

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to implementation of the In-Channel Downtown Los Angeles River Bike Path.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Huizar - Cedillo):

AUTHORIZE and INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to work with the Department of City Planning, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and other departments and agencies as necessary, to work to implement the In-Channel Downtown Los Angeles River Bike Path in partnership with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, County of Los Angeles, Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR), Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation (LARRC), and other community stakeholders, including identification of funding and assistance with the California Environmental Quality Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and other applicable compliance requirements.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst had completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 11, 2014, your Committee considered a Motion (Huizar - Cedillo) relative to implementation of the In-Channel Downtown Los Angeles River Bike Path. According to the Motion, revitalization of the Los Angeles River is a priority of the City as expressed in the Council's adoption of the long-range Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (Council File No. 07-1342) and direction to the BOE to oversee implementation of the Plan.

The Plan prioritizes expanded public access to the river for recreational purposes and specifically recommends a continuous bike path as part of the Los Angeles River Greenway trail system. Implementation of the Plan and its projects has involved the contributions of many partners in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Consistent with this momentum and with the support of the FoLAR and the LARRC, a coalition of organizations in Downtown Los Angeles is studying an "In-Channel Downtown Los Angeles River Bike Path" project, which will serve as the interim solution to connect the existing bike path in Elysian Valley through Downtown LA and the City of Vernon to the existing LA River Bike Path in the City of Maywood. The project will be implemented on the river's western bank and involve construction of at least three new non-motorized river access points.

The In-Channel Downtown Los Angeles River Bike Path meets the goals set forth in Greenway 2020, a campaign to create a seamless 51 miles of bike path trails along the Los Angeles River by the year 2020. The project will involve close coordination with other agencies and organizations, including Los Angeles County (County) and the Corps, which are partners in the ongoing Los Angeles River Cooperation Committee, formalized by the Los Angeles River Memorandum of Understanding (Council File No. 07-1342-S4). The City Engineer co-chairs the Los Angeles River Cooperation Committee along with the Los Angeles County Director of Public Works and the Committee approved the project concept at its April 7, 2014 meeting.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended in the above recommendation. This matter is now

submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PARKS:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

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