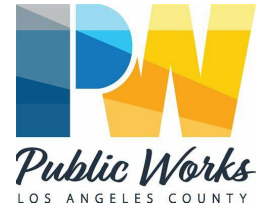




NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT



DATE: April 15, 2025

TO: California Office of Planning and Research, Responsible and Trustee Agencies and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability for a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan (SGVGNSIP)

LEAD AGENCY: County of Los Angeles

REVIEW PERIOD: April 15, 2025 to May 30, 2025

The County of Los Angeles (County), through Public Works (Public Works), is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the proposed San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network (SGVGN) Strategic Implementation Plan (Plan/Project) to inform decision makers, public agencies, and members of the public of the potential significant environmental effects resulting from implementation of the proposed Project. The Project description, location, and the environmental effects are discussed below.

Pursuant to section 15086 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Public Works is soliciting comments from interested parties and agencies on the Draft PEIR. Agencies are requested to review the Draft PEIR and provide their comments on environmental issues related to the statutory responsibilities of the agency. The PEIR will be used by the County's governing Board — the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) — when considering approval of the proposed Plan as well as any related discretionary actions.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

An electronic copy of the Draft PEIR and this Notice of Availability are available on the Project website: <https://pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/water-resources/sgvgnsip-peir/>. Physical copies of the Draft EIR are also available for review at the following locations:

- Los Angeles County Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Street, 11th floor, Alhambra, CA 91803
- Altadena Library, 600 E Mariposa St. Altadena, CA 91001
- Arcadia Public Library, 20 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91006
- Baldwin Park Library, 4181 Baldwin Park Boulevard, Baldwin Park, CA 91706
- Covina Public Library, 234 N. 2nd Avenue, Covina, CA 91723
- Glendora Public Library, 140 Glendora Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741
- Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91107

- La Puente Library, 15920 Central Avenue, La Puente, CA 91744
- La Verne Public Library, 3640 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750
- Monrovia Public Library, 321 S. Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016
- Rosemead Library, 8800 Valley Boulevard, Rosemead, CA 91770
- San Gabriel Library, 500 S. Del Mar Avenue, San Gabriel, CA 91776

SUBMITTAL OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

In accordance with section 15105, subdivision (a) of the CEQA Guidelines, the 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR will begin on April 15, 2025 and conclude on May 30, 2025. All written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on May 30, 2025. The Final PEIR for the Project will include responses to comments raising significant environmental issues that are received during this public review period.

Please send your written/typed comments to Public Works by one of the following delivery methods. In your comments, please include your name, agency, email address, telephone number, address, and subject "RE: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Implementation Plan PEIR" at the top of your comment.

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PROJECT LOCATION

The Plan Area is the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) rights-of-way (ROW) and adjacent parcels along 15 washes and creeks in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) in eastern Los Angeles County (Figure 1, attached).

SGVGNSIP (PLAN) BACKGROUND

In 2017, the Board passed a resolution "to create a network of interconnected, multi-use community greenways" by updating the County's flood control systems along the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo River watersheds in the SGV. The Plan integrates multiple previous planning and design efforts focusing on parks and open space, flood control, green infrastructure and water quality and transportation projects. The Plan expands on the SGV Council of Governments' ongoing Active Transportation Planning Initiative - Greenway Feasibility Study and identifies areas of opportunity and creates an implementation framework for creating multi-benefit projects that advances the goals of Plan. The Plan development process included a comprehensive community engagement program, in addition to input from the SGV Greenway Network steering committee and expertise from the technical design team. The three-pronged approach was designed to represent the broad range of interests within the SGV.

Thirty-two public meetings with the Steering Committee were held between April 2020 through September 2022 with the Public Works Project Management Team, the consultant, and the Steering Committee Members. The main objective was to gather feedback and discuss the various technical deliverables for Plan.

PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The purpose of the PEIR is to disclose the environmental impacts of the proposed Project, which is the Plan. A Notice of Preparation of a PEIR for the Plan was issued on September 20, 2022. The 30-day public review period was September 20, 2022 to October 20, 2022. One public scoping meeting was held virtually on October 4th, 2022. Ten comments were received during the scoping period from the public, Native American Heritage Commission, Caltrans, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, and City of Pomona.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Plan provides a guide to develop an active transportation and recreational corridor for bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians; beautify the LACFCD ROW; and enhance stormwater management and natural habitats around river channels, stormwater channels, washes, and creeks in the SGV.

Beneficial Project Elements that are covered in the PEIR include greenway paths and amenities (e.g., shade structures, bike racks, informational signs, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, decorative gates, lighting, etc.); pocket parks and greenspaces; safe crossings at roads, railroad tracks, and channels; and stormwater management opportunities (e.g., permeable pavements, bioswales, stormwater detention basins, etc.).

Detailed impacts resulting from both short-term construction and long-term operation of the Plan are identified in the PEIR, and all elements are analyzed at a program level.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Pursuant to section 15126 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the PEIR discusses the significant environmental effects of the proposed project, significant environmental effects which cannot be avoided if the proposed project is implemented, significant irreversible environmental changes which would be involved in the proposed project should it be implemented, growth-inducing impact of the proposed project, mitigation measures proposed to minimize the significant effects, and alternatives to the project.

Potentially significant and unavoidable environmental effects found in the PEIR are those related to aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, hazards & hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, land use/planning, noise, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire.

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(6), hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, hazardous waste disposal sites, and other sites enumerated pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code are located within the project area. Additional information is available in Section 3.9.3.3.4 of the Draft PEIR.

Si desea obtener más información o necesita que la notificación sea traducido a otro idioma, por favor llame al (626) 300-2363.



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Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map

