



San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network
Strategic Implementation Plan

Community Workshops Summary

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Introduction

The San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan (SGV Greenway Network or the Plan) aims to transform currently underutilized river channels, stormwater channels, washes, and creeks that stretch across communities in the San Gabriel Valley. The flood control channels were constructed to address flood events but currently sit underutilized. The Plan would leverage the existing infrastructure and create a network for multimodal transportation that uses the current channel adjacencies.

SGV Greenway Network Team, including The Los Angeles County Public Works and consultants, MIG Inc., and Studio-MLA, two community workshops. The goals of the workshop were to update the community on the plan overview, outreach activities, and to introduce preliminary project concepts for group discussions.

Outreach Methodology

This is the third series of community workshops for this plan and was intended for community members to get an in-person update on plan engagement and bike path alignment and potential project components. The two workshops were held at varying times on two different days in different venues with the hope of being accessible to varying audiences.

All promotional material included, workshop date, time, venue information, and an RSVP link. To promote attendance at the workshops, promotional materials were shared on LA County Public Works' social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram) and stakeholder group social networks repeatedly leading up to the workshop dates. Mass email invitations were sent to government and agency partners, community stakeholders, and partners and collaborators.

Stakeholders and partners identified through research and or previous engagement activities and projects received emails and telephone calls inviting them to attend and promote the workshop and project. People who pre-registered received calendar invites and served as a gauge for how many participants there would be. The workshop details were also shared on the plan website and partner websites.



Figure 2: Social media post on Public Works' Facebook.



Figure 2: Social media post on Public Works' Instagram.

Workshop Schedule and Attendees

Workshop	Venue	Date	Participants
Workshop 1	San Gabriel Library, 500 S Del Mar Ave, San Gabriel, CA, 91776	Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 2:30 PM	10 participants
Workshop 2	Esther Snyder Community Center, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd, Baldwin Park, CA 91706	Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 10:30 AM	7 participants
Total			17 participants

Workshop Format

Participants were able to enter the meetings freely and attend as many workshops as they liked. Both community workshop presentations were held in person and were prepared for English and Spanish language-speaking audiences. The workshops had identical agendas and were conducted in the same manner to ensure participants had similar experiences however the dates and times were selected with specific groups in mind.

Workshop 1, held at the San Gabriel Library, was targeted at city, agency, and non-profit partners from throughout the Greenway area to serve as part of their workday, slated to start at 2:30 PM participants were able to end their workday at the event.

Workshop 2 was meant for community members and was held at the Baldwin Park Community Center and was centrally located within the Greenway area. The Baldwin Park community center is adjacent to a park and is typically an active community hub in the City of Baldwin Park. The workshop also coincided with a large community event, and the team took the opportunity to host a pop-up to promote the workshop in the adjacent community center.

The workshop began and concluded with an open house period. The open house mainly included poster stations set up around the room and staff for people to engage directly with the participants. This additional time allows for some flexibility for people with limited time, but also the possibility of more in-depth conversations.

The presentation began with a welcome from the team and a land acknowledgment of the first peoples of the ancestral land, an overview of the workshop agenda, and asked participants to introduce themselves. The presentation recalled key findings from prior community engagement activities, described design guidelines, and potential project concepts. An open discussion period followed the presentation where community members were able to openly ask questions and make comments. Thoughts and ideas were recorded on wall graphic paper for the room to see.



Figure 3: Julian welcoming the June 16, 2022, workshop attendees.



Figure 4: The audience of the June 16, 2022, workshop.



Figure 7: Open house portion of the June 16, 2022.

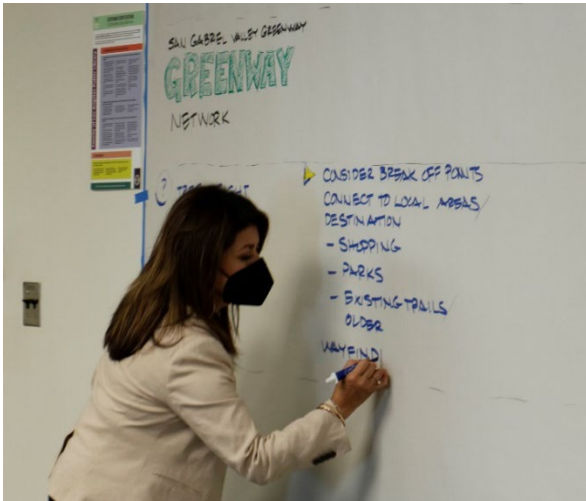


Figure 6: Esmeralda wallgraphic recording the June 16, 2022, workshop.



Figure 5: Noe talking to a June 16, 2022, workshop attendee.



Figure 9: Figure 5: Megan presenting at the June 18, 2022, Workshop.



Figure 8: Noe and Julian facilitating questions on June 18, 2022, Workshop.

Emerging Ideas

Safety & Security

- Protect all users - Consider conflicts between users: Pedestrians, Cyclists, and Equestrians. Concerns regarding restricted areas for specific users, speeds for E-Bikes/E-Scooters, and safe paths/facilities.
- Signage - Add and maintain signage for wayfinding and direction orientation.
- Lighting - Incorporate well-lit green spaces and paths for evening and early morning activity.
- Cameras - Consider including cameras and a monitoring program at key locations to promote safety.
- Privacy for neighbors - Establish noise, light, and physical barriers to ensure that neighbors directly adjacent to and around the Greenway maintain their privacy.
- Street Crossing - Integrate clear and seamless street crossings.
- Underpasses - Ensure spaces that have low visibility and lighting are safe for path users.
- Graffiti removal - Maintain and repair any vandalism to the facilities and green spaces.
- People experiencing homelessness - Concerns regarding the presence and engagement of people without homes along the channels. Discourage encampments through program activation, design techniques, transition services, and outreach.

Amenities

- How and who will be maintaining the spaces?
- Gateway Spaces - Create placemaking amenities near the street to make the greenway and facilities visible and easy to maintain.
- Shade - Incorporate more shaded spaces to help with the heat. What will the tree height be?
- Seating - Integrate seating and resting areas throughout the Greenway. Consider how people without homes would be impacted.

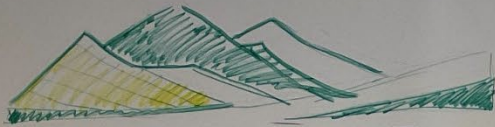
- Bike Amenities - Incorporate bike counters at various locations to measure the number of bicycles at a location for a certain period and bike lockers to promote bike use and visibility to greenway users.
- Consistent Signage and Amenities - Harmonize the wayfinding, destination signage, and Amenities to enhance and ease the greenway and gateway experience. Consider the various agencies and cities adjacent to and beyond greenway priority areas (Unincorporated Community).
- Online resources - Consider the potential for a dedicated map app or existing map apps for trip and destination planning. Consider webpage potential for local resources and events.

Connectivity

- Existing bike lanes and trails - Join proposed concepts with existing trails and bike facilities to create a continuous and seamless network of paths for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Destinations - Consider the location and positioning of potential destinations adjacent to the greenway; including but not limited to local and regional parks, schools, shopping, existing trails, etc.
- New connections - Create new connections by expanding trails to existing parks and natural areas and by making new gateways and parks.
- Informal Connections - Analyze opportunities for informal connections and placemaking

Next steps

- Technical Assistance - Share resources and contacts with stakeholders and partners for questions, ideas, and concerns.
- Toolkit - Raise awareness of the planning and implementation process.



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NETWORK

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? TREE HEIGHT MAINTENANCE

- ▶ CONSIDER BREAK OFF POINTS
CONNECT TO LOCAL AREAS/
DESTINATION
 - SHOPPING
 - PARKS
 - EXISTING TRAILS/
OLDER
- ▶ WAY FINDING - ^{LINK TO GIS} PHONE
- ▶ STREET CROSSINGS
- ▶ ORIENTATION
BREAK-OFF

- ▶ BALANCE AMENITIES
W/ SELF SUFFICIENCY
 - VANDALISM BIKE STATIONS
- ▶ BENCHES / SHADE
SPACES FOR HOMELESS
- ▶ SITE AMENITIES NEAR
STREETS - VISIBILITY
FACILITATES MAINTENANCE
- ▶ BIKE MEASURE COUNTERS
- ▶ BIKE LOCKERS



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BIKE PATH

- ↳ EQUESTRIAN CONFLICTS
- ↳ E-BIKES



ENCAMPMENTS

- ACTIVATION
- DESIGN
- OUTREACH
- SERVICES



SAFETY

- CAMERAS
- TAGGING REMOVAL
- UNDERPASSES



CONNECTIVITY

- FROM PARKS
- GATEWAYS
- WAYFINDING
- SIGNAGE
↳ CONSISTENT
- APP. / MAP
- INFORMAL CONNECTIONS



CONSISTENT AMENITIES

- BEYOND GREENWAY PRIORITY AREAS
- UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES



NEXT STEPS

- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
- TOOLKIT



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