

Lower Los Angeles River
Implementation Advisory Group Committee Meeting

June 25, 2026, | 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.
Online Meeting / Conference Call

AGENDA SUMMARY

Purpose & Charge: Provide a public venue for discussion of proposed projects related to the Lower LA River, ensure proposed projects are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan, and maximize multi-use opportunities and community benefits.

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Agency / Project Updates

- o Department of Transportation (DOT)
- o LA River Community Connections Study (Ryan Johnson – Caltrans)

The LA River Community Connections Study is being led by Caltrans District 7 and supported by consultants Alta, Circlepoint, and Craftwater. The purpose of the study is to evaluate opportunities to improve access and connectivity to the LA River Trail. The study will identify four geographic focus areas, collecting input on each area from community members, local and regional agencies, advocacy groups along the river and community organizations. Caltrans encouraged attendees to share any other plans, projects, or data sources that would be helpful for their analysis. Gladis from the City of South Gate shared that a lot of their projects are being impacted by the 710 Freeway. David Sall from CCLB mentioned their River Ranger Program and noted that there are opportunities for collaboration. Caltrans will continue their Technical Advisor Meetings (TAC) and public engagement. They will be tabling at the CicLAvia and LA Riverfest events. CicLAvia is scheduled for June 28, 2026, from 9 am to 4 pm at Leimert Park, while LA Riverfest is scheduled for August 9, 2026, from 2:30 pm to 7 pm at 1245 North Spring St. Los Angeles, CA. For more information, visit [LA River Community Connections Study – PublicInput](#).

- o LA County Parks and Recreation
- o Lower LA River Trail Restoration and Access Project

The project proposes improvements along 1.3 miles of the Lower LA River Trail and the 72nd St Equestrian Park in the City of Long Beach. DPR has secured \$6 million for Phase 1 (Alondra Blvd to 91 FWY) but there is still a need for an additional \$6 million. For Phase 2 (Somerset Blvd to Alondra

Blvd), funding has not yet been secure and an estimated \$3.5 million is needed. DPR has acquired a property near 72nd Street Arena Park. Salian Garcia from RMC encouraged DPR to submit a Concept Proposal grant application.

- o San Gabriel & Lower LA Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
 - o Para Todos Campaign

The Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Para Todos Campaign is in its 2nd year of its multiyear effort. Year 2 centers on engagement around community stabilization policies and programs. The Cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Maywood, Paramount, and South Gate have adopted resolutions advancing equitable revitalization. Two additional resolutions are pending for the City of Huntington Park and Long Beach. Funding for the River Ranger Program has been extended for another year.

- o City of Long Beach
 - o LB-MUST

Construction is ongoing for Phase 1 of the treatment facility which is expected to be completed by end of September. The wetlands across from the treatment facility is currently open to the public.
 - o Marine Trash & Debris Capture Project

The City of Long Beach provided an update on their Marine Trash & Debris Capture Project, which aims to capture trash and debris from the Los Angeles River to reduce trash on the beaches, marinas, and Pacific Ocean. On March 17, 2026, the Board of Supervisors approved two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the Ocean Clean Up, one will include the City of Long Beach for the LA River and the second with the City of Seal Beach for the San Gabriel River to address trash and debris in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers. They are currently working on the CEQA process and plan to apply for permits once CEQA is finalized. For more information, visit [Marine Debris and Trash Capture Project](#).
- o Flood Control District
 - o LA County Rainfall Data
 - o LA County has received a total of 16.9" of rainfall, which is 110% of the 15.4" average annual precipitation.

- This season our facility has captured 129 billion gallons of stormwater thus far – contrast to 27.9 billion gallons in the 2024-2025 storm season.

III. Grant/Funding Opportunities

- RMC Lower LA River Grants, On-Going Call for Projects – <http://rmc.ca.gov/grants/>

RMC provided an update on the Lower LA River Grants and On-Going Call for Projects. The application process is still open, and RMC is prioritizing grant applications for project implementation. They are reappropriating funding along the LA River, as Proposition 1 has approximately 10.8 million in unencumbered funds. RMC Board meetings will no longer be available via Zoom. For more information, visit [Board Meetings – San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy](#).

- Safe Clean Water Program

Azucena Ramirez (SGA Marketing) provided an update on the Safe Clean Water Program. The Initial Watershed Plans are available on the [SCW Program Watershed Planning webpage](#). The Safe Clean Water Program teams up with the LA County Youth Climate Commission to host *Drop by Drop: A Youth Conversation on Water*, a webinar on June 18, 2026. Lastly, the next Lower Los Angeles River WASC Meeting will be held on July 28, 2026. For more information, visit [Lower Los Angeles River Watershed - Safe Clean Water LA](#).

IV. Lower LA River Events

- Habitat Restoration Day (FoLAR)
 - Date: July 25, 2026
 - Location: 6350 Woodley Ave, Los Angeles (Sepulveda Basin)
 - Time: 8 AM – 11 AM
- East Side of the River Community Mural Painting Lynwood
 - Date: July 25, 2026
 - Location: 11601 Long Beach Blvd, Lynwood, CA 90262
 - Time: 12PM – 2 PM
- Riverfest 2026 (FoLAR)
 - Date: August 9, 2026
 - Location: 1315 N Spring St, Los Angeles (LA State Historic Park)
 - Time: 2:30 PM – 7:30 PM

- South Coast TU Pollinator Planting Event
 - Date: November 14, 2026
 - Location: TBD
 - Time: TBD

V. Open Forum/Public Comment

- For any inquiries, please email LowerLARiver@dpw.lacounty.gov
- George Magallenes (LLARRA) – shared that they are developing a design to roughen sections of the LA River and will submit it to the CORP for their comments.
- IAG Committee Chair Laura Cortez from East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ) asked about PW’s response, clean-up, as well as reporting efforts after the Boyle Heights fire and East LA oil spill incidents.
- Candice Dickens-Russell from FoLAR informed the group that the oil spill incident is since closed, however she is still fielding calls from the community. She wanted to know what was being done in terms of accountability and asked if Public Works has/will be providing an official statement in response to the efforts in order to share with constituents.
- We informed the group of the County’s efforts, including working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, have deploying booms to curb debris flows, and are conducting ongoing water quality testing to monitor the water pH levels.
- South Coast TU – noted that the Safe Clean Water Program Water Assessment did not list the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan as one the key watershed planning efforts and requested that it be included by the next meeting.

VI. Next Steps

Next IAG Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2026, 10 A.M. – 12 P.M

LA River Community Connections Study

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING #1

JUNE 18, 2026





Agenda

- Introductions
- Study Overview & Purpose
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Partner & Public Engagement
- Challenges & Opportunities
- Next Steps



Project Team



Caltrans District 7 Staff

- Ryan Johnson, Project Manager, Senior Transportation Planner
- Romeo Estrella, Complete Streets Office Chief
- James Santiago, Community Engagement Coordinator

Consultant Team





TAC Introductions

- Name
- Agency / Role
- What about this project interests you or the agency you work for?



TAC Roles & Expectations

- Provide technical feedback – best practices, relevant planned/programmed infrastructure projects, opportunities for engagement/promotion
- Review and provide feedback on key deliverables
- Attend 5 to 10 TAC meetings (1-2 hours)



STUDY OVERVIEW & PURPOSE



What Are We Trying to Accomplish?

- Improve bicyclist and pedestrian access and connectivity to the LA River Trail, especially for disadvantaged and underserved communities
- Identify gaps in the active transportation networks surrounding the LA River that involve Caltrans ROW and opportunities to close those gaps
- Engage the public and partners to co-develop strategies and conceptual designs that increase connectivity to the LA River Trail
- Establish partnerships between Caltrans D7 and local agencies and organizations to enhance competitiveness for future funding opportunities



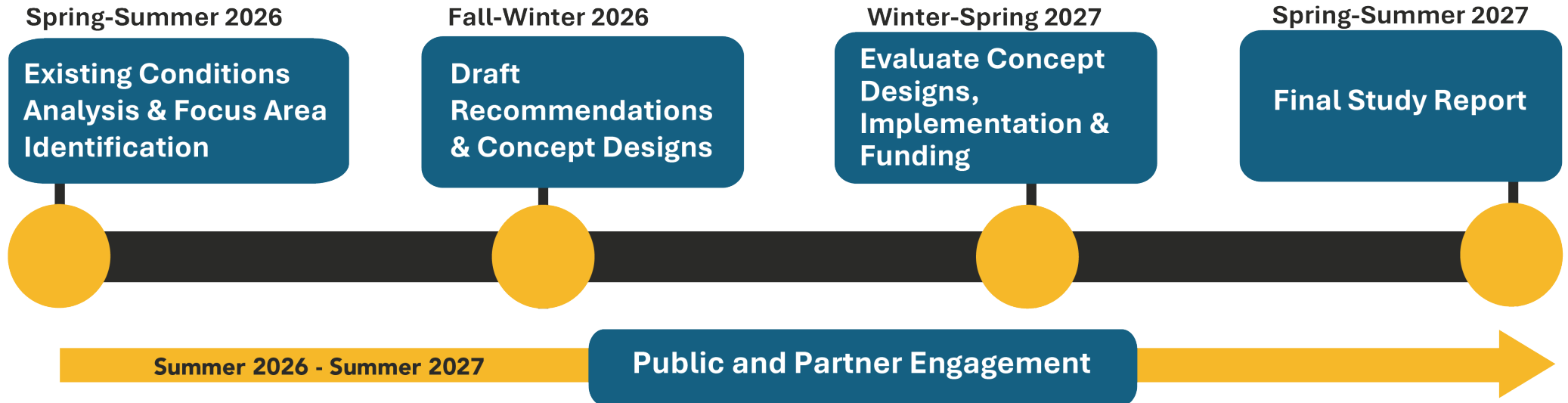
Scope of Work

- **Analyze Existing Conditions**
 - Identify four focus areas where recommendations will be made
- **Public Engagement**
 - Project website on Caltrans Engagement Portal
 - Eight (8) in-person and web-based engagement activities
- **Develop Conceptual Alternatives**
 - Within focus areas, identify priority/high-need locations for improvements
 - Develop draft conceptual designs to be refined based on TAC and public input
- **Conceptual Alternatives Evaluation**
 - Identify physical, fiscal, and policy constraints to refine proposed strategies and identify potential challenges for future implementation
- **Implementation and Funding**
 - Identify agency roles and responsibilities for recommendations
 - Identify funding opportunities for Caltrans and local partners
- **Final Study Report**
 - Summarize all analyses and recommendations for presenting to Caltrans leadership

Additional descriptions here



Project Timeline





EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

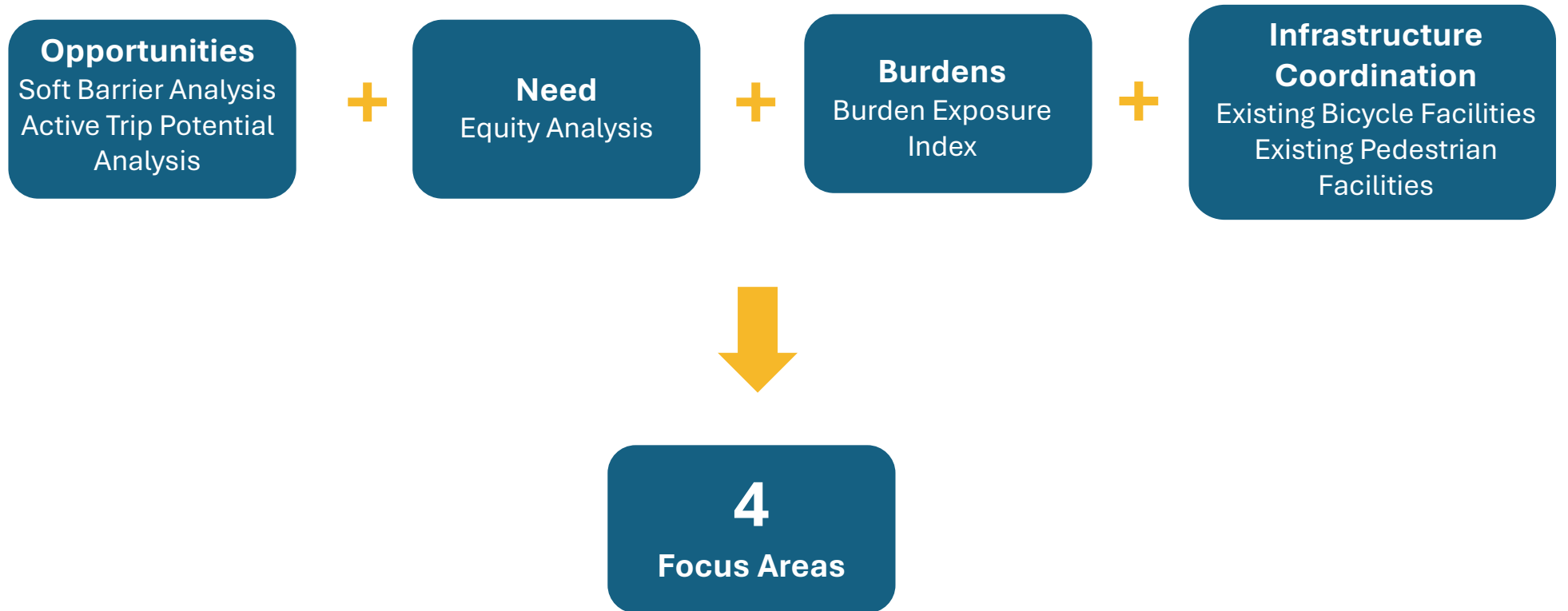


What Are We Analyzing?

- **Partner-Led Plans and Projects**
 - LA River focused and local plans with active transportation projects
- **State Highway System**
 - Caltrans ROW that intersects or is adjacent to LA River Trail
- **Existing Bike/Ped Facilities and Trail Access Points**
- **Soft Barrier Analysis**
 - Conditions that create discomfort and difficulty during crossings
- **Active Trip Potential Analysis**
 - Short-distance car trips that could be taken by active modes
- **Equity Analysis**
 - US DOT Areas of Persistent Poverty + CalEnviroScreen 4.0
- **Burden Exposure Index**
 - Air quality, asthma rates, traffic exposure, collision exposure



Identifying Focus Areas





Discussion

Please share any other **plans, projects, or data sources** you suggest we review as part of our analysis.

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RMC Lower LA River
Plan

LA River Master Plan,
Lower LA River
Revitalization Plan

multi-asset Caltrans
projects that are adjacent
to - or cross - the LA River

StreetLight Bike/Ped
activity (SCAG's
subscription ends June 30,
2026 so download data
ASAP)



PUBLIC & PARTNER ENGAGEMENT



How Will We Collect Feedback?



**Technical
Advisory
Committee**
Meets 5 to 10
times



D7 Staff



**Community
Touchpoints**
8 in-person and
virtual activities



Online Tools
Project website
and surveys



Upcoming Phase 1 Engagement

- Phase 1 will focus on:
 - Spreading awareness of the project
 - Collecting input on connectivity barriers and ideas for improvements
 - Sharing findings from existing conditions analysis
- Project website coming soon!
- Focus Area fact sheets and surveys (anticipated July/August 2026)
- Pop-ups at community events
 - CicLAvia Expo Park – June 28, 2026
 - LA River Fest – August 9, 2026
- Public workshops (anticipated September-October)



Discussion

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San Gabriel and Lower
LA Rivers and Mountains
Conservancy (RMC)

LA County Parks

Legacy LA (community org
with a focus on youth
development and
engagement)

LA County Public Health
(working on pedestrian
plans)

Mueve SELA and the
SELA Bicycle Center

Shade LA

LA River Path project
team @ Metro (mobility
corridors)



Discussion

What communication channels should we promote engagement activities through?

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Gateway Cities COG
Transportation Committee
would be a good venue for
project/plan
presentation(s).

Lower LA River IAG

LARCC

Assuming high cost to
implement
improvements



Discussion

Are there other ways that we can support your agency's work through this Study, or ways that your agency can support engagement during the Study?



CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES



Discussion

What are the challenges related to the LA River Trail and access your agency or constituents face?

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Homeless
encampments; varied
community
expectations

Safety

Homelessness concerns,
shade, informal access
not ADA accessible

Many access areas are in
primarily industrial areas,
which touches on safety
issues.

vehicle traffic near
highway on-/off-ramps

Shade & lag time for
tree planting

Multi-jurisdictional
coordination can be
difficult

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What are the **challenges** related to the LA River Trail and access your agency or constituents face?

High costs (and long timelines) to make project improvements

Varied users with varied level of comfort and speed when biking

Narrow sidewalks on crossings, no lighting



Discussion

What opportunities or ideas should we consider as we develop the Study and eventual recommendations?

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Short term (quick build that can benefit the communities more quickly), medium term, and long term solutions

Frame recommendations as contributing to developing a regional network.

Incorporating multi modal bike/pedestrian

Maybe we should consider how to make it beneficial to commuters as well, beyond just recreation.

Connectivity with regional rail projects, like Metro Southeast Gateway Line



NEXT STEPS



Next Steps

- Share promotional/outreach materials with TAC to share through relevant channels
- Once focus areas are identified, plan and share public engagement details with TAC
- TAC Meeting #2 (date TBD)
 - Share existing conditions analysis findings
 - Share results of focus area prioritization
 - Share initial community feedback themes



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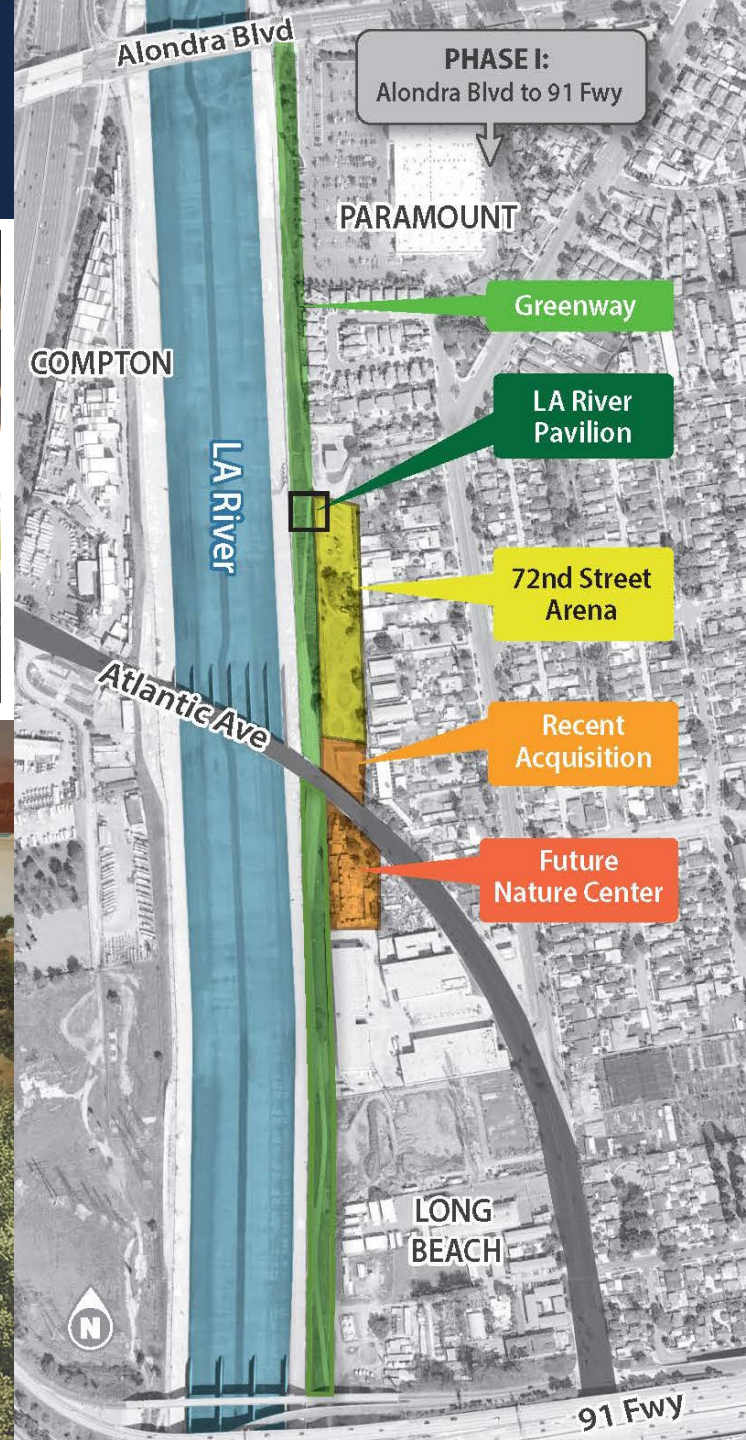
Lower LA River GATEWAY GREENWAY PARK PROJECT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
Parks & Recreation



LA County Parks Lower LA River Gateway Greenway Park Project will transform 1.3 miles of river corridor into a connected greenway with native landscaping, shade trees, a multi-purpose river pavilion, and improved trails for walking, biking, and horseback riding.

The project also sets the stage for a future **Lower LA River Nature Center**, which will provide Southeast Los Angeles with a landmark gateway to the LA River.



72nd Street Current Access



BEFORE

An aerial perspective rendering of the 72nd Street Gateway Pavilion project. The scene shows a multi-use trail system running parallel to a large concrete dam structure on the right. The trail includes a paved path with white directional arrows, a green-painted bike lane with white bicycle symbols, and a pedestrian path. A signpost indicates 'LA RIVER 8.5 MILES' and '72ND STREET GATEWAY'. A 'BIKES' station with a blue roof and racks is visible. People are shown walking, cycling, and riding horses. The background shows a residential area with trees and power lines. The text '72nd Street Gateway Pavilion' is overlaid in the top left corner, and the word 'AFTER' is in the bottom right corner.

AFTER

Parkland Expansion Opportunity – North of 91 Fwy



BEFORE

LA County's First Urban Natureway!



AFTER



Lower LA River GATEWAY GREENWAY PARK PROJECT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
**Parks &
Recreation**



PHASE I

Alondra Blvd to 91 Fwy

Secured

\$6M



Need

\$6M



PHASE II

Somerset Blvd to Alondra Blvd

Secured

\$0



Need

\$3.5M





LOWER LA RIVER - UPDATES

AIG Meeting - June 2026



THE LLAR STRATEGIC OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Aligned with the 2026 Watershed Planning Initiative and Planning Tool



Watershed Area Characteristics



Baselines & Benefits



Targets



Watershed Area Needs



Strategies & Opportunities

LLAR Round 7 SIP – Newly Submitted Projects, Scientific Studies, and PMRs



The LLAR WASC received applications for:

- 0 Infrastructure Program
- **3 Scientific Studies**
- 0 Technical Resources Program Project Concepts
- 0 Project Modification Requests

LLAR - Round 7 SIP Recommended Projects

Project Name	Project Developer	Funding Allocated	Project Type
A Holistic Assessment of Trash in Watersheds	Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research	\$366,000	SS
Characterizing and Optimizing the Water Quality Benefits of In-Channel Vegetation	University of Southern California Dornsife Public Exchange	\$85,620	SS
Total		\$451,620	

LLAR SIP – Cumulative Progress Toward SCWP Goals

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY



3,200
ac-ft/year
Increase Local
WS through
Stormwater
Capture



550
ac-ft/year
Increase Local
WS through
Groundwater
Recharge and
Storage

INCREASE DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS

IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH



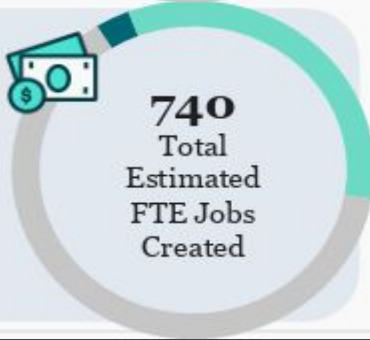
313 acres
New Area of
Canopy,
Cooling, and
Shading
Surfaces



23 acres
Habitat
Created,
Enhanced, or
Restored

DELIVER MULTI- BENEFITS WITH NBS & DIVERSE PROJECTS

PROMOTE GREEN JOBS & CAREER PATHWAYS



Cumulative progress toward SCWP Goals
as reflected by magnitude-based
Indicators for previously approved and
recommended Projects in the SCR SIP as
of June 2026.



Total cumulative benefits



Previously Approved (constructed)



Previously Approved (planned)



Recommended Projects



Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan

SOEP FY 26-27





WHAT WE PLAN TO DO?

Continue to meet with interested parties, provide guidance to new applicants, and distribute survey (available in 7 languages).

Attend Community Events as they arise

New outreach groups

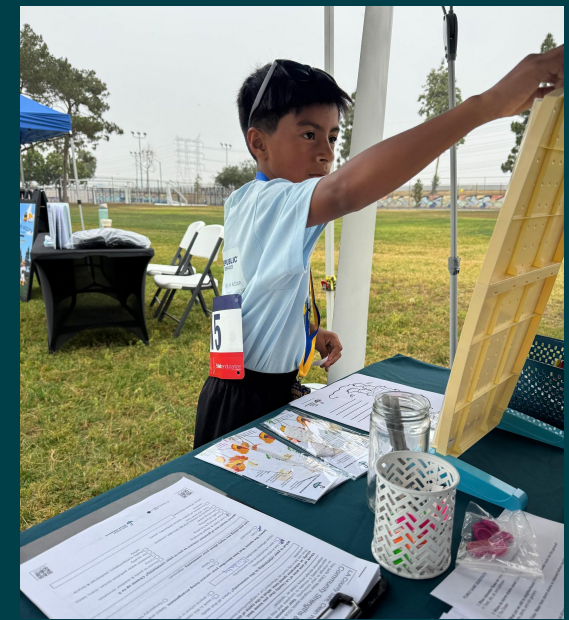
Regional School Greening Convening

Educational workshops or site tours (YCC in the fall)

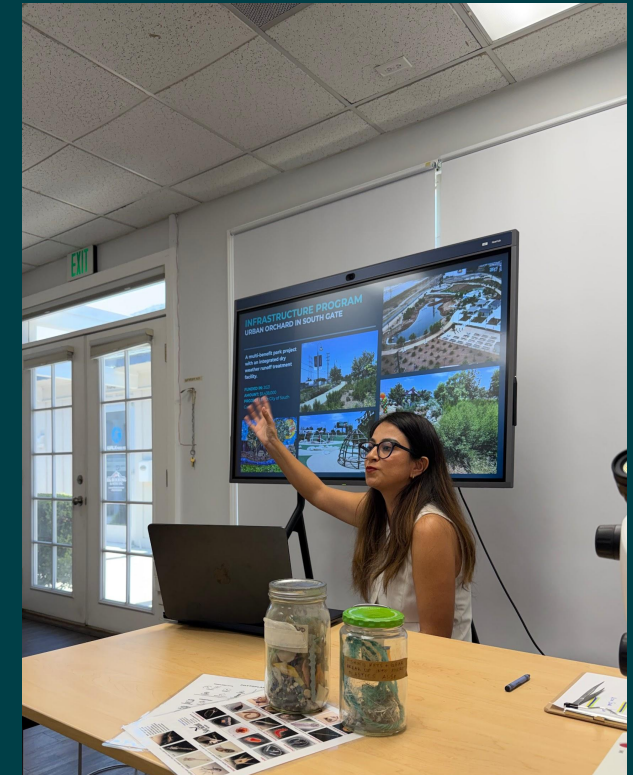
Attend AIG meetings and share SCWP updates

Distribute LLAR Newsletter

LLAR COMMUNITY EVENTS



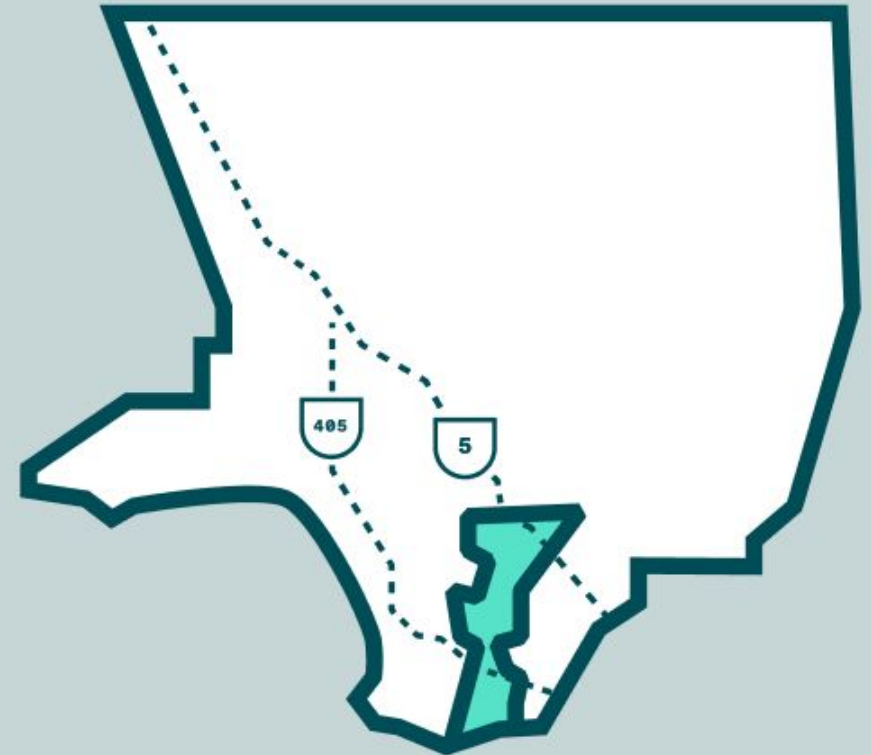
SCWP & ALGALITA WORKSHOP



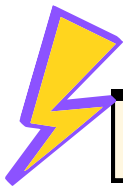
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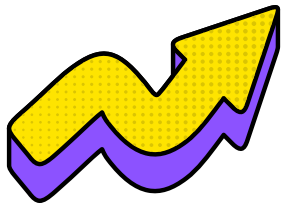


Lower Los Angeles River
Watershed Area



PRESENTED BY EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER & URBANO STRATEGIES

LYNWOOD COMMUNITY MURAL CELEBRATION



Event

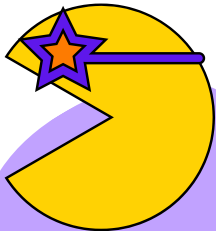
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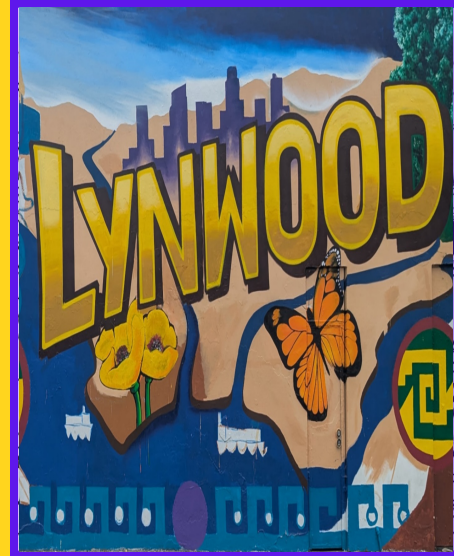
LOCATION

**11601 LONG BEACH BLVD.
LYNWOOD, CA 90262**

**REFRESHMENTS
FOOD
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLES**



**FAMILY FUN
RESOURCES
COMMUNITY ART**

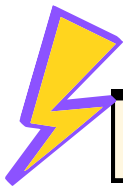


**SAFE CLEAN
WATER PROGRAM**

**WATER
FOUNDATION**

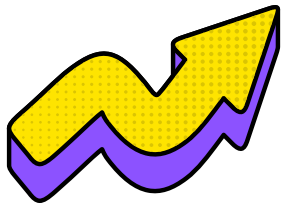


A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WITH LYNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATORS BRENDA RIVERA AND ANA OROZCO CLASS.



PRESENTADO POR EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER Y URBANO STRATEGIES

CELEBRACION DEL MURAL COMUNITARIO DE LYNWOOD



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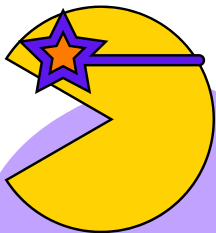
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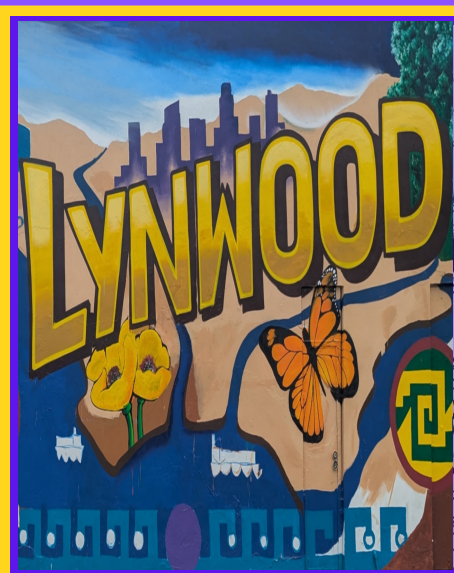
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**DIVERSION FAMILIAR
RECURSOS
ARTE COMUNITARIO**



**SAFE CLEAN
WATER PROGRAM**

**WATER
FOUNDATION**



UNA COLABORACIÓN COMUNITARIA CON PROFESORAS BRENDA RIVERA Y ANA OROZCO Y LA CLASE DE LA PREPA DE LYNWOOD.

Los Angeles Historic Park

RIVERFEST

Friends of the LA River

2:30^P_M
FREE

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FoLAR.org/RiverFest

