

MEETING AGENDA

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE**

**Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.
or soon thereafter as the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
adjourns its Regular Meeting noticed for 9:00 A.M.**

**Balboa Sports Complex
17015 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA 91316**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CURRENT BUSINESS
 - A. MacArthur Park – Reconnecting MacArthur Park Project
Discussion of Proposed Project

August 1, 2024

B. MacArthur Park – Planter Stencil Art
Discussion of Proposed Project

C. Potrero Canyon Park - Landscaping
Discussion of Project Update

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments by the Public on Matters within Task Force Jurisdiction

4. NEXT MEETING

The next Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter as the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners adjourns its Regular Meeting noticed for 9:00 A.M.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE BRIEFING
August 1, 2024

Date: June 12, 2024

To: Department of Recreation and Parks
Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force

From: Jennifer McDowell,
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Architectural Division
Bureau of Engineering

SUBJECT: Reconnecting MacArthur Park Project – (W.O. # E1909243)

Project Summary:

MacArthur Park is a 35-acre park located at 2230 W. 6th St. in the Westlake neighborhood of Council District 1. CD1 is spearheading an effort to reconnect the park across Wilshire Blvd, for which the City was recently awarded two planning grants.

Current Status:

Phase I: Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) will begin community outreach and engagement in August 2024. The RFP for the transportation planning consultant was recently opened to the public and will be selected in August 2024. Phase II: The City is in the process of developing the contract with USDOT for Phase II.

Project Scope:

The scope of work will be conducted in two phases, as dictated by funding source:

Phase I – SCAG Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (CEEEJ) Grant

Phase I scope includes extensive community outreach and development of a project Transportation Assessment. The community outreach will include development of a Community Advisory Task Force and a summary of community priorities for MacArthur Park. The Transportation Assessment will study the closure of Wilshire Blvd that bisects MacArthur Park as well as a range of alternatives informed by the community. CD1 is helping implement the grant, with support from LADOT. The \$500,000 planning grant was awarded in September 2023, will begin in August 2024, and will be completed by the end of 2025.

Phase II – USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Planning Grant

Phase II will prepare conceptual designs, cost estimates, and environmental analysis for the preferred scope of work identified in Phase I. Phase II will continue the Community Advisory Task Force to guide project development and explore strengthening pedestrian connections to adjacent open spaces. BOE is implementing the grant in partnership with RAP and CD1. The \$2,000,000 grant was awarded in March 2024 and is expected to be completed in 2028.

Project Funding:

SCAG CEEEJ Grant	\$ 500,000
USDOT RCP Grant	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
Total	\$2,500,000

Requested Action:

This briefing is for discussion purposes only.

Attachments:

1. SCAG CEEJ Grant Reconnecting MacArthur Park Consultant RFP
2. Reconnecting MacArthur Park USDOT RCP Grant Application

NARRATIVE

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is submitting this application, in partnership with the Department of Recreation and Parks, City Council District 1 (CD 1), and the non-profit organization Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) to the FY23 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program for the Reconnecting MacArthur Park Project (the “Project”) in Los Angeles, CA. BOE is requesting \$2 million in program funds to conduct a comprehensive environmental impact analysis to assess the permanent closure of Wilshire Blvd. to vehicular traffic from Alvarado to Carondelet and assess the impact of redesigning and reengineering MacArthur park as a whole park from Alvarado St. to Parkview St., and develop a preliminary conceptual design for the permanent closure of Wilshire Blvd. from Parkview to Carondelet. This project is inclusive of a meaningful community engagement plan that will directly shape the outcome of all aspects of the planning process as well as gather preliminary feedback for closing down Wilshire Blvd. farther west in order to connect to LaFayette Park, which is also bifurcated by Wilshire Blvd. 0.5 miles away.

This planning grant would leverage the recently awarded Civic Engagement, Environmental Justice and Equity (CEEEJ) transportation planning grant from the Southern California Association of Governments MPO, to assess the permanent closure of Wilshire Blvd. from Alvarado to Carondelet in order to cede 1.7 acres of park space back to the local community to reverse an environmental injustice and correct decades of disinvestment. Physically reconnecting the bifurcated sections of MacArthur Park will remove a high injury arterial street adjacent to a high concentration of elementary schools, and create new open space in the most park poor and disadvantaged areas of the City and US. Doing so would uniquely enhance the transit, bike and pedestrian connectivity for community members in the surrounding area to safely access schools, jobs, amenities and resources, create opportunities to improve their physical and mental health and would enhance the ability for users to visit the Westlake and MacArthur Park community from across the region. A successful allocation of funds will assist BOE and its partner agencies and community stakeholders to develop a framework of equitable and sustainable strategies to help alleviate and mitigate the ill effects of public sector disinvestment, implemented over the last 70 years, to stem displacement, and bolster the local economy, while improving health outcomes and economic stability.

PROJECT SCOPE

1. Prepare an **Environmental Impact Assessment Report** (Both NEPA and CEQA) to determine the extent of possible significant effects of the project on the local community and environment. Given the scope of the physical re-connection of MacArthur Park and the closure of the block directly west of the park, the environmental assessment report will help predict, identify, evaluate, and mitigate the biological, social, regulatory, and other relevant effects of the project prior to major decisions begin considered and/or taken. Specifically, the assessment report will analyze the capacity of the current natural and ecological systems present within the park and the lake to enhance the functionality, safety, and water quality of the park’s ecosystem. Another critical element of the assessment report will be the public

- consultation and consideration of stakeholder comments to ensure participation, transparency, and accountability while building much needed social capital in the local community.
2. Develop **Design and Engineering Plans** for the reconnected park to support the environmental and engagement phases of the scope of work that will incorporate habitat considerations for the restoration of the park, and mobility options for users into the project area.
 3. Develop a preliminary **Conceptual Design** for the closure of Wilshire Blvd. from Parkview to Carondelet and develop a community lead vision for the potential connection of MacArthur Park to LaFayette Park 0.5 miles away, which is was also bi-sected by Wilshire Blvd in 1934, and serves roughly the same demographic and socioeconomic characteristics as MacArthur Park.
 4. Conduct **Community Engagement** that recognizes and elevates the local community’s long history of activism, empowerment, and community organizing around programming and policy needs and impacts. To ensure transparency and participation in the plan, a robust community advisory group (CAG) will be seated that will serve as a hub of dialogue and information for local stakeholders that are directly and indirectly impacted by the proposed project and managed by Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP). The advisory group will also provide a forum to leverage additional local and state resources that will seek similar goals of reconnecting the park and elevating public discourse. A public agency task force will also be formed and lead by the Office of Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, CD1 to communicate key information amongst public sector agencies and partners.

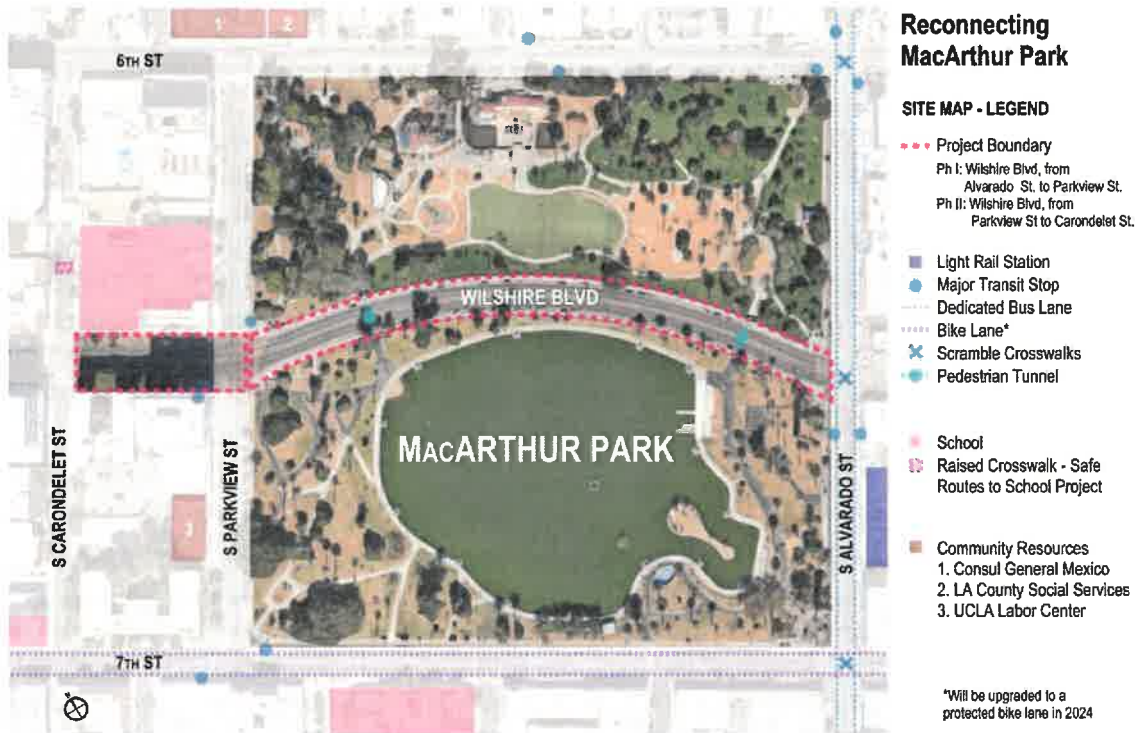


Figure 1. Reconnecting MacArthur Park Site Map

History of MacArthur Park

MacArthur Park was born in 1886 on the western edge of a dusty and drought-vulnerable Los Angeles. Because of this, the capture and storage of water became a matter of survival for the emerging city, an assignment that the new public park and reservoir was given by local stakeholders and landowners. Westlake Park, as MacArthur Park was originally named, quickly became a point of pride for the same local leaders and elected officials. The new park was photogenic, and the growing city needed a relief valve for its residents to gather, breath, and recreate. The people's park was born.

For much of the 20th Century, MacArthur Park and the surrounding neighborhood were a microcosm of the infrastructure, social, transportation, land use, and economic forces and challenges that created the second largest city in the country. For much of the last century, the neighborhood of Westlake, the area encompassing MacArthur Park, was one of the densest areas in the nation. A lack of open space, educational facilities, infrastructure capacity, and quality housing contributed to a degradation of the quality of life for the local community that led to deep social inequalities and pressures, many of which are reflected in today's socio-economic indicators for the neighborhood.



Figure 2. MacArthur Park 1930s, Courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Photography Archives Collection

Over the last 60 years, the neighborhood around the park experienced significant increases in population density due to immigration from Asia and Latin America. During this time, the city's lack of strategic planning and action impacted the health and well-being of local residents and the physical condition of the park itself. A major trauma occurred to the park when the city decided, against the local community's wishes, to divide MacArthur Park to build Wilshire Blvd. and separate the park into two sections. This action resulted in the death of the lake in the northside of the park. Before freeways were built in Los Angeles, Wilshire Blvd. was constructed as the primary East/West corridor for car travel, and was developed with a covenant stipulating that it could not be used for above ground rail purposes, or as a major freight corridor. In dividing the park into two sections, the neighborhood was heavily impacted by the increased vehicular traffic and the lack of a pedestrian-oriented layout within the park. The separation of the park also impacted the level of recreational activities within the park. Instead of wide green lawns, the new bifurcated park became mostly a disconnected space that places physical pressure on areas that already feel small, where active recreation is difficult to accomplish. Many of these conditions continue to this day.

Today, a key vulnerability for the neighborhood and its residents is the redevelopment pressures that further threaten the quality of life for the mostly working-class population. The neighborhood is encircled by districts like Echo Park and Downtown Los Angeles that have quickly gentrified over the last 15 years, leading to concerns from local residents about the future

of affordable housing and services in the impacted community. The resultant displacement that would take place would amplify the negative outcomes for a community that survives in low-wage jobs or the informal economy. Without urgent engagement from local, state, and federal governments, the redevelopment pressures will continue and accelerate in the Westlake area. One critical action item from Sacramento has been the approval of SB330 which prohibits local jurisdictions from enacting new laws that would have the effect of reducing the legal limit of any new housing. In response to this urgent reality, the Reconnecting MacArthur Park project seeks to engage, empower, and educate local stakeholders to ensure the inclusion of vulnerable residents in a discussion about the future of its primary green space as a protection against the effects of greenhouse gas, the urban heat island condition, and climate change, as well as its economic well being and potential transit and mobility options available to them moving forward.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project area is in the Westlake community of Los Angeles, west of Downtown Los Angeles. Wilshire Blvd. is a major thoroughfare that connects Downtown Los Angeles with the City of Santa Monica alongside the Pacific Ocean. Until the 1930's, Wilshire Blvd. terminated at the western side of MacArthur Park. With the construction of the Wilshire Viaduct, the boulevard extended into downtown and facilitated traffic from the west side of the city into the center city. This project seeks to correct this injustice. In order to reconnect the two sections of MacArthur Park, Wilshire Blvd. will be permanently closed to vehicular traffic from Alvarado St. (the eastern side of the park) and Carondelet St., which sits one block west of the park. Currently, the section of Wilshire Blvd. to Carondelet St. proposed for closure holds an elementary school and two housing structures.

RESPONSE TO MERIT CRITERIA

1. Equity and Environmental Justice

Sadly, the MacArthur Park neighborhood meets many of the socioeconomic indicators for a disadvantaged community that is marginalized, underserved and burdened by pollution. Below are key indicators that reinforce many of the harmful conditions that reflect a high level of inequality and environmental injustice. The neighborhood also reflects some of the most densely populated census tracts in the entire country that result in overcrowded housing conditions, a lack of open space, and a high transit dependent population. The census tracts comprising the park and areas directly bordering it meet the highest percentile rates in the US and State for the following:

- The park and neighborhood is considered an “Area of Persistent Poverty” (DOT)
- Areas directly bordering the South, East and West of the park contain 100% disadvantaged communities, and rank relatively high in Climate and Disaster Risk Burden, Environmental Burden, Health Vulnerability, and Social Vulnerability (US DOT Equitable Transportation Community Explorer)
- The areas directly bordering the park consistently rank in the highest percentiles for Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators (EPA EJ Screen and the Climate and Economic Justice Tool). Some of the depressing highlights are:

- The census tract across the street from the park on Alvarado St., 0637208903 ranks in the 98th US percentile for low life expectancy even though a quarter of the population are children under 18 years of age (Appendix B, item 2a). It is in the 99th percentile for lack of health insurance, in the 93rd for lack of Broadband internet. Additionally 99% of the population are renters, and 97% of folks here are people of color.
- The tract at the corner of 7th and Alvarado, 06037209402, ranks similar to the others surrounding the park and scores in the 99th or 98th US Percentile for all 13 Environmental Justice Supplemental Index indicators as indicated in Figure 3 below (full report in Appendix B, item 7).

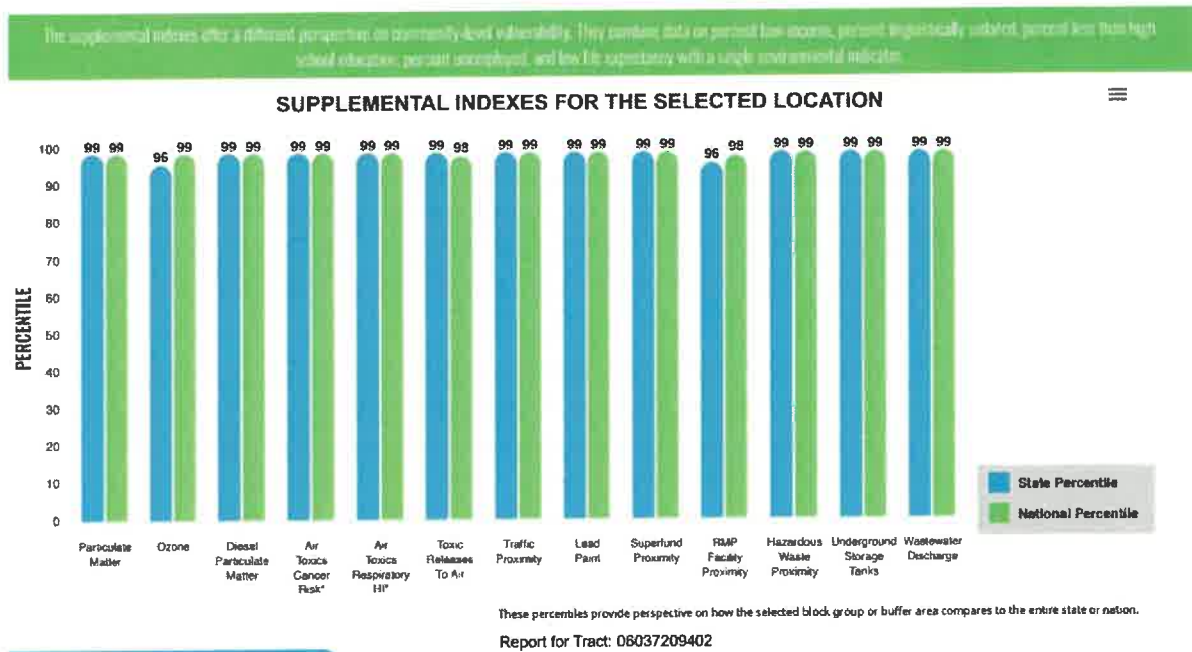


Figure 3. EPA EJScreen Community Report, Tract: 06037209402, Supplemental Indexes

The project proposes to address the issue of green space accessibility by correcting an environmental injustice that occurred in the last century against the wishes of the local community. According to the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, despite having a divided park, this area ranks in the 99th percentile for a lack of open space. In the City of LA, this community averages only .5 acres of open space per 1k of residents, compared to the Citywide average of 8.9 according to the City’s Health and Environmental Justice Plan (HEJ Element). According to Google Insight Analytics, this area ranks below the City average for tree canopy, the area at the corner of 7th and Alvarado only has 4% tree canopy compared to the city average of 24% (Appendix B, figure 12). The Reconnecting MacArthur Park project allows the City to evaluate the EJ impacts to the entire neighborhood and area leading into the park in order to improve outcomes. It will once again bring a seamless green space to the community without the worry of dodging vehicular traffic inside the park, it will also reduce exposure to diesel particulate matter, potentially lowering this area’s 99th percentile ranking in this category and undoubtedly cool the area as Wilshire Blvd returns to open space, adding much needed tree canopy and potential carbon sequestration in addition to overall local attention in this topic area.

2. Access

The “Reconnecting MacArthur Park” plan integrates this community as a regional transit hub destination conveniently accessible by foot, bike, shared mobility and transit. Removing this stretch of road physically reconnects MacArthur park to its pre-1934 state, correcting an environmental injustice as we reconnect people to nature and to each other. It reduces VMT and GHGs by removing vehicle lanes to coincide with the opening of the nine mile subway extension of the "D" line to West Los Angeles. As that line opens and this block of Wilshire Blvd. is removed from vehicular service, the project will encourage the use of the new subway system since the line largely runs underneath Wilshire Blvd. It opens accessibility to a heavily impacted public park through our regional transit system via the adjacent MacArthur Park/Westlake station while enhancing accessibility to several major bus and transit options that serve as convenient first/last mile connections between existing networks.

In support of implementing the goals of Connect SoCal, the local regional transportation plan, the closure of Wilshire Blvd provides a roadmap for increased investments in transit, shared mobility, complete streets and urban greening. The project seeks to demonstrate and study how an open streets and urban greening project with transit priority infrastructure better connects housing, jobs and park space through smart mobility investments. The findings from the CEEJ transit study will set baseline metrics to optimize final project design and programming for peak transit and public life enjoyment.

The regional subway system plays a critical role in connecting local neighborhoods to job centers across Los Angeles County. From the MacArthur Park subway station, one can connect to jobs in Downtown L.A. to the east and to the hub of entertainment and medical industry jobs in North Hollywood as well as the new redevelopment zone in North Hollywood that is the site for new retail, jobs, and affordable housing. It also connects workers to the San Fernando Valley, where a hub of jobs in the construction industry abound. Beginning in 2027 subway riders will be able to access important destinations such as the University of California Los Angeles and the Veterans Administration Medical Center from MacArthur Park. At the moment, bus rapid transit riders also have the ability to connect to hospitality jobs that abound in and around the City of Santa Monica and the Los Angeles International Airport area. The existing bike lanes along 7th St. will be upgraded to protected lanes in MacArthur Park in 2024, all of which multiply the connections of various local neighborhoods further into the extended region and vice versa.

The project will directly study the opportunity of making MacArthur Park a mobility hub for the entire region that encourages and provides alternate uses for movement within the neighborhood and outside of it. According to the EPA Smart Location Database, this area has a street intersection density of over 250 (Appendix B, 8) but we could do more to make this high concentration of streets safer. There are eight elementary schools within half a mile of the park, two of which are primary centers for children ages 2-4. Of these schools, the two that directly border the park, Charles E. White Elementary and the MacArthur Park Elementary School for Visual and Performing Arts are considered in the Top 50 Safe Routes to Schools in Los Angeles in need of safety measures (Appendix B, Figure 13). This makes sense given that mostly all the streets bordering and going through the park: Wilshire Blvd., 7th St., 6th St., and Alvarado St. are part of the City’s High Injury Network (Appendix B, Figure 14). Generally speaking, the area surrounding the park, which is the densest area in LA and the US, comprises a quarter of children under 18 years of age who are mostly low income. Metro’s GoPass program provides

free transit access to low income students, and it is a very popular program in this area. In CD 1, about 67% of all GoPass users are accessing the MacArthur Park Metro Station (Appendix B, Figure 7). This planning grant will help address safety issues overall, but especially for young students walking to school and to the park. The mobility linkages plan will be further studied within this project to better serve the safe travel of pedestrians between Schools, St. Barnabas Senior Center, and the park as well as the various major transit stops adjacent to the park.

3. Facility Suitability

The project proposes to evaluate the impacts to the environment by permanently removing the Wilshire Blvd. Viaduct that bifurcates MacArthur Park in the most park poor community of Los Angeles and one of the most densely populated and disadvantaged areas of the City of Los Angeles and the State of California. This area averages 60 people per acre, compared to the 12.64 people per acre citywide average according to the HEJ Element. The Wilshire Blvd. Viaduct, which facilitates high volume vehicular traffic between Downtown Los Angeles and the City of Santa Monica, creates a “zipper effect” within one of the most critically important green spaces in the neighborhood. Users of MacArthur Park are obligated to use underground tunnels that are ill-suited for pedestrians owing to its design, lack of maintenance, and public safety concerns as well as the fact that they are mostly gated (Appendix B, Figure 7). Instead, park users who are trying to access the other half of their park, must cross busy Wilshire Blvd. at Alvarado St. or Parkview St. which are a half mile apart.

As stated in the section on access, four of the five streets flanking and running through the middle of the park are part of Los Angeles’ High Injury Network. Even though the HIN represents just 6% of the City’s total street mileage, it accounts for 65% of all deaths and severe injuries involving people walking (see Figure 14, Appendix B). Strategic investments along the HIN, including closing off parts of the HIN to vehicles, will have the biggest effect in reducing death and severe injury on our streets.

The roadway that divides the park also prevents the full usage of the park space for recreational activities. While the park currently has a small number of recreation options, the full reconnection of the park would present an opportunity for the City to reintroduce a higher number of community activities that would benefit a population that suffers from high rates of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease and lacks health insurance. The closure will also provide an opportunity to plant more native shrubbery and trees in a neighborhood that suffers from the ill-effects of a lack of tree canopy and thus produces a heat island impact (see Figure 12, Appendix B).

In summary, the project will restore a critical open space and green island in the middle of a dense neighborhood and ever-increasing hot urban core. The re-introduction of green space and the safe redirection of vehicular traffic will allow for the local community to figuratively and physically reconnect with nature, neighbors, and their own well-being. It will enhance the many transit options already available at the site by making first/last mile connections safer.

4. Community Engagement and Partnerships

This project seeks to heal historic traumas by improving the transportation experience and restoring the ecological health of the park while improving the health and safety of the community. In partnership with CD 1 and CCNP a community advisory committee and a public agency task force will be established to guide this project, while a survey targeting 2,000

community members and a report will codify the community vision. CCNP is a community based organization in existence for 30 years that works directly with residents through door-to-door campaigns, surveys, and informational workshops that are culturally and linguistically sensitive. The outreach will strategically focus on engaging community members to permanently close the portion of Wilshire Blvd bisecting MacArthur Park, as well as develop a ground up vision to permanently close Wilshire Blvd between Parkview St. and Carondelet St. to eventually connect to LaFayette Park, which is also bi-sected by Wilshire Blvd. This potential half mile greenway bookended by two parks could potentially be one of the best ways to add open space to the most park poor community in LA while leveraging the open space it has. The Community Advisory Task Force will be comprised of a group of 12-15 community members, business owners, school and organization representatives. It will meet on a regular basis to ensure timely completion of deliverables and be collaborative, interdisciplinary and equipped with the necessary technical expertise, political acumen and trusted community connections to meaningfully shape the scope of work and ensure for a transparent decision making process. The advisory group provides the ability to leverage the collective knowledge base to build trust among partners and solve problems collaboratively. The activities of the group will elevate the history and current state of MacArthur Park, the importance of supporting community-building initiatives that address long-term and systemic challenges for the vulnerable members of the community, a better understanding of the impacts of traffic and public transit projects that may result from the permanent closure of the Wilshire Blvd. through the park, and develop a long-term vision for the reconnected open space that fundamentally alters the form and spirit of the park and the many users that will once again enjoy a complete urban park surrounded by safer streets.

A public agency task force will also be formed and led by CD1, to communicate key information amongst public sector agencies and partners. The outreach strategy will also explore the community's appetite for other Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reducing services such as rideshare, dockless mobility, EV car share and EV charging. If implemented the changes could amount to billions of dollars in new investments in multimodal transportation at an already well established destination within Los Angeles.

The project will continue and elevate the local community's long history of activism, empowerment, and capacity-building. Over the decades, local leaders have organized thousands of special events and community-benefiting meetings which has resulted in the creation of many community-based non-profits like the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), Koreatown Youth + Community Center, the Heart of Los Angeles, El Rescate, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, Clinica Romero, and countless other organizations that serve the local community on their immigration needs, public health needs, afterschool enrichment, job training, and other social needs. Additionally, many labor unions and international consulates are based in the MacArthur Park neighborhood. The unions have been critical advocates for the local community and have organized thousands of rallies and marches, including the annual May Day rally and march which begins at MacArthur Park.

5. Equitable Development

The reconnection of MacArthur Park will be about connecting not only the two halves of the same park but also connecting the myriad community groups and stakeholders that have cherished the park for decades. The park has a long history of inclusion, activism, and protest and is one of the city's most democratic public spaces. The project will restore an injustice that

occurred during a time in Los Angeles where community voices were ignored. As an opportunity for placemaking, MacArthur Park's reconnection will provide a setting for equitable community development that features informational and educational pop-up stations, art and culture exhibits, recreational activities, and other community participation activities.

As part of the reconnection with the larger community, the newly formed gathering space will offer a space for community "Charlas" where community engagement will take on deep discussions on topics that challenge the local community, including the concerns around urban revitalization and gentrification and how the two economic forces can transform the local neighborhood in a manner that elevates equity, access, and wealth-creation for all in the community.

This area has been historically underinvested, and the unaffordable housing costs ranks in the 98th percentile nationwide even though these housing units lack adequate plumbing and kitchens, and have a 36% overcrowding rate in Pico Union/Westlake area, which is 11 times the National rate (Appendix B, 2b and 11). The State and City have incentivized the development of transit oriented housing via density bonuses and the Transit Oriented Communities Program (TOC), but this comes at the risk of displacing current residents. New State laws such as SB 8, have made it a policy for existing housing units containing low income residents to be replaced in new development at comparable affordable levels, however given the local housing crisis, there is seldom any place displaced residents can reasonably afford to live during the 3-7 year construction period, and there has yet to be a formal program set up at the City to ensure these tenants can actually be located once their housing is ready. CD 1, is working on the development of new policies in order to ameliorate this gap, while incentivizing deeper affordability in the City's existing TOC program.

At stake in these community conversations is the real future of MacArthur Park and the surrounding neighborhood which has served as a portal for incoming immigrants for generations. Will the neighborhood continue to serve this important and humane function, or will it be sacrificed to external investment that will only consider the real estate value of the area and not the value of the people that live there?

6. Climate and Environment

A critical outcome of the project will be its impact in reducing transportation-related pollution resulting from the closure of a major traffic artery in the region. In partnership with the city's Department of Transportation, project managers will study and analyze what, if any, mitigations and remedies can be used to resolve the impacts of car trips and emissions traveling through the area, and not to simply displace the traffic onto adjacent streets and neighborhoods. The project proposes a robust transit priority demonstration component to make taking the train, bus or non-automotive modes of transportation safer and more convenient.

The project is also important for the restoration of natural systems in the park and the neighborhood. The vision involves pursuing an urban greening strategy in a centrally located and highly urbanized environment. With the permanent closure of Wilshire Blvd., project managers will have the ability to study the possible impacts of restoring at least 5 acres of space that was a major roadway for the last 80 years, and once again have it become a green space for the area. In a neighborhood where the tree canopy is lacking according to data sources, the addition of trees will surely change the air quality and heat index for the neighborhood. The

project has the potential to provide more trees and plantings which will result in cooler streets, improved water quality, reduced urban runoff, expanded urban forest and new recreational and beautification opportunities. The new open space provides people the ability to recreate closer to home meaning they will have to drive less to access recreation reducing vehicle mile trips.

Importantly, when the roadway was constructed back last century, the biological health of the lake within the park was severely impacted and resulted in the death of a portion of the lake. With the restoration, the city will have the opportunity to study possible strategies to bring back a degree of health to the existing body of water inside the park that has proven to be unhealthy for many decades. Also, the park sits in a natural stormwater basin which floods during heavy rain events in Los Angeles. With the restoration of the green space, engineers will have the opportunity to study and introduce alternative methods to capture more rain run-off from the adjacent hills and allow it to naturally infiltrate into the underground aquifer. MacArthur Park will once again serve its original function of providing a reservoir catchment basin for the city. The future is its history.

7. Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity

The project will also serve an economic function for the local community. The neighborhood has long been a portal of entry for thousands of immigrants from around the world. Fortunately for our local economy, these newcomers arrive in the Westlake neighborhood with aspirations to work, invent, thrive, and progress. Even though this area ranks in the 99th US percentile for linguistic isolation, 95th in poverty, and is comprised of over 60% people over 25 who lack a high school education (Appendix B, 2a) the local neighborhood has witnessed the emergence of a strong and vibrant street vending culture and creative entrepreneurship. In the 1990's, the City of LA launched in conjunction with local street vendors the first legalized street vending district in the entire city. In this program, up to 50 vendors participated in selling homemade dishes and other artisan creations. This effort led to the creation of the first kitchen incubator space in the area, which eventually resulted in the opening of Mama's Hot Tamales, a nationally recognized eatery for tamale lovers.

Today, the city and the County of LA, along with community advocates, continue this movement of bringing a colorful street food culture to the greater region. The city has partnered with the county and Metro to support a legal street vending village at the Metro D and B subway station directly adjacent to MacArthur Park. The project will study opportunities to engage the local entrepreneur community by providing pop-up spaces, capacity-building workshops, and procurement opportunities where appropriate. Concession opportunities within the park will also be prioritized for the local vending community.

The project will also study options to incorporate a "local vendor" program into all aspects of the park restoration work, including engineering services, general contracting work, construction trades, and green restoration functions. Additionally, the project will explore the creation of a local and paid "Green Corps" of young people to assist with the restoration of the open space, as well as serving as green ambassadors to the local community during construction and beyond the restoration. The intent will be to have a set of high-quality jobs that will provide employment options for the most vulnerable population groups in the local area.

BUDGET

The City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is requesting \$2,000,000 in Community Planning Grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Fiscal Year 2023 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program nestled within the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program – for BOE’s Reconnecting MacArthur Park project, herein referred to as “Project”. The following table provides a summary of the total project costs and funding sources.

Funding Source	Amount	Percent
Federal 2023 RCP Request	\$2,000,000	80%
Non-Federal: SCAG	\$500,000	20%
TOTAL Project Cost	\$2,500,000	100%

The non-federal funds are from the Metropolitan Planning Organization Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Program Call for Applications for Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (CEEEJ). The \$500,000 awarded by this grant needs to be spent by December 31, 2025. Use of these funds is specific to the Transportation Impact Analysis and a component of Community Outreach. These requirements are reflected in the project schedule and budget as proposed. See attached documentation of funding commitment (pages 4-5).

Spending Plan by Category and Year

It is estimated the Project period will be from 2024 to 2027. Based on this timeline, the following spending plan by year is provided as follows:

	2024	2025	2026	2027
Planning Contractual & Personnel Costs	\$1,500,000	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

Project Budget Summary by Activity

Project Budget Summary by Source and Use				
	<i>Planning Activities</i>	<i>RCP Funding Federal Share</i>	<i>Non-Federal Share Funds</i>	<i>Total Project Costs</i>
1	Conceptual Design, Engineering & Cost Estimating	\$775,000	\$0	\$775,000
2	Environmental Clearance	\$1,075,000	\$0	\$1,075,000

Project Budget Summary by Source and Use				
3	Transportation Impact Analysis	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
4	Community Outreach	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$250,000
	Total	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000

1. Conceptual Design, Engineering, & Cost Estimating

This task first includes a thorough investigation of the site conditions and the scope of work required to remove the portion of Wilshire Blvd bisecting MacArthur Park between Alvarado St. and Parkview St. to transform that area into open space to reconnect the park (Proposed as “Phase I”). The task will also develop conceptual designs for converting the closure of Wilshire Blvd., between Parkview St. and Carondelet St. into a greenway or other pedestrian pathway (Proposed as “Phase II”), setting the groundwork for extending the closure of Wilshire Blvd. towards Hoover St. to connect to LaFayette Park a half mile away. Both phases of the task will incorporate input and be shaped by all stakeholders, especially the local community. This task will include the development of cost estimates for project design, engineering and construction based on the conceptual design. The total costs for this activity are \$775,000.

2. Environmental Clearance

For compliance with CEQA and NEPA, the project will require a complete Environmental Impact Report which will cost \$1,075,000.

3. Transportation Impact Analysis

This task will produce a feasibility study with recommendations for implementing a permanent closure of the portion of Wilshire Blvd bisecting MacArthur Park from Alvarado St. and extending toward Carondelet St.. This analysis lays the groundwork for a new “One-Park” plan to integrate MacArthur Park as a regional hub destination conveniently accessible by foot, bike, shared mobility and transit. The project enhances the transit hub containing several major transit stops and transit infrastructure to provide comfortable and convenient first/last mile connections between existing networks. Closing Wilshire Blvd. to vehicular traffic in this area also supports the use of the MacArthur Park/Westlake Metro Station, containing the “B” and “D” lines, since the “D” line, which largely runs underneath Wilshire Blvd, will be expanding Westward for 9 miles and is set to open between 2024-27. The analysis will also reflect the community’s appetite for other GHG and VMT reducing services such as rideshare, dockless mobility, EV car share and EV charging. This task will cost \$400,000.

4. Community Outreach

The outreach will focus on engaging community members about implementing the permanent closure of the portion of Wilshire Blvd bisecting MacArthur Park and seeks to heal historic traumas by improving the transportation experience and restoring the ecological health of the park as well as the health of the community. A Community Advisory Task Force will be developed and managed by Central City Neighborhood Partners, a local 501c3, to provide input on all aspects of the project. As part of the CEEEJ grant, a community survey will be conducted

to outreach to 2,000 local residents and gather their input regarding the transportation impacts of permanently closing Wilshire Blvd. This survey will result in a report that codifies the community's vision and input on Reconnecting MacArthur Park's transportation feasibility component of the project. The feasibility study will rely on gathering data from months-long demonstrations showcasing benefits of transit priority infrastructure and visioning exercises focused on rehabilitating the park into a high-quality urban green space. Phase II of the project will gather community feedback on closing Wilshire Blvd. between Parkview and Carondelet St. in order to develop a ground-up vision for closing Wilshire Blvd for a half mile Westward in order to connect to LaFayette Park, a park that was also bi-sected by Wilshire Blvd in 1934. A public agency task force will also be formed and lead by City Council District 1, to communicate key information amongst public sector agencies and partners. The outreach strategy will also explore the community's appetite for other Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reducing services such as rideshare, dockless mobility, EV car share and EV charging. If implemented the changes could amount to billions of dollars in new investments in multimodal transportation at an already well established destination within Los Angeles. This task will cost \$250,000.



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Jimmy Vivar
City of Los Angeles
Department of Transportation
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Subject: Sustainable Communities Program Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) Award

Dear Mr. Vivar:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is pleased to inform you that the project submitted by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation for the Sustainable Communities Program focused on Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) on June 5, 2023, has been recommended for award, pending SCAG Regional Council approval.

The proposed planning project meets the core Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Sustainable Communities grant objectives of having a direct transportation nexus that directly benefits the multi-modal transportation system, supporting the implementation of Connect SoCal (the region's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy), reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing vehicle miles traveled. As you are aware, SCAG's SCP CEEEJ was developed pursuant to the State of California SB1 Sustainable Communities Formula Funds established as part of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The final amount of funding available for your project is contingent upon approval by the SCAG Regional Council. The SCAG Regional Council is anticipated to consider the program award on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Based upon the current estimate, the project titled, *Reconnecting MacArthur Park (RMAP)*, may be eligible to receive up to \$500,000 for the authorized applicants. Please be advised the final amount may be amended after consideration by the SCAG Regional Council. Further refinements to the Scope of Work (SOW), budget, schedule or other conditions may also be applied. Public announcement of awards will take place after consideration by the SCAG Regional Council in October 2023. SCAG kindly requests that the Applicant Team maintains confidentiality about their award until that time.

SCAG will procure a consultant through a competitive procurement process on behalf of the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to support the project. SCAG staff will contact you shortly to initiate the process to review and finalize the SOW and budget for the authorized project. In addition, SCAG will forward a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be entered into between the Primary Applicant, Co-Applicant, and SCAG. The MOU will include the

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effective date for reimbursable program development work, which is subject to the MOU being executed by relevant parties, and include the terms and conditions for receiving funding, including SB1 Sustainable Communities Guideline requirements, financial invoicing, performance reporting, and other legal requirements for subrecipients of the program.

The Subrecipient Risk Review and MOU processes are intended to support the timely development and successful implementation of SB1 funded programming, including SCP CEEEJ. This support is vital as the final invoice date of SB1 funded programming is December 31, 2025. The ability to comply with this deadline is key to ensuring SCP CEEEJ funding is most effectively allocated and utilized across the SCAG region.

Congratulations on your successful application. If you have any questions, please contact Lyndsey Nolan at nolan@scag.ca.gov. SCAG looks forward to working with you on supporting the implementation of Connect SoCal, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing vehicle miles traveled.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Jepson
Chief Planning Officer

Appendix A: Letters of Support

1. [City of Los Angeles Office of Mayor Karen Bass](#)
2. [County of Los Angeles Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis, Supervisorial District 1](#)
3. [Los Angeles Unified School District, Office of Dr. Rocio Rivas, Board Member District 2](#)
4. [Southern California Association of Governments, Metropolitan Planning Organization \(SCAG\)](#)
5. [Central City Neighborhood Partners \(CCNP\)](#)
 - A leading non-profit organization advancing systemic change to benefit low-income communities through collaborations.
6. [The Alliance for Community Transit-Los Angeles \(ACT-LA\)](#)
 - The Alliance for Community Transit-Los Angeles (ACT-LA) is a broad-based coalition made up of organizations with expertise engaging in transit justice, housing justice, environmental justice, and public health.
7. [Heart of Los Angeles \(HOLA\)](#)
 - HOLA gives underserved kids an equal chance to succeed through a comprehensive array of after-school academic, arts, athletics, and wellness programs. Founded on safe environments, nurtured by a no-wrong door approach, amplified by world-renowned partners, perpetuated by students who become productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

8. [Koreatown Youth + Community Center \(KYCC\)](#)
 - The mission of KYCC is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles area as well as the multiethnic Koreatown community. KYCC's programs and services are directed toward recently immigrated, economically disadvantaged youth and families, and promote community socioeconomic empowerment.

9. [Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles](#)
 - The mission of Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles is to make live music accessible to all, creating stronger and more connected communities while celebrating the diversity of our city and beyond. Every summer, 50 FREE concerts are presented at the Levitt Pavilion, [in MacArthur Park] featuring acclaimed, emerging talent to seasoned, award-winning performers in a broad range of music genres.

10. [MacArthur Park Elementary School for the Visual and Performing Arts \(VAPA\)](#)



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HILDA L. SOLIS
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

September 27, 2023

Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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**Re: Support Letter for "Reconnecting MacArthur Park" USDOT Reconnecting
Communities Planning Grant**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As the Supervisor of Los Angeles County's First District, I am writing to express my support for the "Reconnecting MacArthur Park" proposal submitted by the City of Los Angeles to the U.S. Department of Transportation. This project aims to reconnect Westlake/MacArthur Park by returning 1.7 acres of bisecting street right of way back to the park, thereby reuniting one of the densest and most disadvantaged communities in the United States.

To uplift the community surrounding Westlake/MacArthur Park, additional government interventions are needed. According to the U.S. Census, almost 60% of residents are immigrants, and over one in three households in the area is overcrowded, which is 11 times higher than the national average. Moreover, the community relies heavily on public transportation, with over 22,000 individuals using the LA Metro Westlake/MacArthur Park subway station daily. Many of these daily riders are children and young adults. LA Metro student pass data shows that the Westlake/MacArthur Park station has facilitated thousands of trips for students in Kindergarten through Community College every year.

However, despite being transit and active transportation-focused, the local infrastructure is primarily designed for vehicular travel. Therefore, Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez is leading this project, which will permanently close a section of Wilshire Blvd to cars and convert one of the City's densest neighborhoods into an example of equity-driven transit-oriented

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developments. This planning grant is the foundation to begin earnestly implementing a safe zone for this heavily populated area's dense housing stock, schools, community, and regional centers, which are near LA's major transit stations. Leveraging the City's recently awarded \$500,000 transportation and community outreach planning grant from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the USDOT planning grant will help ensure this vision is one step closer to becoming shovel-ready.

I appreciate your consideration of the City of Los Angeles's application and respectfully request you to provide favorable consideration of this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Senior Transportation and Infrastructure Deputy, Karina Macias, by phone at (323) 356-8115 or by email at kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda L. Solis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HILDA L. SOLIS,
Supervisor, First District

- A whopping 36% of households are overcrowded, the highest rate in LA County and one of the highest in the Country, 11 times the national rate (US Census).
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"Reconnecting MacArthur Park" represents an opportunity to elevate public health as a critical policy and community milestone while reversing an environmental injustice. This planning grant aims to restore MacArthur Park to its pre-1934 state before Wilshire Blvd. split the park and the community in two. It will also explore closing off Wilshire Blvd. to automobile traffic for one adjacent block to the west of the park to connect to LaFayette Park, five miles away potentially, also bisected by Wilshire Blvd. This planning grant is the foundation to begin earnestly implementing a safe zone for this heavily populated area's dense housing stock, schools, community, and regional centers, which are in the footsteps of LA's major transit stations. By leveraging the City's recently awarded \$500k transportation and community outreach planning grant from the Southern California Association of Governments MPO, the USDOT planning grant will help ensure this vision is one step closer to becoming shovel-ready.

We are ready to finally transform the Westlake/MacArthur Park community for the betterment of one of the most disadvantaged and underinvested communities in the US. Board District 2 hopes that you will favorably consider fully funding the City of Los Angeles Reconnecting MacArthur Park Planning grant proposal to implement civic engagement, equity, and environmental justice in one of the communities in the Country that needs it the most.

Sincerely,



Rocío Rivas, Ph.D.
Board Member



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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
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**Subject: SCAG Support for the City of Los Angeles' RCN Program
Grant Application – Reconnecting MacArthur Park Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I am writing to express support for the City of Los Angeles's proposal, "Reconnecting MacArthur Park" for the US Department of Transportation. This effort is being spearheaded by LA City Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez's Office in Council District 1 in partnership with the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The targeted goals of the proposal are to cede 1.7 acres of parkland back to the local community while extending the closure of adjacent streets flanking the park to car traffic to uniquely enhance transit, bike, and pedestrian connectivity for community members in the surrounding area, and for users visiting the park and the Westlake/MacArthur Park community from across the region.

This creates a safe public space that will allow the community to coalesce together in a healthy way that we hope will inspire them to use non-vehicular modes of travel more regularly. Council District 1 is diligently working on a plan to permanently shut down a section of Wilshire Blvd to cars to activate the heart of Los Angeles as a safe, pedestrian-friendly hub that connects the community to the region, to nature, and to each other.

The community surrounding MacArthur Park is considered one of the densest and most disadvantaged neighborhoods in Los Angeles and the US. This area is regarded as a disadvantaged community according to a variety of indicators at the regional, State, and Federal levels (SCAG, CalEnviroScreen 4.0, USDOT):

- Today, an estimated 59 percent of Westlake residents are immigrants. According to the US Census, this area ranks in the 99th percentile nationwide for linguistic isolation.
- A whopping 36 percent of households are overcrowded, the highest rate in LA County and one of the highest in the Country, 11 times the national rate (US Census).
- Sidewalks are teeming with pedestrians due to the area averaging 60 people per acre, significantly higher than the citywide average of 12.64 people per acre (City of LA Health Element).
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“Reconnecting MacArthur Park” represents an opportunity to elevate public health as a key policy and community milestone while reversing an environmental injustice. This planning grant aims to restore MacArthur Park to its pre-1934 state before Wilshire Boulevard split the park and the community. It will also explore closing off Wilshire Blvd. to automobile traffic for one adjacent block west of the park to potentially connect to LaFayette Park, .5 miles away, which Wilshire Blvd also bisects. This planning grant is the foundation to begin earnestly implementing a safe zone for this heavily populated area’s dense housing stock, schools, community, and regional centers, which are at the footsteps of LA’s major transit stations. By leveraging the City’s recently awarded \$500k transportation and community outreach planning grant from the Southern California Association of Governments MPO, the USDOT planning grant will help ensure this vision is one step closer to becoming shovel-ready.

This project will finally transform the Westlake/MacArthur Park community for the betterment of one of the most disadvantaged and underinvested communities in the US. The Reconnecting MacArthur Park Planning grant proposal will help implement civic engagement, equity, and environmental justice in one of the communities in the Country that needs it the most. Further, this project is aligned with the region’s long-range plan, Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). We support and respectfully request full and fair consideration of their grant application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Philip Law, Manager of Mobility Planning and Goods Movement, at (213) 236-1841 or email at law@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Kome Ajise
Executive Director



September 26, 2023

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Re: Support Letter for “Reconnecting MacArthur Park” USDOT Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) writes to express our support for the City of Los Angeles proposal, “Reconnecting MacArthur Park” for the U.S. Department of Transportation, being led by Los Angeles City Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez’s Office in Council District 1 in partnership with the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The targeted goals of the proposal is to cede 1.7 acres of park land back to the local community, while extending the closure of adjacent streets flanking the park to car traffic in order to uniquely enhance transit, bike and pedestrian connectivity for community members in the surrounding area, and for users visiting the park from across the region.

This creates a safe public space that will provide an opportunity for the community to coalesce together in a healthy way that we hope will inspire them to more regularly use non-vehicular modes of travel. Council District 1 is diligently working on a plan to permanently shut down this section of Wilshire Blvd to cars in order to activate the heart of Los Angeles as a safe pedestrian-friendly hub that connects the community to the region, to nature, and to each other.

The community that surrounds MacArthur park is considered one of the densest and most disadvantaged neighborhoods not just in Los Angeles but in the United States. This area is considered a disadvantaged community according to a variety of indicators at the regional, State and Federal level (SCAG, CalEnviroScreen 4.0, USDOT):

- Today an estimated 59% of Westlake residents are immigrants. According to the U.S. Census, this area ranks in the 99th percentile nationwide for linguistic isolation.
- 36% of households are overcrowded, which is 11 times the national rate and the highest rate in Los Angeles County
- Sidewalks are teeming with pedestrians due the area averaging 60 people per acre, significantly higher than the citywide average of 12.64 people per acre.
- This corner of Los Angeles contains the lowest open space per resident citywide, averaging only .5 acres per 1k of residents, compared to 8.9 acres per 1k of residents citywide.

The reconnection of MacArthur Park represents an opportunity to elevate public health as a key policy and community milestone while reversing an environmental injustice. This planning grant aims to restore MacArthur Park, to its pre 1934 state, before Wilshire Boulevard: split the park into two halves. It will also explore closing off Wilshire Blvd. to automobile traffic for one adjacent block to the West,

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For over two decades Central City Neighborhood Partners,, a 501(c)(3) community organization, has served the Westlake/MacArthur Park community, including participation in multiple transportation planning and safe street initiatives. With the mission to advance economic opportunities of low-income families by fostering partnerships and supporting positive community change and a vision that all youth are healthy, ready to succeed academically and have financially secure families living in thriving communities, this proposal is in line with our priorities. CCNP supports the City of Los Angeles' Reconnecting MacArthur Park Planning proposal in order to implement civic engagement, equity and environmental justice in one of the communities in the Country who needs it the most.

Sincerely,

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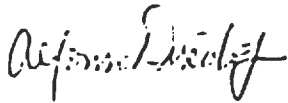
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Sincerely,



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Re: Support Letter for “Reconnecting MacArthur Park” USDOT Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant

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On behalf of Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA), I am writing to express our support for the City of Los Angeles proposal, “Reconnecting MacArthur Park” for the US Department of Transportation, as spearheaded by LA City Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez’s Office in Council District 1 in partnership with the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The targeted goals of the proposal are to cede 1.7 acres of park land back to the local community while extending the closure of adjacent streets flanking the park to car traffic in order to uniquely enhance transit, bike, and pedestrian connectivity for community members in the surrounding area and for users visiting the park and the Westlake/MacArthur Park community from across the region. This proposal creates a safe public space that will provide an opportunity for the community to coalesce together in a healthy way that we hope will inspire them to more regularly use non-vehicular modes of travel. Council District 1 is diligently working on a plan to permanently shut down a section of Wilshire Blvd to cars in order to activate the heart of Los Angeles as a safe pedestrian-friendly hub that connects the community to the region, to nature, and to each other.

As a non-profit organization operating in Westlake, HOLA can attest to the need in this community for access to healthy modes of transportation, and are very gratified to see the way they are addressed in this proposal. At Westlake’s neighboring Lafayette Park, HOLA provides underserved youth with free, exceptional programs in academics, arts and athletics within a nurturing environment, empowering them to develop their potential, pursue their education, and strengthen their communities. Each year, we reach more than 2,000 students and families in this neighborhood, and in partnership with the City Recreation and Parks Department, HOLA has been able to transform Lafayette Park into a safe space for our youth to explore, learn, and grow into productive citizens that give back to this community.

As a part of the community that surrounds MacArthur Park, this area is considered one of the densest and most disadvantaged neighborhoods, not just in Los Angeles, but in the US. This area is considered a disadvantaged community according to a variety of indicators at the regional, State and Federal level (SCAG, CalEnviroscreen 4.0, USDOT):

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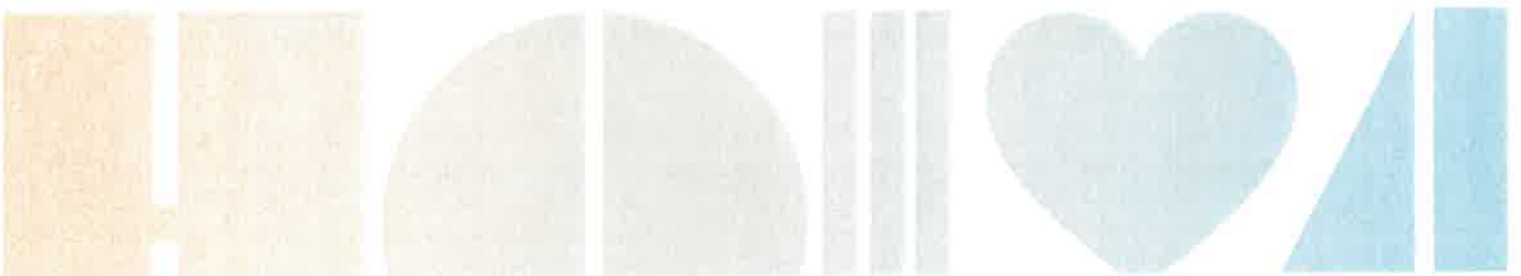
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Sincerely,


Brooke Lykins
Acting CEO





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John Ho Song
Executive Director



September 26, 2023

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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Allegra Padilla

Executive Director, Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles

Allegra@levittlosangeles.org

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Wendoly Alvarez, Principal

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11. [“LA’s love of sprawl made it America’s most overcrowded place. Poor people pay a deadly price”](#) LA Times, Brittany Mejia, Liam Dillon, Gabrielle Lamarr Lemee, Sandhya Kambhampati, October 19, 2022

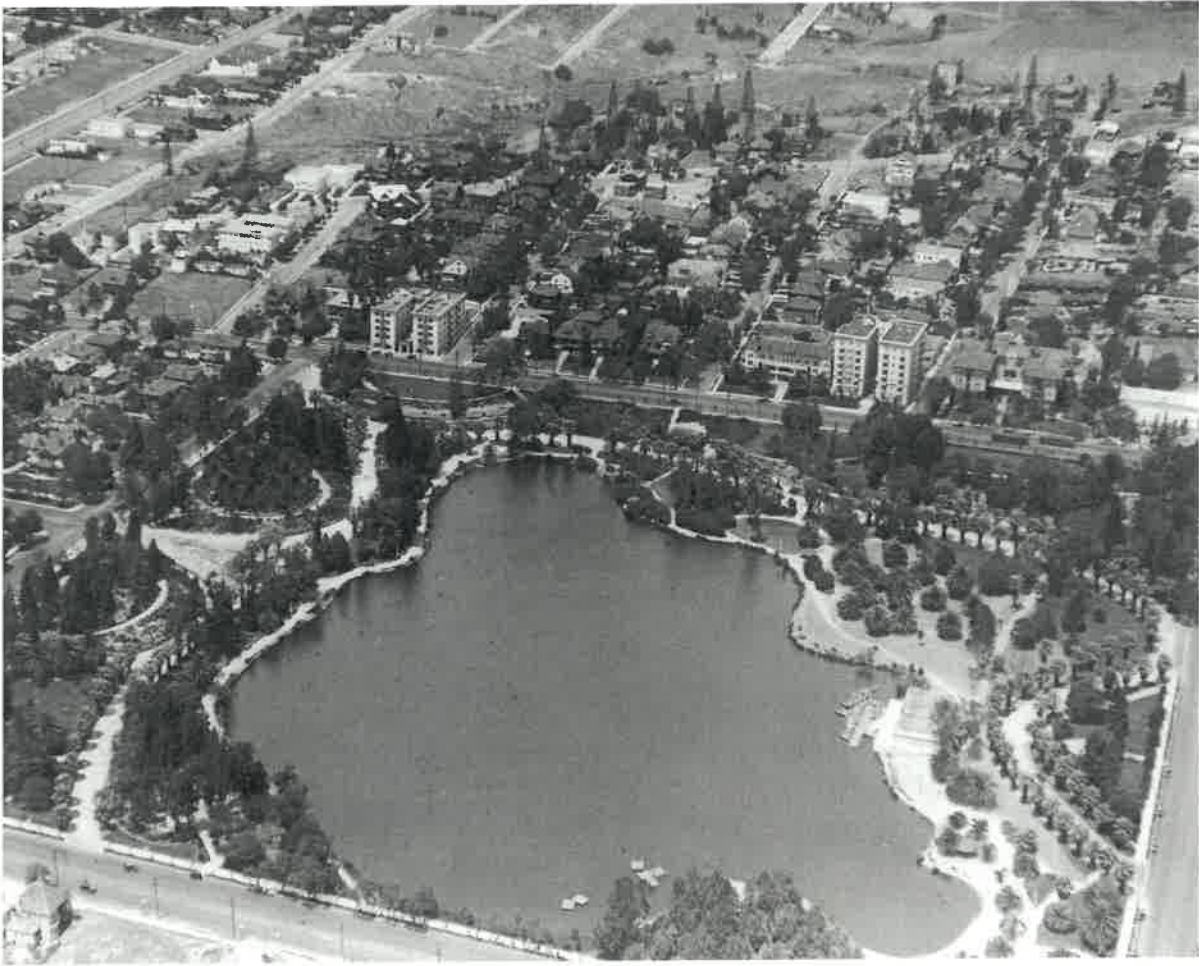


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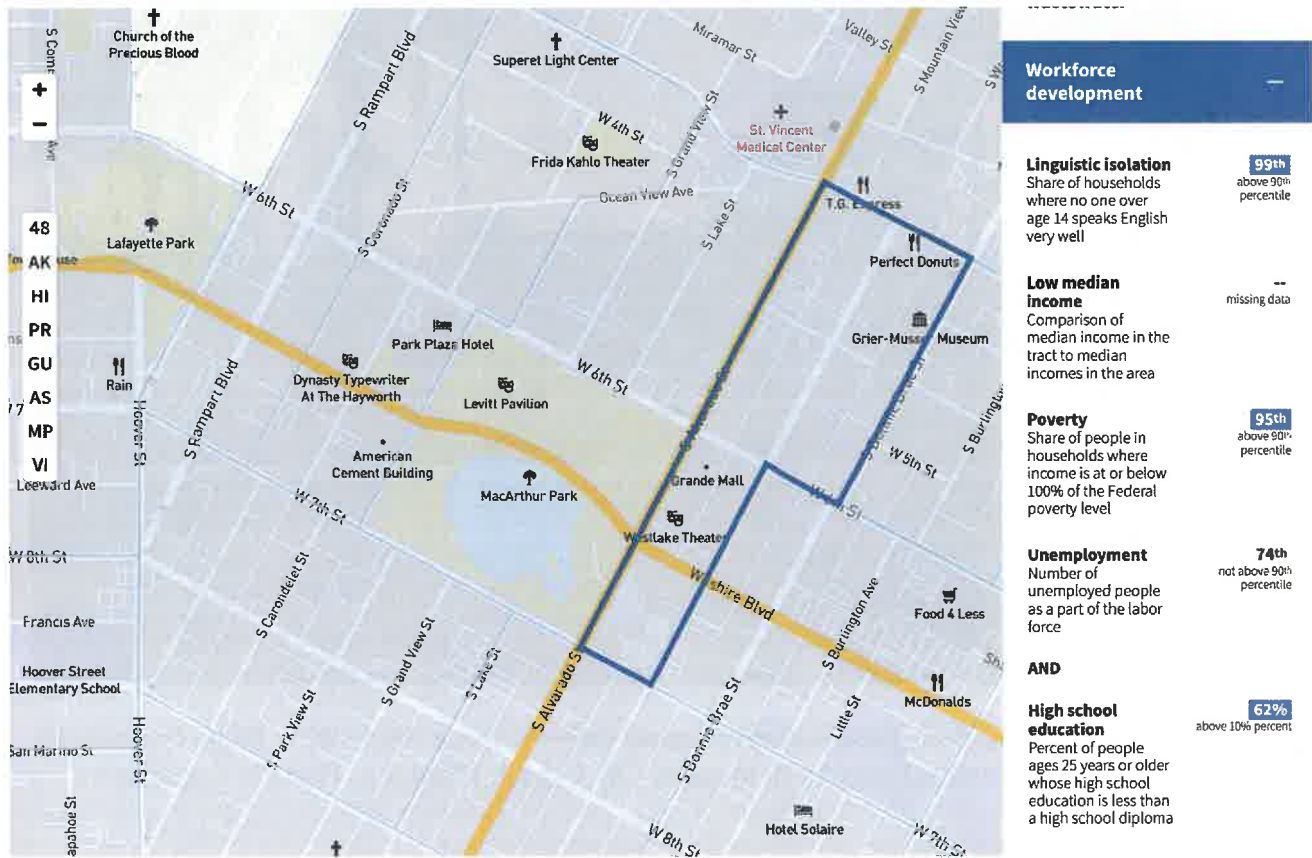


Figure 8. Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, Workforce Development Section, Census Tract 06037208903

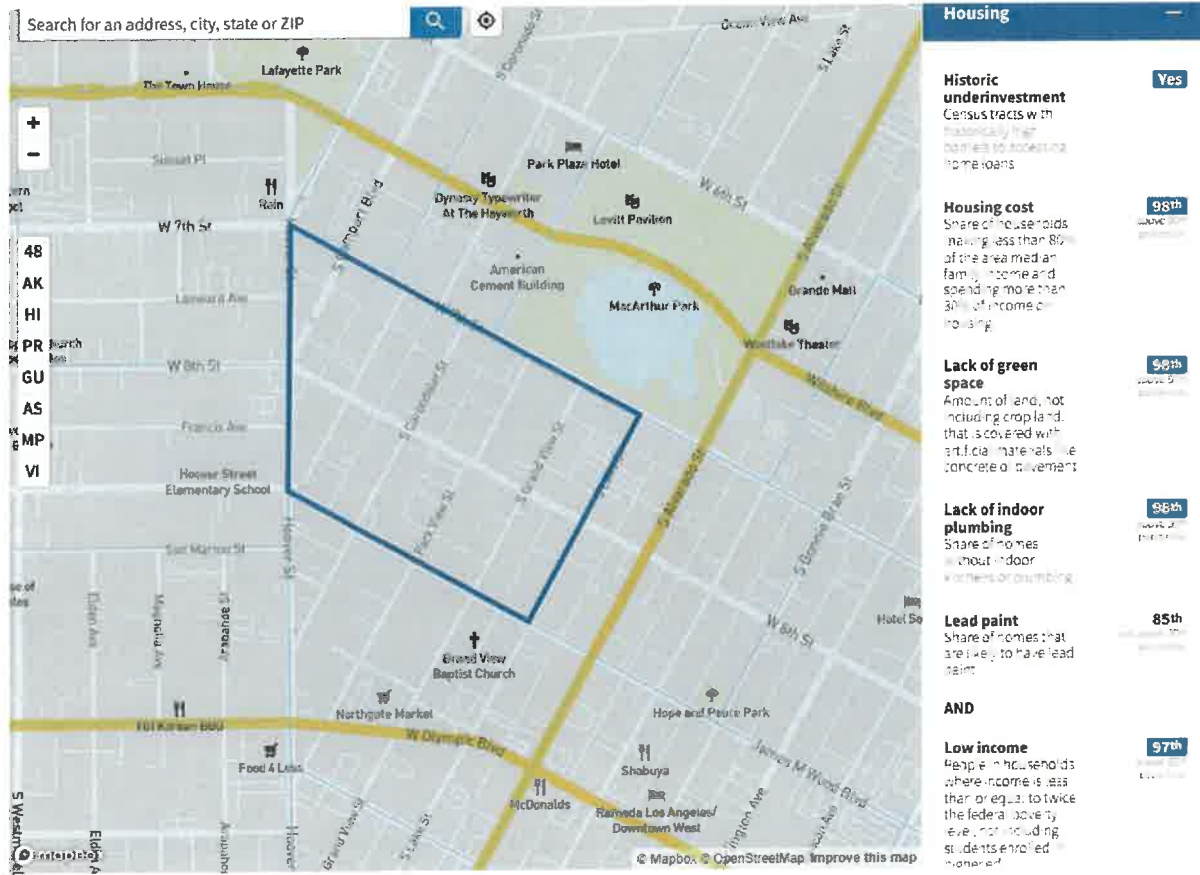


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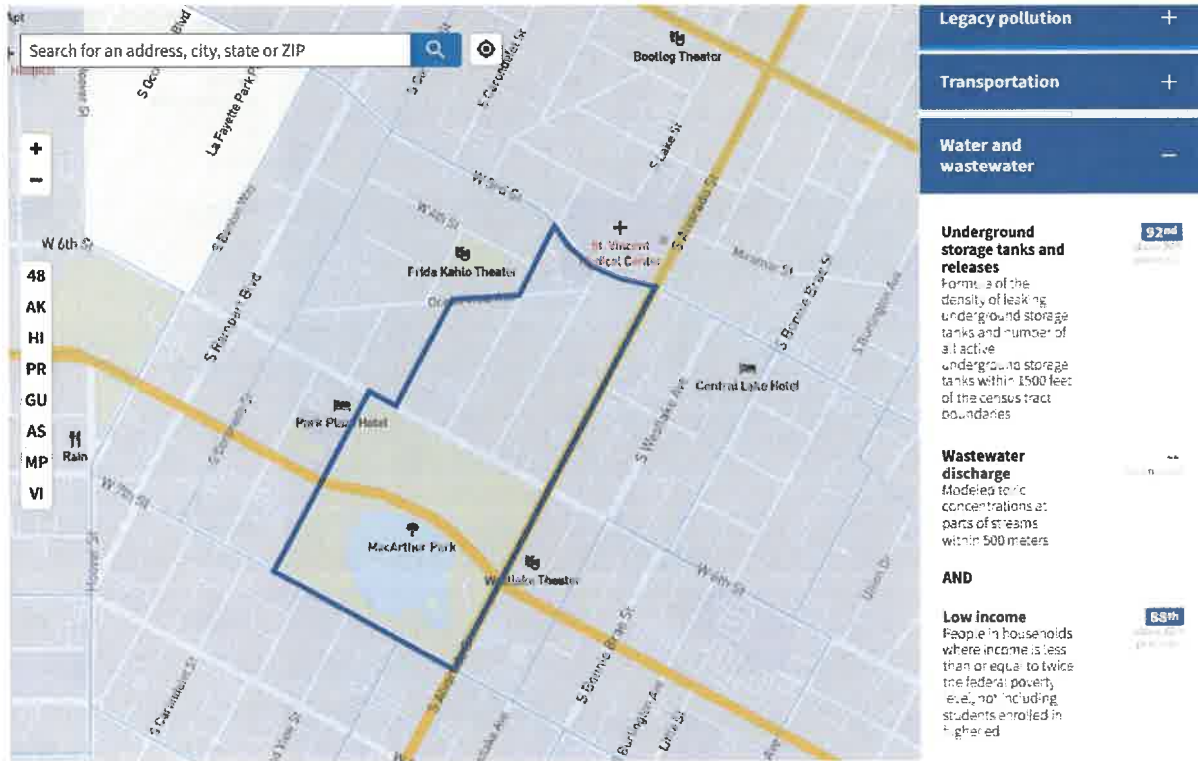


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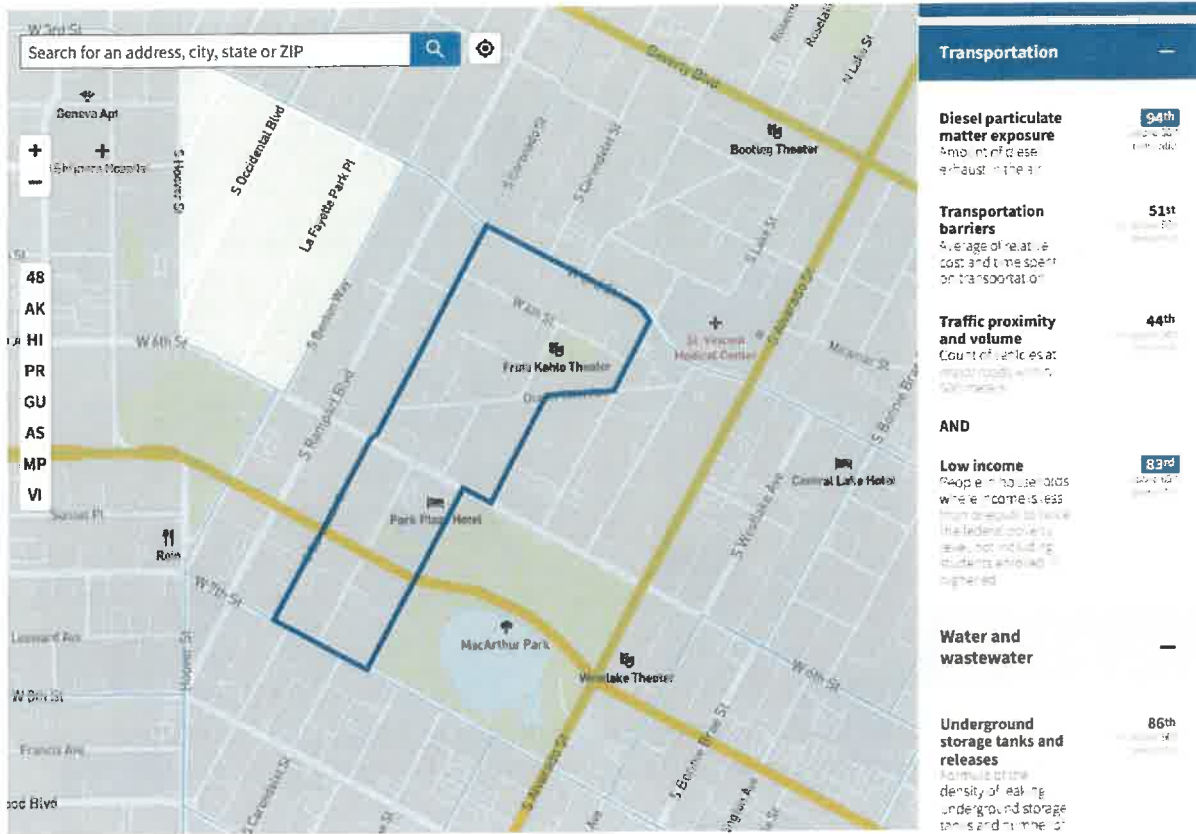


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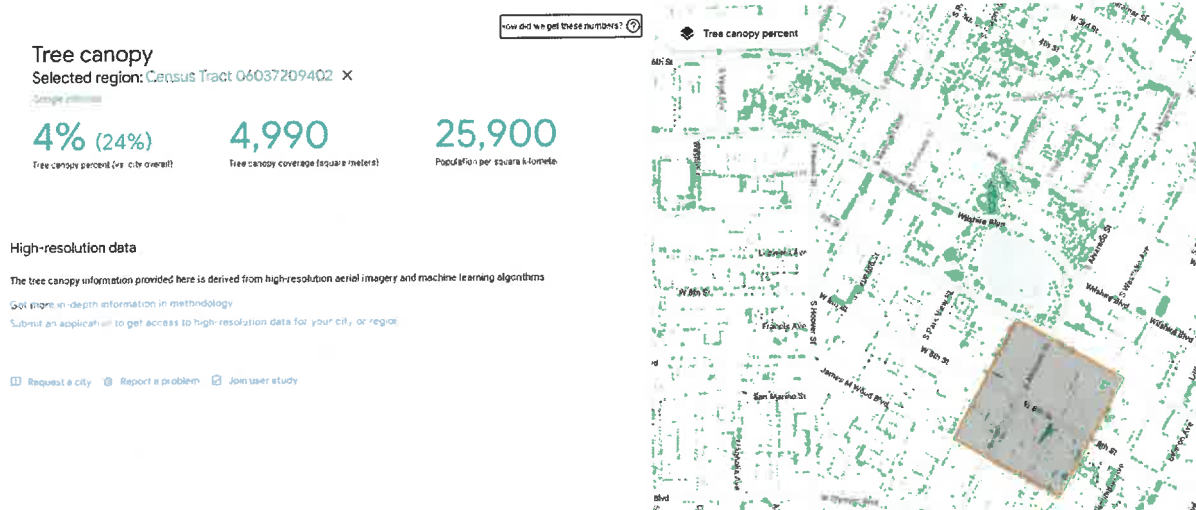


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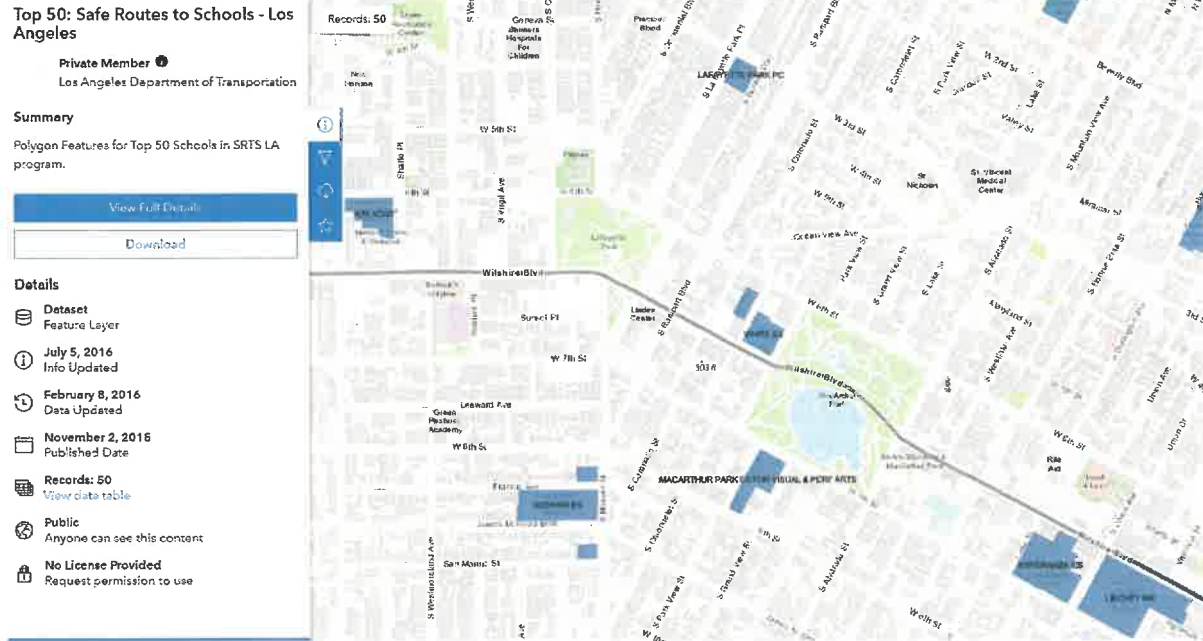


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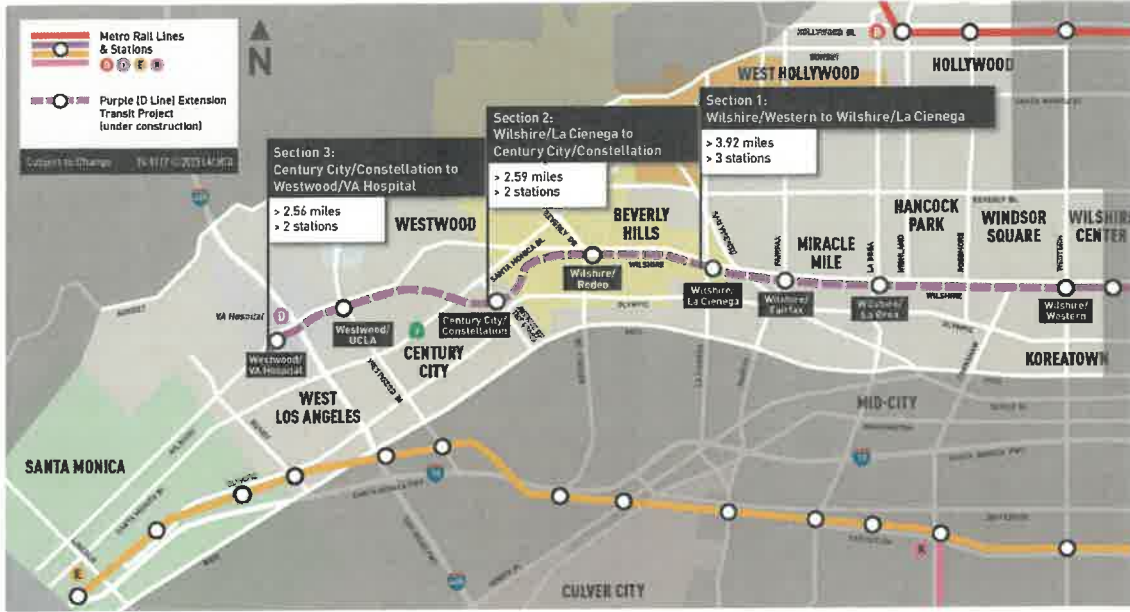


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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE BRIEFING
August 1, 2024

MacArthur Park Planter Stencil Arts Project

Background and Project Location:

MacArthur Park is located at 2230 West 6th Street in the Westlake community of the City. This 29.87-acre property includes a play area, band shell, lake, synthetic meadow, and picnic areas for the surrounding community.

RAP is in receipt of a Public Art Application, signed Artist Waiver, and additional documentation from the Art and Youth Community Group "LA Commons" for various stencil designs to be featured on fourteen (14) box planters located around MacArthur Park Lake. The stencils will feature 3 different designs on 3 walls of the planters, including images representing the Los Angeles community as well as the words "MacArthur Park", "Unity", and "Community". The stencils will make use of a pink and red color pallet (see Attachment 1).

LA Commons shall be responsible for all costs associated with the fabrication, installation and maintenance of the proposed stencil designs.

The stencil's renderings are attached below, with the application further detailing the Design, Community Context, and Production Process that went into its fabrication. The stencils are expected to take approximately 1 week to install, and have an installation period of one (1) year. Clear gloss anti-graffiti coating will be applied on the stencils by the companies Woods Maintenance Services and Graffiti Control Systems.

The proposed stencils have been reviewed by RAP Maintenance, Construction and Recreation staff. RAP staff has no objections to the proposed mural.

Funding Sources and Amounts:

This stencil project is funded by the California Arts Council and the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. The grant funds are committed and ready to be used on project expenses. It is estimated to cost \$9,500.00 for the base coat, stenciling, labor and supplies.

Community Outreach:

Per the applicant, the Office of Council District 1 is in support of the proposed stencils.

Requested Action:

RAP staff is seeking conceptual approval from the Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force before moving this proposal forward to the full RAP Board of Commissioners.

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Submission to the Department of Recreation and Parks (Public Art Proposal and Required Documentation)
2. Attachment 2 – Signed Recreation and Parks Artist Waiver
3. Attachment 3 – Locations of Planters around MacArthur Park Lake

Public Artwork, Murals and Plaques: Application

Applicant: (Individual name or organization, address, email, telephone)

LA Commons
4343 Leimert Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90008
Phone: 323-620-6822

Project Title/Description:

MacArthur Park Planter Stencil Arts Project

For many years artists and community members have been working to beautify MacArthur Park. Each year, community members identify the bench/planters surrounding the lake as wonderful locations for community inspired art.

In 2018-9 YPI collaborated with MacArthur Park to begin to make this dream a reality, ultimately expanding to include LA Commons and CARECEN. YPI and MacArthur Park received permission and generated resources to clean and add base colors to the boxes as well as to deepen the maintenance plan for the bench/planters. Park personnel and YPI staff, Americore and the youth team participated to prepare the benches.

In May and June 2020, LA Commons worked with YPI, MacArthur Park and CARECEN in a project to engage youth and community in sharing stories and designed giant stencils to be used to apply another layer of artwork and beautification to the bench/planters. This is a temporary public art project that will lay the groundwork for future art on the bench/planters.

Project Location/Street Address:

MacArthur Park, 2230 W 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057
(Planters located around the lake)

Council District of Project Location:

CD 1

Artist(s): (Name(s), address(es), email(s), telephone(s))

Name: Alfonso Aceves
Address: 2933 Glenn Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90023
Email(s): Acevesalfonso@gmail.com
Telephone(s): (323) 834-1227

Estimated Cost of Project (Materials, labor, insurance, etc.)

\$9,500.00 for base coat, stenciling, labor and supplies.

Expected Length of Time for Installation:

1 week

Expected Lifespan of Project: (3 years, 5 years, 7 years, other,) 10 year maximum

1 year

Who is responsible for maintaining the project during its lifespan? (Name, address, email, telephone)

Name: LA Commons, 4343 Leimert Boulevard, LA, CA 90008
Email: beth@lacommons.org
Telephone: 323-620-6822

LA Commons will contract with Josh Woods of Graffiticontrol.com and Woods Maintenance Services / Graffiti Control Systems to apply the anti graffiti coating and to maintain the artwork. Josh and his company are also regularly employed by the LA Department of Cultural Affairs to coat and maintain murals throughout the City. They have confirmed participation and an estimated fee that works with the budget.

Do you have a signed, written contract with the artist regarding the proposed project? If yes, please attach one (1) copy of each contract.

Yes (attached)

Do you have a signed, written contract with the artist regarding the duration, maintenance, and/or removal of the project? If yes, please attach one (1) copy of each contract.

Yes (attached)

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch

Public Art Proposal Required Documentation (Rev. 08/2014)

All requested items and copies of requested documents must be submitted to RAP before an application can be processed and scheduled for an initial review.

- A. Application Form;
- B. Artist(s) Resume(s) – please be sure the resumes list other past public art projects the artists have done, with descriptions, locations, and dates of each project.
- C. Relevant Press – one review (one page maximum) of the artist’s work or the applicant’s work.
- D. Written Narrative (maximum two pages) – in the order they appear below. Please address and include a description of the following items:
 - 1. Funding Source(s) – Identify all funding sources such as grants, fund-raised monies, or donations and include whether these funds are committed or proposed.
 - 2. Artist Selection Process – How was the artist selected? How many artists were interviewed/considered?
 - 3. Design – How was it derived?
 - 4. Community Context – How does the design fit within the existing environment in terms of size, color, surrounding building types, materials, theme, community culture or architectural design, etc.
 - 5. Production Process – How will the proposed wall/area be prepared? What type of medium will be used? Who will do the actual production – the artist, the artist and assistants, or the artist and students?
 - 6. Maintenance – Identify (name, address, email, telephone) the individual who will arrange to have the project cleaned and/or repaired. With what funds and for how long is this maintenance commitment? Describe the process you have developed to maintain the installation over its lifespan. Attach a signed letter or other documentation from the individual responsible for this maintenance commitment indicating his/her acceptance of this responsibility.
 - 7. Agreement Regarding Anti-Graffiti Coating – Application of an anti-graffiti coating is mandatory. Attach a letter or other correspondence showing that an anti-graffiti coating has been arranged.
- E. Detailed Sketch and/or Drawing – Colors and details must be accurately indicated and rendering must be to scale. Indicate the precise area of the park where the project is proposed. Provide a photograph of the proposed location with an overlay of the proposed project at scale. (7 copies)
- F. Color Photographs of the Site and Surroundings – Show adjacent buildings, buildings across the street, and local landmarks that indicate the flavor of the neighborhood. (7 copies)

CV / RESUME

PUBLIC ARTWORK

- 2023 Roosevelt High School 100 year mural project
- 2022 Self Help Graphics mural "Day of the Dead"
- 2022 KIPP Endeavor mural project
- 2021 Tia Chuchas Centro Cultural mural
- 2021 Somos Boyle Heights Mural Project
- 2021 Ella Baker Center "Night out for safety and liberation campaign"
- 2021 Metro Art "Silver Linings campaign"
- 2021 The Center for Cultural Power "Covid-19 Vaccines campaign"
- 2020 Department of Cultural Affairs "Covid-19 safety campaign"
- 2016 St. John's Wellness Center at Manual Arts High School "Path to Wellness"
- 2014 MacArthur Park "Reflections of my community and hope for the future"
- 2018,2015 Crestwood Mural Project in Las Vegas
- 2014,2015,2016,2017,2018,2019 Grand Park "Dia de Los Muertos"

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS / INSTALLATION HISTORY

- 2022 Curated the 49th annual Day of the Dead at Self Help Graphics
- 2022 "Sueños Real" solo show at Self Help Graphics (installation)
- 2022 "Jose Guadalupe Posada - the iconic printmaker and his legacy in popular culture" at the Fullerton Museum (installation)
- 2022 - 2023 Artist in Residency at Self Help Graphics
- 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017 Espacio 1839 "Annual family art show" (installations)
- 2020 Centro de Arte (Texas) "Xicanx : New Visions" group show (installation)
- 2020 Centro Cultural De La Raza "Enero Zapatista" group show (installation)
- 2019 Self Help Graphics "Day of the Dead" group show (installation)
- 2019 Calstate Dominguez Hills University "Legend and Legacy : Posada" group show (installation)
- 2019 Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery "From past to present" solo show
- 2019 Sol Collective "Teltica / Con Fuego / With Fire" solo show (installation)
- 2018 Galeria de la Raza "Comida es Medicina" group show (installation)
- 2018 Basement Project "Los Hijos del Nopal" solo show (installation)
- 2018 Cactus Gallery "Sacred Maiz" solo show (installation)
- 2017 Pain Sugar Gallery "Series on Gentrification" solo show

Alfonso, his wife (Adriana Carranza) and their four children,
have cultivated their family art collective, Kalli Arte.

Kalli Arte is dedicated to speaking directly to their community through printmaking, gallery exhibitions, art installations, community workshops and marketplaces.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
Artist Waiver for Public Art, Murals, Monuments, and Plaques (Rev. 07/2023)
Waiver of Rights of Attribution and Integrity for Artwork Placed upon City Property.

The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to modify Artist's rights of attribution and integrity as set forth in the Visual Artists Rights Act, 17 U.S.C. §§106A and 113(d) ("VARA"), the California Art Preservation Act, Cal. Civil Code §§ 987 and 989 ("CAPA"), and any rights arising under United States federal or state law or under the laws of another country that convey rights of the same nature as those conveyed under VARA and CAPA ("Other Laws"), as against the City of Los Angeles ("City") and its agents. Artist hereby waives their rights of attribution and integrity as may be provided for under VARA, CAPA and Other Laws without waiving any other rights of ownership or other intellectual property rights in the artwork/project identified below, and provided that Artist shall retain the right to be identified as the author of the artwork/project identified below without obligating the City to provide attribution.

In accordance with the waiver set forth above, Artist agrees that the City has the absolute right to change, modify, destroy, remove, relocate, move, replace, transport, repair or restore the [describe the artwork/project: mural, sculpture, etc. and medium]:

MacArthur Park Lakeside Stories bench stencils. fabricated into large size wooden stencils for easy re-use and maintenance onto planter/benches. Spray paint with weather and anti-graffiti coating

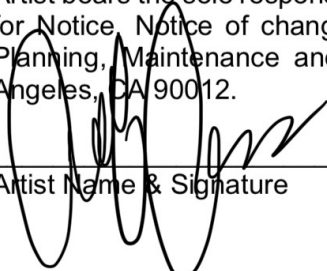
Entitled [title of work]:
MacArthur Park Lakeside Stories Bench Stencil Project

And located at [identify site, including interior location if applicable]:
MacArthur Park, 2230 W 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057 (Planters located around the lake)

In whole or in part, in City's sole discretion.

Artist's Address for Notice:
2933 Glen Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90023

Artist bears the sole responsibility for providing the City with any changes to the Artist's Address for Notice. Notice of changes must be mailed to the Department of Recreation and Parks, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012.



Artist Name & Signature

1/31/24
Date

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Los Angeles, CA 90008
213-705-4457
karen@lacommons.org

Since 2003, we have worked in neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles, facilitating artistic processes, open to all, that result in highly visible public art and programs that tell dynamic neighborhood stories. LA Commons builds community by validating the importance of local narratives, enhancing the sense of belonging felt by a broad range of stakeholders and encouraging stronger ties between the people and places of Los Angeles.

Selected Multidisciplinary Programs

Day of the Ancestors: Festival of Masks

2010 - Present

Day of the Ancestors: Festival of Masks is a spirited community festival that puts on display the artistic richness found in Leimert Park Village based on an important annual rite that takes place in villages throughout Nigeria and beyond. Last year's event involved over 700 community members.

FoundLA: Festival of Neighborhoods

2011 - Present

A annual free citywide event that showcases culturally dynamic neighborhoods through the eyes of residents, public figures and renowned artists, who volunteer as tour guides to share their unique perspective and passion for their neighborhood.

Project Willowbrook

2011 – 2013

In partnership with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, this project, funded by an NEA Our Town grant, focused on cultivating a healthy community through arts and culture. With community engagement activities as a key strategy, our role was to identify cultural assets and program community tours. See <http://www.lacountyarts.org/willowbrook/>.

GLOW Santa Monica

2008, 2010

Commissioned by the City of Santa Monica to produce performances for their now triennial festival that brings public art to the beach in Santa Monica for viewing into the wee hours of the morning. We produced the opening and closing performances for the first edition and the opening performance (in partnership with 18th Street Arts Center) for the second edition.

Trekking LA

2006 - Present

Introduced in 2006, our annual tour series provide an opportunity for people to discover and experience our arts and cultural projects, as well as the authentic food, music, festivals and rich history of the communities where we work and many other neighborhoods. From sampling barbecue in neighborhoods across Los Angeles, to listening to jazz music and watching dancing from around the world, these tours spur both increased cultural interaction and economic activity.

Selected Visual Art Projects

Avalon Alley Murals

2016

Commissioned by the Trust for Public Land and CD 9.

Led a team of 3 artists and 21 youth to design and create 5 murals to reclaim South LA Alleys near Avalon, San Pedro, Main and 51st street.

Artists: Noni Olabisi, Juan Reyes and Lilia Ramirez

Transformative Illumination

2015 - 2016

Commissioned by The Office of County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas.

Led a team of one artist and 16 youth artists to design and create a gateway mural on the exterior wall of the new Martin Luther King Mental Health Urgent Care Center in Willowbrook.

Artist: Wencesloa Quiroz

Path to Wellness

2015 - 2016

Sponsored by USC Good Neighbors Programs and The California Endowment.

Led a team of two artists and 24 youth to create large wooden icons giving greater visibility to a school and community wellness center and a stenciled pathway to wellness on the school grounds from the lunch area to the wellness center.

Artists: Alfonso Aceves and Zeal Harris

MacArthur Park Dreams of Change

2014

15 youth created a series of 4' by 6' Papel Picado cut outs from plastic backed by a contrasting color that was translucent in the light. Displayed in trees throughout MacArthur Park, the beautiful and thought provoking pieces were well received. Required adhering to very strict guidelines recently instituted by the City's Recreation and Parks Commission.

Artist: Alfonso Aceves

Windows to Health

2013 - 2014

Commissioned by The California Endowment as part of their place-based strategy in South LA. Led a team of 8 artists who worked with 80 youth in the production of 17 murals.

Organizational partners included several local high schools, EXPO Center, Community Coalition and Weingart YMCA.

Artists: Stephanie Argueta, June Edmonds, Pola Lopez, Jose Lozano, Heriberto Luna, Noni Olabisi, Omar Ramirez and Carol Zou

MacArthur Park Puzzle Pieces

2013

A series of 12 light pole medallions as part of our ongoing temporary art program in the Park since 2003. Required adhering to very strict guidelines recently instituted by the City's Recreation and Parks Commission.

Artist: Sonia Romero

East Hollywood Utility Box Mural Project

2012

Supported by the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, Thai Community Development Center and the Office of then Councilman Eric Garcetti, 11 young people from Marshall and Bernstein High Schools created beauty in an otherwise nondescript stretch of Santa Monica Boulevard.

Artists: Stephanie Argueta and Nori Shirasu

Palms Utility Box Mural Project **2012**
Commissioned by the Palms Neighborhood Council and the Office of Councilman Herb Wesson to create a visual identity program for the area through 10 utility box murals.
Artists: Diana-Sofia Estrada and John Trevino

Mid-City Light Pole Banner Project **2012**
Commissioned by the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles to create banners for this neighborhood.
Artists: Mimi Klabon and Teresa Tolliver

USC Expo Light Pole Banner Project **2012**
Commissioned by the University of Southern California to create banners to celebrate the opening of the Expo Line. The project involved 7 artists, resulting in fourteen designs on 160 light poles in the area surrounding USC.
Artists: Steve Child, Marcela Florez, Luis Garcia, Tomo Isoyama, Jose Lozano, Willie Middlebrook and Nancy Uyemura

Vision **2012**
Commissioned by Metro to herald the opening of the Expo Line through a series of 5 banner designs on 40 light poles in the Crenshaw/Leimert Park community.
Artists: Maria Elena Cruz, Dominique Moody, Noni Olabisi and Wendell Wiggins

Stories from the Heart **2012**
Commissioned by the Cultural Affairs Department of the City of Los Angeles as part of the percent for arts program to create a mural in the Crenshaw/Leimert Park community.
Participating Artists: Mobile Mural Lab

Haramokngna: A Place Where People Gather **2010**
A mural on a historic archway along Figueroa Blvd. in Highland Park. In addition to Franklin High School, partners included Avenue 50 Studio, Highland Park Heritage Trust, Office of Councilman Ed Reyes and the local Ebell Club.
Artists: Pola Lopez and Heriberto Luna

Other Relevant Engagements

Selected for L.A. County Arts Commission Pre-Qualified Civic Artists List **2013**

Slauson Corridor Improvement - Public Engagement Project **2012-2013**
In league with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission Civic Arts team and Sussman Prejza, provided leadership in the development and execution of public engagement activities to support planning activities.

Community Outreach Training **2010**
Trained Los Angeles County Arts Commission Civic Arts staff in our approach to engaging organizational partners and community members in our projects.

Selected Relevant Publications (featuring LA Commons)

“LA Commons’ Neighborhood Story Connections” (Beth Peterson, Fall 2015), Young Adult Library Service Vol14, No 1

“Sharing the Spirit of the Ancestors” (Karen Mack, 2013), Alliance for California Traditional Arts

“Project Willowbrook: Cultivating a Healthy Community through Arts and Culture” (Los Angeles County Arts Commission (LACAC), LA Commons and Rosten Woo, 2013), LACAC

“Up From the Roots: Economic and Cultural Equity in Naturally Occurring Cultural Districts” (Tom Borrup with Caron Atlas, 2012), Arts and Democracy Project

Economic Development Quarterly: “Cultural Tourism as an Economic Development Strategy for Ethnic Neighborhoods” (Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris and Konstantina Soureli, 2012)

“ArtWorks! -LA Commons” (Karen Mack, 2011), California Arts Council

Key Personnel

Beth Peterson, Director, Community Arts Director

Ms. Peterson has worked for more than twenty years organizing and conducting community art projects, residencies and workshops in schools and communities, first in Minnesota, and then for the past eleven years throughout the neighborhoods of Los Angeles. She also serves as a Master Puppet and Mask Teaching Artist for the Music Center of Los Angeles County and is an adjunct faculty at Antioch University teaching Integrating Arts into school curriculum. She brings to all of her endeavors, extensive experience in arts organizing and mentorship, and a commitment to the power of arts in the life of individuals and in the revitalization of community.

Karen Mack, Executive Director

Ms. Mack founded LA Commons based on her vision for promoting Los Angeles' diverse neighborhoods through locally based, interactive, artistic and cultural programming. Prior to work with LA Commons, she served as a Public Service Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where she researched the role of culture in community building. Her appointment at Harvard followed work as the Vice President, Program Development and Planning at Community Partners. She holds an MPA from Harvard University and an MBA from the John Anderson School of Management at UCLA. She is currently president of the board of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative and president of the City's Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

FUNDING SOURCES

This project is funded by the California Arts Council and the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. These grant funds are committed and ready to be used on project expenses.

ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

The artist was selected through a robust artist selection process centering the artist selection committee made up by community members and key program partners with long history within the MacArthur Park neighborhood. Artists were selected through a score-based review from the committee, identifying an artists' public art experience, connection to the community in the MacArthur Park area, and artists' teaching experience with youth. A total of 33 artists applied and were considered for this lead artist selection.

DESIGN AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT

During the workshops 22 local youth artists received training in arts skills and techniques and also shared their own stories. Next, the youth arts team hosted a series of guest speakers who discussed the history and current issues impacting MacArthur Park and the community. The youth hosted an online community story summit, during which they interviewed community members about their experiences with and dreams for the Park. Students then began to create a series of drawings to share the stories about remembrance, hope, endurance, honor, sacrifice, loss and wisdom. The stories and the way in which they are told reflect the many cultures and connection of people to the space. LA Commons hosted a community design review at the park and MacArthur Park Staff shared and received feedback from local schools and parents Meetings.

PRODUCTION PROCESS

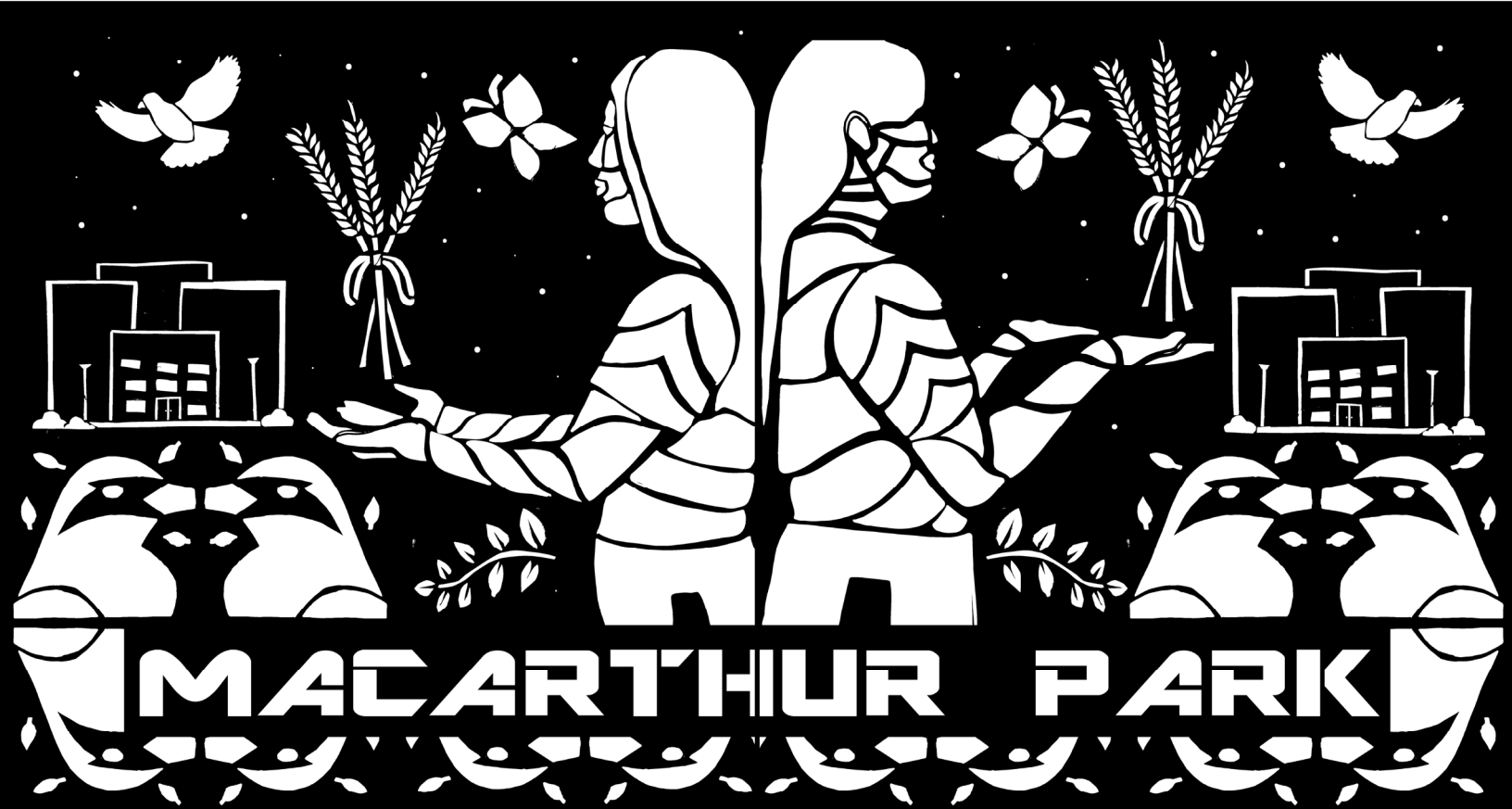
Youth and Artist completed original designs for the stencils. They were later fabricated into large size wooden stencils for easy re-use and maintenance. The artist will be in charge of installation.

MAINTENANCE

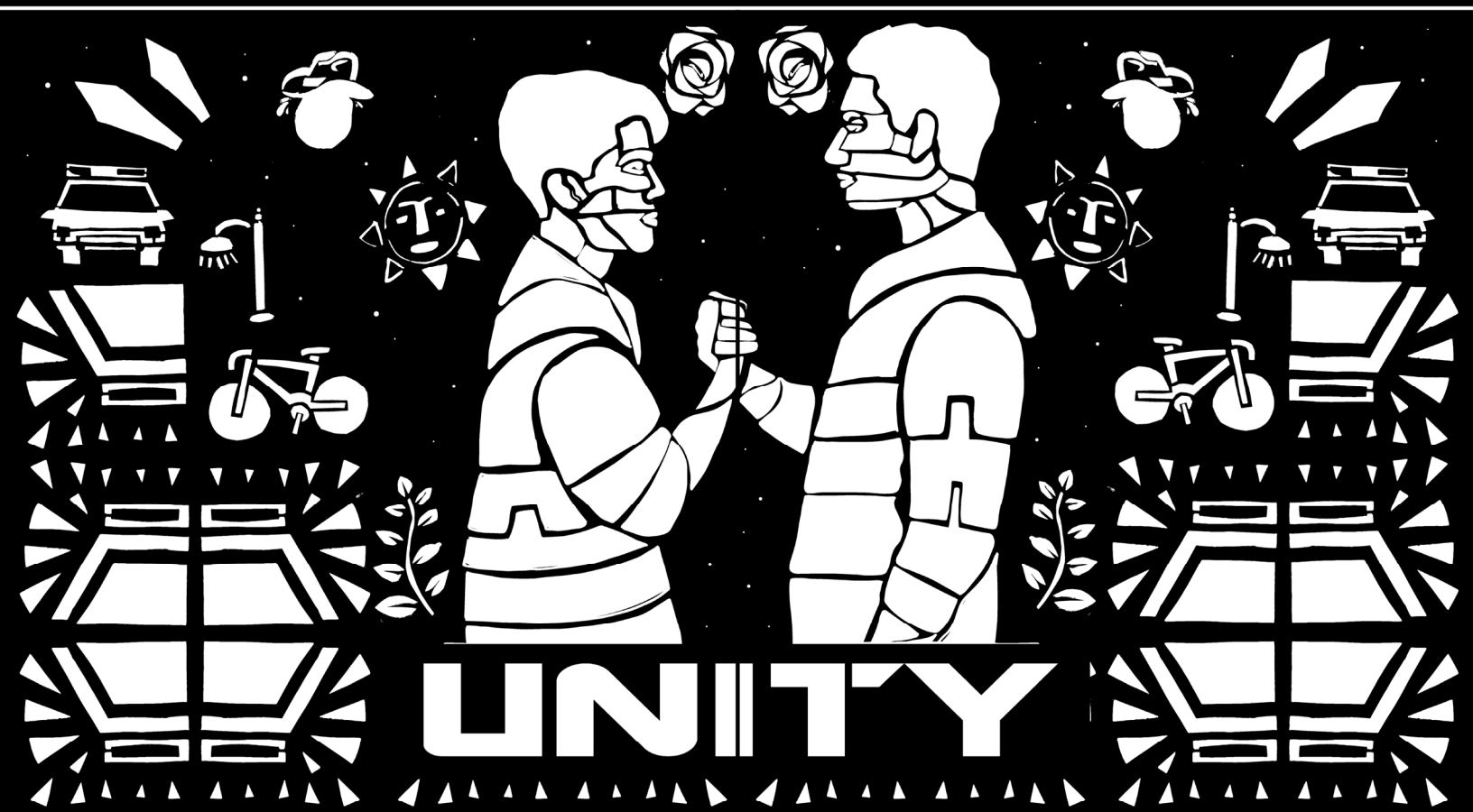
In the event of maintenance needs, MacArthur Park Staff will contact LA Commons and LA Commons will arrange for Woods Maintenance to address in a timely manner.

LA Commons Beth Peterson email: beth@lacommons.org Phone: 323-620-6822 has arranged for the project to be cleaned and repaired in an ongoing contract with Josh Woods of Graffiticontrol.com of Woods Maintenance Services / Graffiti Control Systems. Email: joshwoods@graffiticontrol.com Phone: 310-415-5083

This contractor is also utilized regularly by the LA Department of Cultural Affairs. We have worked closely with this contractor to upkeep LA Commons Heart of Hyde Park Mural at Crenshaw and Slauson. The team has been and continues to be responsive, timely and effective in addressing graffiti issues and restoring artwork.



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CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
Artist Waiver for Public Art, Murals, Monuments, and Plaques (Rev. 07/2023)
Waiver of Rights of Attribution and Integrity for Artwork Placed upon City Property.

The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to modify Artist's rights of attribution and integrity as set forth in the Visual Artists Rights Act, 17 U.S.C. §§106A and 113(d) ("VARA"), the California Art Preservation Act, Cal. Civil Code §§ 987 and 989 ("CAPA"), and any rights arising under United States federal or state law or under the laws of another country that convey rights of the same nature as those conveyed under VARA and CAPA ("Other Laws"), as against the City of Los Angeles ("City") and its agents. Artist hereby waives their rights of attribution and integrity as may be provided for under VARA, CAPA and Other Laws without waiving any other rights of ownership or other intellectual property rights in the artwork/project identified below, and provided that Artist shall retain the right to be identified as the author of the artwork/project identified below without obligating the City to provide attribution.

In accordance with the waiver set forth above, Artist agrees that the City has the absolute right to change, modify, destroy, remove, relocate, move, replace, transport, repair or restore the [describe the artwork/project: mural, sculpture, etc. and medium]:

MacArthur Park Lakeside Stories bench stencils. fabricated into large size wooden stencils for easy re-use and maintenance onto planter/benches. Spray paint with weather and anti-graffiti coating

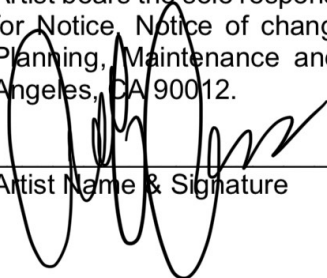
Entitled [title of work]:
MacArthur Park Lakeside Stories Bench Stencil Project

And located at [identify site, including interior location if applicable]:
MacArthur Park, 2230 W 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057 (Planters located around the lake)

In whole or in part, in City's sole discretion.

Artist's Address for Notice:
2933 Glen Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90023

Artist bears the sole responsibility for providing the City with any changes to the Artist's Address for Notice. Notice of changes must be mailed to the Department of Recreation and Parks, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012.



Artist Name & Signature

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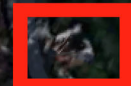
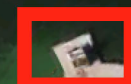
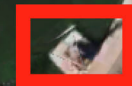
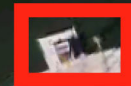
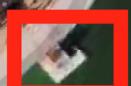
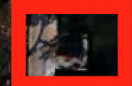
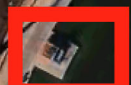
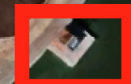
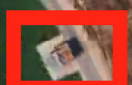
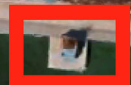
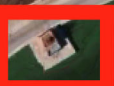
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE BRIEFING
August 1, 2024

- Project Name Potrero Canyon Park – Landscaping
- Requested Action Project update for upcoming board report regarding requests for a certificate of completion and acceptance, full release of retention, approval for one Final Close-Out change order over \$100K and two supplemental change order agreements
- Project Location: 15101 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
 - Council District 11
- Scope of Work: The Potrero Canyon Park – Landscaping project to install the final landscaping features within Potrero Canyon completed construction and received statement of completion on December 21, 2023. This project included installation of approximately 7.9 acres of riparian zone plants, 22 acres of coastal scrub zone plants, fuel modification zone plants adjacent to private properties, fencing along the perimeter of the canyon, an ADA compliant restroom, construction of a soil cement access road, construction of utility lines including a 6” PVC force main to supply water for the riparian zone and storm drain line in the lower portion of the canyon, a pump station to pump stormwater from a storm drain to supply the riparian habitat, temporary irrigation and fencing system to get the plants established, and a remodel of the Palisades Recreation Center parking lot.
- All Funding Sources and Amounts: This project is being funded by the sale of surplus properties around the rim of the canyon that were purchased by the City after the homes were impacted by landslides. All funds for this project are in the Potrero Canyon Trust Fund.
- Community Outreach: The Potrero Canyon Community Task Force was formed in 2007 to field the community’s questions, concerns, and suggestions, and to ensure that they were addressed and incorporated into the design. Regular meetings were held with the committee throughout the design process.
- Implementation of Shade: The California Coastal Commission (CCC) requires that the canyon be planted with California native vegetation, including 7.9 acres of riparian zone, 22 acres of coastal scrub zone, and a fuel modification zone adjacent to existing properties. Large trees were incorporated into the design of each of these zones to the extent possible to maximize shade.
- Plant and Tree Specifications
The installed landscaping palette has been discussed at the various community meetings, and will consist of native, drought tolerant landscaping with trees and shrubs that are indigenous to the various microclimates located along the canyon. This palette has been approved by the CCC.
- Attachments
Change Order Log dated July 17, 2024

**City of Los Angeles - Department of Public Works - Bureau of Engineering
Potrero Canyon Park - Landscaping
W.O. No. E1908635**

CHANGE ORDER LOG

You may click on the record #, date or amount hyperlinks to view the relevant record that's associated with the Change Order.

CO No.	COR No.	Subject	Payment Type	CO Cat.	COIN Date	COIN Est. (\$)	PCO ECO T&M Date	Not to Exceed (\$)	GC Proposal (\$)	GC Proposal Date	City Estimate (\$)	Agreed Amount (\$)	Agreed Date	CO Status	CO Date	Time Ext. Cal. Days	Comments
001	006-R0	Additional Backflow and Water Connections	LS	E	07/26/21	\$10,000.00	07/26/21		\$56,185.00	09/09/21	\$37,432.26	\$51,345.00	12/07/21	EXEC	12/08/21	0	PC 004
002	002-R0	Remove and Dispose of Unforeseen Retaining Wall @ Landslide Repair Area	TM	U	07/26/21	\$5,000.00	08/05/21	\$5,000.00	\$15,917.00	08/18/21	\$15,761.00	\$15,761.00	08/26/21	EXEC	09/02/21	0	
003	011-R2	Repair of 1 1/2" Water Line Near Access Road Sta. 18+00	LS	U	08/16/21	\$5,000.00	08/23/21	\$2,500.00	\$11,353.00	01/28/22	\$5,558.00	\$5,558.00	02/10/22	EXEC	02/14/22	0	RFI 0019
004	028-R1	Change Perforated Pipe to Solid Pipe @ Landslide Area	TM	U	08/24/21	\$5,000.00	08/30/21	\$15,000.00	\$21,300.00	01/24/22	\$15,793.74	\$19,618.00	02/19/22	EXEC	02/23/22	0	RFI 0026
005	015-R0	Stock Fencing Materials	LS	S	09/01/21	\$10,000.00	09/17/21		\$3,991.00	11/16/21	\$3,601.00	\$3,991.00	01/21/22	EXEC	01/26/22	0	
006	007-R1	Terrace Drain Change per PC 7	LS	S	09/17/21	\$75,000.00	09/17/21		\$69,716.39	09/10/21	\$30,687.00	\$56,612.00	10/14/21	EXEC	10/19/21	0	
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008	009-R0	Exeloo Add Ons Options	LS	S	09/29/21	\$25,000.00	09/30/21		\$54,528.00	09/27/21	\$20,672.00	\$42,600.00	11/04/21	EXEC	11/10/21	0	
009	004-R0	Additional Tree Removals	LS	E	10/13/21	\$100,000.00	10/14/21		\$105,609.00	09/02/21	\$83,915.51	\$83,900.00	10/28/21	EXEC	11/03/21	0	
010	012-R0	Bench and Trash Bin Pad	LS	S	10/13/21	\$5,000.00	10/14/21		\$15,371.00	10/26/21	\$14,905.00	\$14,905.00	01/24/22	EXEC	01/27/22	0	
011	013-R0	Reimbursement for Furnished Plants (09/2021 - 10/2021)	LS	S	11/04/21	\$50,000.00	11/04/21		\$54,730.00	11/05/21	\$49,164.39	\$49,164.00	11/16/21	EXEC	11/29/21	0	
012	017-R0	Irrigation Crossings Over Terrace & Down Drains	LS	E	11/29/21	\$75,000.00	12/01/21		\$61,285.00	11/16/21	\$65,476.29	\$60,734.00	01/12/22	EXEC	01/13/22	0	
013	044-R0	Installation of PRV & Repair of 1-1/2 in. Water Line Near Access Road Sta. 18+00	TM	U	12/07/21	\$5,000.00	02/03/22	\$5,000.00	\$2,830.00	02/03/22	\$2,808.73	\$2,809.00	03/16/22	EXEC	03/22/22	0	
014	032-R0	Reimbursement for Furnished Plants (10/2021 - 11/2021)	LS	S	12/09/21	\$25,000.00	12/09/21		\$19,979.00	01/18/22	\$19,979.34	\$19,979.00	01/21/22	EXEC	01/26/22	0	
015	021-R1	Installation of PRV at POC 1 & POC 2	LS	U	12/13/21	\$25,000.00	12/14/21		\$12,516.00	12/27/21	\$10,980.13	\$12,516.00	01/05/22	EXEC	01/06/22	0	
016	018-R0	Friends Street Sidewalk	LS	S	12/13/21	\$50,000.00	12/14/21		\$48,269.00	11/24/21	\$40,257.00	\$50,041.00	01/26/22	EXEC	02/01/22	0	
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046	092-R1	(VOID) Memorialization of Recreation Center Parking Changes	CAN	U					\$0.00	08/10/22				CAN			
047	057-R0	(VOID) Fence Repair at 667 Alma Real Dr	CAN	S					\$2,730.00	02/28/22				CAN			
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049	056-R0	6' Fence & Gate at Earlham	LS	U	06/21/22	\$10,000.00	06/21/22		\$5,809.00	02/28/22	\$5,641.03	\$5,809.00	08/11/22	EXEC	08/12/22	0	
050	071-R0	Trenching Assistance for RAP at Rec Center	LS	E	06/21/22	\$5,000.00	06/21/22		\$3,008.00	05/06/22	\$4,455.02	\$3,008.00	07/08/22	EXEC	07/11/22	0	
051	075-R0	Partnering Meeting #4 (05/04/22)	LS	U	06/21/22	\$10,000.00	06/21/22		\$5,000.00	05/26/22	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	06/23/22	EXEC	07/13/22	0	
052	072-R0	Modification of Modem to Firewall per LASAN Direction	LS	S	06/21/22	\$25,000.00	06/21/22		\$23,622.00	05/06/22	\$20,362.00	\$20,362.00	08/30/22	EXEC	09/07/22	0	
053	065-R0	Basin 9 Berm Toe Repair	LS	U	06/23/22	\$25,000.00	06/24/22		\$21,637.00	03/31/22	\$19,419.25	\$20,500.00	08/11/22	EXEC	08/12/22	0	
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055	085-R0	Reimbursement for Furnished Plants & Plant Maintenance - May & Jun Maintenance + Plant Deliveries (Delivery Invoices 35608, 35708, 35889, 36070, 36172, 36250, 36298, 36340, 36496 and 36171)	LS	U	06/28/22	\$50,000.00	06/28/22		\$63,688.74	07/29/22	\$63,688.74	\$63,689.00	08/02/22	EXEC	08/05/22	0	
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058	098-R0	Friends St. Access Path Landing Extension and ADA Transitions	LS	E	08/02/22	\$50,000.00	08/02/22		\$34,638.00	08/24/22	\$26,832.31	\$26,832.00	08/31/22	EXEC	09/07/22	0	
059	099-R0	Decomposed Granite Path Below Friends Street Access Path	LS	E	08/02/22	\$100,000.00	08/03/22		\$99,103.00	08/24/22	\$99,102.79	\$99,103.00	08/31/22	EXEC	09/07/22	0	
060	100-R0	Decomposed Granite Path from Basin 7 to Basin 5	LS	E	08/02/22	\$100,000.00	08/03/22		\$99,307.00	08/24/22	\$99,306.71	\$99,307.00	08/31/22	EXEC	09/07/22	0	
061	077-R0	Terrace Drain Extension per RFI 0142	LS	E	08/11/22	\$100,000.00	08/17/22		\$84,756.00	06/07/22	\$79,392.00	\$79,392.00	08/18/22	EXEC	08/19/22	0	
062	081-R0	Pre-fab Restroom Storm Drain	LS	E	08/11/22	\$10,000.00	08/11/22		\$9,855.00	06/21/22	\$8,663.00	\$8,663.00	08/16/22	EXEC	08/18/22	0	
063	039-R1	Basin 0 Gate and Fence Modification	LS	E	08/22/22	\$10,000.00	08/23/22		\$0.00	06/08/22	\$3,347.00	\$3,347.00	09/07/22	EXEC	09/11/22	0	
064	042-R0	Transformer Pad Relocation per PC 0010	LS	U	08/19/22	\$25,000.00	08/23/22		\$30,634.00	01/31/22	\$11,392.00	\$20,000.00	10/17/22	EXEC	10/24/22	0	
065	066-R0	Removal of Encroachments at 15305 De Pauw	LS	U	08/19/22	\$25,000.00	08/23/22		\$24,635.00	04/05/22	\$23,281.00	\$23,281.00	09/15/22	EXEC	09/20/22	0	
066	078-R0	Temporary Power at for POC2 Controller	LS	U	08/22/22	\$25,000.00	08/23/22		\$10,971.00	06/07/22	\$15,610.00	\$15,570.00	09/11/22	EXEC	09/16/22	0	
067	079-R0 080-R0 088-R0	Pump Station Relocation Issues	LS	U	09/30/22	\$100,000.00	10/04/22		\$66,726.00 \$43,491.00 \$60,207.00	06/07/22 06/07/22 07/29/22	\$83,700.00	\$83,700.00	10/12/22	EXEC	10/18/22	0	

094	112-R1	Modification per PC 016	LS	E	03/09/23	\$75,000.00	/23		\$96,567.00	11/08/22	\$67,895.55	\$78,708.00	03/30/23	EXEC	04/10/23	0	
095	134-R0	Deduct Balance from Bid Item 5 - Allowance for Survey Services	LS	S	12/15/22	-\$1,000.00	12/15/22		-\$1,504.00	12/27/22	-\$1,504.00	-\$1,504.00	01/17/23	EXEC	01/21/23	0	
096	135-R0	Deduct Balance from Bid Item 4 - Allowance for Permits	LS	S	12/14/22	-\$5,000.00	12/15/22		-\$9,658.00	12/27/22	-\$9,658.00	-\$9,658.00	01/17/23	EXEC	01/21/23	0	
097	None Specified	(VOID) Deduct Balance from Bid Item 6 - Allowance for LADWP Requests	CAN	U										CAN			
098	None Specified	(VOID) Time Extension - Adverse Weather & Closeout	CAN	U										CAN			
099	165-R0	Basin 6 Erosion Protection	TM	U	03/02/23	\$50,000.00	04/06/23	\$5,000.00	\$2,591.00	06/15/23	\$2,608.00	\$2,591.00	11/08/23	EXEC	11/21/23	0	
100	None Specified	(VOID) Supplemental Agreement - Increase Total Change Order Amount to 45%	CAN	S										CAN			
101	159-R0	Supplemental Agreement - Increase Total Change Order Amount to 32.04%	LS	U	02/28/23	\$0.00	02/28/23		\$0.00	03/08/23	\$0.00	\$0.00	03/08/23	EXEC	03/09/23	0	
102	124-R0	Additional Drilling for Grounding Rods	LS	U	03/09/23	\$5,000.00	03/09/23		\$3,089.00	12/16/22	\$2,437.07	\$3,089.00	03/31/23	EXEC	04/10/23	0	
103	123-R0	Mow Curb V-Notches at Basin 0	LS	U	03/09/23	\$10,000.00	03/09/23		\$6,618.00	12/12/22	\$6,697.90	\$6,618.00	04/06/23	EXEC	04/10/23	0	
104	130-R0	PCH Down Drain Adjustments and Extension	LS	E	03/09/23	\$50,000.00	03/09/23		\$41,858.00	12/20/22	\$32,218.14	\$40,252.00	03/29/23	EXEC	04/10/23	0	
105	171-R0	Partial Release of Retention	LS	U	09/13/23	\$0.00	09/14/23		\$0.00	09/22/23	\$0.00	\$0.00	09/29/23	EXEC	10/03/23	0	
106	132-R0	Additional Efforts for Grounding Rod Installation	LS	U	04/10/23	\$25,000.00	04/10/23		\$22,216.00	12/21/22	\$18,448.50	\$20,500.00	04/26/23	EXEC	04/28/23	0	
107	114-R0	Additional CIH Monitoring at Pump Station Excavation	LS	U	04/10/23	\$50,000.00	04/11/23		\$39,594.00	10/18/22	\$39,594.18	\$39,594.00	04/26/23	EXEC	04/28/23	0	
108	131-R0	Additional Cross Gutters Along Access Road	LS	E	04/10/23	\$75,000.00	04/10/23		\$69,513.00	12/20/22	\$58,500.00	\$39,303.00	04/27/23	EXEC	04/28/23	0	
109	119-R1	Additional Bollards Required by LADWP	LS	U	04/10/23	\$50,000.00	04/11/23		\$28,160.00	12/13/22	\$24,606.80	\$25,509.00	04/27/23	EXEC	04/28/23	0	
110	116-R0	Changes to Restroom Area per RFI 135	LS	E	04/10/23	\$50,000.00	04/10/23		\$51,199.00	11/17/22	\$39,539.70	\$46,500.00	04/27/23	EXEC	04/28/23	0	
111	160-R0	Additional Efforts for Basin 6 Repair Due to Landslide	LS	U	04/20/23	\$50,000.00	04/20/23		\$54,736.00	04/13/23	\$40,747.00	\$44,000.00	04/27/23	EXEC	04/28/23	0	
112	157-R0	Basin 6 Slope Repair - January 2023 Storms	LS	U	09/13/23	\$75,000.00	09/14/23		\$75,288.00	02/16/23	\$66,599.00	\$70,686.00	01/16/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0	
113	158-R0	Basin 6 Additional Drainage System	LS	E	05/26/23	\$75,000.00	05/26/23		\$73,650.00	02/16/23	\$70,676.00	\$70,676.00	06/02/23	EXEC	06/05/23	0	
114	139-R0	Overtime & Weekend Work	LS	U	05/26/23	\$50,000.00	05/26/23		\$61,295.00	12/28/22	\$38,880.00	\$38,880.00	06/01/23	EXEC	06/05/23	0	
115	148-R0	Additional Demo & Chipping Concrete Fence Posts at Entrance Gate	LS	E	05/26/23	\$5,000.00	05/26/23		\$3,458.00	01/25/23	\$3,786.00	\$3,458.00	06/02/23	EXEC	06/05/23	0	
116	121-R0	Demo of Unforeseen Concrete at Diversion MH	LS	U	05/26/23	\$10,000.00	05/26/23		\$6,026.00	12/12/22	\$6,082.00	\$6,026.00	06/02/23	EXEC	06/05/23	0	
117	156-R0	Raising Cleanouts Along Access Road	LS	E	12/18/23	\$50,000.00	12/20/23		\$47,260.00	02/16/23	\$36,696.00	\$36,696.00	01/16/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0	
118	111-R0	Unforeseen Conditions at Curbside Catch Basin	LS	U	09/13/23	\$25,000.00	09/14/23		\$18,000.00	10/17/22	\$16,230.62	\$16,231.00	01/16/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0	
119	120-R0	Unforeseen Bedrock Excavation from Trash Well to Diversion Structure	LS	U	09/13/23	\$50,000.00	09/14/23		\$31,766.00	12/12/22	\$26,591.67	\$29,179.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0	

120	122-R0	Installation of Cone, Ring, and Cover at Earlham Manhole	LS	U	09/13/23	\$5,000.00	09/14/23		\$3,602.00	12/12/22	\$2,311.85	\$3,602.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
121	129-R0	Backfill of Planters per BOE Landscape Architect Request	LS	U	09/13/23	\$5,000.00	09/14/23		\$4,677.00	12/16/22	\$4,721.17	\$4,667.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
122	137-R0	Restroom Subpanel per LADBS Requirements	LS	U	09/13/23	\$25,000.00	09/14/23		\$16,622.00	12/28/22	\$16,124.22	\$16,500.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
123	144-R0	Extension of Soil Cement Road & Concrete Access Road at Demonstration Garden	LS	U	09/13/23	\$25,000.00	09/14/23		\$23,379.00	01/24/23	\$20,335.76	\$20,336.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
124	145-R0	Demo & Reconstruct (E) Curb in Conflict with Diversion MH	LS	U	09/13/23	\$25,000.00	12/04/23		\$16,140.00	01/24/23	\$19,829.63	\$16,140.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
125	146-R0	Additional Grading, Soil Cement, Rock Swale, and PVC	LS	U	09/13/23	\$75,000.00	12/04/23		\$54,799.00	01/25/23	\$46,240.24	\$51,291.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
126	147-R0	Adjustment of DG Path & Concrete at Basin 1 Observation Area	LS	U	09/13/23	\$25,000.00	12/04/23		\$19,215.00	01/25/23	\$19,487.52	\$19,215.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
127	151-R1	Additional Grading at Pump Station	LS	U	09/13/23	\$50,000.00	12/04/23		\$47,939.00	01/30/23	\$37,693.05	\$44,677.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
128	169-R0	Sewage Spill	LS	U	12/20/23	\$50,000.00	12/20/23		\$29,295.00	08/22/23	\$24,854.00	\$24,854.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
129	172-R0	Resolution and Settlement to Dispute with Ferreira	LS	U	09/14/23	\$150,000.00	09/21/23		\$144,000.00	09/26/23	\$144,000.00	\$144,000.00	10/04/23	EXEC	10/05/23	0
130	008-R1 010-R0 049-R0 067-R0	Resolution & Settlement to Vegetation Clearnce	LS	E	09/14/23	\$200,000.00	09/21/23		\$238,581.00 \$87,024.00 \$17,080.00 \$105,227.00	09/27/21 10/21/21 02/07/22 04/20/22	\$173,000.00	\$173,000.00	09/29/23	EXEC	10/03/23	0
131	127-R0 140-R0	Repair of Irrigation System	LS	U	09/20/23	\$100,000.00	09/21/23		\$87,508.00 \$13,380.00	12/16/22 01/04/23	\$33,346.00	\$85,660.00	10/27/23	EXEC	11/08/23	0
132	128-R0	Hand Watering	LS	U	09/27/23	\$25,000.00	09/29/23		\$10,041.00	12/16/22	\$10,041.00	\$10,041.00	11/07/23	EXEC	11/08/23	0
133	141-R0	Hydroseeding Touch-Up Reapplication	LS	U	09/27/23	\$25,000.00	09/29/23		\$32,291.00	01/04/23	\$16,145.50	\$16,146.00	11/07/23	EXEC	11/08/23	0
134	164-R0	Irrigation System Modification at Basin 0	LS	U	09/27/23	\$5,000.00	09/28/23		\$7,820.00	06/08/23	\$4,938.24	\$4,938.00	11/07/23	EXEC	11/08/23	0
135	173-R0	Debris Cleaning & Maintenance Access Adjustment at Pump Station	TM	U	10/30/23	\$25,000.00	11/26/23	\$25,000.00	\$15,151.00	01/04/24	\$15,151.00	\$15,151.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
136	143-R0	Builders Risk Insurance Policy Extension	LS	U	12/18/23	\$25,000.00	12/20/23		\$19,200.00	01/05/23	\$18,300.00	\$18,300.00	01/17/24	EXEC	01/18/24	0
137	174-R0	Pump Station Specs & Plan Amendments	LS	U	12/20/23	\$0.00	12/20/23		\$0.00	01/19/24	\$0.00	\$0.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
138	175-R0	Deferral of Commissioning Requirement for Testing per 01810	LS	U	12/19/23	\$0.00	12/20/23		\$0.00	01/19/24	\$0.00	\$0.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
139	176-R0	Credit for Unused Allowance Items - Bid Items 3, 4, 5, and 6	LS	U	12/20/23	-\$10,000.00	12/20/23		-\$13,492.00	01/19/24	-\$13,492.00	-\$13,492.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
140	177-R0	Credit for Bid Item 8 - Allowance for PCH Resurfacing	LS	S	12/20/23	-\$150,000.00	12/20/23		-\$500,000.00	01/19/24	-\$500,000.00	-\$500,000.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
141	None Specified	(VOID) (Empty Record)	CAN	U										CAN		
142	152-R0	Demo & Disposal of Existing Asphalt Concrete at Pump Station	LS	U	01/18/24	\$100,000.00	01/18/24		\$98,320.00	01/30/23	\$83,576.78	\$78,635.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
143	161-R0	Basin 9 Irrigation	LS	E	01/18/24	\$50,000.00	01/18/24		\$54,131.00	05/17/23	\$34,048.59	\$33,732.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
144	162-R0	Sluice Gate & Trash Well Modifications	LS	E	01/18/24	\$25,000.00	01/18/24		\$19,830.00	05/17/23	\$19,830.00	\$19,830.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0

145	163-R0	Pump Power Source & Connections	LS	E	01/18/24	\$10,000.00	01/18/24		\$5,087.00	05/17/23	\$5,135.75	\$5,087.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
146	166-R1	Reimbursement of LADWP Billings (Post-Opening)	LS	U	01/18/24	\$10,000.00	01/18/24		\$13,802.00	06/15/23	\$6,730.10	\$6,730.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
147	168-R0	Pump Startup - Locating Basin Valves and Operational Tests	LS	U	01/18/24	\$25,000.00	01/18/24		\$13,833.00	08/22/23	\$12,794.00	\$12,794.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
148	170-R0	Soil Cement Investigation	LS	U	01/18/24	\$5,000.00	01/18/24		\$1,579.00	08/22/23	\$1,579.00	\$1,579.00	01/24/24	EXEC	01/26/24	0
149	178-R0 179-R0 180-R0 181-R0 182-R0	Final Closeout Change Order - Time Extension, Soil Cement, Bond, and Delay of Payment		U	03/12/24	\$200,000.00	07/01/24		\$36,514.00 \$6,431.00 \$360,000.00 \$10,000.00 \$9,636.00	01/23/24 05/02/24 05/02/24 /24 05/02/24 05/14/24	\$404,105.00	\$404,105.00	07/17/24	NEG		
150	183-R0	Supplemental Agreement - Increase Total Change Order Amount to 44.11%		U	07/02/24	\$0.00	07/02/24		\$0.00	07/02/24	\$0.00	\$0.00	07/17/24	NEG		

Original Contract	\$8,892,394.00	Time Extension	101 CD's	Payment Type: LS: Lump Sum TM: Time & Material CAN: Canceled	CO Category: U: Unforeseen 79 E: Errors & Omissions 30 S: Change in Scope 25	\$2,099,670.00
Original Contingency	\$889,239.00	Approved Comp. CD's	83			\$1,284,987.00
Revised Contingency	\$4,456,685.00	Approved Non Comp. CD's	18			-\$86,834.00
Executed COs & UCOs	\$3,297,823.00			CO Status: EXEC: Executed NEG: Negotiated UNR: Unresolved CAN: Canceled	Executed COs 134	\$3,297,823.00
CO Percentage	37.09%				Executed UCOs 0	\$0.00
Revised Contract	\$12,190,217.00				Forecasted COs 2	\$404,105.00
Remaining Contingency	\$1,158,862.00				Canceled COs 14	--