

We're creating a seamless path for walking, biking and rolling along the LA River.

LA RIVER PATH Fact Sheet



Overview

Metro has a plan to make it easier to get around LA. It includes creating complete streets.

The LA River Path project works to create a safe and efficient active transportation travel option by closing the largest contiguous gap in the LA River Path network. This project will connect the San Fernando Valley and Long Beach, and the communities in between.

Project Overview

The LA River Path project is a proposed eight-mile shared use bicycle and pedestrian path extension from Elysian Valley, through downtown Los Angeles and the City of Vernon.

The project will close an existing eight-mile gap in the Los Angeles River Bike Path and Greenway Trail, providing the region with a seamless 32-mile bicycle and pedestrian route from the San Fernando Valley to Long Beach.

The new section of path will directly serve communities in Elysian Valley, Cypress Park, Lincoln Heights, Chinatown, downtown LA, the Arts District, the Industrial District, Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles and the cities of Vernon and Maywood.

Project Goals

- > Improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists from existing conditions
- > Increasing access from local neighborhoods to employment centers, regional destinations, resources and amenities, including healthcare services
- > Reducing vehicle miles traveled by allowing people to walk and bicycle on a dedicated, vehicle-separated path through and within LA County, thereby reducing trip lengths and expanding travel choices
- > Improving access to opportunity for historically under-invested communities, especially in low-income and minority communities
- > Creating a path that feels safe, comfortable and is a world-class transportation corridor open to people of all ages and abilities
- > Creating a path that meets the needs of both recreational and everyday users and commuters

Environmental Review Process

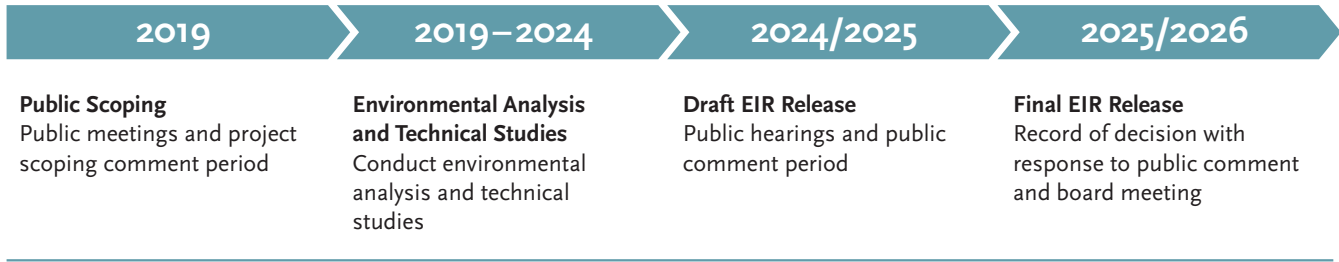
Metro is preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for LA River Path project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The DEIR will analyze the three alternatives identified during the conceptual design phase and disclose project impacts on the environment. The DEIR will identify project design features and mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant impacts during construction and operation of the future LA River Path. The DEIR will address the following topics:

- > Aesthetics
- > Air Quality
- > Biological Resources
- > Cultural Resources
- > Energy
- > Geology/Soils
- > Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- > Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- > Hydrology/Water Quality
- > Land Use/Planning
- > Noise
- > Population/Housing
- > Public Services
- > Recreation
- > Transportation
- > Tribal Cultural Resources
- > Utilities/Service Systems
- > Wildfire

The environmental phase features several opportunities for the public to provide input and feedback, including the formal public scoping process that was conducted in fall 2019 to kick-off the environmental review process and collect public comments on the proposed project alternatives and a range of stakeholder issues. Comments from the scoping process and interim public meetings have helped inform the technical studies being developed in support of the Draft EIR, which will be accompanied by public hearings and a comment period to solicit public feedback. A Single Alternative will be selected by the Metro Board of Directors, following the public review period of the Draft EIR. Following the selection of the Single Alternative, the Metro Board of Directors will certify the Final EIR with responses to public comments.

The project will seek a series of approvals from various federal, state and local agencies as part of the permitting process, such as the US Army Corps of Engineers, the City and County of Los Angeles, the railroads, etc.

Schedule



ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Schedule subject to change.

Alternatives Under Consideration

Proposed Project (Formerly Alternative A) crosses the river approximately seven times and would add approximately nine new access points.

- > Links communities with connections between Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights and Arts District

Option 1 (Formerly Alternative B) crosses the river approximately six times and would add approximately 11 new access points.

- > Direct connections to services and job centers in downtown LA, Little Tokyo and Vernon

Option 2 (Formerly Alternative C) crosses the river approximately eight times and would add approximately nine new access points.

- > Links communities with connections between Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights and Arts District

All three path alternatives move back and forth across the LA River to utilize existing space and provide places to get on and off the path at access points. Each alternative utilizes a combination of top-of-bank, elevated and incised path types.

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