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SCH #2019100443

Project Title: LA River Path Project

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 City: Los Angeles Zip: 90012 County: Los Angeles

Project Location: County: Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: City of Los Angeles, City of Vernon, and City of Maywood
 Cross Streets: Along the Los Angeles River from Riverside Drive in the North to Atlantic Boulevard in the south Zip Code: 90031 to 90058

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: Numerous Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 5, 110, 101, 60, 10, 710 Waterways: Los Angeles River
 Airports: N/A Railways: Yes-multiple Schools: Yes-multiple

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Project

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Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: Walking and Cycling Path
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD
 Transportation: Type Walking and Cycling Path
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

General Plan Land Use Designation: Open Space / Zoning: Open Space

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The LA River Path Project (Project) is a proposed walking and bicycling path along an approximately 8-mile stretch of the Los Angeles River from Elysian Valley through downtown Los Angeles and the City of Vernon to the City of Maywood. The proposed pedestrian and bicycle path would provide connections to and between downtown Los Angeles, including the Arts District, Little Tokyo, Civic Center, El Pueblo District/Union Station, and the Wholesale Heights, Chinatown, and Boyle Heights; and the cities of Vernon and Maywood. The surrounding area is currently underserved with limited pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure connecting the communities. (Continued on separate page)

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 23, 2019 Ending Date December 6, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 10/18/2019

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Project Description (continued):

Land uses within the project area include single- and multi-family residences, commercial and retail uses, industrial development, parks and recreational uses including the Los Angeles State Historic Park, health and medical facilities, educational institutions, flood control facilities, and transportation facilities.

The Project would create a safe and world-class active transportation corridor along the Los Angeles River between Elysian Valley and City of Maywood that enhances and provides recreational opportunities, livability, regional and local connectivity, an outstanding user experience, access to economic opportunity, and separation from vehicular traffic for people of all ages and abilities. This new transportation facility would contribute to improved health, economy, environment, transportation access, and equity issues across the study area.

The Project includes three possible alignment alternatives. These three alternatives are located along the Los Angeles River and utilize a combination of top-of-bank/cantilevered, elevated, and incised path typologies. Alternative A would cross the river approximately six times and would add approximately 10 new access points. Alternative B would cross the river approximately seven times and would add approximately 12 new access points. Alternative C would cross the river approximately seven times and would add approximately 11 new access points. These alternatives contain many common access points and path types, but contain minor distinctions that are unique to each one. Access points would be located along both sides of the river and would connect the path to existing and proposed future on-street bicycle networks, and provide connections to serve people walking and taking transit, including connections to Union Station and Metro Gold and Blue Line Stations.