

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Report in 2015, which aims to revitalize 11 miles of the Los Angeles River between Griffith Park and Downtown Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 5 and the Los Angeles River cut off access to Griffith Park and the network of bike paths that connect Glendale and surrounding cities to the Los Angeles corridor for nearly four miles between Los Feliz Boulevard and the Riverside Drive Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the existing bridges on Los Feliz Boulevard and Riverside Drive are narrow, congested, and were never designed to accommodate active transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale has sponsored the creation of the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk along the Los Angeles River to create additional park space and promote ease of access across the Los Angeles River; and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to secure \$20 million in funding for the completion of the third and final phase of Glendale's Riverwalk project, which will construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Los Angeles River and Interstate 5, thus connecting the Los Angeles bike trail with the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk and the Glendale Bikeway system; and

WHEREAS, the bridge will provide cyclists with a viable and attractive alternative to congested vehicular routes to Griffith Park, such as Interstate 5, State Route 134, and San Fernando Road; and

WHEREAS, the bridge will also provide motorists with an alternative means to access the Grand Central Creative Campus in Glendale, which will ultimately be home to nearly six million square feet of commercial development and up to 7,000 new employees; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles River projects are estimated to generate up to 18,000 jobs and more than \$5 billion in development investment over the next 10 to 15 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program support for any legislation or administrative action that would secure \$20 million in funding for the completion of the third and final phase of Glendale's Riverwalk project.

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