting Title: September 2023 Steering Committee Meeting

Purpose of Meeting: Present schedule update, plan update, InDesign plan layout, plan sections, 3D renderings update, community engagement effort for the public release of the plan, group discussion, asks of the Steering Committee, and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Date: September 13, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members:

Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD
Ramy Gindi, LACFCD
Benjamin Feldman, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Karina Macias, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Wes Reutimann, Active SGV
Arturo Gonzalez, RMC
Edna Robidas, Trust for Public Land
Nola Talmage, WCA
Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All
Katie Ward, SGVCOG

Project Team:

Julian Juarez, LACPW
Jennifer Aborida, LACPW
Robert Gomez, LACPW
Soledad Tlamasico, LACPW
Mateusz (Matt) Suska, LACPW
Natasha Krakowiak, DPR
Sheela Mathai, DPR
Loretta Quach, DPR
Michelle O'Conner, DPR
Laureen Abustan, Brown and Caldwell
Steve Hirai, Brown and Caldwell
Jeff Herr, Brown and Caldwell
Kevin Johnson, Studio-MLA
Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA

Summary

Meeting Format

The September 2023 Steering Committee Meeting was held virtually over Microsoft Teams. The meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the schedule update, followed by updates on the plan, InDesign plan layout, plan sections, 3D renderings, and the community engagement effort for the public release of the plan. This was followed by a group discussion. Additionally, there was an overview of the asks of the Steering Committee members and next steps. The presentation concluded with closing remarks.

1. Introduction

- a. Welcome Remarks from LACPW
- b. Roll Call

2. PowerPoint Presentation

a. Schedule Update

- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) shared the schedule updates on the Plan development and the status of the tasks and deliverables.
- Continuing to complete the deliverables for the Plan, including the Final Conceptual Designs, Opportunities and Constraints Maps, and Design Guidelines and Standards.
- Draft Greenway Network Plan was submitted on September 12, 2023, to the Steering Committee for review.
- Environmental documentation is in progress, with the Final Project Description and Alternatives and the Draft PEIR in development.
- SGV Greenway website continues to be ongoing and live.
- The Community Engagement Plan for the Public Release of the Plan is in development, prepared by WCA and LACPW.

b. Draft SGVGN Plan Update

- **Plan Timeline**
 - September 2023: Steering Committee Review of Draft Plan (Word format)
 - Winter 2024: Public Release of Draft Plan (InDesign Format)
 - Spring 2024: Public Release of Final Plan (InDesign Format)
- **InDesign Plan Layout**
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) provided a preview of the InDesign layout of the SGV Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan, showing the example Introduction, Sections, and Conceptual Designs, with the example color schemes, fonts, figures, photos, and page layouts.
- **SGVGN Plan Sections**
 - Jeff Herr (Brown and Caldwell) outlined the SGV Plan sections.
 - Tribal Land Acknowledgment
 - Director's Message
 - Executive Summary
 1. Introduction to SGVGN Plan
 2. Existing Conditions Summary

3. Engagement Strategy and Results
 4. Project Opportunities Analysis
 5. Greenway Opportunities and Example Conceptual Designs
 6. Implementation Strategies
 7. Resources
 8. Appendices
- Jeff Herr (Brown and Caldwell) continued with a summary of **Section 1. Introduction to SGVGN Plan.**
 - 1.1 Plan Goals
 - 1.2 Plan Area
 - 1.3 Plan Description
 - 1.4 Background and History of the Plan Area
 - 1.5 Plan Partners and Plan Team
 - 1.6 Approach to Plan Development
 - 1.7 How to Use this Document
 - Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) gave an overview of **Section 3. Engagement Strategy and Results.** She shared the content that the different subsections would entail:
 - 3.1: Community Engagement Plan
 - 3.2: Engagement with Steering Committee
 - 3.3: Engagement with Municipal Stakeholders
 - 3.4: County Collaboration
 - 3.5: Community Engagement Report and Incorporation
 - 3.6: Engagement for the Public Release of the Plan
 - Jeff Herr (Brown and Caldwell) then went over **Section 6: Implementation Strategies.** It's about the details of how to implement the plan.
 - 6.1: Plan Implementation – how do project proponents engage with the Plan?
 - 6.2: SGV Greenway Project Description
 - 6.3: Project Implementation
 - 6.4: Plan Resources for Project Implementation
 - 6.5: Permitting and Approvals
 - 6.6: Advancing Partnerships
 - 6.7: Community Engagement Mechanisms
 - 6.8: Funding Sources
 - The **Summary of Project Implementation Phases** table was shown, and the **Funding Sources** table with the local, state, and federal funding sources was shown as well.
 - Mateusz (Matt) Suska: In the permitting and plan phase, would recommend adding right-of-way (ROW) and easement as bullet points. Didn't see much about the greenway easement in the rest of the document, so expanding on that would be helpful.

c. 3D Renderings Update

- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) provided an update on the progress of the 3D renderings with a brief description of the selected project sites, the rendering process, draft aerial renderings, and axonal renderings.
- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) stated that these renderings and axons would really help bring that project component and subcomponent section to life.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) asked if there were any questions.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) commented that a common challenge was that often it was very difficult to plant trees along the Greenway and did not see much of that in the renderings. He wanted to know the proactive solutions in the Plan for planting trees along these washes.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) explained there was quite a bit in the Plan related to the limited landscape management zone. In addition, Studio-MLA has been working on a planting list. Through these diagrams and those landscape guidelines, the hope was to give designers the tools they need.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) stated the biggest challenge was whether there was enough ROW to maintain clearance requirements, and it was important to make sure that we have an accurate depiction of that throughout these diagrams and renderings.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) commented that if there are hard limitations that are preventing aggressive tree planting, the Plan could potentially provide a recommendation that we need to reconsider some of these requirements to provide more canopy coverage.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) stated that a challenge is the varying ROW throughout, but we can look into this.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) added that we do know how strict the guidelines are, but we can look into whether there are other design considerations that would provide canopy and shade.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) thanked Carolina Hernandez (LACPW) and asked if a specific goal is to provide canopy, are all these restrictions something we can revisit. He pointed out Kevin Johnson's (Studio-MLA) mentioning of shade structures sounded good.
 - Carolina Hernandez (LACFCD) answered that though we as a district can look into whether the estimates are too conservative, the best thing to do is lobby with our federal partners. The USACE has jurisdiction over many SGV Flood Control Channels and has its own set of requirements. Also, the District has the responsibility to protect life and property due to flooding, though we can evaluate whether those restrictions are appropriately set. The Flood Control District is always happy to collaborate to allow habitat improvements within its right-of-way that are not detrimental to the Flood Control System.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) stated that it's important to communicate these restrictions to the public and community.
- Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) asked whether the plant list was available.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) confirmed that would be available in the Appendix.
- Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) also asked whether there was something else we could do to provide shade throughout the corridors even if there is constricted ROW. A comment that

can be expected to be received is how hot these play structures can get, and how that can be an issue. Children are especially susceptible to heat.

- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) stated that if tree planting is not available, we can provide alternative design solutions might look like.

d. Community Engagement Effort for Public Release of Plan

- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) then asked whether there were more questions and turned it over to Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) to discuss the community engagement effort for the Public Release of the Plan.

- **Community Engagement for Public Release of DRAFT Plan**

- **Prior to Draft Plan Release**

- Social Media and Email Communications
 - September – December 2023
 - estimated 200,000 impressions.
- Public Project Website Updates
 - October – December 2023
- Media Kit
 - September – December 2023
- Flyer Postings within SGV Plan area
 - October – November 2023
 - minimum of 50 locations.

- **During Public Comment Period**

- Presentations to Local Community Groups
 - January – March 2024
 - minimum of 15 meetings.
- Pop-up Events/Tabling Events
 - January – March 2024
 - minimum of 30 events.
- Community Meetings for Q&A
 - estimated 2 meetings.
- Community Bike Rides
 - estimated 3 bike rides.
- Presentation to City Stakeholders within Plan Area (as needed)
 - January – March 2024
 - maximum of 15 meetings.
- Optional Community Survey

- **Community Engagement for Public Release of FINAL Plan**

- Social Media and Email Communications
 - March – April 2024
 - estimated 200,000 impressions.
- Public Project Website Updates
 - March – April 2024

- Optional Community Meetings for Q&A
 - estimated 2 meetings.

e. Group Discussion

- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) opened the discussion by inviting the Steering Committee to provide recommendations and feedback on the following questions:
 - What feedback is there on the following?
 - InDesign Plan Layout
 - Plan Sections Content
 - 3D Rendering Layouts
 - Community Engagement Effort for Public Release of Plan
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) opened the discussion by stating that a common question he can foresee is people asking what the timeline would be for their specific section of the Greenway Network. The public is often asking how they can get involved, as well, and how they can help. How can the average person track what is happening and get involved?
 - Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) said that this is the Master Plan, so this is just laying the foundation. A lot of the network is in early implementation stages, so we can point the community to those.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) agreed with Jennifer Aborida (LACPW). There was a groundbreaking ceremony in Covina the past weekend, and there might be a grand opening ceremony for that. Eaton Wash is another location where funding has been secured. It is all on the list; it just may not be as fast as people like.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) added that this plan provides a lot of resources, such as the analysis of the ROW. The Programmatic EIR is a huge boost for proponents trying to move these projects forward.
 - Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) added that as a local resident and community member, it could help move along projects if the community can advocate for themselves. Whether they contact through the SGV website or contact the local municipality, or other ways of contacting people, it can really help move things along. Working with member organizations is also another great way to help.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) said that this is great guidance, and having all this as something explicitly stated in the plan would be good.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) added that there is a section about early implementation projects, and it would be clear when that's happening and who's in charge.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) read off Bryan Matsumoto's (Nature for All) comment in the chat which stated that it would be nice to see other shade structures as part of the renderings so people can visualize what that would look like.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) replied that though the axons are supposed to represent what is in the plan and guidelines, the team can discuss where something could be added.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) read off Edna Robidas' (Trust for Public Land) comment that assuming the planting list would be in the Appendix, it didn't make it into this draft.
 - Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) said that was something that could definitely be shared.

- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) read Wes Reutimann's (Active SGV) comment that discussed shade stops would increase the utility.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) agreed with Wes Reutimann's (Active SGV) comment and gave an example of right before Santa Fe Dam. Arturo Gonzalez (RMC) agreed as well.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) said that there was one drawing with shade structures, but that was taken out because they wanted to show shade structures at gateway points.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) read off Katie Ward's (SGVCOG) comment, which asked whether the SGVCOG could be included in the engagement efforts.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) thanked Katie Ward (SGVCOG) for the comment and that it would be a great way to share.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) said that if there haven't been regular updates, there should be.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) agreed with Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) and commented that they've been instrumental in funding efforts.
- Robert Gomez (LACPW) wanted to mention that there's a large amount of the budget saved for landscaping efforts, in reference to the shade spots. He wanted to make that clear.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) read off Karina Macias' (LAC B.O.S. SD1) comment which stated that this presentation could be reframed project development work that has been completed. SGVCOG recently released a call for projects and cities would want COG technical assistance for that.
 - Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) asked whether Karina Macias (LAC B.O.S. SD1) was discussing the early implementation projects.
 - Karina Macias (LAC B.O.S. SD1) stated that she was referring to the highlights that Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) was referencing – all the parts of the plan that are ready to go to the next phase, so the presentation is framed for authorities with the power to go forward. Reframe it so that the presentation answers why local jurisdictions etc. should care about this plan and look at this plan.
 - Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) mentioned Section 6 does go over some of this.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) thanked Karina Macias (LAC B.O.S. SD1) for the feedback and added that outreach is coming up with cities.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) wanted to add that the discussion around the COG is very interesting, and that this should be presented at the transportation meetings. Should the COG be mentioned in the implementation section?
 - Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) and Katie Ward (SGVCOG) agreed with Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA).
 - Arturo Gonzalez (RMC) appreciated the design schematics, and just to further what Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) and Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) were discussing, creating mindful spaces where people can rest is important. A lot of abandoned areas can be utilized and activated with shade spots etc.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) seconded Arturo Gonzalez's (RMC) comment and asked whether there was a way for people to get these recommendations.

- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) stated that those were both great comments. Looking to focus on gateways, privacy concerns, etc. is important, and providing design solutions for these concerns is possible.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) added that those elements and details are included in Design Guidelines and Standards, Appendix H.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) is interested in knowing what the pathway is to actually implement these plans. With this plan, how do we get to the actual network being built and are there specific people that can be assigned to shepherd this along.
 - Katie Ward (SGVCOG) said those were great comments, and as the call for projects happens, this is something that can be kept in mind.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) added that we're committed to partnering and streamlining the process. The plan is just the how-to, and Julian Juarez (LACPW) and his team are available to the public and cities.
 - Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) added that the public works team will be the implementation team and is the lead agency.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) added that DPR is also a major partner on this project, using this plan as an opportunity to expand on their existing regional multi-use trail network.
- Michelle O'Connor (DPR) said that Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) was correct, and that was why they were keeping a close eye on fine-tuning various sections and the visuals. The regional multi-use trail network was different from the paved bikeway and accommodates equestrian use in addition to pedestrians. DPR saw themselves as implementers and wanted to enhance east-west connectivity.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) commented that there are not a lot of pictures about existing greenways, and it would be great to show what an existing greenway looks like.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) added that as we move into Word for this plan, there will be much more space for photos and it's something that has been considered.
 - Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) added that there are some photos in the Plan, but bringing those to the forefront would be great.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) commented that a call for photos would be a great public engagement opportunity.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) said that Bryan Matsumoto's (Nature for All) idea is something to consider.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) read off Bryan Matsumoto's (Nature for All) comment, which stated: For tracking progress, will public works be reporting regularly to the Board of Supervisors on implementation of the network?
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) answered that right now the focus is on the development of the plan, and the board of supervisors is notified through the project delivery process. A more robust reporting program is something we can consider.
 - Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) said that if we want to see this network built out, we need to ensure that there is someone making it happen. Karina Macias (LAC B.O.S. SD1) agreed.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) stated that for community engagement, it's possible to blow up these renderings and diagrams on banners and physically place them in the location.

- Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) stated that it was a great suggestion, and this is a huge reason why the renderings exist – to help create momentum and capture public interest.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) stated that this is something the public works team can also put on the website.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) read off Karina Macias' (LAC B.O.S. SD1) comment, which stated: Can you prepare some social media graphics we can push out and an email address they can submit to?
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) asked what the blue tick marks meant on the document, and Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) answered that those were only relevant for the prioritization process. It was analysis based on major physical characteristic changes.
 - Julian Juarez (LACPW) asked whether it's part of the hatching, and Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) stated that it's related to the specific wash.
 - Kevin Johnson (Studio-MLA) mentioned that it's something they can add to the legend, or something that can be taken out.

f. Asks of the Steering Committee

- Provide feedback for the Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan.
- Aid in the promotion of the SGV Greenway Network Plan.

g. Next Steps

- Meeting minutes summary to be sent after the meeting.
- Continue to develop the Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan in InDesign format.
- Update the Draft SGVGN Plan with Steering Committee comments.

3. Action Items

- a. Provide planting list.
- b. Looking into shade structures.
- c. More interface with SGVCOG.

Refer to the PowerPoint presentation slides, video recording, transcript, and Teams chat for more details.



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Meeting Title: **October 2024 Steering Committee Meeting**

Purpose of Meeting: Present Steering Committee accomplishments, SGVGN timeline, Draft SGVGN Plan overview, Design Guidelines & Standards overview, PEIR overview, community engagement for the Plan development, community engagement for the Draft Plan public release, planned schedule, asks of the Steering Committee, open discussion, and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Date: October 16, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members:

Genevieve Osmena, LACFCD
Nadia Bashier, LAC B.O.S. SD1
Roberto Alvarez, LAC B.O.S. SD5
Wes Reutimann, Active SGV
Arturo Gonzalez, RMC
Edna Robidas, Trust for Public Land
Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All
Katie Ward, SGVCOG
Roberto Achacoso, WCA

Project Team:

Julian Juarez, LACPW
Jennifer Aborida, LACPW
Robert Gomez, LACPW
Melissa Turcotte, LACPW
Ariana Villanueva, LACPW
Grace Komjakraphan, LACPW
Mateusz (Matt) Suska, LACPW
Michelle O'Conner, DPR
Sheela Mathai, DPR
Steve Hirai, Brown and Caldwell
Laureen Abustan, Brown and Caldwell
Jeff Herr, Brown and Caldwell
Megan Horn, Studio-MLA
Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA
Megan Schwartz, Catalyst Environmental

Summary

Meeting Format

The October 16, 2024, Steering Committee Meeting was held virtually over Microsoft Teams. The meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the Steering Committee accomplishments, SGVGN timeline, Draft SGVGN Plan, Design Guidelines & Standards, PEIR, and community engagement for the Plan development, followed by updates on the community engagement for the Draft Plan public release, planned schedule, and asks of the Steering Committee. This was followed by an open discussion. The presentation concluded with next steps and closing remarks.

1. Introduction

- a. Welcome Remarks
- b. Julian Juarez (LACPW) introduced himself as the lead for the SGV Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan team. He welcomed everyone back. It had been little over a year since the last Steering Committee Meeting in September 2023. Since then, the Plan team, including the consultant team, had been hard at work updating the Plan and transitioning it into its new graphically rich and easy-to-use format. The Plan team was excited to share a sneak peek of the Draft Plan with the Steering Committee before releasing the document for public comment. Additionally, the Plan document represented all the contributions of the Steering Committee over the past several years.
- c. Steve Hirai (Brown and Caldwell) introduced himself as the principal in charge for the consultant team. He acknowledged the long journey the Plan team and Steering Committee experienced together for the SGVGN even through the pandemic years. The team was really proud of the Plan and the project as a whole that everyone contributed to – with many meetings, comments, interactions, guidance, and recommendations that were evaluated.
- d. Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) then presented the meeting agenda.

2. PowerPoint Presentation

a. Agenda

- Introduction
- Steering Committee Accomplishments
- SGVGN Timeline
- Draft SGVGN Plan Overview
- Design Guidelines & Standards Overview
- PEIR Overview
- Community Engagement for Plan Development
- Community Outreach for Draft Plan Public Release
- Planned Schedule
- Asks of the Steering Committee
- Open Discussion
- Next Steps

b. Steering Committee Accomplishments

- Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) acknowledged the Steering Committee members, worked so hard as part of the team through the whole course of the Plan development and deliverables.
- The Steering Committee comprises of 10 members with diverse backgrounds and a wide array of views representing agencies, NGOs, and CBOs with expertise in environmental concerns, equity, active transportation, and Native American partnerships.
- Conducted a roll call to acknowledge the Steering Committee members present:
 - **Our Project Team Partners:**
 - Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) - Michelle O'Connor, Sheela Mathai
 - Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) - Roberto Achacoso
 - **Our Steering Committee Members:**
 - LA County Board Offices SD 1 and SD 5 - Nadia Bashier and Roberto Alvarez
 - LA County Flood Control District - Julian Juarez and Genevieve Osmena
 - Active SGV - Wes Reutimann
 - Nature for All - Bryan Matsumoto
 - San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) - Arturo Gonzalez
 - Trust for Public Land (TPL) - Edna Robidas
 - Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
 - Native American Indian Commission (NAIC)
 - SGV Council of Governments (SGVCOG) - Katie Ward
 - San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC)
- Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) reflected on the Steering Committee that helped shaped the Plan accomplishments since April 2020. The Plan team is grateful to have worked with the Steering Committee throughout the process and excited to share how the Plan has evolved.
 - 17 Steering Committee Meetings
 - Community Engagement Participation
 - Website Development
 - SGV Logo & Branding Development
 - Map-based Survey
 - Provided essential feedback of the following documents:
 - Prioritization Matrix
 - Tributary Narratives
 - Opportunities & Constraint Diagrams
 - Conceptual Design Projects
 - Design Guidelines and Standards
 - Bike Path Alternatives
 - 3D Renderings

c. SGVGN Timeline

- Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) reviewed the SGVGN timeline.

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d. Draft SGVGN Plan Overview

- **SGVGN Plan Sections**
 - Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) outlined the SGV Plan sections and highlighted Sections 1, 5 and 6.
 - **Introduction to San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan – Section 1**
 - **Greenway Opportunities and Example Conceptual Designs - Section 5**
 - **Implementation Strategies - Section 6**
- Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) continued with an overview of **Section 1. Introduction to SGVGN Plan** and highlighted Sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.6 and 1.7. She provided a brief description of each highlighted subsection and shared a preview of several layouts, figures, and photos.
 - **1.1: Plan Goals**
 - **1.2: The Plan Area**
 - **1.6: Approach to Plan Development**
 - **1.7: How to Use this Document**

1.1 Plan Goals

The SGV Greenway Network Plan was initiated in May 2017, by a motion set forth by the LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS), that stated “The flood control systems in the County rivers, creeks, and channels present a unique opportunity to create a countywide network of interconnected, multiuse community greenways for linear parks and open space for recreation, bike paths for active transportation, multi-use trails for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use, and integrated stormwater management practices.” The BOS motion also outlines the following specific plan objectives and goals (Figure 1-2):

- 1 Promoting Equitable Practices
- 2 Creating Recreational Opportunities
- 3 Integrating Stormwater Management
- 4 Boosting Connections
- 5 Enhancing Natural Habitats
- 6 Enriching Community Well-Being

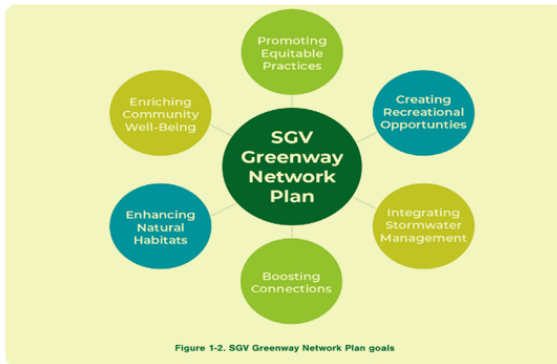


Figure 1-2. SGV Greenway Network Plan goals

1.2 The Plan Area

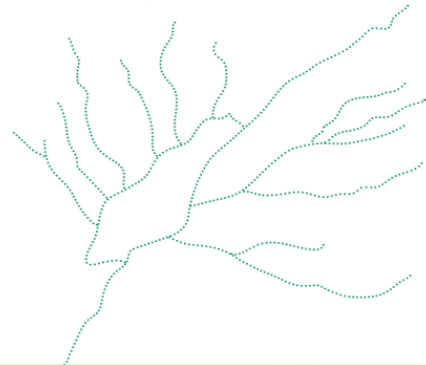
The SGV Greenway Network Plan area includes over 130 miles of potential greenways and improvements along the District ROW. A 0.5-mile buffer adjacent to each channel was included to capture data in areas that could be reached via a short walk from a potential greenway along the tributaries.

All of the major tributaries of the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo within the San Gabriel Valley were included in the SGV Greenway Network Plan area as illustrated in Figure 1-4 and described in detail in subsequent sections. Major tributaries (channels, washes, and creeks), included in the study area are:

- Alhambra Wash
- San Pasqual Creek
- Rubio Wash
- Eaton Wash
- Arcadia Wash
- Santa Anita Wash
- Sawpit Wash
- Little Dalton Wash
- Big Dalton Wash
- San Dimas Wash
- Walnut Creek
- Live Oak Wash
- Puente Creek
- San Jose Creek
- Thompson Creek

Alhambra Wash through Sawpit Wash are tributary to the Rio Hondo. Little Dalton Wash through Thompson Creek discharge to the San Gabriel River.

Highlighted segments of the San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo in Figure 1-4 were also included in the initial SGV area analysis. As the SGV Greenway Network Plan was developed, given their existing greenway development and funding opportunities, they were not considered priority areas for potential greenway implementation, and were not included in the subsequent analysis and conceptual design. This allowed more focus on the SGV tributaries that connect to these rivers.



1.7 How to Use This Document

The SGV Greenway Network Plan is divided into six major sections, two minor sections, and eight appendices. Sections 1 through 4 introduce the SGV Greenway Network Plan and description, summary of existing conditions and available data and gaps, and the evaluation and prioritization of tributary opportunities, as well as the community engagement aspects of the

planning process. Sections 5 and 6 provide extensive resources to be used by project proponents for greenway implementation. Sections 7 and 8 present supporting information and references that support the SGV Greenway Network Plan.



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| Section 1 | This section introduces the SGV Greenway Network and the SGV Greenway Network Plan, including plan goals, plan area and tributaries, plan description with subcomponents and beneficial elements, natural history and indigenous peoples, flood control improvements, Plan Partners and Plan Team, approach to plan development, and plan organization. |
| Section 2 | This Section serves as the foundation for subsequent plan element and focuses on the existing conditions of the SGV tributaries and immediately adjacent land. The section includes previous efforts and studies, early implementation projects, and geographic information system (GIS) analyses/database/mapping, channel characteristics, and Tributary Narratives (key lenses). Tributary Narratives serve as a valuable resource for planners, designers, and community members, offering insights into key aspects of each tributary. These narratives inform and guide future revitalization efforts and greenway projects. |
| Section 3 | This section describes the Community Engagement Strategy and Results including engagement with the Steering Committee, municipalities, stakeholders, and the community. Engagement with all stakeholders was the cornerstone of plan development. This section also outlines how public comments were incorporated into the planning process. |
| Section 4 | This section includes the development and application of a prioritization framework for the SGV Greenway Network including identifying Tiers 1, 2, and 3 tributary reaches, evaluating Tier 1 tributary opportunities and constraints and developing figures for both, and developing crossing treatments. Identification of project opportunities and constraints, as well as gaps, are vital for future project development. |
| Section 5 | This section is focused on the development and presentation of resources for greenway project implementation throughout the SGV, including channel ROW availability, greenway alignments and alternative cross sections based on ROW width, potential project subcomponents within channel ROW and on adjacent public land (Greenway Amenities, Pocket Parks and Greenspaces, Safe Crossings, and Stormwater Management), and ten example Conceptual Designs, 3D renderings of select greenway sections, subcomponents, and beneficial elements. |
| Section 6 | This section provides guidance for project proponents to implement projects throughout the SGV Greenway Network. Includes key responsibilities and involved parties across five phases of project implementation: planning, design and permitting, bidding, construction, and operations and maintenance (O&M). Also provides guidance and resources for project proponents on permitting and approvals, advancing partnerships and community engagement, and local, state, and federal funding sources. The SGV Greenway Network Plan Design Guidelines and Standards are summarized and provided as Appendix H. |
| The supporting sections include the following: | |
| Section 7 | This section includes references, list of tables, list of figures, and acknowledgements. |
| Section 8 | This section includes Appendices. The appendices include technical memorandums and other relevant documents that were developed for this project. These documents were used to develop the SGV Greenway Network Plan. |

- Megan Horn (Studio-MLA) gave an overview of **Section 5. Greenway Opportunities and Example Conceptual Designs** and highlighted Sections 5.1, 5.4 and 5.5. She shared the content that each highlighted subsection would entail along with a preview of layouts, figures, and photos.
 - **5.1: Greenway Path Alignment ROW Opportunities**
 - **5.4: Example Conceptual Designs**
 - **5.5: Conceptual Design Kit of Parts**

13 FEET ROW MULTI-USE PATH

This example greenway configuration shows an 8 ft bi-directional shared use path with 2 ft vertical clearance shoulders and 1 ft of fencing clearance. These widths meet minimum federal and state standards for bikeways.

A 12 ft wide brushed concrete path with 2 ft shoulders and 1 ft at the channel wall, 17 ft minimum ROW width, that accommodates bikers, pedestrians, and equestrians can be

used if necessary to achieve multi-use trail connectivity, but is not recommended for long distances. Refer to design guidelines for more details.

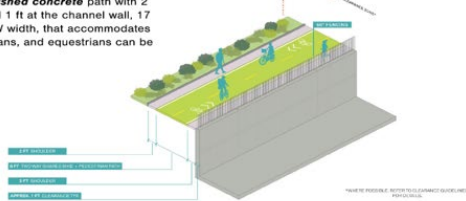


Figure 5-2. 13-ft wide greenway cross section example from Table 5-1

17 FEET ROW MULTI-USE PATH

This example greenway configuration shows a 13 ft shared use path, coupled with an adjacent 4 ft wide multi-use trail. The 4-ft wide multi-use trail is for low use. Refer to design guidelines for more details.

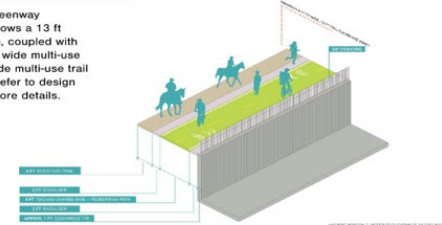


Figure 5-3. 17-ft wide greenway cross section example from Table 5-1

19 FEET ROW MULTI-USE PATH

This example greenway configuration shows a 13 ft shared use path, coupled with an adjacent 5 ft wide multi-use trail and 1 ft of planting area. The 5-ft multi-use trail is for low use. Refer to design guidelines for more details.

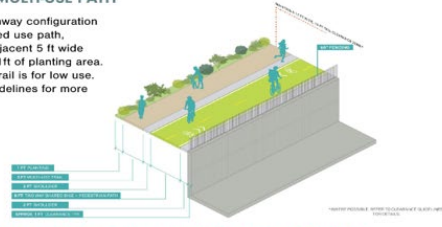


Figure 5-4. 19-ft wide greenway cross section Option A example from Table 5-1

19 FEET ROW MULTI-USE PATH

This example greenway configuration shows a 13 ft shared use path, coupled with an adjacent 6 ft wide multi-use trail. A minimum multi-use trail width of 6 ft is recommended in moderate use areas. A fence/barrier can be added by reducing the trail width by 1 ft and should be considered in high traffic areas. Refer to design guidelines for more details.

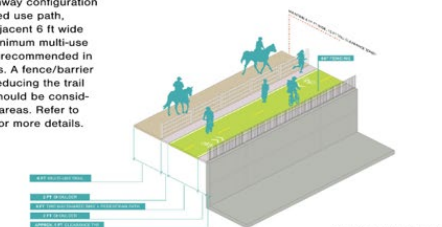


Figure 5-5. 19-ft wide greenway cross section Option B example from Table 5-1

24 FEET OR GREATER ROW MULTI-USE PATH

This example greenway configuration shows a 13 ft shared path, coupled with an adjacent 8 ft multi-use trail, optional fence, and landscaping at the edge. Barriers are recommended in high-traffic areas. With adequate ROW, barriers can increase safety by separating different user-types. Refer to design guidelines for more details.

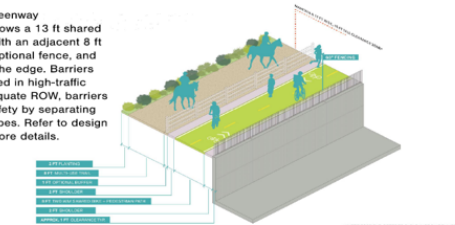


Figure 5-6. 24-ft wide greenway cross section Option A example with green infrastructure Table 5-1

27 FEET ROW MULTI-USE PATH

This example greenway configuration shows a 13 ft shared path, coupled with an adjacent 7 ft multi-use trail that is separated by a landscaped median. This separation of uses is ideal in high traffic areas. Refer to design guidelines for more details.

A 24 ft ROW alternative is to have both sides of the channel/activated with a trail on one side and a bikeway on the other; this would allow for larger planting areas and/or meandering paths/trails.

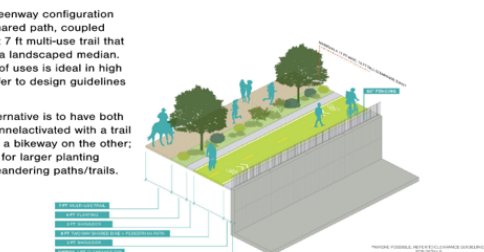


Figure 5-7. 27-ft wide greenway cross section Option A example from Table 5-1

The primary objective is to develop, at a minimum, the 13 feet greenway path (shown on Figure 5-2) on one side of the SGV tributary channel. In unique cases where there is an acceptable 13-ft bikeway or greenway path on one side of the channel, a natural surface multi-use trail may be implemented in lieu of a bikeway on the opposite side. An example is shown on Figure 5-8. This requires approval by LA County Public Works and other regulatory entities.

ROW widths were assigned throughout Tier 1 reaches by using the minimum ROW for the extent of a potential path between intersections to avoid contracting and expanding greenways. For example, if the ROW width of a stretch ranged between 13 and 19 feet, the Plan Team assigned a width of 13 feet to 17 feet in mapping tools (Appendix G: Greenway Alignment Alternatives), which would leverage the 13-foot-wide cross-section to remain within the available ROW for the entirety of a stretch. The same exercise may be conducted by project proponents on Tier 2 and 3 reaches. This provides flexibility for future greenway project planners.

Available ROW widths were determined without deciding which specific greenway cross section would be used. In cases where excess ROW width exists beyond what is needed for a greenway path, project subcomponents could be implemented in the ROW and should be designed in accordance with the Design Guidelines and Standards (Section 6 and Appendix H). Off channel alignments were delineated by the Plan Team when necessary to connect on-channel greenways. These instances occurred when there was less than 13 ft. of available ROW adjacent to the tributary channel and/or there was a major obstacle such as a highway that would require a substantial and costly overcrossing/bridge). Notes were added to identify alignment lengths that could require additional considerations such as grading to make certain segments ADA compliant (see example in Figure 5-9). Alignments and associated notes are included for each Tier 1 reach in the Greenway Alignment Alternatives in Appendix G.

EXAMPLE OF CHANNEL ACTIVATED ON BOTH SIDES

This example greenway configuration shows a 13 ft shared use path on one side of the channel, with a multi-use trail on the opposite side. This configuration can be useful when right-of-way is insufficient, but multi-use trail connectivity is desired. Refer to design guidelines for more details.

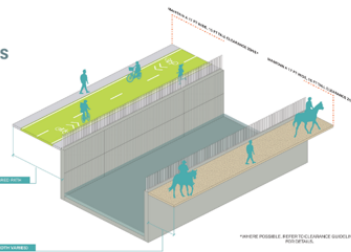


Figure 5-8. Example with 13 feet greenway on one side of channel and separate trail on opposite side



GREENWAY NETWORK SCALE

ALHAMBRA WASH AT VINCENT LUGO PARK

INTRODUCTION

The Alhambra Wash Example Greenway project provides 1.3 miles of new Greenway, connecting Mission Rd. to the north, and Hovey Ave. to the south. Central to the project is connecting Vincent Lugo Park to the surrounding community. The available R/W is between 13-17 FT wide for the project's complete extents, providing an opportunity for planting along the edge of the 12 FT path that could double as linear stormwater BMPs. Expanding connectivity through the adjacent neighborhoods to major arterials Valley Blvd. to the south and Mission Rd. to the North is proposed. At Hovey Ave., where the wash goes undergrounds, an on-street (Class II or Class III) bike route along Abbot Ave. is proposed. It provides a low-stress connection between Valley Blvd. and the Greenway. To the north, a connection over Mission Rd. and the adjacent Union Pacific tracks would link communities across the tracks. Furthermore, an east-west bicycle and pedestrian route across a proposed cross-channel bridge via Alhambra Park and the school district roads would provide an alternative to Mission Road, and connect San Gabriel High School with its attendance zone to the west.

PROPOSED GREENWAY ALIGNMENT

Starting at Mission Rd., a 12 FT multi-use path would extend south along the west (right) bank adjacent to the Alhambra Golf Course and around the confluence of the Alhambra and San Pascual Washes. Coordination with Alhambra Parks and Recreation could allow the path to continue along their maintenance access road. At Ramona St., the path would shift to the east (left) bank and follow the channel through Vincent Lugo Park, and past McKinley Elementary to Hovey Ave.

ACCESS POINTS AND CROSSINGS

See Safe Crossings in Appendix F, Attachment A crossing summaries for more detail.

- 1 Mission Rd. + the Union Pacific Tracks**
A railroad crossing and a cross-channel bridge would enable this Greenway to fill a missing active transportation link in both the north-south and east directions.
- 2 Ramona St. + Vincent Lugo Park**
A new shared medium-sized gateway should be incorporated into the existing park entrance, with signage directing Greenway users to key park amenities.
- 3 Newby Ave. / Abbot Ave.**
Update the existing pedestrian path as a large gateway and provide a new bridge crossing that is ADA compliant. Add Class I bike route along existing walkway.
- 4 Hovey Ave.**
Provide a small gateway connection, with directional signage and safety bollards to assist in user navigation and connection to the proposed on-street bike route.

AGENCY CONTEXT

A portion of the proposed Alhambra Wash Greenway project falls within an area of the wash that is owned and operated by USACE. The project extents fall within the Cities of Alhambra and San Gabriel. Future outreach with the project's neighbors - Almansor Park, Alhambra Golf Course, Winston Smoyer Memorial Community Garden, San Gabriel High, and McKinley Elementary will provide further opportunities to enhance the Greenway project.

5.5 Conceptual Design Kit of Parts

The example Conceptual Designs from Section 5.4 show what a potential greenway project could look like with a greenway path and many different combinations of subcomponents and beneficial elements. These designs were assembled using a kit-of-parts with greenway sections, subcomponents, and beneficial elements which can be used along tributary channels throughout the SGV Greenway Network.

Axonal diagrams are a key element of the kit of parts which illustrate greenway sections, subcomponents, and beneficial elements. Project proponents and readers of the SGV Greenway Network Plan should use these drawings to better visualize the future various design sections and elements, which are dependent on the available ROW width. These diagrams are meant to inspire future project proponents. Additional details related to greenway project design and subcomponents and beneficial elements are provided in the Design Guidelines and Standards (Section 6 and Appendix H).

Select greenway section axonal diagrams are shown in Section 5.1, Figures 5-2 through 5-8.

- 13-foot ROW multi-use path
- 17-foot ROW multi-use path and multi-use trail
- 19-foot ROW multi-use path and multi-use trail
- 19-foot ROW multi-use path and multi-use trail with planting strip
- 24-foot ROW multi-use path and multi-use trail with planting buffer between

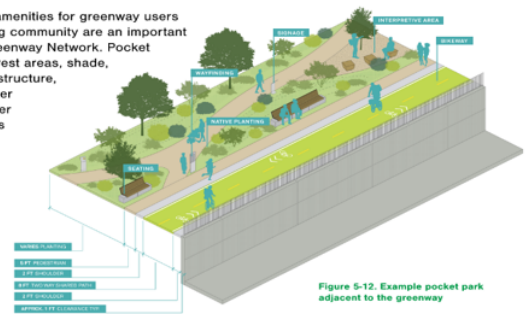
- 13-foot ROW multi-use path on one side of channel with variable width ROW equestrian/ multi-use trail on the opposite side of the channel

Axonal diagrams of select subcomponents and beneficial elements are provided in Figures 5-12 through 5-18.

- Pocket Park
- Spreading basin fitness loop
- Two stage crossing
- Adjacent demonstration garden
- Channel overcrossing
- Rail overcrossing
- Channel undercrossing

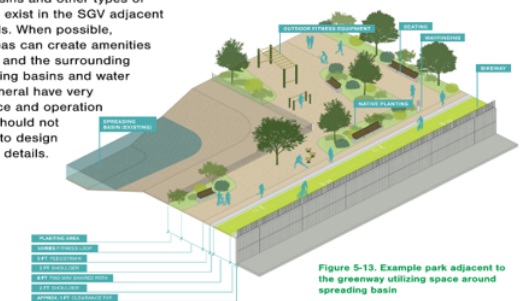
POCKET PARK

Pocket parks with amenities for greenway users and the surrounding community are an important part of the SGV Greenway Network. Pocket parks can provide rest areas, shade, habitat, green infrastructure, wayfinding, and other enhancements. Refer to design guidelines for more details.



SPREADING BASIN FITNESS LOOP

Many spreading basins and other types of water infrastructure exist in the SGV adjacent to tributary channels. When possible, activating these areas can create amenities for greenway users and the surrounding community. Spreading basins and water infrastructure in general have very specific maintenance and operation requirements that should not be hindered. Refer to design guidelines for more details.



TWO-STAGE CROSSING

This diagram shows the typical configuration for two-stage, at grade crossings. Safe crossings are critical to greenway implementation. See the safe crossings appendix and design guidelines for further details.

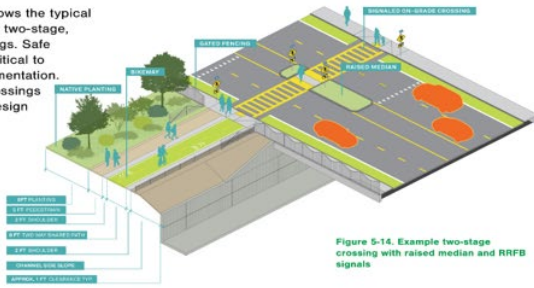


Figure 5-14. Example two-stage crossing with raised median and RRFB signals

ADJACENT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

There are many opportunities to implement green infrastructure as part of the SGV Greenway Network. Areas that capture water can decrease runoff, educate people about water systems, and provide habitat and landscaping. Refer to design guidelines for further details.

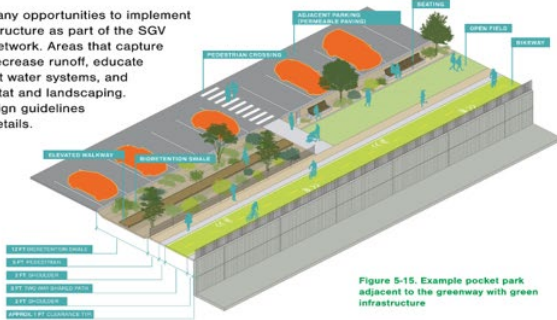
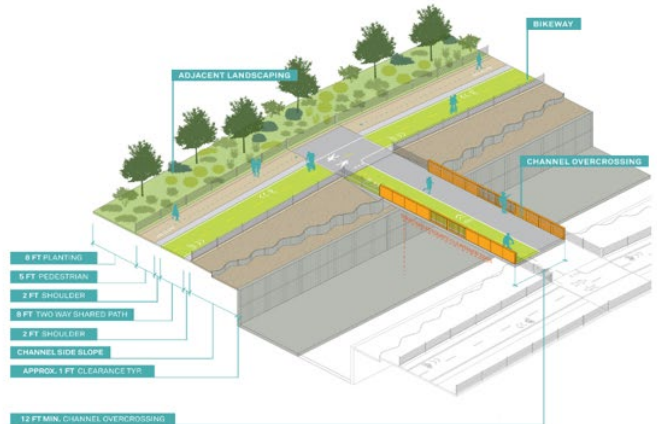


Figure 5-15. Example pocket park adjacent to the greenway with green infrastructure

CHANNEL OVERCROSSING

Tributary channels in the SGV are sometimes difficult to cross, or existing bridges are not accessible. Adding or upgrading bridge crossings can greatly enhance the Greenway Network. This diagram shows a typical crossing with requisite slope considerations. See design guidelines for further details.



Over-crossings may connect to amenities on the opposite side of channel such as greenways, trails, parks, etc. They may also be used to connect to neighborhood destinations such as schools or commercial areas.

Figure 5-16. Example channel overcrossing with accessible grading and landscaping

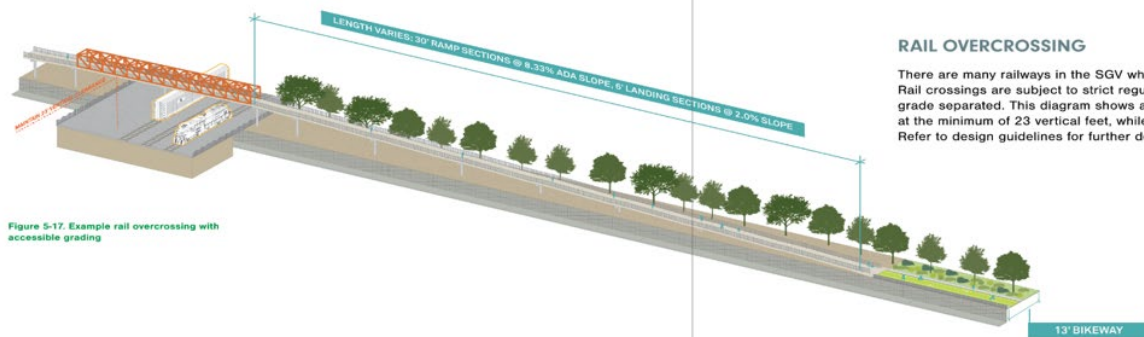


Figure 5-17. Example rail overcrossing with accessible grading

RAIL OVERCROSSING

There are many railways in the SGV which a greenway may need to cross. Rail crossings are subject to strict regulations and are often required to be grade separated. This diagram shows a greenway crossing over a rail line at the minimum of 23 vertical feet, while maintaining an accessible slope. Refer to design guidelines for further details.

CHANNEL UNDERCROSSING

Safe crossings are critical to the SGV Greenway Network. Where possible, undercrossings can provide a safe and uninterrupted crossing of busy roadways. This diagram shows a greenway crossing under a roadway while maintaining an accessible slope. Refer to the safe crossings appendix and design guidelines for further details.

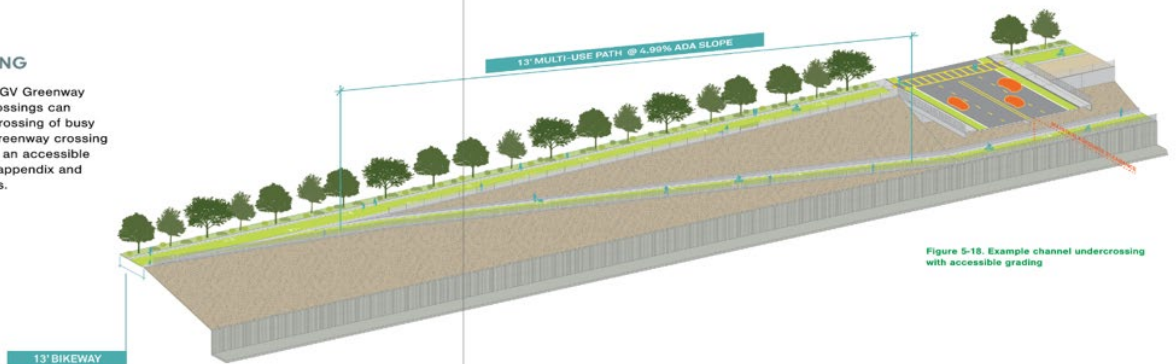


Figure 5-18. Example channel undercrossing with accessible grading

- Jeff Herr (Brown and Caldwell) then went over **Section 6: Implementation Strategies** and highlighted Sections 6.3, 6.4 and 6.8. He shared a preview of several layouts, figures, and photos.
 - **6.3: Project Implementation**
 - **6.4: Plan Resources for Project Implementation**
 - **6.8: Funding Sources**

6.3 Project Implementation

Achieving successful project implementation begins with thorough planning, preparation, and active engagement during the project's initial phases. It is critical to (1) identify project goals, objectives, and critical success factors in collaboration with stakeholders, (2) define site conditions, opportunities, and constraints, and (3) coordinate with LA County, regulatory agencies, property owners, and other stakeholders, as applicable, to understand project requirements and needed approvals to develop an achievable project plan and schedule.

Multiple parties should be engaged at the appropriate stages throughout project development. Key roles that should be defined at project inception include:

- **Project proponent.** The project proponent is the lead entity responsible for project development and implementation. This will generally be either LA County or a city or community but could be an NGO or other legal entity.
- **Technical consultants.** Technical consultants include professional consultants and other service providers retained by the project proponent to assist in project development and implementation, such as planning, environmental/CEQA, survey and subsurface utility engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering design, geotechnical services, and bidding and construction phase services.

- **Regulatory liaisons.** Regulatory liaisons include departments within LA County (LA County Public Works, DPR), and other local, state, and/or federal entities to ensure the project is properly planned, designed, reviewed, permitted, and approved. For more information about the roles of individual departments and agencies, refer to Section 6.5 Permitting and Approvals and Section 6.6 Advancing Partnerships.
- **Stakeholders.** Stakeholders include interested or affected parties whose support is important for project success, such as the community or residents, community organizations, local businesses, and neighboring communities. Community organizations may include national, state, or local advocacy groups related to arts and culture, education, or the environment, or interest groups composed of residents.

Project implementation is divided into five primary phases: planning, design and permitting, bidding, construction, and operation and maintenance as described in the following section. All implementation phases must be thoughtfully completed to implement a successful greenway project.

| PHASE | KEY ACTIVITIES | INVOLVED PARTIES |
|---|--|---|
|  PLANNING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner/roles identification • Goals and objectives definition, critical success factors • Data collection, identify data gaps • Opportunities and constraints analysis • Stakeholder and agency engagement • Feasibility analysis, concept development and cost estimating ROW/property ownership/use • Permitting and approval requirements and engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent responsible with technical consultants assisting • Key regulatory liaisons engaged to understand approval requirements • Early stakeholder engagement essential to project success • LA County Implementation Team |
|  DESIGN AND PERMITTING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize greenway alignment/sections • Project subcomponent and beneficial elements selection/configuration • Conceptual design • O&M plan/use agreement, and cost estimating • Permit applications (including LACFCD Flood Permit) and environmental documentation submitted, respond to comments • Plan Design Guidelines and Standards Used | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent responsible with technical consultants assisting • Adjacent projects/communities coordination • Regulatory liaisons for project review and approval • Stakeholder coordination on design (public and advocacy groups) |
|  BIDDING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid package preparation (final construction and bid documents) • Bid advertisement and pre-bid meeting • Bid addenda issued • Bid opening • Bid assessment and award | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent responsible with assistance from technical consultants • Adjacent projects/communities coordination • Stakeholder coordination on construction expectations and support (public and advocacy groups) |
|  CONSTRUCTION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction • Administration and inspections • Submittal and pay application reviews • Periodic meetings • Design amendments/change orders, if needed • Final inspections and close-out • Permit clearances | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent is Owner • Technical consultants provides services per Owner • Adjacent projects/communities coordination • Regulatory liaison coordination • Stakeholder coordination, progress and addressing issues |
|  OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O&M Plan finalized with responsibilities • Post-construction activities maintain greenway project to level of service • O&M reporting as required • Follows LACFCD Flood Permit Use Agreement (Except LACPW projects) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponent responsible • Project partners if performing some O&M activities • Contractors, if responsible for O&M • Regulatory liaisons if permitting requirements • Stakeholder feedback on O&M needs or general issues |

 **Community and stakeholder engagement should occur throughout the project life.**

Figure 6-3. Summary of Plan greenway project Implementation phases; key activities and involved parties

6.4 Plan Resources for Project Implementation

Extensive resources were prepared to aid project proponents in executing greenway projects. A summarized overview is presented below offering details such as relevant project phases, geographic relevance, and Appendices with further details. Below are summaries for the following SGV Greenway Network Plan resources:

- 6.4.1 Design Guidelines and Standards
- 6.4.2 Tributary Narratives and Opportunities and Constraints
- 6.4.3 Greenway Alignments
- 6.4.4 Project Subcomponent Opportunities
- 6.4.5 Safe Crossings
- 6.4.6 Example Conceptual Designs and Kit of Parts
- 6.4.7 GIS Datasets
- 6.4.8 Summary of the Plan's Technical Resources


Additional resources are provided in the following Appendices:

- Appendix A: Compilation of Efforts and Studies
- Appendix B: GIS Analysis, Database, and Mapping
- Appendix C: Tributary Narratives
- Appendix D: Steering Committee Meeting Materials
- Appendix E: Community Engagement Plan and Report
- Appendix F: Channel Adjacent and Safe Crossing Subcomponent Opportunities
- Appendix G: Greenway Alignment Alternatives
- Appendix H: Design Guidelines and Standards



6.4.1 Design Guidelines and Standards

Applicable project phases:

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|  |
| Geographic applicability: SGV Greenway Network |
| Section with more information: N/A |
| Appendix with more information: Appendix H (Design Guidelines and Standards) |

The SGV Greenway Network Plan Design Guidelines and Standards is a companion document that provides greenway project requirements and guidance. Following the guidelines will enable project proponents to customize their initiatives to match the community's needs and the District requirements. The overall goal is to build smart projects that provide a secure and uniform visual identity and user experience across the SGV Greenway Network. The purpose of the Design Guidelines and Standards is to describe the types of greenway projects and subcomponents to be considered, and to provide a framework for good and consistent project development. Most project proponents will require a Flood Permit from the District and following the Design Guidelines and Standards will help streamline and simplify the Permit process. See Section 6.5.3 for details on this permit process.

Design priorities documented in the Design Guidelines and Standards intentionally incorporate community values and priorities identified through the community engagement process described in Section 3. Based on the feedback received from the public, the following design considerations are priorities: safety, vector control, comfort, welcoming and inclusive, community engagement, connectivity, and environmental benefits.

The Design Guidelines and Standards are organized by design topics and associated standards. Each section compiles applicable requirements and guidance for bikeways and multi-use greenways, subcomponents and beneficial elements from local, state, and federal sources. They also draw from similar plans and best practices developed locally, including the LA River Master Plan and LA County Public Works Green Streets Design Standards, and examples from around the country. All of the resources were used to develop the required SGV Greenway Network standards, community character opportunities for customization, and design precedents.

Figure 6-4 provides an overview of the Design Guidelines and Standards by section. The following also provides a summary of the design topics addressed in the Design Guidelines and Standards:

- **Section 2, Greenway Uses and Project Design:** This section summarizes the design priorities for the SGV Greenway Network, technical resources, and project success factors.
- **Section 3, Potential Users:** This section documents design considerations for potential users of greenways, including pedestrians, different types of bicyclists, equestrians, and maintenance/emergency vehicles, and considerations for greenway design based on users, continuity, destinations, and traffic.
- **Section 4, Class I Bikeway and Multi-Use Greenway Design Criteria:** This section includes design criteria for Class I bikeways and multi-use greenways, including horizontal and vertical clearance, surface types, drainage and slopes, and alignment characteristics. It provides examples of greenway configurations in narrow (13 to 19 ft), medium (19 to 24 ft), and wide (greater than 24 ft) ROW areas. It also includes guidance for greenway grade-separated overpasses and underpasses, railroad crossings, and cantilever sections.

6.8 Funding Sources

Promoting equitable funding to improve environmental justice outcomes was specifically mentioned in the BOS motion and must be maintained throughout plan implementation. Many of the SGV Greenway Network Plan tasks related directly to understanding the people and communities of the SGV and distributing the benefits of greenway project implementation throughout. Example Conceptual Designs and the components and elements included in the SGV Greenway Network Plan and the Design Guidelines and Standards are applicable to areas throughout the SGV Greenway Network Plan. The SGV Greenway Network Plan was also developed to allow flexibility to meet diverse needs and priorities of the communities. Creation and maintenance of an extensive greenway network throughout the SGV will require substantial and sustained financial resources. Project proponents will need to leverage a range of local, state, and federal funding sources to achieve the goals of the plan.

Grants are an excellent opportunity for a one-time influx of funds to enable project implementation. Due to their proximity to the Los Angeles population center and the innate relationship of the greenways with flood control channels, SGV Greenway Network projects are inherently multi-benefit. The strategic selection of project subcomponents including pocket parks and greenspaces, stormwater management, and greenway amenities can further strengthen the argument that in addition to recreation and transportation, greenway projects provide a broad range of environmental, health, social, and climate resilience benefits. These benefits can be used to apply for grant funds from a variety of agencies and programs.

Examples of potential local, state, and federal funding sources for SGV Greenway Network projects are provided in Figure 6-9 and the following subsections. Before preparing an application, project proponents should first meet with the Implementation Team as discussed in Sections 6.1 and 6.5. They should also review the individual grant program criteria requirements with respect to their project, and verify funding is available and proposed project alignment and/or subcomponents are eligible. Specific grant funding will often be tied to specific project subcomponents. An example is including stormwater management improvements as part of the greenway project for stormwater that currently discharges to the wash.



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| | Measure W (also known as the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Safe Clean Water Program): Funds stormwater projects that increase capture and reuse and reduce stormwater pollution. |
| | Measure A: Safe Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Protection Measure |
| Local | Measure M: Funds mobility and transportation projects, including active transportation |
| | Agency funds from LACFCD, LA County Board of Supervisors, Congressional representatives |
| | Net Toll Revenue Grant Programs to fund active transportation projects. |
| | Measure H: Funds services, rental subsidies, and housing to help people experiencing homelessness in LA County |
| | Proposition funds: Propositions 1 and 68 to fund ecosystem and watershed protection and parks. |
| | Active Transportation Program (ATP) to encourage biking and walking. |
| | State conservancies administer additional grant programs that benefit climate resilience and waterways. |
| State | Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program to support walking, biking, and use of public transportation. |
| | Caltrans grants |
| | Recreational Trail Program |
| | CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Program |
| | Wildlife Conservation Board |
| | US Army Corps of Engineers |
| | US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| Federal | National Parks Service |
| | US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART |
| | USDOT grants, including new grant programs from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law |

Figure 6-9. Potential SGV Greenway Network funding options at the local, state, and federal scale

- Example photos of **Greenway Design Elements** were shown, such as a pocket park, different types of amenities, and stormwater treatment projects.



e. Design Guidelines and Standards Overview

- Jeff Herr (Brown and Caldwell) provided an overview of the Design Guidelines and Standards.
- **Design Guidelines and Standards Priorities**
 - Provide requirements and guidance
 - Preserve a cohesive identity, and promote best practices and resilience
 - Maintain safe user experience and flood conveyance
 - Provide framework for good and consistent project development
- **Design Guidelines and Standards Summary**
 - Section 1: Introduction/Permitting Process
 - Section 2: Greenway Uses and Project Design
 - Section 3: Potential Users
 - Section 4: Class I Bikeway and Multi-Use Greenway Design Criteria
 - Section 5: Class II Bikeway Design Criteria
 - Section 6: Class III Bikeway Design Criteria
 - Section 7: Class IV Bikeway Design Criteria
 - Section 8: Signage Graphics and Markings
 - Section 9: Safe Crossing Design
 - Section 10: Architectural and Safety Elements
 - Section 11: Stormwater Management
 - Section 12: Operations and Maintenance
- **Planning and Design Detail**
 - A signage example was shown to provide detail on the informational signage, which is color coordinated, with all the tributaries having their own colors.
 - A surface crossing example was also shown with the proposed greenway transitioning from one side of the channel to the other.



f. PEIR Overview

- Megan Schwartz (Catalyst Environmental) provided an overview of the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) efforts.
- **Current Status and Upcoming Milestones**
 - Administrative Draft PEIR Sections reviewed by Public Works – February to August 2024
 - Compiled Administrative Draft PEIR currently being reviewed by Public Works
 - Draft Final PEIR ready for publication – January 2025
- **Significance Determinations for Construction and Operation of Projects Implemented under the PEIR**
 - ***Significant and Unavoidable Impacts***
 - Aesthetics
 - Agriculture and Forestry
 - Air Quality
 - Hazards and Hazardous Materials
 - Land Use and Planning
 - Noise
 - Recreation
 - Transportation
 - Wildfire
 - ***Less than Significant (with or without mitigation) Impacts***
 - Biological Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Energy
 - Geology and Soils
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Hydrology and Water Quality
 - Mineral Resources
 - Population and Housing
 - Public Services
 - Tribal Cultural Resources
 - Utilities and Service Systems

g. Community Engagement for Plan Development

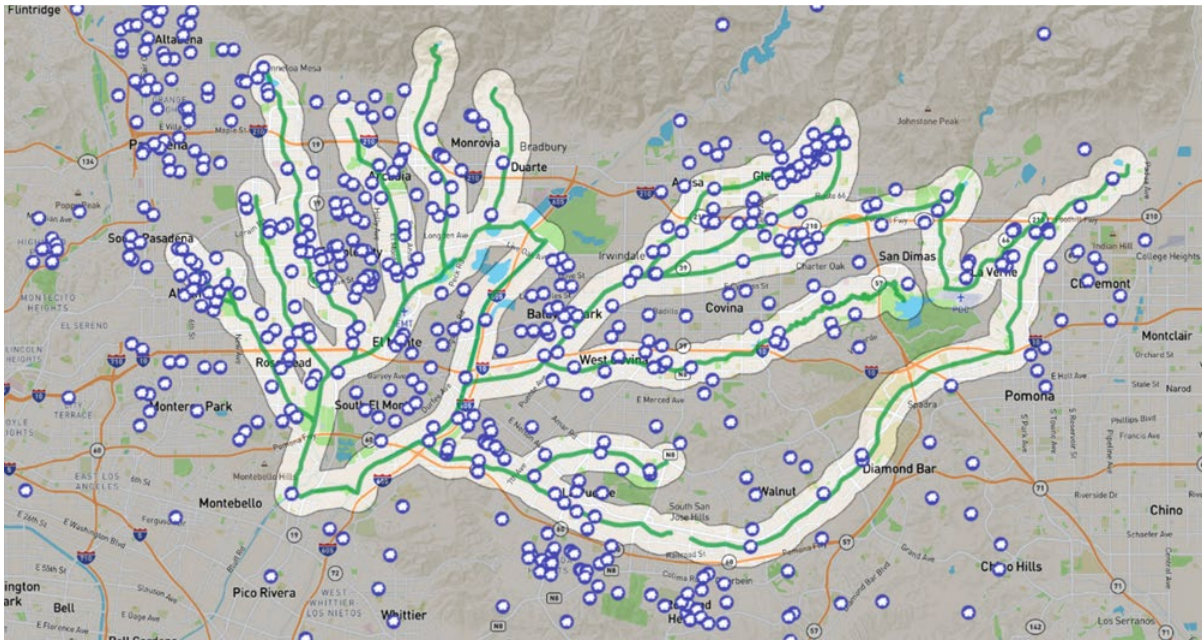
- Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) reviewed the completed efforts for the community engagement during the Plan development.



- **Engagement by the Numbers**
 - 8 Community Workshops
 - 19 Municipal Stakeholder Presentations
 - 89 Community events
 - 2,300 Completed Surveys
 - 4,000 In-Person Interactions
 - 212,000 Social Media Impressions
- **Key Findings: Workshops, Surveys, and Pop-Up Events**
 - **Amenities**
 - Shading
 - Bicycle and Equestrian features
 - Dog features
 - Wayfinding and safety signage
 - Cultural resources
 - Recreation
 - Online resources
 - **Environmental Justice**
 - Avoid green gentrification
 - Native plantings
 - Restore habitat
 - **Safety & Security**
 - Lighting & signage
 - Privacy for neighbors
 - Unhoused neighbors

- **Connectivity**
 - Existing Active transportation
 - Seamless gateway points at Schools, Local and regional parks
 - Continuous paths
 - Equestrian paths
 - Public transit
- **Accessible to All Ages**
 - Use network for commuting to school or work
 - Bike skills
 - Older users and users with different abilities
 - Neighbors and tourists
- **Maintenance**
 - Waste management
 - Vandalism and property damage
 - Reporting users and greenway issues
- **Multimodal Use**
 - Walking, biking, running, rollerblading, and skateboarding
 - Ensure safe road crossings
 - Resting spaces
 - Gateway spaces
- **Community Workshops**
 - **Series 1 – Fall 2021**
 - 4 Workshops – 87 Participants
 - Virtual – Breakout Rooms & Polling
 - **Series 2 – Winter 2022**
 - 2 Workshops – 30 Participants
 - Virtual – Breakout Rooms
 - **Series 3 – Summer 2022**
 - 2 Workshops – 17 Participants
 - In person – Open House and Large Room Discussions
- **Pop-Up Events**
 - A total of 18 pop-up events throughout the SGV – from Whittier Narrows Recreation Area to Gladstone Park.
 - Photos from several pop-up events were shown.

Map-Based Survey



Launched:
October 14, 2021
– July 30, 2022

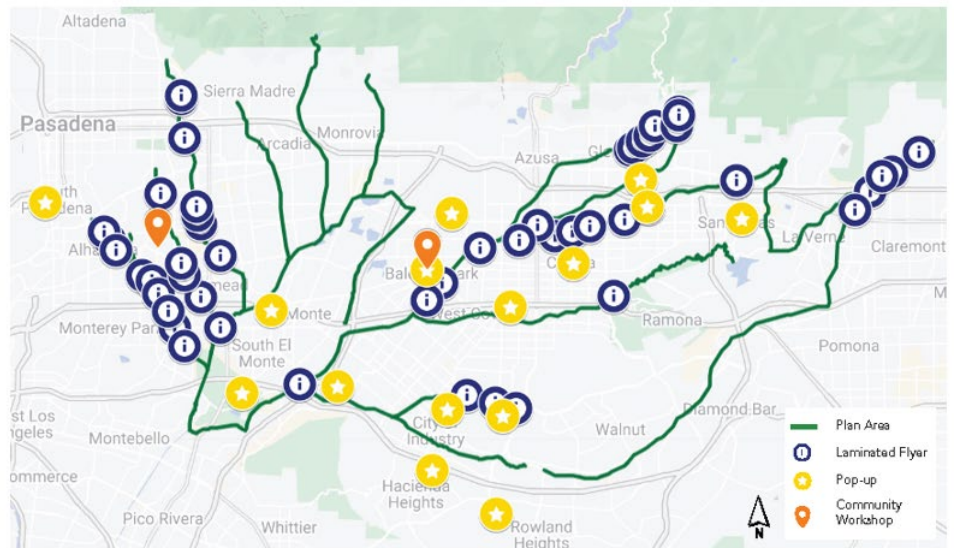
Total
Submissions:
1546

Paper
Submissions:
507

Online
Submissions:
1039

| Language | Count |
|----------|-------|
| English | 1496 |
| Chinese | 13 |
| Spanish | 37 |

Posting Notices Along the Channels



- **Engagement led by Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA)**
 - **WCA Partnered with**
 - Active SGV
 - Amigos de Los Rios
 - Nature for All
 - Women's Clubs
 - **Engagement Activities**
 - 71 Completed Workshops and Events
 - 826 Documented Responses
 - 3,428 Estimated In-Person Interactions
 - More than 174,077 Digital Impressions through social media and mailing lists
 - Presented in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese in addition to primarily English-speaking audiences
- h. **Planned Community Outreach for Draft Plan Public Release**
 - Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) summarized the current and upcoming community outreach effort for the Draft Plan Public Release.
 - **Prior to Draft Plan Release**
 - **Social Media and Email Communications**
 - August 2024 – January 2025
 - estimated 170,000 impressions
 - **Public Project Website Updates**
 - August 2024 – January 2025
 - **Media Kit**
 - August 2024 – January 2025
 - **Flyer Postings within SGV Plan area**
 - September 2024 – December 2024
 - minimum of 50 locations
 - **During Public Comment Period**
 - **Presentations to Local Community Groups**
 - January 2025 – March 2025
 - minimum of 15 meetings
 - **Pop-up Events/Tabling Events**
 - January 2025 – March 2025
 - minimum of 30 events
 - **Community Meetings for Q&A**
 - estimated 2 meetings
 - **Community Bike Rides**
 - estimated 3 bike rides

- **Presentation to City Stakeholders within Plan Area**
 - January 2025 – March 2025
- **Optional Community Survey**

Social Media Graphics



i. Planned Schedule

- Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) shared the planned public release dates for the Plan and PEIR.
- **January 2025**
 - Public Release of Draft Plan
 - Public Release of Draft PEIR
- **Summer 2025**
 - Public Release of Final Plan
 - Public Release of Final PEIR

j. Asks of the Steering Committee

- Distribute social media graphics prior to Draft Plan public release.
- Continue promoting the SGV Greenway Network.

k. Open Discussion

- Lauren Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) opened the discussion by inviting the Steering Committee members to share any feedback, comments, or about the Plan development process.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) congratulated everyone and was very thankful to be at this point. He asked: Could you provide an update on what the stretch in the schedule was about and more information about the timeline after Summer 2025 after the Final EIR? Is that when CEQA approval is secured, or at what point can cities really move ahead with their planning efforts?

- Genevieve Osmena (LACFCD) acknowledged all the hard work that the team and Steering Committee members put into for the draft Plan development. She acknowledged Bryan's question about the timeline taking an extra year. The team needed to revisit and ensure that the appropriate tasks and scope were defined to prepare the InDesign version of the plan, making it more aesthetically pleasing and user friendly. The last year was also spent on completing the analysis required for the PEIR. The team would also develop and prepare a Spanish version of the Draft Plan to release with the English version for public comment review. The team wanted to wait until after the holidays for the public review in January 2025. In the summer of 2025, the plan is to incorporate any feedback received, then recommend adoption of the Final Plan and Final PEIR to the LA County Board.
- Genevieve Osmena (LACFCD) emphasized the substantial effort dedicated to developing tools and resources within the PEIR document to streamline and provide a strong foundation for agencies or entities interested in implementing greenway projects. While the Plan would be a County-certified document, it would be accessible to any entity to review the analysis and potentially leverage its measures, saving time and effort in their own projects.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) mentioned the team would utilize the time during the holiday season to polish off the Draft Plan and Draft PEIR, getting them best prepared for the public. The Spanish translation effort also would be starting soon. Additionally, this time would also be used to brief the Public Works administration and update the Board offices on the process and the progress made on the Plan before the public release.
- Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) messaged: Will the Draft Plan be made available to the group prior to the full public release in January?
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) responded the project team is not planning to provide the Draft Plan to the Steering Committee again prior to the public release. About a year ago, the Draft Plan was shared with the Steering Committee as a Word document, which was the version that we needed to get all the comments back before we locked it into the new InDesign format.
- Roberto Achacoso (WCA) messaged: Do we know when in January 2025 the public draft release of the plan and PEIR planned for? And when will that date be 'locked in'?
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) responded the date has not been locked in, but the team was aiming between mid to late January for the planned release. Stormwater Planning Division will be briefing the Public Works administration on the progress and completion of the Draft Plan, then with their input and concurrence, the date would be locked in for mid to late January.
- Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) messaged: Are there plans to translate the document into other languages widely spoken in the SGV?
- Genevieve Osmena (LACFCD) responded currently there is no task item nor scope to translate the Plan into other languages. However, if requested, the team would consider this input, as it would require additional resources and scope. She welcomed feedback on which languages might be needed, either from the Steering Committee before the Public Draft Release or during the Public Draft Release.
- Edna Robidas (Trust for Public Land) messaged: Can you confirm that the PEIR, once approved, will allow projects to move forward without having to do a separate CEQA process as long as their scope fits within the PEIR scenarios?
- Genevieve Osmena (LACFCD) responded the idea was to cover projects of a specific size and scale. For projects beyond what was analyzed in the PEIR, the document could serve

as a foundation or springboard, but additional analysis through a project-level CEQA may be required.

- Megan Schwartz (Catalyst Environmental) explained that the goal of the Program EIR was to make it as usable for as many future projects as possible. Based on their review of the plan area, the planning team carefully evaluated the typical and maximum project sizes, construction limits, recreational and maintenance activities, and visitor capacity. The plan team also completed a quantitative analysis for air, GHG, and noise. This approach allows many projects to utilize the Program EIR, enabling project proponents to confirm that their projects do not exceed the evaluated impacts. Project proponents would only need to file a Notice of Determination and adopt the appropriate mitigation measures, avoiding the need for a project-specific analysis and an additional lengthy CEQA process."
- Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) messaged: Yes, we have some partners who I'm sure will be happy to share language requests.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged: Perhaps translation of Executive Summary of the Draft Plan? In the same language that were identified for community engagement.
 - The team would consider this input, any additional translation versions would require additional resources and scope. Previous engagement materials have been translated into Spanish and Chinese including website, survey, and community events flyer handout.
- Roberto Achacoso (WCA) messaged: What kind of feedback are we looking for during the public draft release? E.g. what are the most useful/actionable types of comments, given the state of the draft and the timeline for release of the final document?
- Genevieve Osmena (LACFCD) explained that the draft Plan will be released to the public to obtain broad feedback from the community and stakeholders impacted by the proposed projects in the Plan. The goal is to engage agencies and technical experts who would use the Plan for planning and implementation, ensuring that the tools and resources provided are effective and streamlined. The team also aims to gather feedback from communities where these projects are planned, ensuring that the proposed amenities, improvements, and designs align with their needs and preferences. The Plan serves as a visioning document to guide planners and agencies in refining projects with additional community input. To encourage feedback, the team intends to widely share information about the draft Plan allowing people to review and submit comments online, via email, or through other platforms.
- Katie Ward (SGVCOG) messaged: When the plan is brought forth to the Board of Supervisors for adoption in Summer 2025, is there any possibility to add on a board motion to provide funding for local agencies to construct/implement some of the greenway projects?
- Genevieve Osmena (LACFCD) responded that the team could inform Public Works' Administration and the Board offices about the request for a board motion for funding to determine if it could be considered.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged: We had the survey translated by APIFM community translation vendors into Spanish, Chinese simplified and Vietnamese when we did the community engagement.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) mentioned the SGV outreach materials were translated into those languages as well.

- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged: Request to make the Graphics (Plan cover, social media, Promotional flyer/banner) more eye-catching to engage community members. Use your best graphics: the tributaries map, cool renderings, diverse people on bikeways.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) recommended to increase the budget to create larger banners along the channels. The current laminated signs were a good step in the previous round, but when people are driving in a car, biking, or walking, you have to compete with everything else in an urban environment. Maybe you could make the banners more evergreen to stay updated with an SGV Greenway project QR code. Therefore, it would not become out-of-date once the Draft Plan date passes, and people can constantly be directed to the website.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) responded the team used high-quality graphics to develop a user-friendly Plan. He thanked the Steering Committee members for providing additional graphics and photos, such as Active SGV providing photos that were very helpful. The team could explore the possibility of incorporating the graphics and posters along the channels but noted that larger signs or banners would require additional scope, funds, and approvals.
- Roberto Alvarez (LAC B.O.S. SD5) messaged: I would like to note that all funding requests via board motions are subject to the county's recently implemented fiscal resilience: <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/187995.pdf>
- Roberto Alvarez (LAC B.O.S. SD5) mentioned that while funding requests through a board motion were possible, the Board implemented a fiscal resilience strategy as part of its budget evaluation process. This strategy prioritizes motions based on needs and limited county funding. He cautioned that this new process could potentially delay the implementation of projects when funding requests are made.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) messaged:
 - Plan topics:
 - Further thought to an SGV Greenway Authority? Like Gold Line. SGVCOG? DPR Trails? DPW?
 - Kit of parts: - already identified sections on route?
 - Tree canopy issues addressed? (Discussion Sept 2023)
 - Maintenance plan - who responsible? Solutions to report issues, users?
 - Include case studies? Photos of success in LA County. Whittier Greenway, LA River, etc. for local decisionmakers, stakeholders to get out and experience.
 - Draft trail wayfinding signage - nice! See Sacramento River Parkway trail signage. Very clear, nice looking wayfinding system
 - PEIR
 - Significant & Unavoidable impacts > Concerned about any major pushback? Lawsuits?
 - Stakeholder / Community engagement
 - SGVCOG: Updates/Presentations?
 - Any WCA plan to reissue opportunity for community engagement?
 - Community survey results: Shade?
 - Posting notices: Green vs yellow vs red?
 - Flyers: Banners?

- Julian Juarez (LACPW) reiterated the commitment of the Flood Control District and Public Works to producing this Plan. Despite still being in development, the team is actively partnering with cities, NGOs, and the County to implement projects. For example, the Vincent Community Bikeway Project, a County-led greenway in the unincorporated community of Covina, is nearing completion. In this project, the Flood Control District is contributing to the greenway elements, while the County is responsible for the bikeway and roadway components. Additionally, they are working on the Puente Creek Bikeway Project in the City of La Puente. Julian emphasized that the County is focused on implementing these projects at a fiscally responsible pace and actively seeking grants to advance other initiatives. However, some grant efforts have faced setbacks, such as for projects along Eaton Wash in the Temple City and San Marino areas. Despite these challenges, there are active projects underway, including several in the City of Glendora, and other ongoing collaboration with the City of Pomona to implement projects along San Jose Creek. He noted that it is encouraging to see the Plan taking shape alongside its development.
- Genevieve Osmena (LACFCD) explained that while the Plan is extensive and comprehensive, it does not establish authority or provide direct funding. Instead, it offers tools and strategies to help entities implement projects. The document serves as a guide for securing funding from local, state, and federal funding sources. Also, the District is committed to assisting by engaging early, providing feedback during planning, and ensuring projects are permitted in a streamlined and efficient manner. She explained that the Plan includes a section on maintenance and the importance of considering maintenance and operations during early planning stages. Neglecting maintenance planning can significantly impact project success. Key factors such as costs and resource needs for adequate maintenance should be identified before a project is designed or funded for construction. Additionally, a maintenance agreement is required before permits are issued, clearly establishing responsibility for ongoing upkeep.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) responded to the question about tree canopy. Tree canopy was addressed, noted, and encouraged in the Plan. The team and Steering Committee had a long discussion, and it was noted, addressed, and incorporated into the Plan. Tree canopy is encouraged, but the project proponents would propose those projects that include it. Each tributary area varies, and design criteria must consider various factors such as distance requirements from channel walls, available right of way etc. Additionally, other entities like the Army Corps have additional requirements that must be taken into account.
- Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) responded to the question regarding the case studies and photos of successes in LA County. In reviewing the InDesign Plan, there were a lot more photos of the implemented projects. She emphasized that including these photos has been very helpful in enhancing the Plan."
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) mentioned there is a dedicated section for Early Implementation Projects within the Plan.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) highlighted the San Gabriel River and Emerald Necklace as success stories and as a hub for the SGV greenway network. He explained that many photos in the Plan showcase the various reaches of the San Gabriel River and Emerald Necklace.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) asked regarding the question on the kit of parts and the different typologies, are the widths already identified and what applies to all the reaches, or is it not down to that level for a city to take their portion with all the widths identified?
- Megan Horn (Studio-MLA) responded that all of the widths have been identified but not the proposed solution.

- Julian Juarez (LACPW) responded that the team did extensive research on existing as-builts and areas with available right of way, which informed the Opportunities and Constraints Diagrams. He described the 'kit of parts' as a set of available options designed to help guide the design development process. However, these options are not the only choices available for implementation. If a community prefers a variation, that option is open for consideration as well.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) mentioned it was cool to see the Draft Plan has wayfinding signage because that seemed new. He was in Sacramento earlier this year, so he can email photos of the really good signage system along so many miles of river parkway.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) responded that one of the things that the team worked on this past year was updating the wayfinding signage section. We have approximately 60 signs included now of all various types. The team built on the LA River signage, and now we have LA River signs and San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network signs. Also, Emerald Necklace has a signage section in their strategic plan as well.
- Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) messaged: Any chance that the early implementation project renderings and concepts could be shared to the Committee in advance of the January release? As mentioned, cities are moving forward with plans and funding opportunities.
- Jennifer Aborida (LACPW) responded the team can share the concepts with the Steering Committee. Early on we did previously share them with the Steering Committee for commenting.
- Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) added if there are new renderings in concepts in addition to what was presented a year ago, it would be wonderful to see them because a number of cities are pursuing projects. Anything we can do to support those efforts as the Plan is also moving forward would be great. Those elements of the Plan are really what draw people's attention and provide so much value. If there is an opportunity to share any of that, that would be much appreciated.
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) clarified that no new renderings were developed; the existing renderings and locations remained the same. The team reached out to all cities that have project example locations within their boundaries to ensure there were no surprises when they reviewed the Plan and renderings. He noted that these cities were enthusiastic about the Plan's development and the opportunities it presented to enhance their communities.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) mentioned he appreciated the PEIR was set up programmatically to help everyone get an umbrella approval. With that list of the significant and unavoidable impacts, internally are you hearing any potential pushback from any parties? The benefits seem obvious, but is there anything on the community side you might anticipate needing some support with as far as push back?
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) noted that significant pushback is not anticipated, especially on the regional level. At the project level, community members have raised concerns, especially if projects are close to residential areas. These concerns include the potential presence of people experiencing homelessness, projects being used for unintended purposes, or a potential loss of privacy. Also from the perspective of the regional PEIR, the team does not expect significant opposition.
- Megan Schwartz (Catalyst Environmental) added that listing all impacts as significant and unavoidable might create a negative impression. However, the PEIR clearly explains that this classification is due to the County's lack of authority to require cities to implement mitigation measures. Instead, this responsibility falls to the lead agencies of individual

projects. If these mitigation measures are adopted, the impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels. The language in the Program EIR is explicit about this. For the public meeting on the Draft PEIR, we plan to present a more comprehensive presentation that will explain these details thoroughly.

- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) asked on the stakeholder and community engagement side, have you been able to provide updates to the SGVCOG, or are those planned with the upcoming public release?
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) responded the team gave a presentation to the Transportation Committee at the SGVCOG in early September. It was well received, and the SGVCOG was very excited to see the plan coming to conclusion. And, if the SGVCOG request continued updates during the public plan release, we are happy to continue that engagement.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) asked if WCA had any plan to reissue any request for support, or has that window closed already?
- Roberto Achacoso (WCA) clarified that the WCA will continue working with their original partners for the time being, as changing partners would introduce delays.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) asked when the survey results were shown about what the community was voicing, was shade specifically written and addressed in the Plan? It gets hot out there, and it will continue to get hot.
- Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) responded that shade structures are potential amenities as well as trees.
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) asked what was the meaning of the green versus yellow versus red icons on the slide with the map of where all the previous flyers were posted?
- Julian Juarez (LACPW) and Laureen Abustan (Brown and Caldwell) responded they would follow up regarding the meaning of the colored icons on Slide 49.
- Mateusz (Matt) Suska (LACPW) announced the completion of a greenway project, the Vincent Community Bikeways. This project is a partnership between LA County and the LACFFD, goes from Irwindale to Lark Allen and from Arrow Highway to Citrus Avenue and covers approximately two miles along Big Dalton Wash, featuring two sections of greenway and bikeway that alternate between the Wash and roadway due to various constraints. This project serves as an early implementation project of the SGV Greenway Network. The bikeway will officially open to the public by the end of the month, completing a project that began in 2015 with an ATP grant acquisition. The project cost was approximately \$10 million and highlights the extensive time and resources required to develop a 5-mile bikeway/greenway project. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2024, with Supervisor Solis.
- Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) messaged: Can the PW team email the Committee once the January release date is confirmed?

I. Next Steps

- Prepare meeting minutes summary to be sent after the meeting
- Final internal reviews and touchups to Draft Plan and Draft PEIR
- Public outreach prior to Plan release
- Public release of Draft Plan and Draft PEIR

m. Closing

- Julian Juarez (LACPW) concluded by expressing his hope that everyone enjoyed today's presentation and sneak peek into the InDesign Plan and felt energized to continue to

promote the network and the Plan to their constituents and communities. He acknowledged that a significant portion of the work has been completed and celebrated the work accomplished but emphasized that there is still more to be done."

- A big thank you to our Steering Committee members and partners. Your time today and through this process has been greatly appreciated.

Refer to the PowerPoint presentation slides, video recording, transcript, and Teams chat for more details.