



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Meeting Title: September 2022 Steering Committee Meeting

Purpose of Meeting: Present schedule update, community engagement summary, environmental documentation update, small group discussion, and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Date: September 14, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Steering Committee Members

Ramy Gindi, LACFCD

Wesley Reutimann, Active SGV

Sally Gee, RMC

Belen Bernal, Nature for All

Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All

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Jesse Scolavino, Brown and Caldwell

Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA

Noé Noyola, MIG

Megan Schwartz, Catalyst Environmental

Summary

Meeting Format

The September 2022 Steering Committee Meeting was held over teams during a one-hour session from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation looking at the most recent schedule for the project, followed by a review of recent and upcoming community engagement efforts, updates on the environmental documentation and the plan, and an overview of next steps for the SC members. The presentation was concluded with closing remarks.

Please refer to the attached PDF of the Steering Committee Meeting PowerPoint presentation slides.

1. Introduction

- a. Welcome Remarks from LACPW
- b. Roll Call

2. PowerPoint Presentation

- a. Schedule Update (Brown and Caldwell)
 - Laureen reviewed the schedule including the developing the majority of Task 6 items. The team is waiting for final review comments on some Task 6 deliverables to move them from Draft to Final.
 - Environmental documentation is in progress with the PIER and AB 52 letters.
 - Community Engagement Summary and Survey Summary reports have been submitted as draft deliverables to the County for review.
 - Tuesday, October 4th Public Scoping Meeting from 4 PM – 6 PM, via zoom.
 - To date, 18 of the 25 pop-up events have been conducted, the remaining 7 pop-up events will be designated during the Draft Greenway Network Plan development.
- b. Community Engagement Update
 - Key Findings (MIG)

Key Findings: Workshops, Surveys, and Pop-Up Events

Amenities

- Bicycle and Equestrian features
- Dog features
- Wayfinding and safety signage
- Cultural resources
- Recreation
- Online resources

Environmental Justice

- Avoid green gentrification
- Native plantings
- Restore habitat

Safety & Security

- Lighting & signage
- Privacy for neighbors
- Unhoused neighbors

Connectivity

- Existing Active transportation
- Seamless gateway points at Schools, Local and regional parks
- Continuous paths
- Equestrian paths
- Public transit.



Key Findings: Workshops, Surveys, and Pop-Up Events

Accessible to All Ages

- Use network for commuting to school or work
- Bike skills
- Older users and users with different abilities
- Neighbors and tourists

Multimodal Use

- Walking, biking, running, rollerblading, and skateboarding
- Ensure safe road crossings
- Resting spaces
- Gateway spaces

Maintenance

- Waste management
- Vandalism and property damage
- Reporting users and greenway issues



1. Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) noted shade will also become increasingly important in the years ahead. Currently, the San Gabriel Valley averages 32 days per year where daytime temperatures exceed 95° F. According to UCLA climate scientists, this number could skyrocket to an average of 74 days per year by 2050, and an average of 117 days per year by 2100. That would be 5 months a year.

a. Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) concurred with this comment.

- Community Workshops (MIG)
 1. Series 1: Fall 2021 – 4 workshops
 2. Series 2: Winter 2021 – 2 workshops
 3. Series 3: Summer 2022 – 2 workshops
- Map-Based Survey (MIG)
 1. 1,546 submissions received for the survey.
- Posting Notices Along the Channels (MIG)
 1. Laminated posters were placed along the greenway throughout the SGV Greenway Network; people were able to scan the code and participate in the survey.
- Pop-Up Events (MIG)
 1. 18 of 25 pop-up events were held throughout the network.
 2. Swag items were very well received and can be used during future community engagement events.
- WCA Engagement (WCA)
 1. Partnered with Active SGV, Amigos de Los Rios, Nature for All, and the Women's Clubs
 2. 25 workshops completed from March 2022 – July 2022.
- c. SGVGN Plan Update (Brown and Caldwell)
 - September 2022 – Finalizing Opportunities and Constraints Diagrams
 - October 2022 – Finalizing Design Guidelines and Standards
 - December 2022 – Preliminary Draft PEIR
 - January 2023 – Draft SGV Greenway Network Plan
- d. Environmental Documentation Update (Catalyst Environmental)

- The Preliminary Draft PEIR focuses on developing project descriptions and alternatives.
 - Scoping period would be September 20 – November 18.
 - Scoping meeting would be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, October 4th 2022, from 4 PM – 6 PM.
 1. Wes Reutimann (Active SGV) and Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) requested that meeting notice and social media posts be forwarded to their organization.
 - The AB 52 letters to be mailed to the tribes on September 20.
 - The tribal consultation list provided by the Native American Heritage Commission
- e. Group Discussion
- Bryan Matsumoto (Nature for All) noted that when gathering comments from certain public groups, such as bicycle commuters or disabled community members, an effort should be made to capture the comments and response in a targeted package of responses/implementation.
- f. Asks of the Steering Committee
- Send list of potential groups that would benefit or would have interest in the SGV Greenway Network.
 - Aid in promotion of the SGV Greenway Network.
- g. Next Steps
- Project Team to send meeting minutes summary.
 - Continue Community Engagement efforts to plan future pop-up events.
 - Continue SGVGN Plan updates.
 - Provide Environmental Documentation updates
3. **Next Meeting Date**
- Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM