

# Public Realm Plan Element

## Goal and Objectives

### **Public Realm PEC Overarching Goal:**

Create diverse, vibrant public spaces along and connected to the Lower Los Angeles River resulting in safe, inviting, healthy green spaces that support diverse local communities, allowing equitable access to nature and a variety of recreational, entertainment, multi-modal transportation and socio-economic opportunities that enhances quality of life and sustains watershed health.

### **Public Realm Objectives:**

- Enhance Connectivity
- Enhance and Create Diverse, Vibrant Public Spaces
- Improve User Experience and Equitable Access

### **Enhance Connectivity Objective:**

Improve and expand the network of connections including streets, pathways, bikeways, and multi-use trails that connect communities, cities, and public assets to the LA River Bikeway and Trail. These connections should:

- Offer more ways to connect local communities to each other and to the River, which include bridges and crossings, and inviting gateways and street ends, and
- Unite the upper and lower reaches of the Los Angeles River.

### **Enhance and Create Diverse, Vibrant Public Spaces Objective:**

Create new and improve existing public spaces at and around the river that support diverse experiences, public enjoyment, health, and local community identity. These spaces should:

- Be designed around human comfort and enjoyment,
- Include green streets as places for people, and
- Reflect the diverse needs and desires of local user groups and the community in design solutions

### **Improve User Experience and Equitable Access Objective:**

Provide a consistent, high-quality experience along the river, in surrounding public spaces, and in the connections in between, that is welcoming, accessible, and safe for all users. This experience should:

- Increase access to the river and other public spaces for diverse users through public transportation, river access points, bridges, and parking,
- Strengthen real and perceived public safety with features including 911 call boxes, lighting, signage, river rangers, and by providing clarity in law enforcement jurisdiction, and
- Enhance user comfort by providing high-quality consistent operations and maintenance of public facilities such as signage and wayfinding, fix-it stations, water fountains, restrooms picnic tables and benches, and amenities for horses.