



San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network
Implementation Plan
Community Workshop Summary

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Introduction

The San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Implementation Project (SGV Greenway Network or the Plan) aims to transform currently underutilized river channels, stormwater channels, washes, and creeks that stretch across communities in the San Gabriel Valley. The flood control channels were constructed to address flood events but currently sit underutilized. The Plan would leverage the existing infrastructure and create a network for multimodal transportation that uses the current channel adjacencies.

The goals of the Plan are to update the existing flood control channels, improve connectivity between communities in the San Gabriel Valley, and create green space and opportunities for active transportation in areas previously underserved. The four community workshops were hosted by The SGV Greenway Network Team, including The Los Angeles County Public Works and consultants Brown and Caldwell, MIG, and Studio MLA.

Outreach Methodology

This series of four community workshops was the first effort for this plan and was intended for community members to familiarize themselves with the plan. The four workshops were held at varying times during the days with the hope of being accessible to varying audiences.

To promote attendance at the workshops MIG developed social media posts which were shared on the plan website and partner websites and created an email campaign sent to government and agency partners, community stakeholders, and partners and collaborators. These stakeholders and partners were identified through research and or previous engagement activities and projects.

Calendar invites with the zoom link were sent to all participants that pre-registered and the Zoom link was made available on all social media posts (Facebook, Instagram) and the plan website. Participants were able to enter the meetings freely and attend as many as they liked.

Workshop Format

The community workshops served to educate the community about the purpose and goals of the plan, build an understanding of the planning process, gather feedback on amenities, uses, and potential concerns, and promote the Plan. The SGV Greenway Team conducted four

dynamic bilingual virtual workshops at various dates and times for broad and flexible engagement opportunities.

Workshop Schedule and Attendees

Workshop 1	November 3rd, 2021, 6PM	31 Participants
Workshop 2	November 6th, 2021, 10AM	11 Participants
Workshop 3	November 17th, 2021, 3:30PM	36 Participants
Workshop 4	November 18th, 2021, 6PM	9 Participants

The workshops had identical agendas and were conducted in the same manner to ensure participants had similar experiences. There was Spanish interpretation from a third-party interpreter at each workshop.

The workshops were facilitated by MIG staff members as part of the Brown and Caldwell team who provided opening remarks and reviewed Zoom features including translation services. The team made a land acknowledgement before sharing videos from the LA County Planning and Public Works Team.

There were pre-recorded videos from the LA County Planning and Public Works District 5 Supervisor Kathryn Barger, District 1 Supervisor Hilda Solis, and Los Angeles County Public Works Director Mark Pestrella.

The facilitator provided an overview of the workshop agenda and asked participants to type where they were from in the zoom chat to get a sense of the communities present at each workshop.

Brown and Caldwell team members provided a short presentation which covered the history of the channels and washes, a view for the future of this area, and a review of collaboration efforts. This presentation was followed by Zoom polling questions.

Polling Questions

1. What would you most likely use the Greenway Network for? (Multiple choice)
2. What factors are most important to you for the Greenway Network? (Multiple choice)
3. On a scale of 1-5, how likely are you to use the Greenway Network once complete?

After the polling questions breakout rooms were enabled where MIG facilitators conducted small group discussions with support from the Brown and Caldwell team. The Brown and Caldwell provided wrap up remarks and next steps to finish out the workshop.

Breakout Room Questions

1. What amenities excite you the most about the Greenway? What amenities would be most beneficial for your community? These can include things like parks, shading, equestrian trails, etc.
2. Where would you like to see these amenities?
3. What concerns do you have with or about the Greenway Network?
4. How can we better spread the word about the Greenway Network?

Summary of Input

Results from zoom polling and open discussion key themes are summarized below. All polling questions and participation was optional.

Poll Results

Question 1: What would you most likely use the Greenway Network for?

Option	Number	Percentage
Recreational use	42	91%
Exercise	34	74%
Shopping	8	17%
Commute to work	15	33%
Commute to school	6	13%
Other	6	13%
N= 46		

There is a lot of interest about using the network for recreational uses and as a way to exercise.

Question 2: What factors are most important to you for the Greenway Network?

Option	Number	Percentage
Safety	33	70%
Cleanliness	18	38%
Connections to existing bikeways	31	66%
Recreational spaces	17	36%
Shade	20	43%
Other	11	23%
N= 47		

Participants were most concerned about safety and the network's connectivity to existing bikeways.

3. On a scale of 1-5, how likely are you to use the Greenway Network once completed?

Option	Number	Percentage
Very unlikely	4	8%
Somewhat unlikely	3	6%
Neutral	8	16%
Somewhat likely	10	20%
Very likely	24	49%
N = 49		

The majority of respondents said they would be very likely or somewhat likely to use the greenway network once complete.

Key Themes

Lighting

- Provide ample lighting for user safety

- Consider light pollution and effect on neighbors and wildlife
- Consider LED lighting and other energy efficient options

Privacy

- Create environmental buffer along network for private homes
- No gates that need to be locked or unlocked

Multimodal use

- Create and support infrastructure for walking, running, biking, rollerblading and skateboarding
- Ensure network crossings along roadways are safe for all users
- Consider slow zones and signage for user safety

Connectivity

- Consider connections beyond the network, not all neighboring cities have existing bike lanes
- Connect network users to nearby local and regional parks and green spaces
- Connect to local schools and environmental education groups

Wayfinding and signage

- Signage to provide historical information and information on native plants and animals
- Maps to connect network users to local communities and businesses

Sustainability

- Use native plantings along the network to improve environmental health and restore natural habitat for wildlife
- Create shade by increasing tree canopy

Environmental justice

- Ensure underserved communities are given necessary attention and not negatively impacted
- Avoid green gentrification

Accessible to all ages

- Kids could use network to bike to school
- Create spaces to practice bike skills
- Create a network that is accessible to older users and those with different abilities

Amenities and upkeep

- Restrooms
- Water fountains and refill stations
- Bike racks
- Seating
- Parking
- Places to pump tires
- Address potential for graffiti and vandalism
- Upkeep network infrastructure after rain and flooding events
- Provide bags for pet waste to avoid water contamination

Unhoused neighbors

- Concerns over safety and potential for encampments
- Avoid displacement

Key Themes by Workshop

Workshop 1, November 3rd, 2021, 6PM

- Provide lighting to ensure user safety when using the network at night but balance this with the need to reduce light pollution for neighbors and surrounding area
- Create an environmental buffer or fence along the greenway to provide protection and privacy for homes up against the greenway trail
- Create a network that has the infrastructure to be truly multimodal, not just for bikes
- Create shade along the network for the comfort and safety of users
- Concerns about unhoused population and challenges this may pose to the network
- Concerns over vandalism and upkeeping network signage
- Consider larger network connectivity to the surrounding areas, not all cities currently have bike lanes that can link to the network
- Create safe route crossings for trails across streets
- Build enough parking for users to leave cars and use network
- Populate the network with native plantings that will provide shade and improve environmental health
- Build amenities like restrooms, water fountains, bike racks
- Build a multi modal network to reduce the reliance on vehicles and greenhouse gasses
- Ensure the network is maintained and remains in tact, rain/ flooding events and use will decay the network

Workshop 2, November 6th, 2021, 10AM

- Excited for a place to keep kids active
- Signage that provides historical and native information about the region and plants and animals
- Ensure underserved communities are not negatively impacted by the plan, use an environmental justice framework and avoid green gentrification
- Use social media channels like Facebook and nextdoor neighbor to spread information about the network

Workshop 3, November 17th, 2021, 3:30PM

- Provide restrooms along network
- Connect community to local parks and greenspaces like Eaton Canyon Park
- Kids could use network to bike to school
- Pocket parks could be a place to teach bike skills to children
- Make sure the network is accessible to seniors and those with different physical abilities
- Provide enough lighting for the network
- Consider unhoused people in the area and avoid displacement
- Provide wayfinding maps that connect users to local communities and other green spaces
- Do not build gates that need to be locked/ unlocked
- Create safe network connections across roadways
- Support local businesses near the network
- Bring back native plant species and biodiversity
- Connect to schools and educational youth groups
- Plant trees along network to provide security and privacy for homes
- Build benches and seating areas along network

Workshop 4, November 18th, 2021, 6PM

- Build water fountains/ refill stations
- Excited about getting more people out of cars and onto bikes
- Provide bike amenities like racks, place to pump tires, and place to practice bike skills
- Consider disadvantaged groups and communities in placement of pocket parks
- Provide bags to pick up after pets
- Create slow zones along network to ensure safety for all cyclists
- Concerns over water contamination from pets and people discharging tanks from campers and mobile homes

- Provide lighting for user safety but consider impact on neighbors and wildlife
- Excited to use network for shopping needs to avoid having to find parking

Appendix:

Polling results by workshop.

All polling questions and participation was optional.

Workshop 1, November 3rd 2021, 6PM

1. What would you most likely use the Greenway Network for? (Multiple choice)

Option	Number	Percentage
Recreational use	11	85%
Exercise	10	77%
Shopping	2	15%
Commute to work	2	15%
Commute to school	1	8%
Other	1	8%
N = 13		

2. What factors are most important to you for the greenway network? (Multiple choice)

Option	Number	Percentage
Safety	10	71%
Cleanliness	6	43%
Connection	7	50%
Recreational spaces	4	29%
Shade	7	50%
Other	3	21%
N = 14		

3. On a scale of 1-5, how likely are you to use the Greenway Network once completed?

Option	Number	Percentage
Very unlikely	3	19%
Somewhat unlikely	0	0%
Neutral	4	25%
Somewhat likely	5	31%
Very likely	4	25%
N = 16		

Workshop 2, November 6th, 2021, 10AM

1. What would you most likely use the Greenway Network for? (Multiple choice)

Option	Number	Percentage
Recreational use	4	80%
Exercise	2	40%
Shopping	0	0%
Commute to work	0	0%
Commute to school	0	0%
Other	1	20%
N = 5		

2. What factors are most important to you for the greenway network? (Multiple choice)

Option	Number	Percentage
Safety	3	60%
Cleanliness	2	40%
Connection	3	60%

Recreational spaces	2	40%
Shade	2	40%
Other	0	0%
N = 5		

3. On a scale of 1-5, how likely are you to use the Greenway Network once completed?

Option	Number	Percentage
Very unlikely	1	20%
Somewhat unlikely	0	0%
Neutral	0	0%
Somewhat likely	1	20%
Very likely	3	60%
N = 20		

Workshop 3, November 17th 2021, 3:30PM

1. What would you most likely use the Greenway Network for? (Multiple choice)

Option	Number	Percentage
Recreational use	20	95%
Exercise	18	85%
Shopping	6	28%
Commute to work	11	52%
Commute to school	4	19%
Other	4	19%
N = 21		

2. What factors are most important to you for the greenway network? (Multiple choice)

Option	Number	Percentage
Safety	14	70%
Cleanliness	8	40%
Connection	15	75%
Recreational spaces	8	40%
Shade	9	45%
Other	8	40%
N = 20		

3. On a scale of 1-5, how likely are you to use the Greenway Network once completed?

Option	Number	Percentage
Very unlikely	0	0%
Somewhat unlikely	2	10%
Neutral	3	15%
Somewhat likely	2	10%
Very likely	13	65%
Very unlikely	0	0%
N = 20		

Workshop 4, November 18th, 2021, 6PM

1. What would you most likely use the Greenway Network for? (Multiple choice)

Option	Number	Percentage
Recreational use	7	100%
Exercise	4	57%

Shopping	2	29%
Commute to work	2	29%
Commute to school	1	14%
Other	0	0%
N = 7		

2. What factors are most important to you for the greenway network? (Multiple choice)

Option	Number	Percentage
Safety	6	75%
Cleanliness	2	25%
Connection	6	75%
Recreational spaces	3	38%
Shade	2	25%
Other	0	0%
N = 8		

3. On a scale of 1-5, how likely are you to use the Greenway Network once completed?

Option	Number	Percentage
Very unlikely	0	0%
Somewhat unlikely	1	12%
Neutral	1	12%
Somewhat likely	2	25%
Very likely	4	50%
Very unlikely	0	0%
N = 8		

Zoom Chat

Chats have been edited for clarity and to remove any identifying participant information.

Workshop 1, November 3rd, 2021, 6PM

- Welcome everyone. We will get started momentarily.
- We are offering live interpretation in Spanish during this meeting.
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- San Dimas
- Altadena
- San Dimas
- Live in East Pasadena, work in Pasadena.
- Foothill Communities
- Live next to Eaton Canyon
- Live in East Pasadena, work in Pasadena.
- Foothill Communities

- Monrovia
- Live next to Eaton Canyon
- Monrovia
- La Puente
- la puente
- Avocado Heights and County Areas
- Cultural awareness
- Cultural awareness
- buffers from existing residential when too close.
- buffers from existing residential when too close.
- Historical tours
- ease of on-going maintenance
- ease of on-going maintenance
- Spanish please if possible
- Only if participants requested Spanish,
- having difficulties with mic
- Okay.
- What concerns do you have with or about the Greenway Network?
- I live in Torrance and have a couple of children and think would use for recreational purposes during weekends but I would use instead of public transportation for commuting if it would be in my community.
- Where would you like to see these amenities?
- How can we better spread the word about the Greenway Network?
- Thanks!
- Survey: <https://bit.ly/sgv-survey>
- Website: www.sgvgreenway.org
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- Contact: Ernesto Rivera at (626) 458-6110

Workshop 2, November 6th, 2021, 10AM

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- Altadena
- Rowland Heights
- unincorporated Covina
- La Puente
- La Verne
- What excites you the most about the Greenway? What amenities would be most beneficial for your community?
- Where would you like to see these amenities?
- What concerns do you have with or about the Greenway Network?
- How can we better spread the word about the Greenway Network?
- Bicycle pathways that connect with each other without having to exit into roadways.
- looking forward to a safe, shaded area to keep the kids active
- I'm not excited at all about the Greenway. The impact it will have on myself and my neighbors in La Puente are being completely disregarded. If my neighbors or I want to exercise we can walk to our local park or walk to Temple which is where everyone walks now.
- I would like to see these amenities near Rowland Heights connecting to the San Gabriel River, perhaps.
- Rest, shaded areas
- bike rental along the route>
- Places to park

- My concerns are safety (homeless encampments, drug deals going on (I have witnessed them while biking).
- Bathrooms! Farmers markets and such would be great. Also, fruit stands and the like would be nice. I'd like to see robust connections with the greater community in terms of bike lanes, walkways, etc.
- Is there going to be money for those residents in La Puente who do not have fencing in their backyards to protect their privacy as the walkway will butt up right against our backyards?
- To get the word out, use all social media avenues, directly or through other partners such as safe streets Altadena: Nextdoor, Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- cameras along the way
- www.sgvgreenway.org
- Nextdoor Neighbor app
- My only concern is to think about environmental justice, as others have commented, paying attention to local community needs and concerns. I heard about this through a posting by Safe Streets Altadena.
- Include historical data of the neighborhoods throughout the pathways. For instance, the history of a city with a plaque where a rest bench/area is placed. Fauna/Flora etc.
- <https://bit.ly/sgv-survey>
- Website: www.sgvgreenway.org
- Email: sgvgreenway@pw.lacounty.gov

- Contact: Ernesto Rivera at (626) 458-6110
- Pocket parks for dogs would be great, too! Anything to create mini destinations so lazy people like me are motivated to get out, a place to go👍

Workshop 3, November 17th, 2021, 3:30PM

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- Altadena
- Altadena
- San Dimas
- Sierra Madre
- Altadena
- Covina/Azusa border
- Representing City of Industry
- unincorporated East SGV
- Altadena, Alhambra, Temple City, and Mission Hills
- Unincorporated Temple City
- Long Beach
- Los Angeles
- (There's a group of us participating(
- Avocado Heights
- Nature for All in the house!
- @Bryan ++++++
- Hi Bryan! and Rob!
- Wildlife observation, Wildlife research
- Connect to transit hubs
- Historical Tour
- Other: Backpacking or bikepacking to connect to the trails in the Angeles National Forest / Pacific Crest Trail

- Other: Safety from automobiles/vehicles.
- low maintenance design
- Logistics getting to a train station or bus stop safely and easily. Disability accessibility.
- Other: Snack hub/refreshments
- Habitat, nice-looking native landscape
- Inspire new networks for bicycling and walking in communities nearby.
- lighting. Safety and cleanliness are too broad categories that could target our unhoused communities
- Safe street crossings
- effective signage for both users and neighbors
- other - adequate infrastructure for locking up bikes, etc
- Hydration stations and bike fix stations
- TREES
- native plants
- Multi-benefit - water capture - native habitat corridors for wildlife
- restroom facilities
- Love the Santa Ana River Trail space for all users
- Whittier Greenway as landscaped model, but with more native habitat
- Agree Xana, definitely don't want this to have a negative impact on unhoused neighbors.
- The use will depend on where it takes me and where I want and need to go.
- Each arm of the Greenway should be community led and defined by the community in the region who live, work and play there. This will provide unique pathways customize by the community. It should feel like a park
- Really need a short, inspiring video to promote the SGV Greenway... see Active SGV's videography. Many residents have never been on the existing river walk/bike paths and are just fearful of this idea without knowing how joyful and wonderful they are.
- The Video should showcase our best existing greenways in LA County and happy children, families, diverse folks using them.
- Prioritize transit and community connections to place and sense of place :D
- Safe Routes to Schools and Parks!
- The County's renderings for Eaton Wash/Temple City from 2 years ago have landscaping, people... I haven't seen these in the workshop materials. Use the ones that show walkers, families, pets, trees as a priority to show this is a positive thing coming to their neighborhood.
- What is the timeline for the project?

- Can collect data to measure urban biodiversity and species health before and after the greenway is established, and depending on the species they can be indicators for human health RE urban heat index, air particulate matter, etc. This is very exciting from a community science/urban biodiversity perspective.
- Not at all, just being a nerd in the chat lol
- Maybe an APP can be added to "the Works" APP?
- Gather info using your The Works APP or a new app?
- Have you reached out to the individual cities that are covered by this project? The City of Alhambra is great about outputting community engagement opportunities on their social media.
- I will link this on the Altadena Town Council website :D
- Social media and websites yessss <3 We added these meetings to the @NatureInLA accounts too and can continue to do so for future events.
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- Contact: Ernesto Rivera at (626) 458-6110
- Also need to include in policy -- how are we preventing green gentrification as these add beautification & amenities in communities as well

Workshop 4, November 18th 2021, 6PM

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- Baldwin Park/Irwindale
- Pasadena.
- Pomona
- Eagle Rock
- Pasadena
- South San Jose Hills
- They're a great place to teach kids how to ride a bike, and to develop bike skills.
- Just occurred to me: Other: amenities like restrooms or water fountains
- YES! ^ And water bottle refill stations
- And connections to the future Puente Hills Landfill Park.
- Two concerns I have - homeless encampments (a big can of worms, I know), and hard core cyclists using it as their personal race track. I was almost in a collision with a cyclist on the path near Griffith Park that is even signposted as a SLOW zone.
- Particularly excited about a possible bike path down the Eaton Wash. I would be able to ride from my home in Pasadena to Long Beach without the lengthy detour to Santa Anita.
- I'm in "park poor" Baldwin Park so I'm looking forward to 1.) more green space, native plants/trees & wildlife, 2.) shade or shelter, 3.) seating 4.) a place to lock a bike!
- Richard, we would love to connect and work with you and the Rio Hondo WASC as well as the other WASCs in the SGV. We will be in touch.
- Something else that would be a great amenity and attraction for youth, a pump park. These can be used by skateboards, scooters or bicycles. Also noteworthy is that a bike skills park is included in the Puente Hills Landfill Park plan.
- Richard, I may have to disagree with you about shopping since I started doing more errands via bike as my city just added a few miles of bike lanes to our "downtown" area which is further away from the 10fwy. I like not having to fight for parking
- Cargo bikes, and particularly electric cargo bikes are capable of carrying a family's full shopping purchases. They are a growing segment, and with infrastructure in place more will be encouraged to use them.
- I hope it's well lit! solar LED lighting hopefully

- Yup, @Steve M. sustainable transportation with reduced carbon emissions
- I have to go feed my cats now. Thank you.
- Thank you Duncan
- I also think lighting along the bikeways and pedestrian paths is important for safety, but it must be balanced with light pollution concerns and night lighting impacts to wildlife in the areas that can support natural settings.
- Haha that's right Lauren!!! Love it!
- Hey Rich, definitely! Here's my email if anyone would like to connect.
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- It's exciting to be at this stage, since we commented in support of the SGVN Strategic Implementation Plan before the Board of Supervisors in 2017. Thank you.
- Very exciting. Thank you everyone for working on it!
- Looking forward to seeing the progress! Keep up the good work!!

Email comment:

Hello,

I think that the greenway proposal is an excellent idea. I am unsure who much of the existing drainage wash infrastructure has the needed clearances for this to be done along the entire route of the washes. But if it can be done, I am fully in support of this.

With that said, there are a few concerns I have. First is security and safety. The existing San Gabriel River bikeway is far less used these days than it used to be, due to rider harassment and crime. Doing this project without providing enough security that people would feel safe using it might well be a waste of money.

Second, while these would be good 'arteries' to move longer distances, to make this really useful, you would also lots to have lots of 'last mile' feeder bike lanes, and hopefully, some bike lanes that would interconnect between adjacent greenways.

You would also have to try to make this so that it is not perceived as 'taking away' any part of the existing (or needed) road infrastructure.

Look at this as a synergistic part of the local transportation system, and try to tie it into the rail, road, public transit, etc.

Thanks for your efforts on this!

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