

# Meeting Minutes

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

**Purpose of Meeting:** Gather Feedback Related to the July Meeting, Review, provide an update on Channel Information, and discuss how opportunity areas can be identified

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

**Date:** Sept 9, 2020

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

## Attendees:

### Steering Committee Members

Waqas Rehman, LAC B.O.S. SD1  
Aydin Pasebani, LAC B.O.S. SD1\*  
Jocelyn Rivera-Olivas, LAC B.O.S. SD4  
Daritza Gonzalez, 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\*  
David Diaz, Active SGV\*  
Hannah Brunelle, SCAG  
Mark Stanley, RMC  
Sally Gee, RMC\*  
Rudy Ortega, Native American Indian Commission  
Norma Quinones, SGV Conservation Corps\*  
Belinda Faustinos, Nature For All\*  
Robin Mark, Trust For Public Land

\*Present

### Project Team

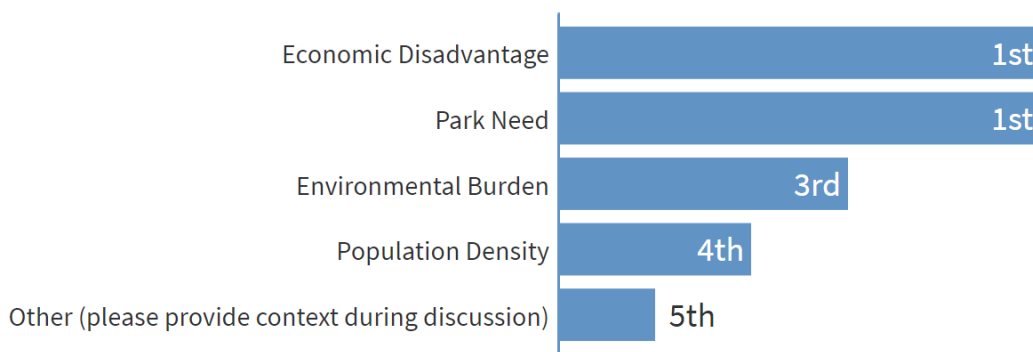
Dan Sharp, LACPW  
Enrique Baul, LACPW  
Jennifer Aborida, LACPW  
Lyndon Tat, LACPW  
Michelle O'Connor, LACDPR  
Natasha Krakowiak, LACDPR  
Sheela Mathai, LACDPR  
Loretta Quach, LACDPR  
Deborah Enos, WCA  
Johnathan Perisho, WCA  
Lisa Skutecki, Brown and Caldwell  
Rosey Jencks, Brown and Caldwell  
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  
Dan Tormey, Catalyst

## Meeting Summary

1. Introductions and welcoming remarks from LAC
2. PowerPoint Presentation
  - a) Questions/Comments related to July meeting
    - i. No questions or comments were provided from the July meetings.
  - b. Schedule Status
    - i. Lisa Skutecki reviewed the current schedule and provided update to SC members.
  - c. Update on Channel Information Study
    - i. Tony Howze provides update on channel information and review.
  - d. Eaton Wash Example
    - i. Jan Dryer provided introduction to Eaton Wash example.
    - ii. Kevin Johnson provided overview of Eaton Wash example using online interactive tool.
      1. Belinda Faustinos asked about where the community will have input into what we presented today.
      2. Dan Sharp noted that each community will be engaged individually and will provide information specific to the community. The team is hoping to have some in person engagement but will start virtually if needed in a few months.
      3. Elaine Kunitake asked if railroad crossings were taken into account? i.e. near where Eaton Wash crosses Temple City Blvd. RR crossings have been obstacles that we've had a hard time overcoming in past bikeway projects.
      4. Kevin Johnson noted that the team does have data on the railroads and will make sure it is considered in planning.
3. The project team asked the participants to assist in developing prioritization principles for the later project prioritization. Polling results are as follows:
  - a. Community need poll results: (tied) 1) Economic Disadvantage and Park Need, 3) Environmental burden, 4) Population Density, and 5) Other.

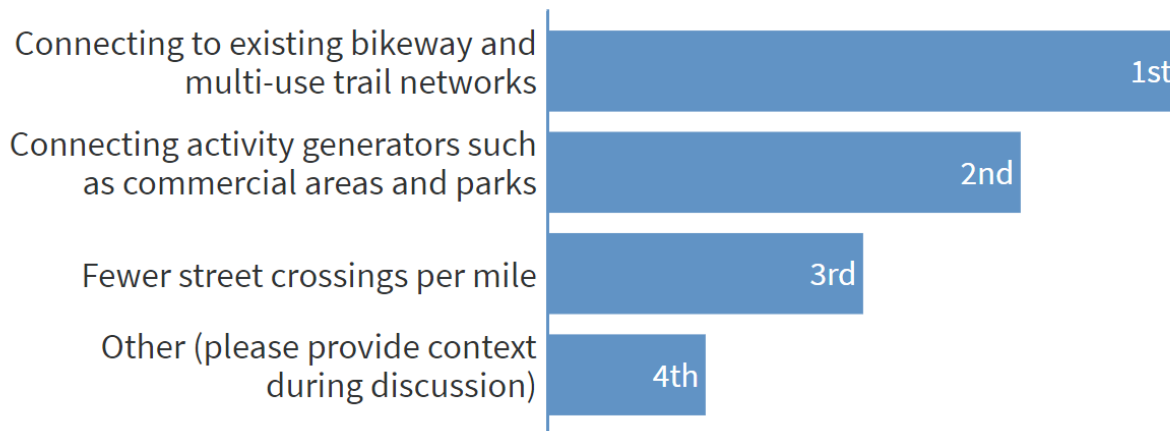
### What factors are most important to best address COMMUNITY

#### NEED?



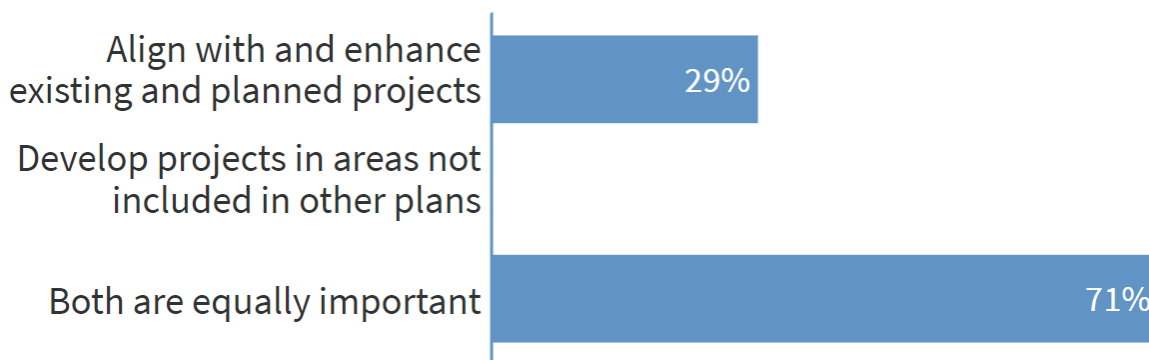
- i. Comments: Belinda Fautinos noted that age could also be an important factor in terms of type of access. Challenges include large biking groups can take a large portion of bikeways on weekends and this effects families and small families. Families would be more in need of slower speed and picnic areas.
- b. Connectivity poll results: 1) Connecting to existing bikeway and multi-use trail networks, 2) Connecting activity generators such as commercial areas and parks, 3) Fewer street crossings per mile, 4) Other.

### How do we best connect the Greenway?



- i. Comments: Wesley Reutimann noted greenways with more "interruptions" such as street crossings, are less likely to attract or facilitate triathletes, groups of road bicyclists, from moving at high speeds, and will likely be more frequented/friendly to people walking, biking, etc. The former favor the existing regional facilities like the SGRT which have few at-grade crossings.
- ii. Sally Gee noted that safe access points may help increase use of the Greenway and therefore connectivity.
- c. Previously planned projects poll results: 1) Both are equally important, 2) Align with and enhance existing and planned projects.

### Where should this plan expend energies in relation to PREVIOUSLY PLANNED PROJECTS?



- i. Comments: Sally Gee noted that in terms of funding and partnerships aligning with existing projects would be vital but both are equally important for the community.
  - ii. Belinda Faustinos noted that building on existing projects makes it difficult to address ongoing disparities. The abundant areas continue to receive funds.
  - iii. Wesley Reutimann noted the timeline for many of these projects has at least in recent history been very long (at least to the general public). Lowering barriers to moving projects forward is really critical (e.g., Quarry Clasp; San Jose Creek; etc). How many miles of greenway were implemented over the past decade? When we talk to the public and tell them “hey would you like to see this happen”, and then it might take a decade or more to complete, it's very difficult to keep people engaged...
- d. Vacant parcel poll results: 1) Very Important, 2) Somewhat Important.

**Our VACANT PARCEL analysis looks at vacant and government owned parcels in the adjacent area that may be available park or open space development. Opportunities to develop parks and open space adjacent to a Greenways are:**



- i. Comments: Wesley Reutimann provided a link to an open space (catch basin) along Eaton Wash and noted Eaton Wash this catch basin that is really nice. There was a tour there with about 25 community members a few years ago.
- ii. Michelle O’Connor noted the Department of Parks and Recreation toured this site recently and is at a very preliminary stage of evaluation for passive park improvements. No understanding yet if there is community support in this area, but it is an area of high park need.
- iii. Wesley Reutimann noted the Eaton Wash tour was done to support LACDPW's application to CA-ATP Cycle 4 in 2018. Participants were surveyed and results shared with LACDPW. He noted staff can provide you with the final application (sadly unfunded, like all submissions that cycle) if that might be of help.
- iv. David Diaz asked about the consideration of homes adjacent to paths.
- v. Dan Sharp noted that this is a regional plan and individual property owners will not be directly contacted until later in the process.

**4. Next Steps**

- a. Project Team to send meeting summary
- b. Committee feedback on the data summaries needed by October 2, 2020
- c. Future meeting dates
  - October 14, 2020, 2PM to 5PM