

Executive Meeting Summary

Project Title: AB 466 UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES REVITALIZATION PLAN

Purpose of Meeting: People and Recreation Committee Meeting- February 28, 2019

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

DATA COMPILATION UPDATE

The Project Team displayed summaries, maps, and data related to the data compiled for the baseline conditions to date. Data compiled to date included:

- Number of datasets analyzed to date: 45 (and counting)
- Existing/proposed active transit
- Vacant land
- Historic registered sites
- Existing/proposed public transit
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Open space
- 100 yr-flood mapping including LOMR
- Community assets

SITE IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION PLANNING PROCESS

The Committee was recommended the following framework by which projects, and ultimately the plan, will be analyzed:

Step 1: Address Objectives

Step 2: Identify Feasible Multi-Benefit Opportunities

Step 3: Determine possible/ needed locations within ULART

Step 4: Revisit Objectives

Step 5: Determine potential project impact.

Each of the identified opportunities will be analyzed using this framework to determine how well the projects align with the goals and objectives. Projects will be assigned improvements based on the preference and feedback from the Working Group and the community, then each project will be scored based on how well the assigned improvements align with the goals and objectives. Wilbur Debris Basin along Aliso Canyon Wash was used as an example site to demonstrate the framework process. This process was used for the *Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan* and is being customized to fit the Upper LA River. Committee Members provided example improvements for this type of site.

PRESENTATION ON GAPS ANALYSIS

Maps showing projects identified in the literature review, vacant, and public land were presented to show both the areas that have undergone some level of planning, and the areas in need of planning.

DISCUSSION OF PROJECT CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING PROCESS

The Committee was presented with six common land uses- also known as typologies- and given an overview of the nearby land uses, other sites mentioned by the public and Working Group, and was asked to provide improvements that they would like to see applied to those types of sites. The following list contains the information brainstormed by the Water and Environment Committee for each typology.

Typology name: Basins

- Mobile business space

Typology name: Bridges

- Bridge widening for multi-use
- Dedicated bike lanes
- Lighting
- Signage, wayfinding, branding
- Safety improvements
- Overlooks
- Art/architectural features

Typology name: Channel Right of way

- Multi-use paths/trails (separate paths for safety when room permits)
- Signage
- Connections to paths
- Connections to public spaces
- New access points
- Community-specific recreation opportunities (horse path, bike, exercise equipment, etc.)
- Maintenance of area
- Remove concrete/de-armor/naturalize
- Connections to trails
- Connections to schools
- Landscaping
- Safe crossings at cross streets
- Safe bridge crossings

Typology name: Ecological Connections

- Connections to parks and habitat areas
- Passive recreation vs. preserve
- Wildlife bridges
- Water capture
- Naturalization

Typology name: Existing Park

- Channel expansions
- Naturalization
- Ponds fed by low flows
- Connections with bike paths
- Connections with regional trails
- Trail heads
- Braiding of low flow streams
- Education
- Connections with equestrian paths
- Connections with Multi-use trails
- Connections to transit
- Vendor spaces

Typology name: Schools

- Connectivity/bridges
- Outdoor classrooms
- Green streets
- Stormwater capture
- Street end activation
- Community gardens
- Ecological curriculum
- Stewardship programs
- Formalized walkways
- Junior citizen scientists
- Joint-use spaces
- Trailheads

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Thomas Seifert (Appointee of the Senate President Pro Tempore), Marsha Ramos (Appointee of the Speaker of the Assembly), Paola Bassignana (Alternates for Hon. Monica Rodriguez, CD7) Genevieve Osmena (Alternate for Mark Pestrella, LACDPW), Caroline Craven (Appointee of the Senate President Pro Tempore), Julian Venegas (Alternate for Mayor Ballin), John Popoch (Alternate for Hon. Bob Blumenfield), Brian Stedje (Office of Assembly Member Nazarian), and Chris Perry.