



LOWER LA RIVER TRAIL RESTORATION AND ACCESS GATEWAY PROJECT



SCOPE: LA County Parks was awarded a \$297,000 grant to develop schematic designs to improve 1.3 miles of the Lower LA River Trail & elevate 72nd Street Equestrian Park as a proper access gateway that welcomes the community to the river. Key goals of the project are to address the blighted, dilapidated and unsafe conditions along the trail; promote investment in existing public facilities with established land tenure that are readily available for improvements, which also serve adjacent communities of need; and to be a catalyst and model for transformative project improvements within the river corridor.

This planning project will lay the groundwork for future implementation and is a step toward achieving the goals of increased access and recreation opportunities identified in the LA River Master Plan and the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan.

LOCATION: 1.3-mile stretch of the LA River corridor between Somerset Blvd and the I-91 Artesia Fwy, including 72nd Street Equestrian Park.

SCHEDULE: September 2023 – October 2024 (Planning Only)

COST: Est. \$7–10 million (Planning & Construction)



Very High Park Need

(per 2016 Countywide Parks Needs Assessment)



\$54,317
Median Household Income
(LA County: \$76,367)

DAC & SDAC

Serves Severely Disadvantaged Communities

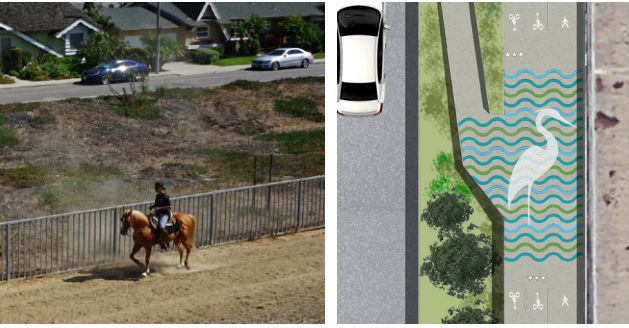


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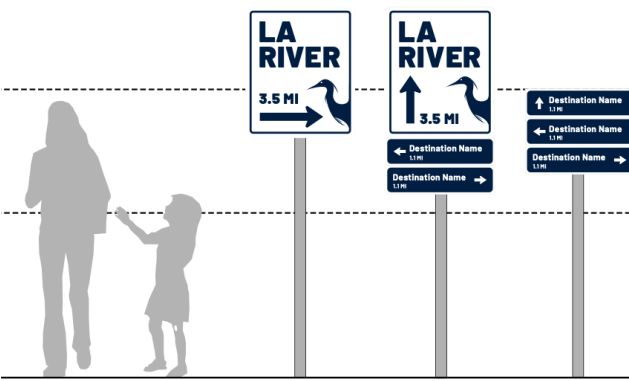


BACKGROUND: DPR currently operates and maintains a natural surface, multi-use trail that accommodates pedestrians, equestrians and mountain bikers along 9 miles of the LA River, from Willow Street in Long Beach to Imperial Hwy in the City of South Gate. A 10-mile extension of the multi-use trail is planned north of the confluence that will extend to Fletcher Dr. in the City of Los Angeles.

Additionally, DPR operates and maintains 72nd Street Equestrian Park, a 3-acre special use facility that serves a sizeable equestrian community living adjacent to and near the Lower LA River. There are several existing park and open space facilities along the Lower LA River corridor that contribute to community wellness, support a quality user experience, and provide localized recreation opportunities as well as access to the regional LA River bike path and multi-use trail. While there are a few segments of the trail that are in serviceable condition, improvements and upgrades to most trail segments and fencing north of DeForest Park and Wetlands, and south of Hollydale Park are much needed to make the trail more accessible and provide a safer user experience.



PROJECT STATUS: DPR has submitted a grant application to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Prop 68 Lower LA River Small Grants Program with a request for a \$297,000 planning grant to initiate the Phase I planning project.



** All renderings and images are from the LA River Master Plan Kit of Parts and The Lower LA River Revitalization Plan*