

San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Community Workshops Summary

February 2022

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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, to introduce potential Bike Path Alignments and Project Components for group discussions.

Outreach Methodology

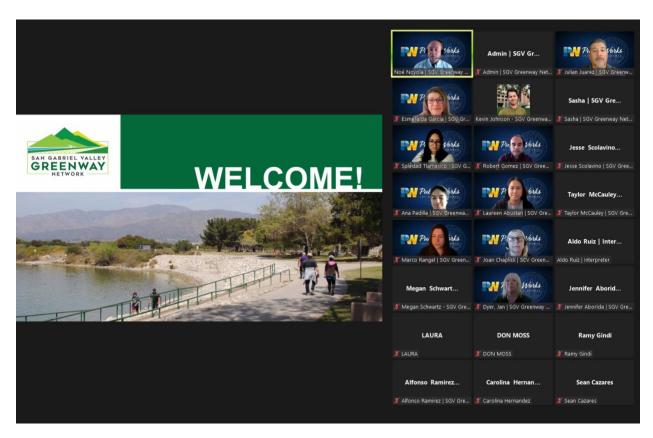
This is the second series of community workshops for this plan and was intended for community members to get an update on plan engagement and bike path alignment and potential project components. The two workshops were held at varying times on two different days with the hope of being accessible to varying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

To promote attendance at the workshops MIG developed social media posts that were shared on the plan website and partner websites and created an email campaign sent to government and agency partners, community stakeholders, and partners and collaborators. These stakeholders and partners were identified through research and or previous engagement activities and projects.

Calendar invites with the zoom link were sent to all participants that pre-registered and the Zoom link was made available on all social media posts (Facebook, Instagram) and the Plan website. Participants were able to enter the meetings freely and attend as many workshops as they liked. The first of the two workshops held on February 16, 2022, at 3:30 PM, saw a total of 18 participants. The second of the two workshops held on February 22, 2022, at 6:00 PM, saw a total of 12 participants.

Workshop Schedule and Attendees

Workshop	Date	Participants
Workshop 1	February 16, 2022, at 3:30 PM	18 participants
Workshop 2	February 22, 2022, at 6:00 PM	12 participants
Total		30 participants



Workshop Format

The workshops had identical agendas and were conducted in the same manner to ensure participants had similar experiences. Both community workshops presentations were held via Zoom, the online video conferencing platform, and were made available to residents in both English and Spanish languages.

The facilitator provided an overview of the Zoom tools including Chat, raised hand, and Spanish language interpretation. The facilitator made a land acknowledgment of the first peoples of the ancestral land, an overview of the workshop agenda, and asked participants to introduce themselves in the chat to get a sense of the communities present at each workshop.

The meeting presentation recalled key findings from prior community engagement activities and described design alternatives for bike path alignments and project components. During the small group discussions, participants were able to decide which discussion they wanted to be a part of based on region; West (Alhambra, Rubio, and Eaton washes), Central (Little Dalton, Big Dalton, San Dimas, and Walnut washes), South & East (San Jose, Puente, and Thompson washes). Their selection could have been rooted on whether they lived, worked, or frequented any of the trails or washes within the specified regions.

Each small group was presented with the same set of key considerations and key questions.

Key Considerations:

- Available ROW (Right-of-Ways)
- Major Crossings
- Early Implementation

Key Questions:

- How would the on-street alignment impact your use of the greenway?
- What type of amenities would you like to see included in vacant parcels and/or park opportunities?

The notes gathered from the various small group discussions were collected using Mural, an online digital whiteboard platform.

Emerging Ideas

Considerations

Preserve and maintain existing open space

Participants of the workshops highlighted the importance of preserving and maintaining all existing open spaces. Specifying access to trails (locked gates), shade, bike repair stations, and exercise stations.

Safe transitions to the right of way and the multi-use trails

Other participants noted that the safe transitions from the greenway trails to public rights-ofway and other multi-use trails were important. This means implementing the necessary measures and designs to protect both cyclists and pedestrians. Some participants noted

expanding the bike lane on roads such as Puente Creek and Hacienda Blvd., as well as other corridors that can connect trail users to shopping centers and other key destinations around Hacienda Blvd. Others focused on the expansion of trails to parks and natural areas such as Peter F Schabarum Regional County Park, by creating tunnels beneath the railroad tracks (from Gale Ave. to Puente Hills Mall, and then to Schabarum Park.)



Walkability

While still focused on the discussion of rights-of-way for trail users, some participants delve into the discussion of walkability along these corridors of key destinations. Participants wanted to ensure safety for pedestrians who choose to use the trails to get to other destinations such as schools and local parks. Noting that expansion of walkability can create spaces for gatherings and special events.

Concerns

Participants expressed their concerns over certain development efforts to expand access, explaining that some access opportunities are too close in proximity to pollution sites such as an existing battery recycling plant (located on Clark and Turnbull Canyon Road, in Hacienda Heights). As well as other major polluting facilities that pose threats to areas such as San Jose Creek.

On-Street Alignment

Access opportunities

Participants identified a variety of major streets and intersections where there is a potential for expanding bike lane access for cyclists (listed below by region):

- West San Gabriel Valley:
 - Ramona Blvd, Mission Road, Main St (Alhambra), Valley Blvd, Foothill Blvd
- South & East San Gabriel Valley:
 - o 7th Street, Gale Ave, Hacienda Blvd, Echelon Ave, Temple Road, Salt Lake Ave, Clarke Ave, Workman Mill Road, Railroad areas

Align with the local active transportation plan

Several participants identified the importance of having these additional access opportunities align with local adjacent municipalities and utilizing local Active Transportation Plans as guides and tools for consideration.

Types of Amenities

Wayfinding & Transit Connections

Participants of the workshop highlighted their desire for wayfinding signage along the greenway corridors, to help users identify locations such as food destinations, restrooms, historic landmarks, etc. Others mentioned wayfinding signage to improve transit connections throughout the region, by providing signage to nearby bus stops and train stations.

In West San Gabriel Valley, participants noted that there are no existing North and South transit stations through San Marino and that many residents utilize the El Monte transit station and Metro light rail stations (Gold line to Claremont). In South & East San Gabriel Valley, participants noted that there is a need for better connection to destinations such as the Fairplex, Thompson Trail, Schabarum Park, and Skyline Trail from transit stops and stations.

Equestrian trails

Participants who utilize the greenway trails for equestrian usage highlighted the expansion of equestrian trails from 7th Street to Avocado Heights, and that they would like to see an expansion of amenities such as staging areas, hitches, drinking water, etc.

Gathering spaces

Participants also identified key locations for amenities such as parks, recreation facilities, water fountains, lighting, rest stops, and picnic areas along the washes:

- o Eaton Wash
- o Little Dalton wash 6 Acres of vacant space on Walnut Creek
- o Puente Creek Rest areas in Nelson, Hacienda, and Temple
- o San Jose Creek

With regards to San Jose Creek, participants mentioned that park access in the area is limited to Sunshine Park on Fullerton Road, but there are opportunities to expand in vacant lots on the South end of 3rd Ave.

Shade/Tree coverage

Lastly, participants mentioned the need for more shade along the San Jose Creek in the Central San Gabriel Valley region.

Additional Engagement Opportunities

Pop Up Event locations:

 Sunshine Park, Bassett, La Puente Live, Baldwin Park Woman's Club, Arbor Day/Earth Day, City of Monrovia Street Fair, Almansor Park, and Alhambra Farmers Market

Appendix

Zoom Chat

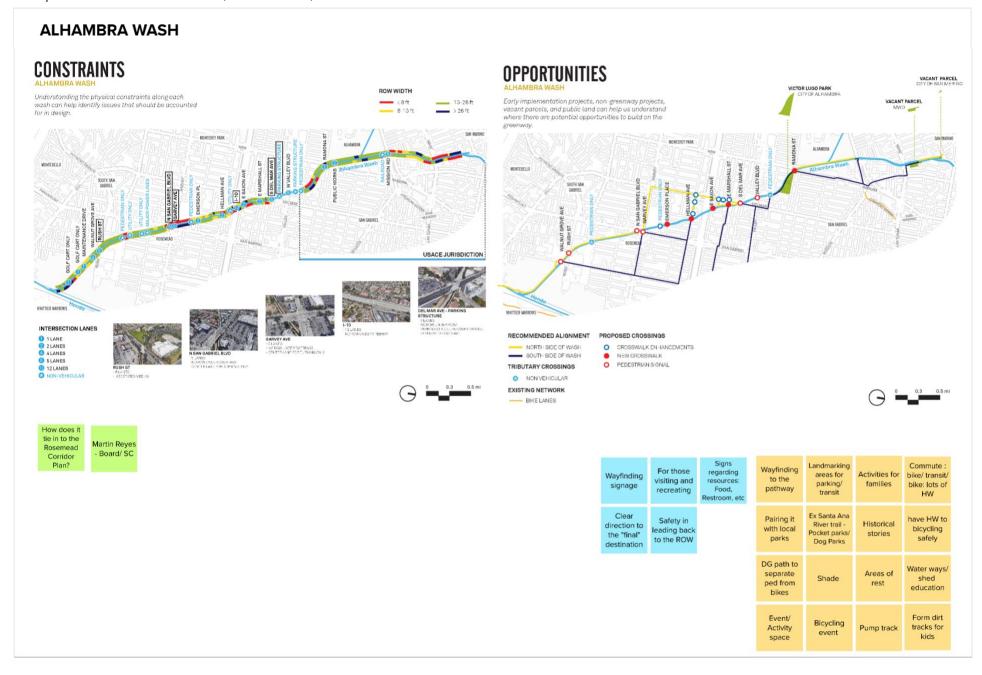
February 16, 2022

- About 10 years Baldwin Park and other partners received a grant for a bike path from SG River east along Walnut Creek. Why has
- Why hasn't that broken ground? Why does El Monte have access to the waterways but in Baldwin Park and Bassett everything is locked and fenced?
- Don't forget us in the east and our waterways Big Dalton Wash, Walnut Creek, and San Dimas.
- Need a pop up in Bassett that we know about before hand so we can promote and get people to attend.
- Eaton Canyon
- Classic Car Cruise Night in San Dimas every first Friday of every month.
- Metro stations
- That's a potential place to have a pop up booth.
- I do conservation for Baldwin Park Woman's Club so please have WCA contact me.
- La Puente Live every Friday night is a open air market that has good turnout.
- April 30th will be Arbor Day/Earth Day event for City of San Dimas. Great day for a pop up booth as well.
- Is the Walnut Creek project at Flanner school site?
- Need east DACs Bassett, Alvacado Hts.
- City of Monrovia has a Street Fair every Friday night in Old Town Monrovia great for a pop up booth!
- Baldwin Park Nature Park is on Walnut Creek
- Irwindale Arcadia Duarte Azusa
- Pasadena 😜
- PTA co sponsored at Bassett Unified
- Of course, I can help host a meeting in Altadena... we are on the western edge of the plan.
- For the west would be interested in south and east and Far East for commuting and
- Traveling east to El Monte Station is key to use Metrolink for example.
- What is close to Baldwin park?
- In Avocado Heights we have an active an active equestrian environmental justice organization that would love to see proposed greenways actually make an effort to include equestrians in the planning process, especially those equestrians that are monolingual immigrants, often working class
- The name of our organization is Avocado Heights Vaquer@s en defense del Aire, el Agua, y la Tierra
- Don, reaching out to you since I don't have your contact, please shoot me an email would love to connect with you further on San Jose greenway. sorry to reach out so publicly

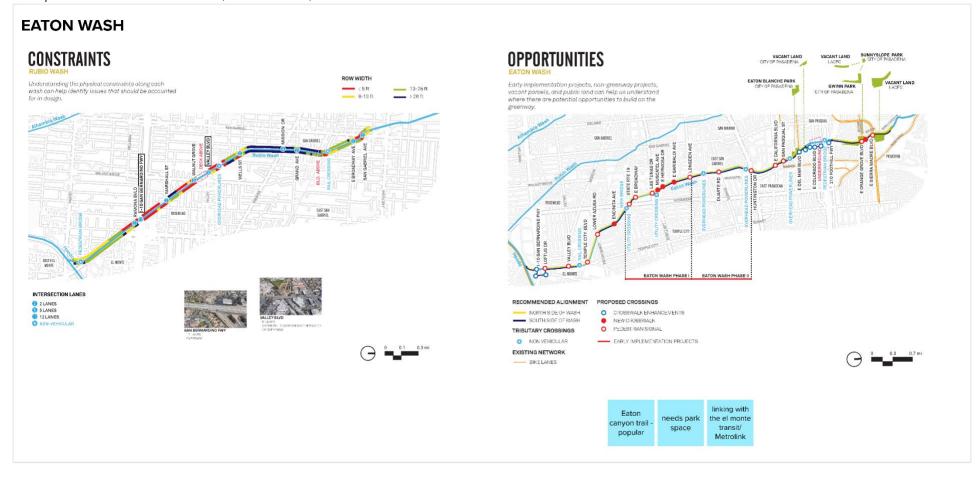
- Should be a walking path.
- How the system folds into transit stations creating safe routes/neighborhood greenway routes to create calm networks to connect safely
- For puente creek, there was mention of Nelson Elementary school, there is a puente creek nature educational center right adjacent to the creek. Length-wise connectivity might be possible.
- The lead battery recycling factory located there, Quemetco, is the last remaining lead battery recycling factory west of the Rockies
- Amenities that would make the greenway more attractive to existing equestrian and pedestrian use could include, hitches to tie your horse, shaded gathering areas with benches, and maybe potentially a barbecue pit, drinking fountain for pedestrian use, but also a drinking fountain for horses and/or dogs because the water in the San Jose Creek is extremely contaminated
- Opportunity for trees for bird habitat.
- Can I get an email address to send in info about the 6 vacant acre on Walnut Creek?
- I also would like to share that San Jose Creek sits on top of a superfund site
- Puente Operational superfund site
- Isn't San Jose a nature water way? How did it get on top?
- The superfund site is on the bottom, its contaminated groundwater from city of industry, rocket fuel from factories like Northrup Gunman and hazardous wastewater released into the channel which seeped into the groundwater
- Laura, you can reach the Plan Team at sgvgreenway@pw.lacounty.gov
- The superfund site is so huge that its actually broken into six sections, but the Puente Operational Unit encompasses all of San Jose Creek and the residential areas north.
- Will there be any walk. ride assessments along these channels sections to talk/learn more?
- I wouldn't mind helping co-sponsor a pop up event in Avocado Heights
- Thanks for the efforts, allowing us to share and will share with others to join next week's meeting
- Thank you for facilitating

February 22, 2022

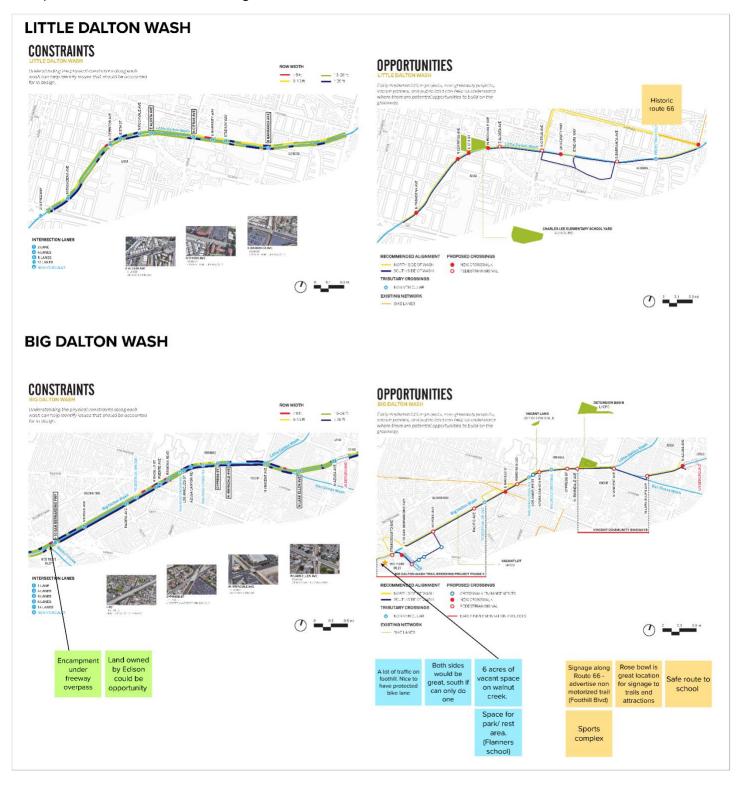
- For Belen and the planning team, the Schabarum Trail may be the method for folks in South San Jose Hills to access Schabarum Park.
- Thank you Don. Noted.
- The Eaton Wash is so close to Walden Elementary School, Pasadena High, Wilson Middle School, and more so it can have such an impact on the schools that surround it for recreation, education, and safety.
- Thank you @Xana!
- Pop-up at Almansor Park and Alhambra Farmers Market



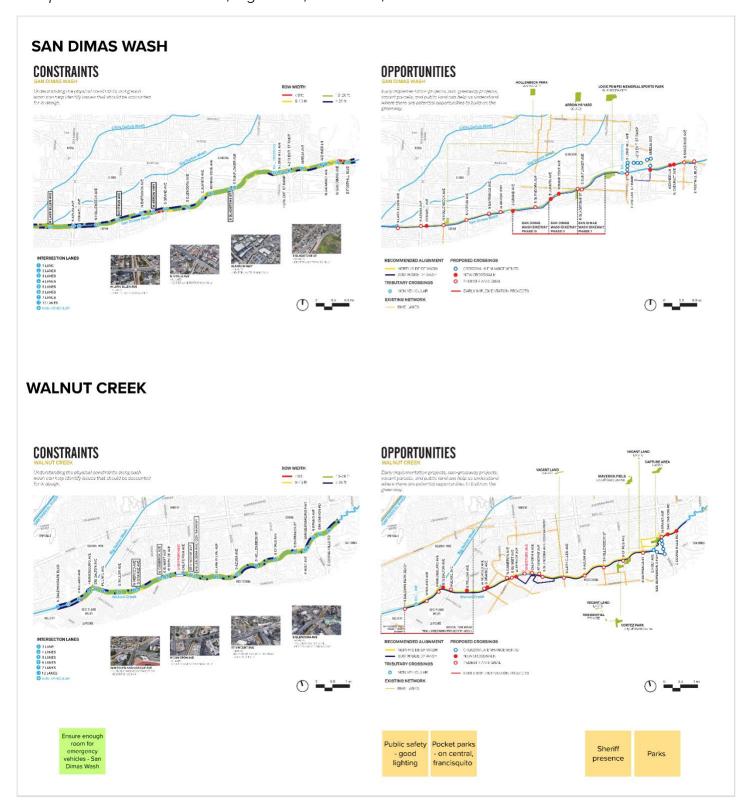


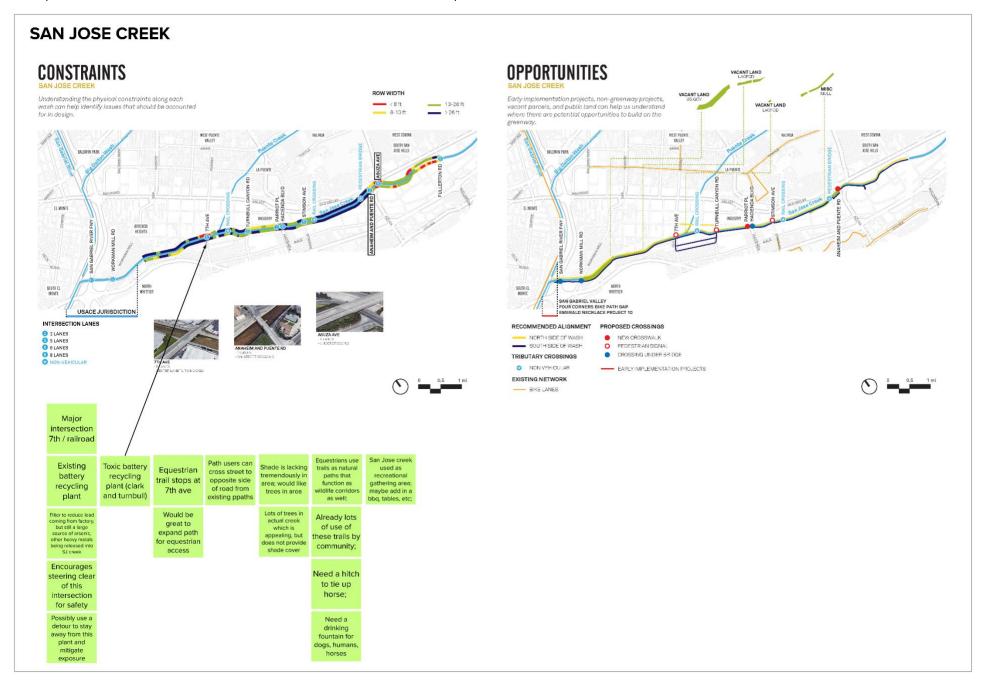


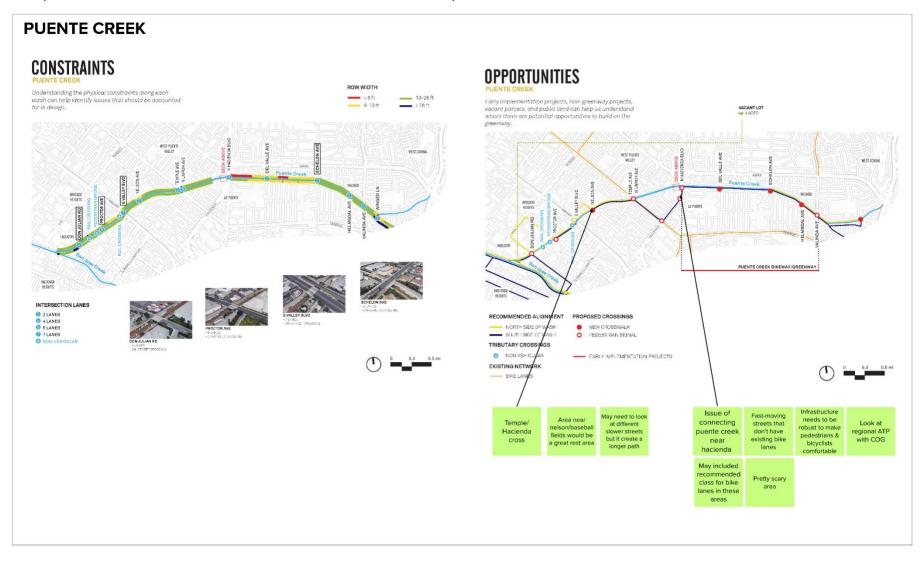
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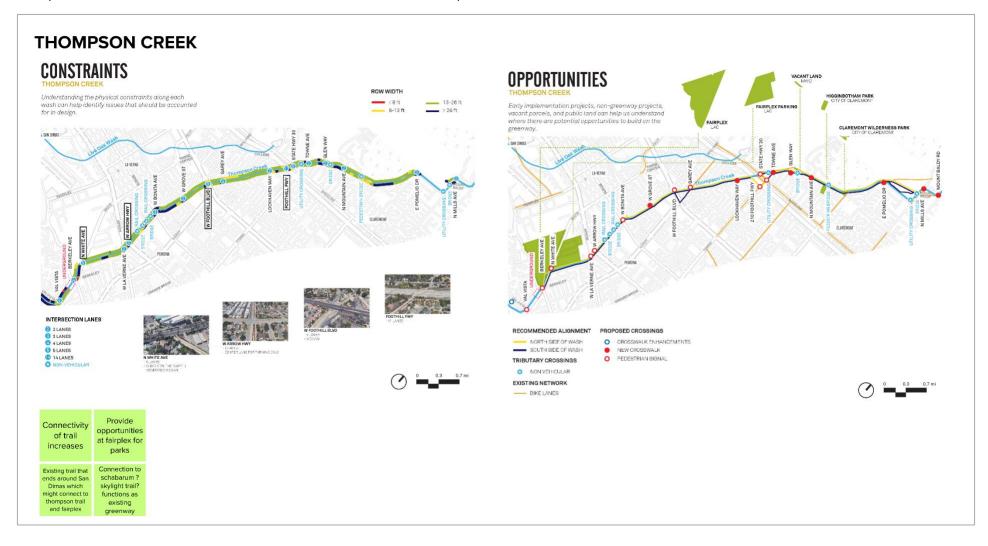


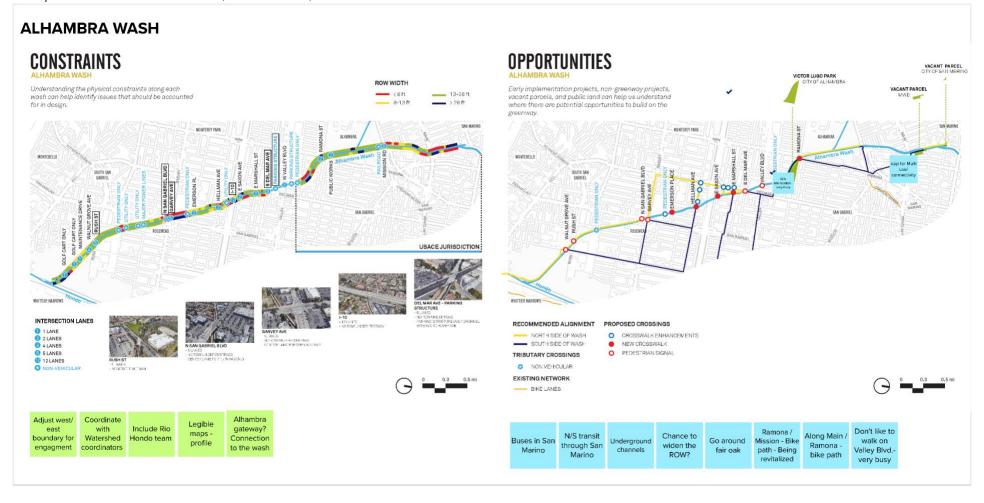
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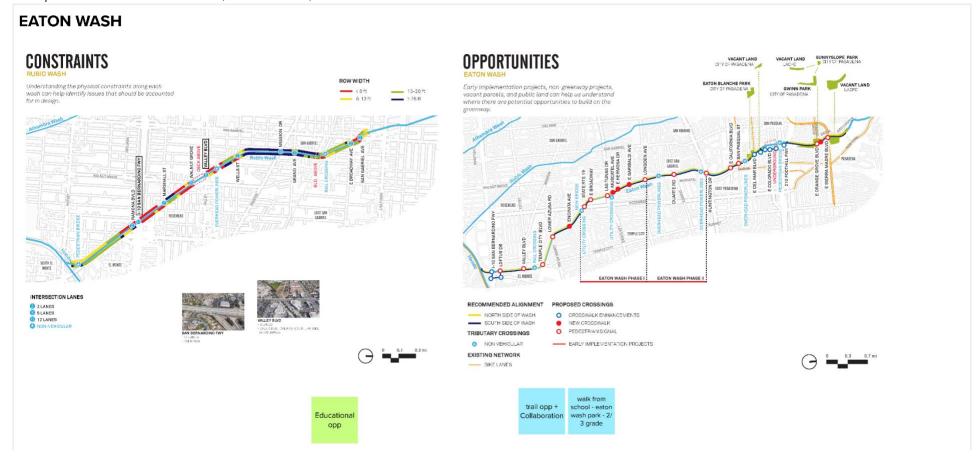




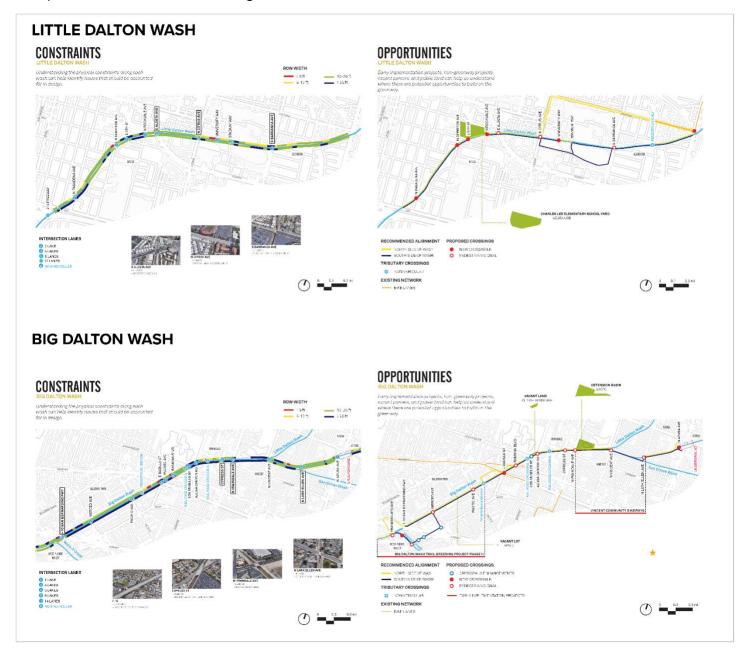








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