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The Honorable City Council
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COUNCIL FILE NO. 26-0037 – Sepulveda Basin Pedestrian Safety and Access Improvements Project / Scope Expansion and Funding / Victory Boulevard / Balboa Boulevard / Birmingham Way / Louise Avenue / Encino Avenue

SUMMARY

The Sepulveda Basin Pedestrian Safety and Access Improvements Project (Project) is a 2028 Games Project identified in the Games Capital Infrastructure Program that will improve pedestrian safety at three intersections along the northern border of the Sepulveda Basin, consistent with the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan. The subject motion directs the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and Department of Transportation (LADOT) to pursue additional scope along Victory Boulevard in the vicinity of the Project. This report describes the steps needed to initiate a new capital project to improve additional intersections along Victory Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council RECEIVE AND FILE this report.

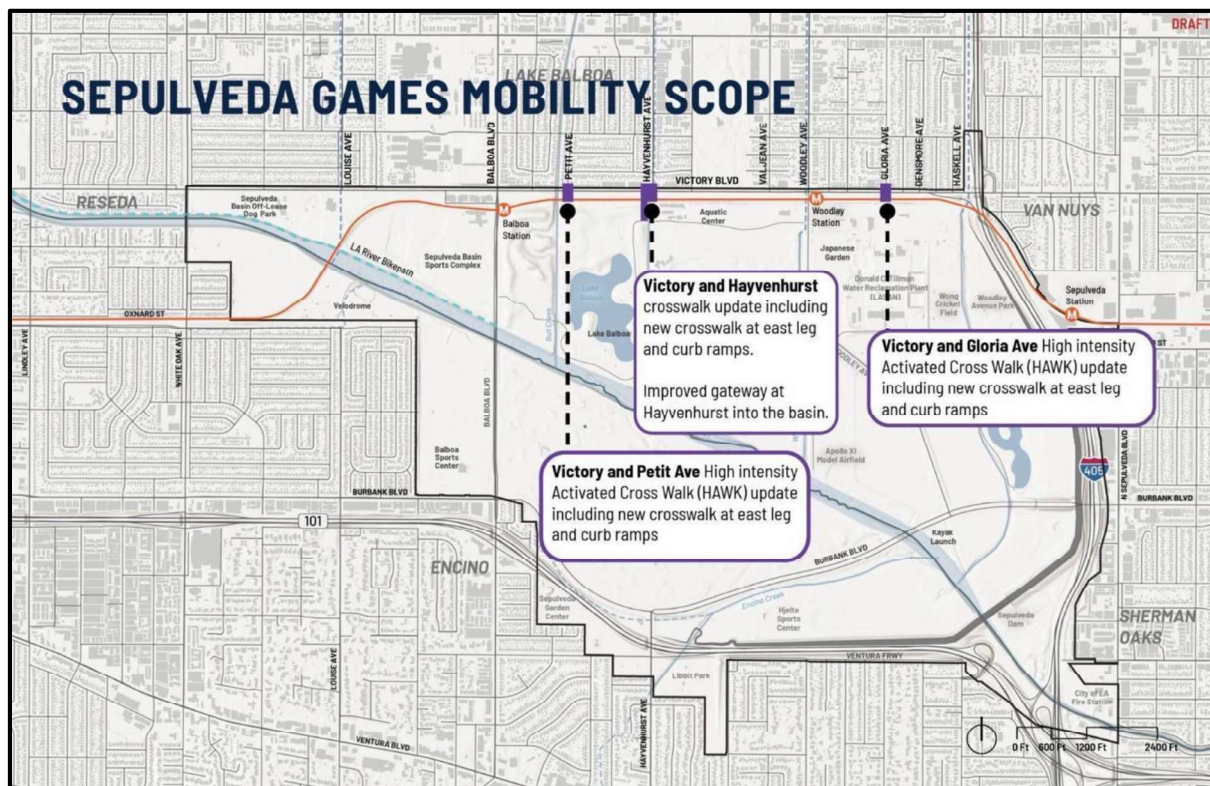
BACKGROUND

The Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan, led by BOE, was created to transform the 2,000-acre Sepulveda Basin into a climate-resilient park that balances recreational, natural, and cultural spaces. Developed through the input of thousands of community members, it is the first comprehensive plan by the City of Los Angeles for the basin. Based on public input, one of the seven core goals of the Vision Plan is to improve multi-modal transportation access into and within the Basin.

As planning for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games began, BOE immediately identified alignment between the Vision Plan and venue access needs, creating an opportunity for legacy improvements. In February 2024, BOE, in collaboration with the

LADOT and Metro, applied for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant from the United States Department of Transportation for an expansive scope of pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the northern perimeter of the Sepulveda Basin that could have been delivered in time for the 2028 Games.

After the RAISE grant was not awarded, the Office of Major Events directed BOE to develop a new scope that could be funded locally and still delivered prior to 2028. BOE, in coordination with LADOT, identified three intersections along Victory Boulevard, at Petit Avenue, Hayvenhurst Avenue, and Gloria Avenue, as the highest priority for improving safe pedestrian access into the basin and initiated the Project with funding provided in the Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program (CTIEP). This project is one of 29 capital projects included in the Mayor's Games Capital Infrastructure Program.



Sepulveda Basin Pedestrian Safety and Access Improvements Project Scope

On March 18, 2026, the City Council approved the subject motion by Councilmember Padilla directing BOE, LADOT, and the City Administrative Officer to identify options to increase the scope of the Project without delaying delivery of the current project scope.

DISCUSSION

Victory Blvd is designated a Vehicle Enhanced Network (VEN) street in Mobility Plan 2035. VEN streets are high volume roadways that connect people to major destinations

and freeways. The street currently meets all of the design requirements of a VEN street including striping, intersection control, protected turn lanes, and signal synchronization.

However, LADOT data analysis shows the corridor has a high share of people walking or biking (42%) to the Sepulveda Basin. Victory Blvd along the Sepulveda Basin frontage was also identified for improvements on the City's 2024 Safety Corridors. Based on the high pedestrian use, and to improve safety on the corridor, LADOT activated Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) at all signalized intersections along the Sepulveda Basin frontage on Victory Blvd from White Oak to Woodley. LADOT also implemented a No Turn on Red (NTOR) restriction at Victory and Balboa during school hours to protect children walking to school. Improvements planned in the Project will further these investments in safety and access. Additional treatments are authorized but not yet funded, including left turn signal phasing at Hayvenhurst and Louise, as well as a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon crossing at Encino Ave. These improvements will also require funding for civil design and construction work to ensure full ADA compliance.

In response to introduction of the subject motion, BOE immediately communicated with Council District 6 staff to share the Project's schedule and discuss what steps would be needed to add scope to the design contract. Based on the project status, BOE identified a limited opportunity to piggyback on the existing design contract without compromising the schedule for the 2028 Games project if additional design funding were provided no later than May 2026.

The motion requests the addition of four intersections to a project that currently improves three intersections, more than doubling the scope and budget, without identifying any funding for the new scope. Given the already high delivery risk of the base scope prior to the 2028 Games, the lack of readiness of the expanded scope, and limited staff capacity that must remain focused on delivery of the base scope, there are no remaining options to rescope the existing project without delaying the project and missing Games-readiness deadlines. Addressing these additional intersections will require new project scoping, initiation, and funding.

The Mayor's Capital Infrastructure Program (CIP) report, released on May 4, 2026, designates BOE as the lead agency for citywide capital planning. BOE has outlined a new process to facilitate the consideration of new capital projects, described in BOE's July 9, 2026, report under CF 25-0752. As outlined in that report, the process includes working with a client agency, in this case LADOT, to formally initiate a capital project via a Project Request Form.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommendation to receive and file this report will have no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,


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