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August 12, 2015

The Honorable Mitch O'Farrell  
Committee on Arts, Parks, and River  
Los Angeles City Council

c/o Eric Villanueva  
City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell and Honorable Members:

## COUNCIL FILE 14-0601: LA RIVER REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

### SUMMARY

I am writing in response to your direction via Council File (CF) 14-0601 that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee (now known as the Arts, Parks, and River Committee) on the status of working groups, agreements, progress and implementation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP). In 2007 via CF 07-1342, the City Council directed BOE to act as project manager in facilitating implementation of the LARRMP. Please find the latest progress report attached.

### RECOMMENDATION

Note and file the report.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The status report is for informational purposes only; there is no fiscal impact anticipated.

Please direct any questions regarding this report to my staff serving as the Mayor's LARiverWorks team: Carol Armstrong, (213) 978-2173 and Michael Affeldt, (213) 473-7798.

Sincerely,

Gary Lee Moore, PE, ENV SP  
City Engineer

Attachment: Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan Progress Report: August 2015

Cc: Barbara Romero, Deputy Mayor, City Services  
Ted Bardacke, Mayor's Office of City Services  
Heather Repenning, Commissioner, Board of Public Works  
Joel Jacinto, Commissioner, Board of Public Works





# LA River Revitalization Progress

## Council File (CF) 14-0601

August 17, 2015

LA City Council Arts, Parks, and River Committee



### LA River Bikeway and Greenway

Sepulveda to Kester (City/BOE/Prop. K, south bank, CD4): Grand opening 06/02

Coldwater to Whitsett (City/BOE/Prop. K, south bank, CD2): Groundbreaking on 06/02 (now in construction)

Coldwater to Whitsett (Community Conservation Solutions, north bank, CD2): In construction\*

Vanalden to Balboa (City/BOE/LADOT/HCID, south bank, CDs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6): Concept submitted for the State's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant program in February, but not selected to advance.\*

Whitsett to Riverside/Zoo (County, alternating banks, CDs 2, 4): Feasibility scoping completed in November 2014\*

Lankershim to Barham (County, south bank along NBC/Universal, CD4): In design; River Cooperation Committee endorsed at its 07/06 meeting

Barclay to City of Maywood (Metro, in-channel bike path, CDs 1, 13, 14): Feasibility analysis underway; Metro hosting monthly meetings, last was 08/11, next is 09/08\*

### Key Projects

Aliso Creek Confluence Park (Trust for Public Land, both banks, CD3): In design\*

Caballero Creek Confluence Park (Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, south bank, CD3): In design\*

LA River Veteran Tribute Park (LA Conservation Corps, north bank, CD6): In pre-design\*

La Kretz Crossing (LA River Revitalization Corporation, CDs 4, 13): In design

Central Service Yard (City/RAP, CD13): Feasibility scoping underway as per CF 14-0528\*

Taylor Yard G2 Parcel Acquisition (City/CAO/CLA, CD1): Negotiation underway

Taylor Yard Bridge (City/BOE/Architectural, CDs 1, 13): In design\*

Albion Dairy Park (City/BOE/BOS, CD1): 50% design documents under review

Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement (City/BOE, CD14): Demolition expected in this calendar year\*

\*These projects need additional funding.

### Key Federal Activities

LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility (ARBOR) Study (US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)/City, CDs 1, 4, 13, 14): USACE Civil Works Review Board approved the project on 07/16 in Washington, DC; next phase is a 30-day State and Agency Review (SAR) anticipated to start in September; the Chief of Engineers' report will be completed following the SAR and he will have 60-90 days; upon completion of the Chief's Report, the project and its EIS/EIR will be brought before the Board of Public Works and then the City Council for its approval.

Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail Certification (City/County, CDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14): Certification is proceeding per CF 15-0548; the National Park Service to partner on the announcement in early to mid October.

### Other Key Happenings

- Deputy Mayor Romero continues to host monthly Team River meetings with Council and department staff.
- Board of Public Works Commissioner Heather Repenning is the Board's LA River lead.
- LARiverWorks continues to hold monthly Staff Focus Group meetings with Los Angeles County, Council and department staff in support of the City's role as a partner in the LA River Cooperation Committee with the County and the USACE.
- Claire Bowin of the Department of City Planning is leading a monthly "LA River Planning Meeting" with Chairman O'Farrell's staff and key departments.
- 04/24: LABC released its report, "LA's Next Frontier: Capturing Opportunities for New Housing, Economic Growth, and Sustainable Development in LA River Communities" at its annual Sustainability Summit; its research arm is now developing an action plan from the report to be released in October
- 04/30, 07/22, 08/13: ULI (with SCAG) is hosting an ongoing River and Rail Working group to advance recommendations of its 2015 report, "Paths to Partnership: Nurturing LA's River and Rail Vitality"

- 06/23: Bloomberg Philanthropies awarded \$1M to the Department of Cultural Affairs for its art biennial entitled “Current” which will include art along the LA River—an important priority of the City’s Master Plan.
- 07/06: LA River Cooperation Committee met and approved the Lankershim-Barham LA River Bike Path concept as presented by Los Angeles County Public Works; the next meeting is 10/05 (See: [www.lariver.org/rcc](http://www.lariver.org/rcc)).
- 07/31: USACE LA District Commander Colonel Kim Colloton relinquished command to Colonel Kirk E. Gibbs.
- The LA River Revitalization Corporation will be kick-starting an integrated design process for all 51 miles of the LA River with architect Frank Gehry and his team.
- Now Open until October: The annual LA River Recreation Zone program in the Sepulveda Basin and Glendale Narrows (CF 14-0222).

## **Go Team River!**

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