

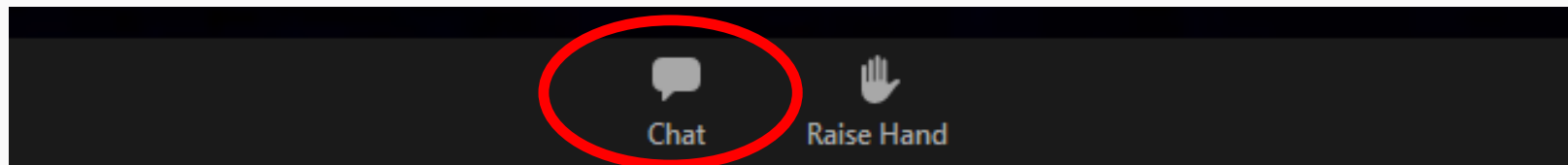


2020 LA River Master Plan
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

DRAFT PEIR PUBLIC MEETING

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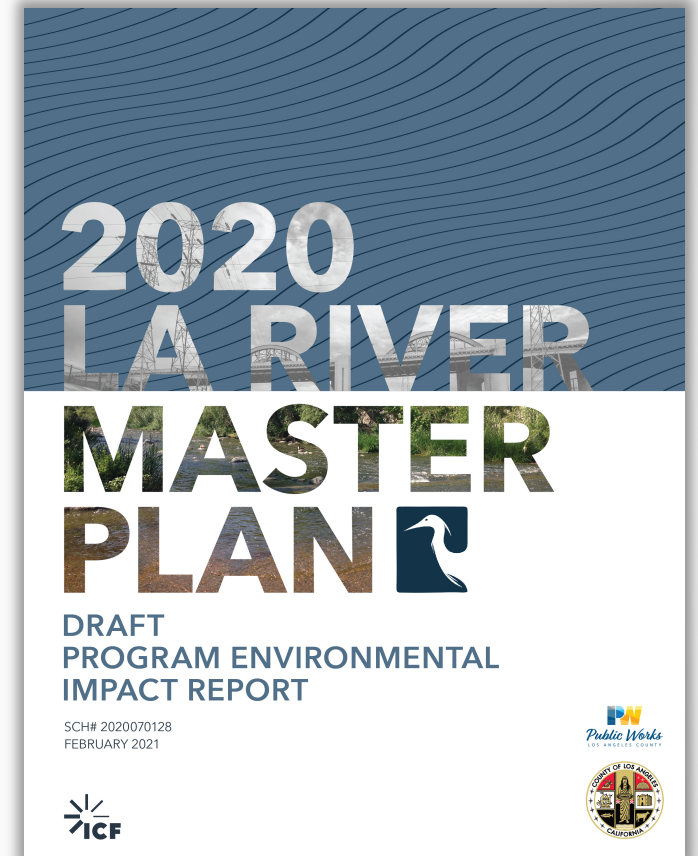
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GROUND RULES

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- Pre-registered commenters will be called on in the order in which they registered.
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- Due to the anticipated high volume of oral comments, we may not be able to get to everyone tonight, but we will make every effort to hear from as many as possible.

MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome
- Purpose of CEQA and Purpose of the Meeting
- 2020 LA River Master Plan Highlights
- CEQA Approach and Project Description
- Issues Analyzed in the PEIR and Impacts Analysis Summary
- Alternatives
- Environmental Review Milestones/Schedule
- Receive Oral Comments





PURPOSE OF CEQA

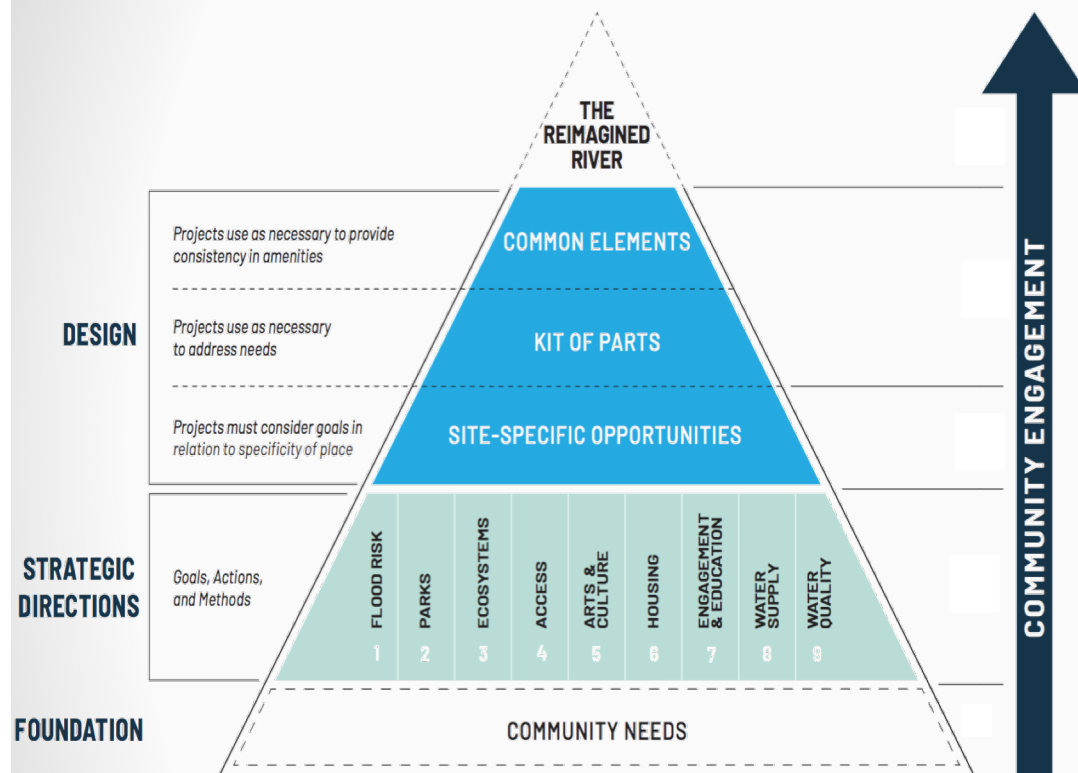
- Inform decision makers about environmental effects
- Involved public participation in the planning process
- Identify and incorporate feasible means to reduce significant environmental impacts

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- **Draft PEIR Released on February 1, 2021**
- Inform Interested Parties about the Draft PEIR Analysis
- Gather input from interested persons and agencies on the content of the Draft PEIR
- Draft PEIR Public Review Period:
February 1 to March 18, 2021
- Comments can be made orally today or submitted in writing by email/mail

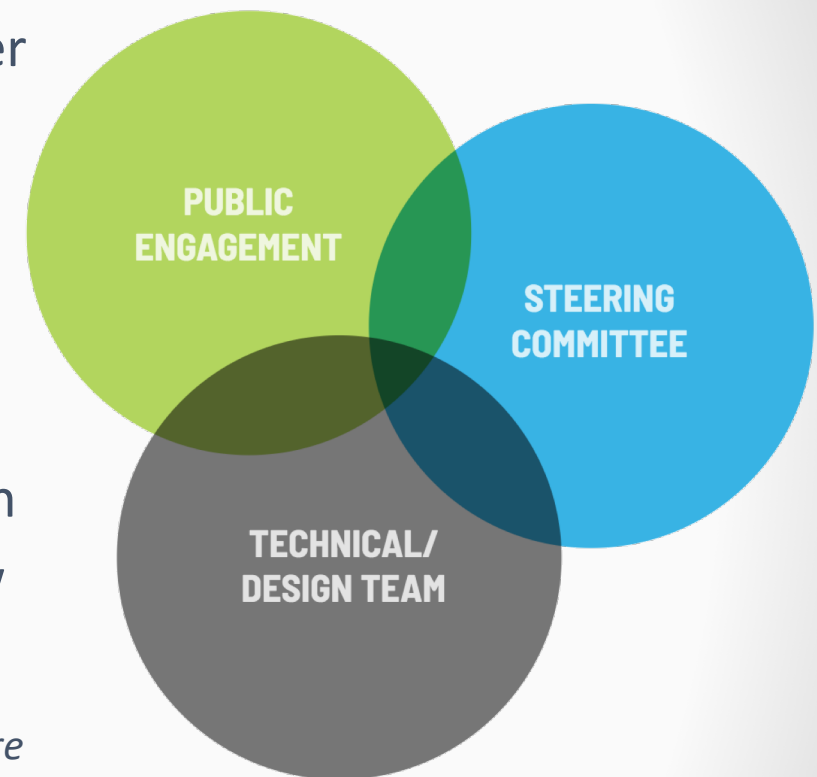


LA RIVER MASTER PLAN PLANNING PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS



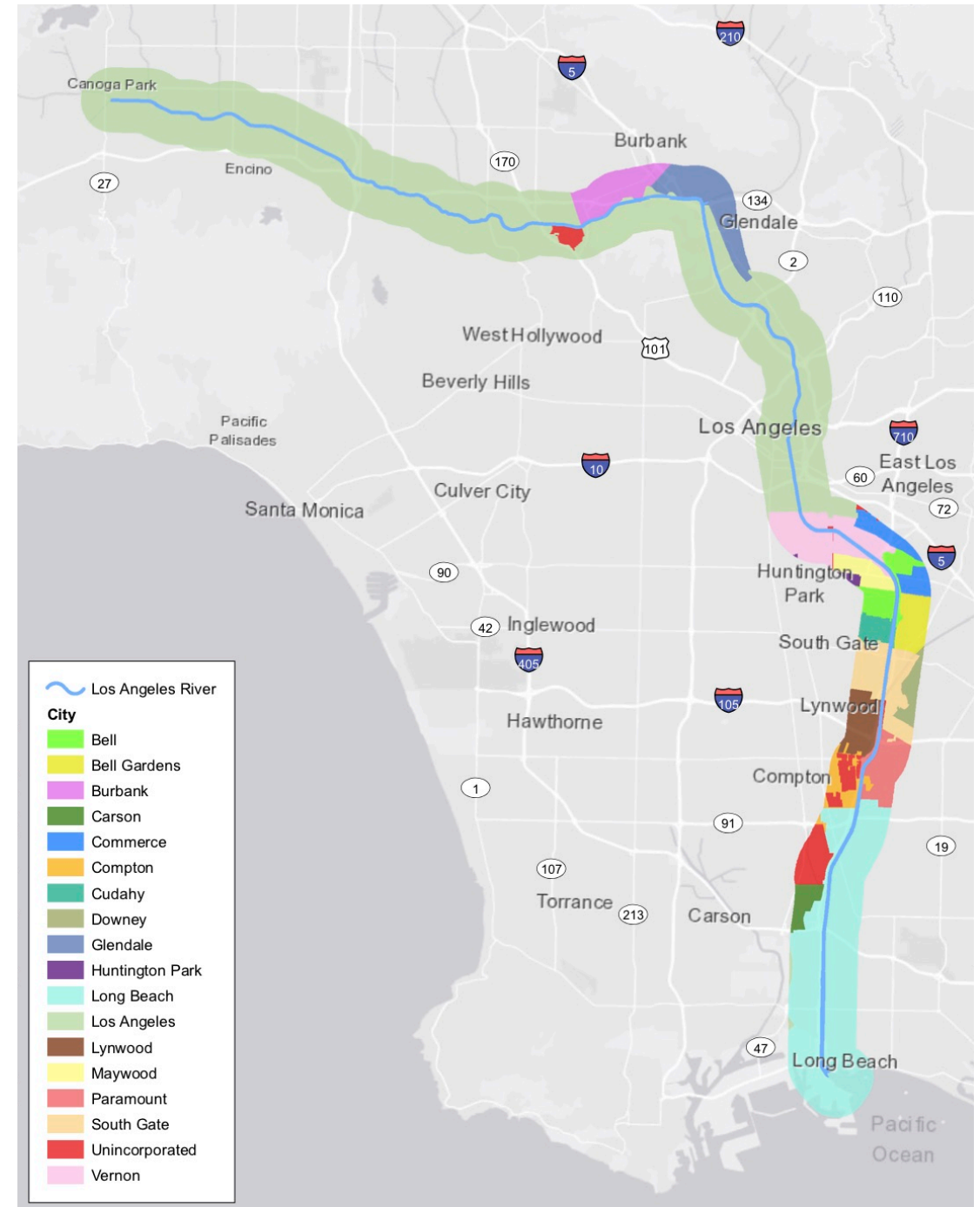
- Two-year process with extensive stakeholder collaboration
- Goal-driven framework
- Nine Master Plan Goals*
- Draft LA River Master Plan released for public review on January 13, 2021

* *The 9 Objectives for CEQA analysis are the same as the 9 Goals of the Master Plan.*



CEQA APPROACH

- Program EIR (PEIR)
 - Program-level analysis
 - No project-specific analysis
 - No site-specific analysis
- Study Area
 - 51-mile LA River corridor and 1-mile on each side
 - 17 cities and unincorporated LA County



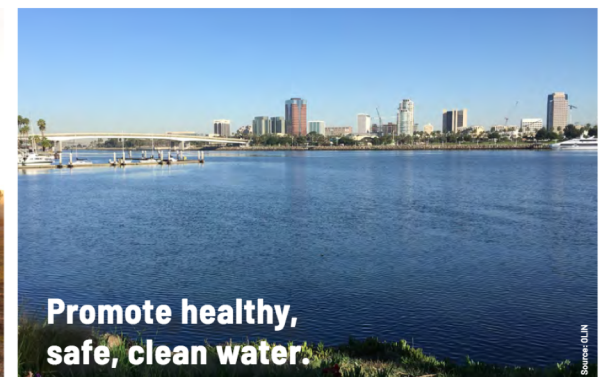
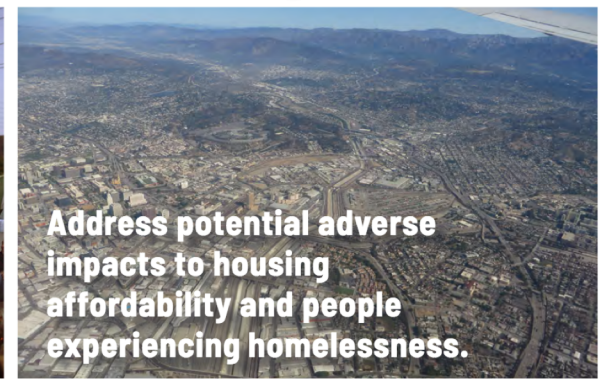
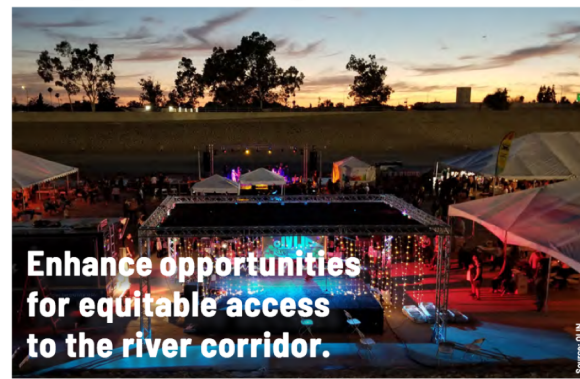
PURPOSE OF AN EIR

Identify Potential Significant Impacts to the Environment

Identify Feasible Measures to Mitigate Significant Effects

Identify Reasonable Alternatives that Avoid/Minimize Project's Significant Effects

2020 LA RIVER MASTER PLAN CEQA PROJECT OBJECTIVES*



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CEQA PROPOSED PROJECT

Proposed Project: 2020 LA River Master Plan

- Two Typical Projects
 - Common Elements Typical Project
 - Multi-Use Trails and Access Gateways Typical Project
- Six Kit of Parts Categories, each with a range of Design Components
- Overall Master Plan Implementation
 - 107 Projects over the 25-year horizon period



PEIR ANALYSIS: TYPICAL PROJECTS



Located between top of levee and fenceline in study area



Detailed construction and operations impacts analysis based on reasonable construction and operations scenarios



Any site in the study area. The study area spans 17 cities and unincorporated LA County (18 jurisdictions total).

TYPICAL PROJECT: COMMON ELEMENTS

1 PAVILION
0.5-3 MILES

2 CAFE
2-3 MILES

3 HYGIENE FACILITIES
2-3 MILES

4 RESTROOM
1 MILE

5 BENCHES
0.5 MILES

6 EMERGENCY CALL BOX
0.5 MILES

7 WATER FOUNTAIN
0.5 MILES

8 TRASH & RECYCLING
0.5 MILES

9 BIKE RACK
0.5 MILES

10 ENVIRONMENTAL GRAPHICS
CONTINUOUS

11 LIGHTING
CONTINUOUS

12 PLANTING
CONTINUOUS

13 STAIRS / RAMPS
AS NEEDED

14 GUARDRAILS
AS NEEDED

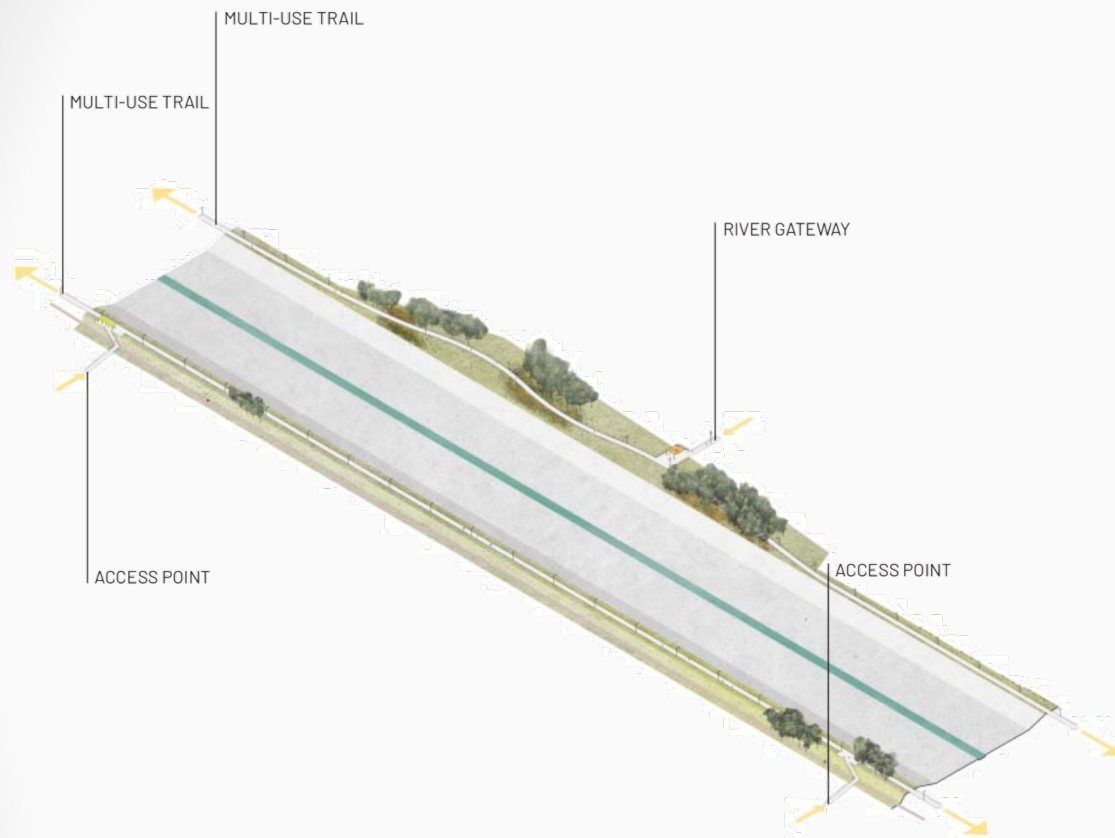
15 FENCES AND GATES
AS NEEDED

16 STORMWATER BMPS
AS NEEDED

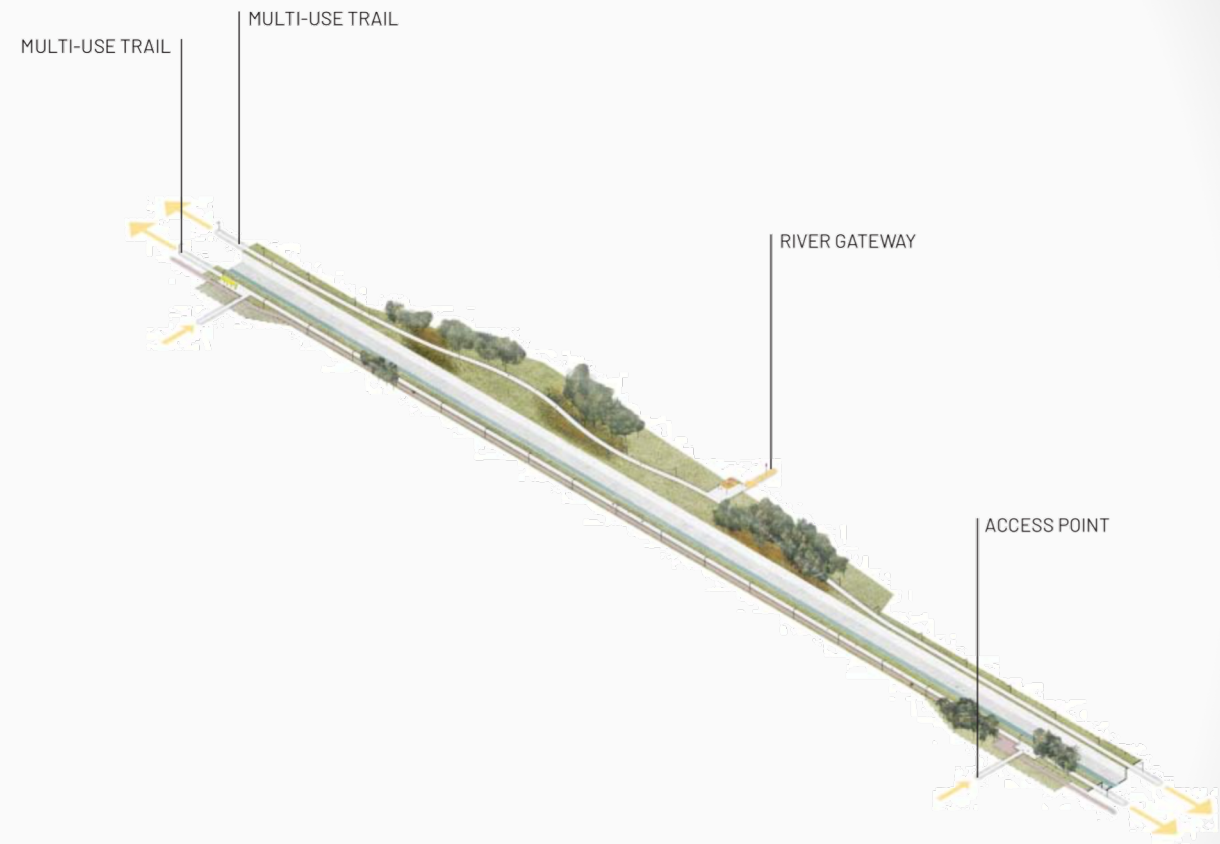
17 ART / PERFORMANCE SPACE
WHEREVER POSSIBLE



TYPICAL PROJECT: MULTI-USE TRAILS AND ACCESS GATEWAYS

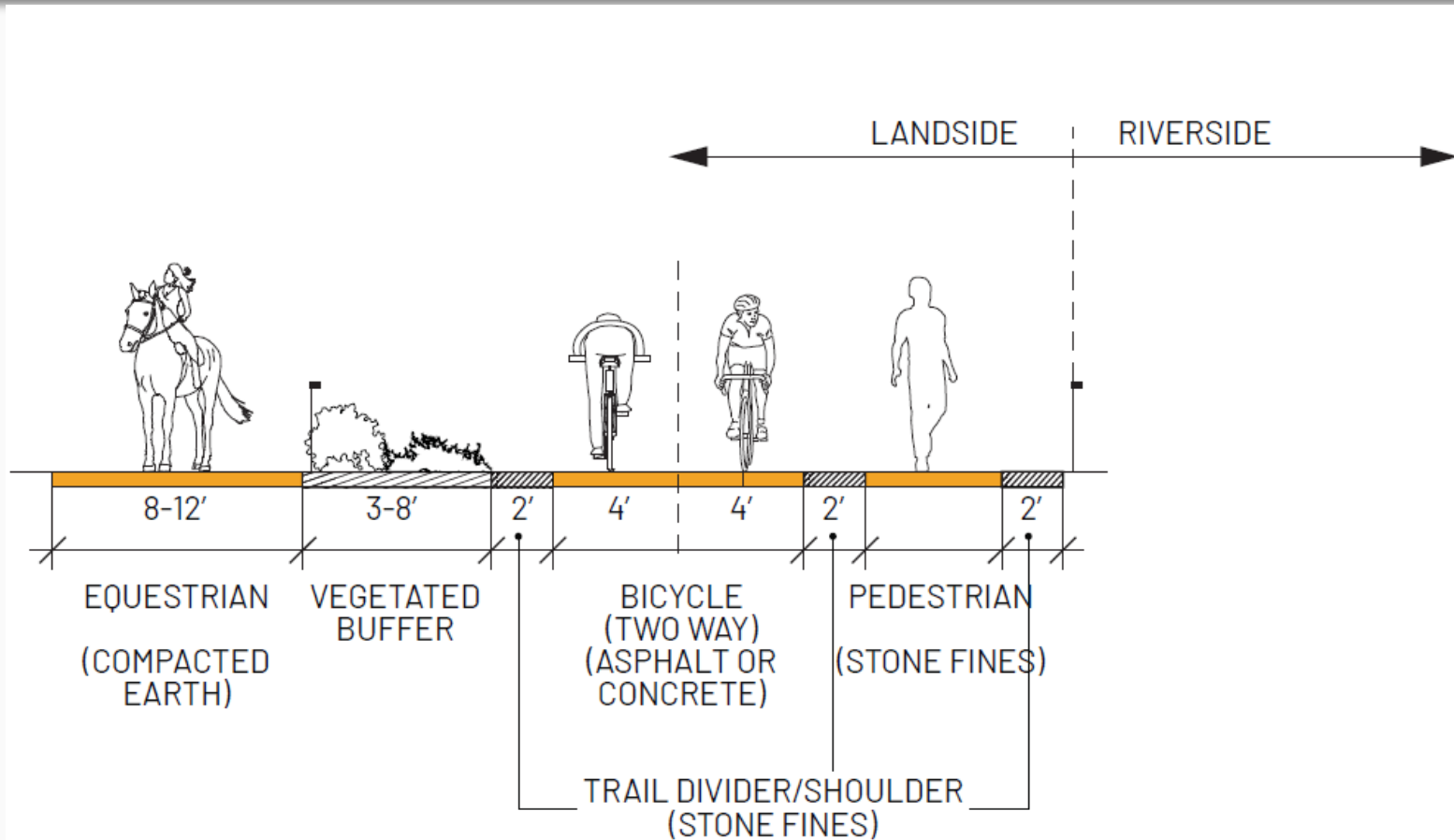


Multi-Use Trails and Access Gateways Typical Project (Trapezoidal Channel)



Multi-Use Trails and Access Gateways Typical Project (Box Channel)

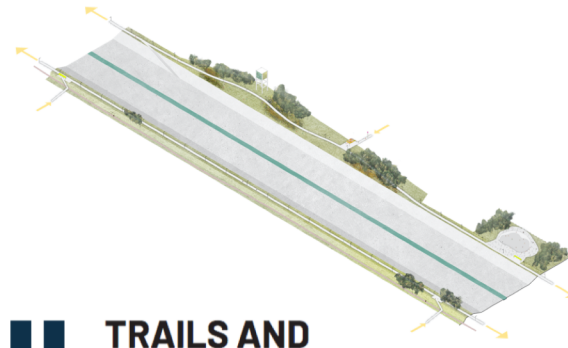
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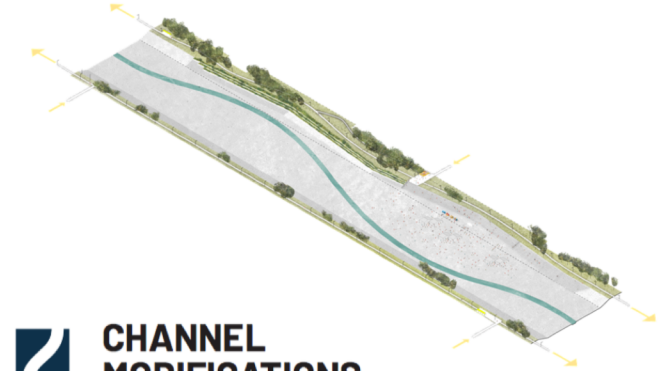
MULTI-USE TRAILS AND ACCESS GATEWAYS TYPICAL PROJECT CROSS SECTION

PEIR ANALYSIS: KIT OF PARTS

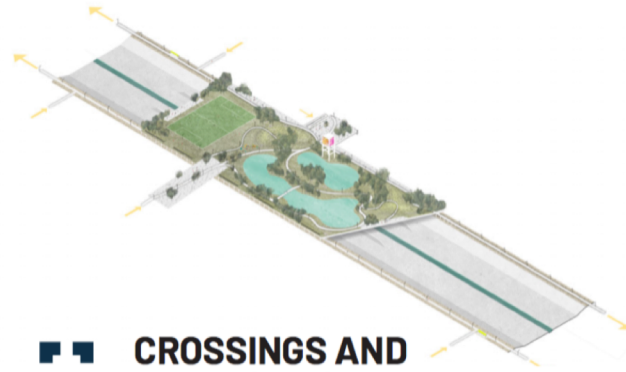
- Located in-channel/
off-channel
- High-level qualitative
analysis of
construction and
operations impacts
- No project-specific or
site-specific analysis
in the study area



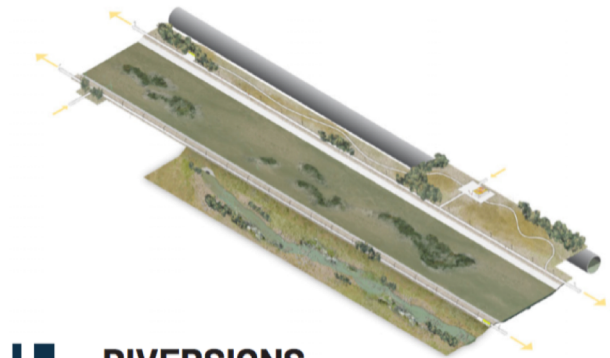
**TRAILS AND
ACCESS GATEWAYS**



**CHANNEL
MODIFICATIONS**



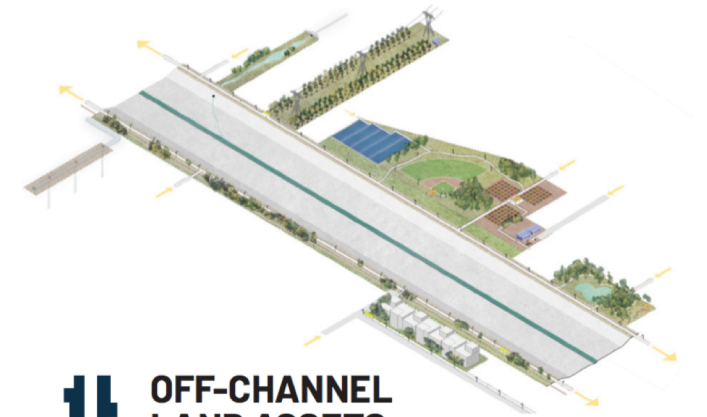
**CROSSINGS AND
PLATFORMS**



DIVERSIONS



**FLOODPLAIN
RECLAMATION**



**OFF-CHANNEL
LAND ASSETS**

KIT OF PARTS

Kit of Parts	Trails and Access Gateway	Channel Modifications	Crossings & Platforms	Diversions	Floodplain Reclamation	Off Channel Land Assets
Design Components	River gateway Pedestrian trail Bike trail Equestrian trail Equestrian facility Multi-use trail Light tower/water tower Lookout Boardwalk Channel access Vehicular access Underpass and overpass Vegetated buffer Habitat corridor	Terraced bank Check dam Deployable barrier Levee Armored channel Storm drain daylighting Vertical wall Reshape low flow Channel smoothing Texturing or grooving Concrete bottom Soft bottom/concrete removal Sediment removal Bridge pier modification Access ramp	Pedestrian bridge Bike bridge Equestrian bridge Multi-use bridge Cantilever Platform Habitat/wildlife bridge	Pump Diversion pipe Diversion channel Diversion tunnel Overflow weir Underground gallery Side channel Storm drain interceptors Wetland	Wetland Naturalized bank Braided channel Field Recreation field Storage (Surface) Side channel	Urban agriculture Solar power Composting Natural treatment system Wetland Recreation field Surface storage Subsurface storage Injection well Water treatment facility Purple pipe connection Dry well Spreading ground Storm drain daylighting Affordable housing Art and culture facility

LA RIVER MASTER PLAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

Design Guidelines Organization

Access and Mobility

Environmental Graphics

Ecology, Habitat, and Planting

Facilities and Amenities

Framework to support project designs

- Promotes best practices and resiliency
- Consistent design approach with reach-specific needs
- Reflects communities' cultural identities and diverse identities of Los Angeles County

SIGNIFICANT EFFECT



Section 15382 of State CEQA Guidelines:

“Significant effect on the environment” means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance. An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment.



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PEIR ANALYSIS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND IMPACTS

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire
- Alternatives
- Cumulative Impacts
- Other Required CEQA Analysis



PEIR IMPACTS ANALYSIS AND DUAL IMPACT CONCLUSIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

No Impact

Less Than Significant Impact

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation

Significant and Unavoidable Impact

Dual Impact Conclusions: When Carried Out by the County and When Not Carried out by the County

CARRIED OUT BY COUNTY	NOT CARRIED OUT BY COUNTY
No Impact/Less Than Significant Impact	
Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation	Significant and Unavoidable Impact
Significant and Unavoidable Impact	

NO IMPACT/LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT



No Impact/Less Than Significant Impact

(when carried out by the County/when not carried out by the County)

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LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION/ SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE IMPACT



Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation

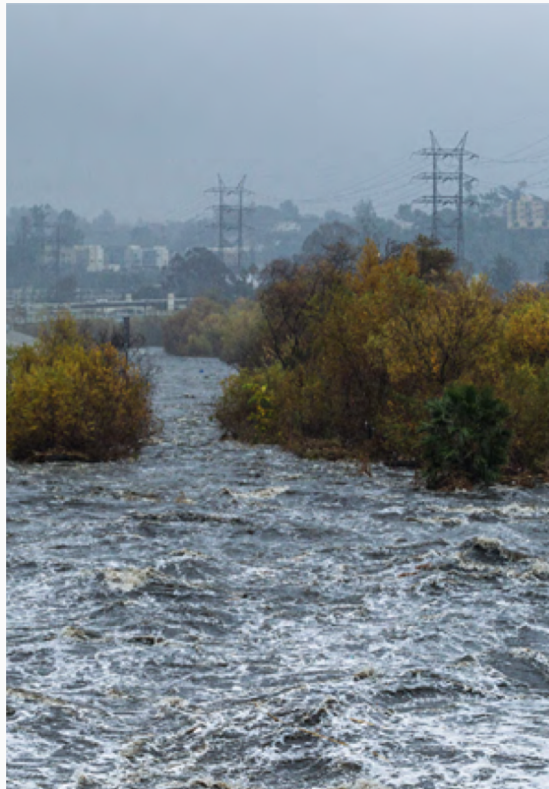
(when carried out by the County)

Significant and Unavoidable Impact

(when not carried out by the County)

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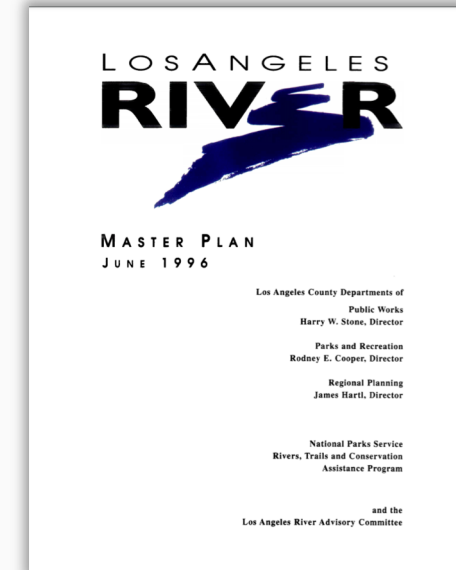
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ALTERNATIVES

- **Alternatives Screening Analysis**
- **Alternatives Considered in Detail in Draft PEIR**
 - **Alternative A No Project Alternative:** *adopted 1996 Los Angeles River Master Plan*
 - **Alternative B Channel Avoidance Alternative:** *no channel modification would occur, and no improvements would occur within bank-to-bank of the LA River*
- **Environmentally Superior Alternative***
 - **Alternative B Channel Avoidance Alternative**



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*selected amongst the alternatives considered and not between the alternatives and the project

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW MILESTONES

TASK	DATE
Notice of Preparation ✓ Completed	June 30, 2020
NOP/Scoping (Public Review Period) ✓ Completed	July 7 – August 6 th 2020
Tribal Resources Consultation ✓ Completed	May 20, 2020 – January 13, 2021
Draft PEIR (Extended 60-Day Public Review Period) ←	February 1 – April 2 nd , 2021
Final PEIR/Mitigation Monitoring Report Program/ Finding & Statement of Overriding Considerations	Summer 2021
Board Approval Process	Fall 2021
Notice of Determination	Fall 2021

DRAFT PEIR ORAL COMMENTS



Comments can be submitted in writing (mail or email) as shown on the next slide, and all comments are weighted equally, whether received orally, electronically or in writing.

We appreciate your participation and understanding.



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