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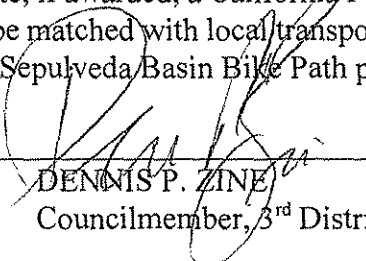
In February 2013, the United States Department of Transportation, through the Central Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration, announced a request for project applications for the California Federal Lands Access Program (Access Program). The Access Program is a new initiative of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) transportation authorization, its purpose is "to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands" and is intended to supplement "State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on Federal high-use recreation sites and Federal economic generators." The grant application deadline is April 30, 2013.

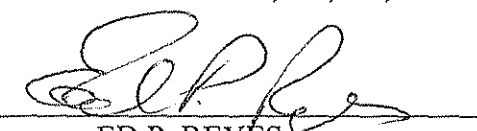
The City's Los Angeles (LA) River Revitalization Master Plan prioritized construction of a bike path along the entire River. The City's Bicycle Plan also prioritized the LA River bike path in its Green Network in 2010. Additionally, the United States Department of the Interior included a portion of the LA River bike path in the National Recreational Trail System in 2012 and President Obama's America's Great Outdoors "50 State Report" identified the LA River trail system as one of only two statewide priorities in 2012. The Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area and Flood Control facility, owned by the United States Department of Defense, exists as the largest natural open space resource along the entire LA River and provides considerable opportunities for active and passive recreation, but is not yet connected to the LA River trail system.

A total of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) has been invested by the City, Los Angeles County, the State of California, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to build segments of the LA River bike path in the western San Fernando Valley. The City is proposing to complete the Los Angeles River bike path from Vanalden Avenue to Balboa Boulevard, thereby linking the beginning of the River to the Sepulveda Basin Recreation/Flood Control facility. The new federal Access Program provides another opportunity to leverage local funds for a vitally-needed transportation project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council AUTHORIZE the Department of Transportation to apply for and execute, if awarded, a California Federal Lands Access Program grant in the amount of \$11,500,000, to be matched with local transportation funds in the amount of \$1,500,000, for the Los Angeles River-Sepulveda Basin Bike Path project.

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