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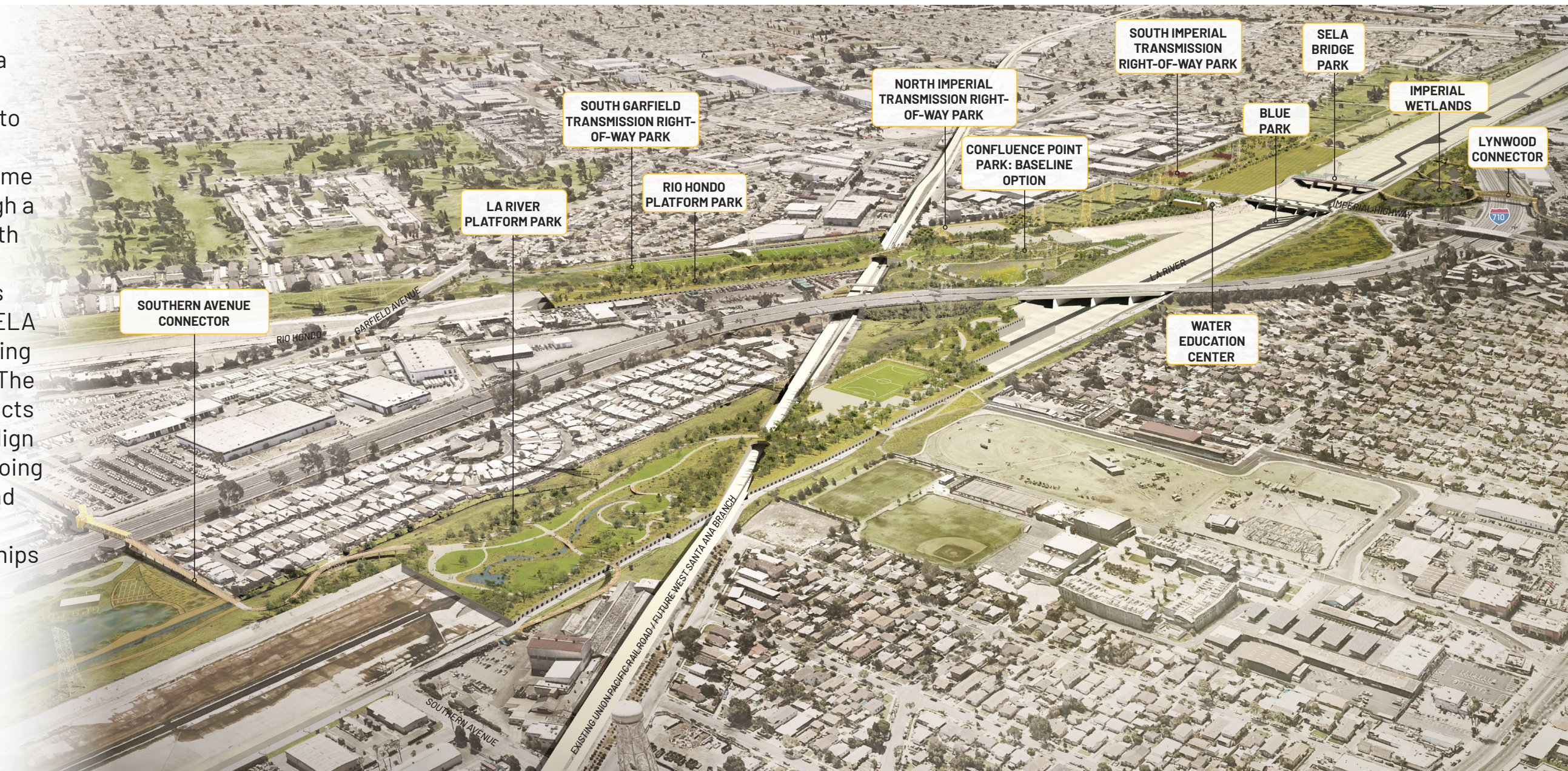
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# INTRODUCTION

The Rio Hondo Confluence Area Projects were developed as a series of 12 separate concepts to facilitate the development and construction of projects over time in a coordinated manner through a phased approach. In parallel with the projects within this report, several nearby projects such as the Metro WSAB line and the SELA Cultural Center are in the planning or project development stage. The most effective phasing of projects around the confluence would align with adjacent planned and ongoing project schedules, consider land ownership and easements, and leverage the possible relationships among projects within multiple potential scenarios.





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For example, the platform parks and confluence point projects along with the transmission right-of-way parks north of Imperial Highway should be developed in conjunction with the Metro WSAB line. Additionally, all transmission right-of-way parks should coordinate with LADWP and SCE on any future capital improvements or updates to regulations on the parcels they own and/or occupy.

The connector projects should align with any potential future Caltrans modifications to the I-710 as well as any transportation planning projects undertaken by Metro or nearby municipalities. Additionally the Imperial Wetlands project may be useful for entities to meet their water quality obligations, particularly given its proximity to the I-710 and significant areas of pavement. The SELA Bridge Park would be best accomplished in conjunction with the adjacent SELA Cultural Center project.

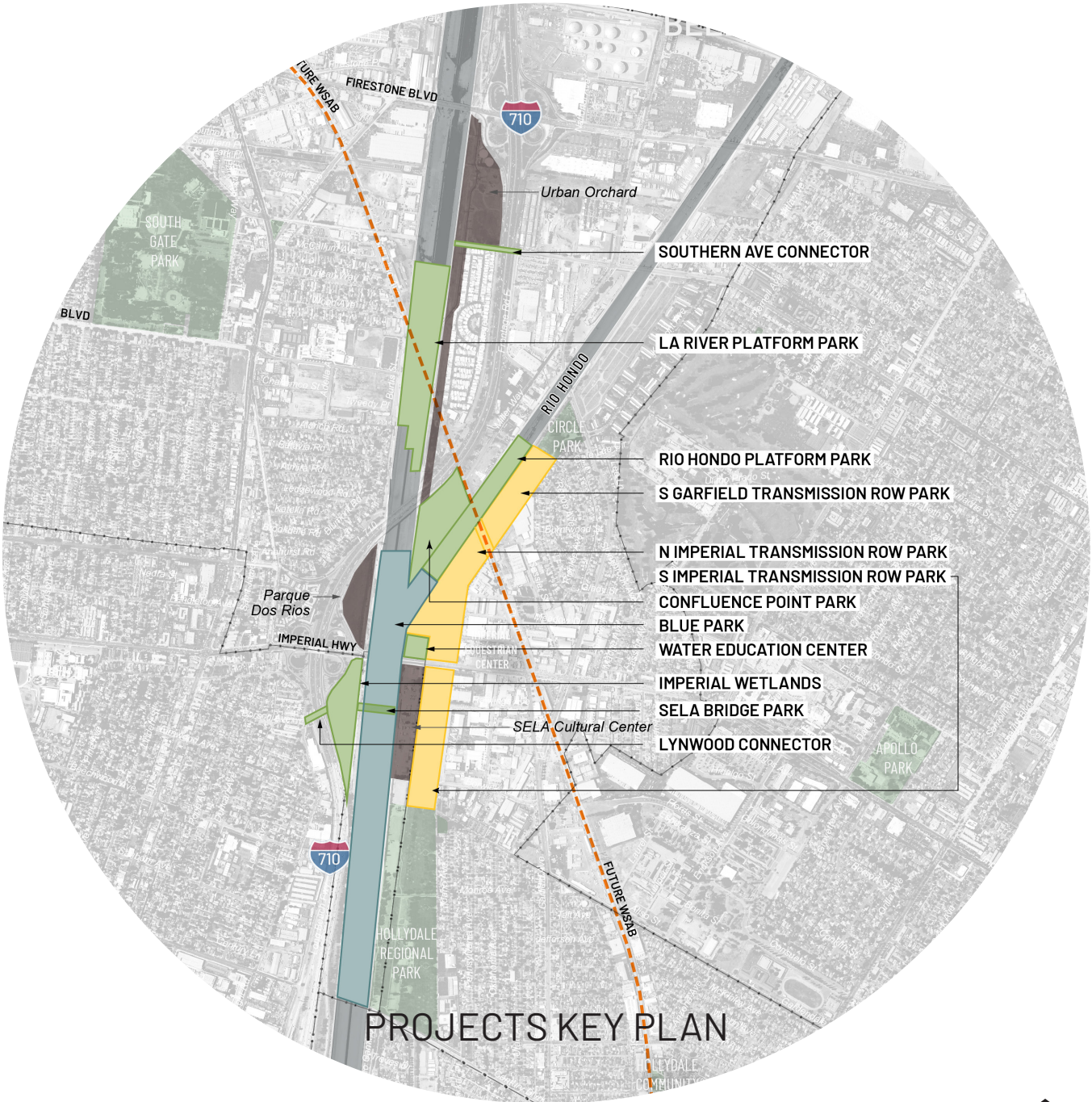
As a result, a potential first group including the Lynwood Connector, Imperial Wetlands, and SELA Bridge Park could be targeted initially

followed by a second group including the transmission right-of-way parks.

There are various potential scenarios each with distinct opportunities for coordination and collaboration among the Rio Hondo Confluence Area Projects and developments within and surrounding the SELA communities. The following diagrams illustrate just a few of these possible relationships.

Based on land ownership, adjacencies, and concept designs, the following connections should be considered as projects move forward. All projects should have a robust public engagement process during design stages to align community needs and project design. Ideally projects in close proximity to one another can be completed in similar timelines to reduce the length of time a given neighborhood experiences disruptions due to construction processes.

Note that projects may appear in multiple categories in the analysis on the following page based on a project’s attributes and suitability.



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**Projects that could be developed independently by LA County Public Works:**

For all these projects, the land is owned and/or operated and maintained by the LA County Flood Control District. These projects may require permits from the USACE, such as 404 and/or 408 permits to alter levee or channel conditions.

- Water Education Center
- Blue Park
- SELA Bridge Park

**Projects that could be developed in parallel with the SELA Cultural Center:**

The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy is developing a cultural center south of Imperial Highway to be complete in the next few years. It represents a significant opportunity to increase arts and culture physical assets and collaboration within the SELA communities. Ensuring connectivity and access to this asset is critical through pedestrian bridges and rights-of-way trails.

- SELA Bridge Park
- Lynwood Connector
- North Imperial Transmission Right-of-Way Park
- South Imperial Transmission Right-of-Way Park
- Imperial Wetlands

**Projects that could be developed with or by partner agencies to meet water quality, connectivity, or social equity goals:**

Many property owners near the confluence have agency obligations and goals that projects in this report could support or fulfill. An example could include CalTrans requirements to meet stormwater runoff and water quality low impact development needs.

- Imperial Wetlands
- Southern Avenue Connector
- South Garfield Transmission Right-of-Way Park
- North Imperial Transmission Right-of-Way Park
- South Imperial Transmission Right-of-Way Park

**Projects that could be coordinated with WSAB Metro Line timeline:**

Currently Metro has a goal to complete the Metro WSAB line by 2028. They are considering public/private partnership (P3) models to move the project forward quickly. Constructing bridges and parks in parallel would be an efficient approach.

- LAR Platform Park
- Rio Hondo Platform Park
- South Garfield Transmission Right-of-Way Park
- North Imperial Transmission Right-of-Way Park
- Confluence Point Park

**Projects that require other projects to be completed prior to their implementation:**

Currently the confluence point is difficult to access and also saddled with significant contamination. The City of South Gate owns the land, although it is currently leased for use as a wood chipping facility. While the City of South Gate has indicated their willingness to consider the site for a park ultimately, it is unlikely this site could be developed in early phases until the right-of-way parks and platform park connections are underway to allow access to the site.

- Confluence Point Park

# RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Based on all of these considerations, the following is a plausible timeline of project completion. Even though some projects may require longer timelines to design and build, many projects, such as the SELA Bridge Park or Platform Parks, will require immediate coordination and design efforts given the parallel efforts and timelines for the Metro WSAB and SELA Cultural Center.




**Very Short-Term:**  
Blue Park

**Short-Term:**  
SELA Bridge Park  
Water Education Center  
Imperial Wetlands

**Medium-Term:**  
Lynwood Connector  
Rights-of-Way Parks  
Platform Parks  
Southern Ave Connector

**Long-Term:**  
Confluence Point Park

LEGEND:

-  Ongoing Project
-  Planned Metroline Stop/Route
-  I-710

