

# Meeting Minutes

**Prepared for:** Los Angeles County Public Works

**Project Title:** San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

**Purpose of Meeting:** Gather feedback related to the April meeting and Introduce and Discuss the Draft Community Engagement Plan

**Meeting Location:** Virtual via Teams  
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

**Date:** May 13, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

## Attendees:

### Steering Committee Members

Waqas Rehman, LAC B.O.S. SD1  
Jocelyn Rivera-Olivas, LAC B.O.S. SD4  
Anish Saraiya, LAC B.O.S. SD5  
Keith Lilley, LACFCD  
Carolina Hernandez, LACFCD  
Katie Ward, SGVCOG  
Elaine Kunitake, LACPW TPP  
Wesley Reutimann, Active SGV  
Deborah Enos, WCA  
Johnathan Perisho, WCA  
Hannah Brunelle, SCAG  
Mark Stanley, RMC  
Rudy Ortega, Native American Indian Commission  
Alexandra Valdes, Native American Indian Commission  
Norma Quinones, SGV Conservation Corps  
Belinda Faustinos, Nature For All  
Robin Mark, Trust For Public Land

### Project Team

Enrique Baul, LACPW  
Jennifer Aborida, LACPW  
Lyndon Tat, LACPW  
Michelle O'Connor, LACDPR  
Natasha Krakowiak, LACDPR  
Sheela Mathai, LACDPR  
Loretta Quach, LACDPR  
Lisa Skutecki, Brown and Caldwell  
Rosey Jencks, Brown and Caldwell  
Jesse Scolavino, Brown and Caldwell  
Carlos Velasquez, KOA  
Jan Dyer, Studio-MLA  
Kevin Johnson, Studio-MLA  
Jean Yang, Studio-MLA  
Tony Howze, PACE  
Mark Krebs, PACE  
Esmeralda Garcia, MIG  
Noe Noyola, MIG  
Stephanie Lane Pavon, MIG

## Meeting Summary

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The meeting was held between the consultant team, the LACFCD team, and the Steering Committee members listed above. A summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Introductions and welcoming remarks from LACFCD
  - Keith Lilley gave opening remarks and welcomed everyone to the second meeting

- Enrique Baul extended the welcome and reviewed the topics and next steps from the April meeting

## 2. Presentation

### a. Questions/Comments related to April meeting

- i. Comments received to date
- ii. Go over web maps and discuss any potential gaps/missing information
  - o Lisa Skutecki reviewed the comments received to date and Kevin Johnson reviewed two new projects provided by Belinda Faustinos from the April meeting
  - o Kevin Johnson noted the Metro Transit to Parks Strategic Plan had been incorporated into the maps previously, addressing a comment from the April 2020 meeting
  - o Tony Howze reviewed the Channel As-Built Status Map previously presented in the April 2020 meeting
  - o The team reiterated that the deadline for any remaining comments is May 19<sup>th</sup>

### b. Introduce Draft Community Engagement Plan

- o Esmeralda Garcia reviewed the project scope as presented in the April 2020 meeting and presented the Community Engagement Plan
- o Belinda Faustinos asked: how is this going to be managed in terms of who is the messenger? Will it be MIG or will it be partnerships with Steering member?
- o Esmeralda Garcia responded: MIG will be providing the materials and participating in the engagement but the technical team will also be present for engagement activities to receive direct feedback. MIG will provide the project team with the tools and training to interact with the community. MIG wants to partner with community groups because they already have great connection with the groups.
- o Belinda Faustinos noted: it's important to interact with the community groups that already have these relationships. The organizations will want to know if there will be any compensation to avoid burnout.
- o Dan Sharp responded: LAC wants to compensate the NGO's for this effort but this will likely be through a separate contract with those entities. LAC will be the face of the community engagement effort.
- o Belinda Faustinos requested google doc for the steering committee members to allow them to provide specific information.
- o Wesley Reutimann: In person approaches to community engagement may be not feasible with the current COVID-19 situation. How can we do more remotely? Compensation will really need to be considered with the budget cuts and recent layoffs for many entities.
- o Esmeralda Garcia: The team will have to an entirely virtual engagement strategy because not everyone has internet access. Strategies such as pop ups and other in person engagement is still very far in the future and will be assessed with state and county guidance at the time.
- o Wesley Reutimann noted: We are all hopeful that we will be able to do site walks, etc. in the future, but we will need to look for the best alternative options.
- o Martin Reyes noted: It's important that we can be fluid and responsive to the public health guidance. Things are slowly reopening, and we may want to consider our

engagement process in the same way. There are some parks that are already open, and this could be a place to put up posters or flyers. We could still be fluid with reaching out to people with minimal contact.

The team posed the following questions to the Steering Committee:

- How do we reach key communities most in need?
- What resources will be needed on the Community Engagement Plan?
- How do we leverage and connect with existing projects, planning and activities in the study area?
- How do we measure out engagement efforts?

### 3. Next Steps

- a. The Project Team will share a meeting summary, the draft Community Engagement Plan, and presentation slides
- b. The Steering Committee shall provide any feedback on the Draft Community Engagement Plan by June 3, 2020
- c. Future meeting dates
  - June 10, 2020, 2PM to 5PM – Review of channel analysis and technical data
  - July 8, 2020, 2PM to 5PM – Prioritization criteria workshop

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