

MEETING AGENDA

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

Thursday, March 6, 2025 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.

Granada Hills Recreation Center
16730 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills 91344

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Darryl Ford, Superintendent
City Attorney Representative

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THIS AGENDA AND ITS REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: <https://www.laparks.org/commissioners/facility-task-force>.

1. CALL TO ORDER

March 6, 2025

2. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Park Needs Assessment
Informational Update

B. Playground Vandalism
Informational Report

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, April 3, 2025 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

Additional Information

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Informational Update of the 2025 Recreation and Parks' Park Needs Assessment

Background:

The Park Needs Assessment (PNA) is an evaluation of present and future park and recreational needs of the residents throughout the entire City of Los Angeles, with the goal of developing a Decision Making Framework to objectively inform how RAP should be prioritizing overall park investment, including future capital improvement projects, and to allocate RAP resources to meet the needs identified in the community outreach process that emphasizes inclusivity, accessibility, and transparency. This is the first Citywide PNA effort since 2009.

On December 19, 2024, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved Board Report No. 24-269; approving the bid and award of contact to Olin Partnership, LTD for the preparation of a Citywide Park Needs Assessment (PNA). On January 2, 2025, RAP executed contract No. 4140 with Olin Partnership, LTD.

The main components of the PNA include: 1) a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) tasked with critically reviewing and helping to fine-tune materials based on specific technical expertise; 2) a Steering Committee (SC) tasked with providing input on the PNA during the project process; 3) Engaging with the public in a multi-phased outreach program; and, 4) Completing an evaluation of the current and future needs of park and recreation services.

In order to make accurate forecasts on the future needs of RAP services, population projections using the most current Citywide data combined with data of past park investment, growth, and development over the last 25 years will help inform the PNA.

The foundation of the PNA is the feedback gathered from various community outreach methods, including but not limited to stakeholder meetings, public workshops, focus groups, and surveys. The goals of public participation are to: 1) Educate the public about the role RAP plays within the City of Los Angeles; 2) Solicit input from a diverse audience from a diverse cross-section of the City, including individuals who may not be able to attend meetings; 3) Provide opportunities for communities across the City to provide feedback on the PNA process, including progress updates on the Technical Advisory Committee, Steering Committee, and RAP components of the Draft PNA development; and, 4) Include hybrid options that allow for a variety of methods based on any prevailing health restrictions, community preference, or other unforeseen requirements. Currently, there is a website for the PNA that includes information and updates about the project and opportunities for the public to get involved. The website will transition over the course of the process from an engagement website to a web-based version of the PNA document.

The draft PNA report is anticipated to be released in late August 2025, and the final report is anticipated to be released in December 2025.

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February Task Force Updates as of 2/25/2025:

A press release announcing the launch of the PNA and the website was issued on February, 18, 2025 (Attachment 1).

Park Needs Assessment Website: <https://needs.parks.lacity.gov/>

Two surveys (a long version and a short version) are currently available on the PNA website. Alongside the website surveys, a statistically valid survey is currently being administered by the ETC Institute. Data gathered from the surveys will be used to determine the needs of the participating public and to distinguish the specific user groups for the variety of park amenities. Participants would have an opportunity to describe and rank existing park amenities in order of importance in order to gauge the priorities based on user groups. All surveys will conclude in mid-April.

Link to the short survey (takes about 5 minutes):

<https://needs.parks.lacity.gov/early-2025-survey-short-version/>

Link to the long survey (takes about 15 minutes):

<https://needs.parks.lacity.gov/early-2025-survey/>

New Data as of 2/25/2025:

Since February 6th, RAP has provided to OLIN the following data:

1. A preliminary list of LADWP surplus properties.
2. A preliminary list of different types of RAP Partnerships, including Real Estate partners, park organization partners, donors, and operators.
3. Tree canopy data from LAPW.

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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Updates as of 2/25/2025:

- The first TAC meeting was successfully held on February 10, 2025 at Comrie Hall at EXPO Center. The agenda topics included a Project Introduction, an Engagement Approach Discussion, discussion around the Parks Conditions Assessment, a Needs Criteria Discussion, and a Decision-Making Framework Discussion.
- The second TAC meeting is anticipated to be held on March 26, 2025 at Comrie Hall at EXPO Center. The agenda topics will include an update on the Parks Conditions Assessment, a continued Discussion of Needs Criteria, and Refine Ideas for the Decision-Making Framework.
- The third and final TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2025.
- The TAC includes representatives from the following agencies/organizations:
 - City of LA Department of Water and Power
 - City of LA Sanitation & Environment
 - City of LA Bureau of Engineering
 - City of LA Police Department
 - City of LA Department on Disability
 - City of LA Department of City Planning
 - City of LA Department of Transportation
 - City of LA Bureau of Street Services (Streets LA)
 - City of LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (LA Civil Rights)
 - City of LA Office of Forest Management
 - Los Angeles Unified School District
 - LA Metro
 - LA County Department of Parks and Recreation
 - California State Parks
 - Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
 - Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - University of Southern California

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Steering Committee (SC) Updates as of 2/25/2025:

- The first SC meeting was successfully held on February 18, 2025 at Comrie Hall at EXPO Center. The agenda topics included a Project Introduction, Guiding Principles/Working Agreements, Engagement Approach Discussion, Park Conditions Assessment, and Start Needs Criteria.
- The remaining SC meetings have been scheduled for the following days:
 - March 18, 2025
 - April 15, 2025
 - May 20, 2025
 - August 19, 2025
 - September 16, 2025
 - November 18, 2025
- The SC includes representatives from the following organizations:
 - Board of Recreation and Parks
 - Deputy Mayor
 - Trust for Public Land
 - Resources Legacy Fund
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - LA Neighborhood Land Trust
 - LA County Department of Parks and Recreation
 - Community Partners
 - University of Southern California
 - LA Waterkeeper
 - Prevention Institute
 - Friends of the LA River
 - Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority
 - Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative
 - Los Angeles Parks Foundation
 - California Conservation Corps

PNA Information Distribution and Website Updates as of 2/25/2025:

- The PNA press release alongside the PNA website and social media platforms went live on February 18, 2025. This was the formal announcement of the start of the PNA and referred to the upcoming opportunities for public engagement. All meeting details can be found on the website.
- On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, a RAP All email was sent to RAP Staff informing the entire department of the project status, upcoming engagement opportunities, as well as requesting facilities to physically post flyers (Attachment 2) and share survey information to park patrons.

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- On Friday, February 21, 2025, RAP GM Jimmy Kim participated in a news briefing to Ethnic Media Services to help emphasize the need of the PNA, and to explain the role that parks play in community wellbeing, especially as climate disasters become more frequent.
<https://ethnicmediaservices.org/media-briefings/la-launches-a-national-model-for-park-equity/>
- On February 24, 2025, Ethnic Media Services published an article called “Los Angeles Asks Residents to Help Plan the Future of City’s Parks”:
<https://ethnicmediaservices.org/environment/los-angeles-asks-residents-to-help-plan-the-future-of-citys-parks/>
- On Tuesday, February 25, 2025, an email was sent to all RAP Volunteers and program participants who opted into RAP emails, informing them of the upcoming engagement opportunities, survey information, and how to stay connected with the project.

City PNA Briefings:

RAP staff and the consultant team have been working to brief the City family to raise awareness about the PNA. See below the following briefings:

- February 3rd - Briefing with CD14
- February 11th - Arts, Parks, Libraries & Community Enrichment Committee Verbal Report Back (C.F. # 24-0862)
- February 10th & 11th - Briefings with CD 2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 15

Public Engagement (Phase 1) as of 2/25/2025:

- Two (out of seven) large format meetings at Ramona Hall (March 4) and Wilmington Recreation Center (March 5) have been completed.
- Five traditional large format meetings open to the public are scheduled for the following dates and times:
 - Thursday, March 6, 2025: Algin Sutton RC (CD8) from 6-8pm
 - Saturday, March 8, 2025: Victory Vineland RC (CD2) from 10am-12pm
 - Tuesday, March 11 2025: Tarzana Child Care Building (CD3) from 6-8pm
 - Thursday, March 13, 2025: Westchester RC (CD11) from 6-8pm
 - Saturday, March 15, 2025: Lincoln Park SCC (CD14) from 10am-12pm
- On Tuesday, March 18, 2025, a virtual meeting open to the public is scheduled from 6pm-8pm. The recording of the meeting will be made available on the PNA website.
- An interest group meeting for parks funding partners was held on February 20, 2025 at Comrie Hall at Expo Center.

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- An interest group meeting for parks organizations, non profits, neighborhood councils, Park Advisory Boards, and other interested groups was held virtually on February 27, 2025.
- The application period for the PNA Community Partners Program concluded on February 28, 2025. We are currently in the process of selecting Partners for the PNA. Over \$100,000 of funding is available to approximately 12 partner non-governmental and non-commercial organizations.
- Four equity-focused group workshops are scheduled for the following dates and times:
 - Thursday, March 6, 2025: “Critical Social Services” at Expo Center from 12pm-2pm.
 - Friday, March 14, 2025: “Access for All” at Expo Center from 12pm-2pm.
 - Thursday, March 20, 2025: “Parks in Place” at Expo Center from 12pm-2pm.
 - Friday, March 21, 2025: “The Public Stage” at Expo Center from 12pm-2pm.
- A PNA briefing presentation at the Los Angeles County Indian Commission meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025.
- Briefings with Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy and Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians have been scheduled for March 2025.
- The coordination of 1-4 pop up tables at events held by RAP and other organizations is pending.

Stay Connected to the PNA!:

Park Needs Assessment Website: <https://needs.parks.lacity.gov/>

PNA Socials:

LinkTree: <https://linktr.ee/lacityparksneeds>

Instagram: LACityParksNeeds

Facebook: LACityParksNeeds, <https://www.facebook.com/lacityparksneeds/>

Youtube: @LACityParksNeeds, <https://www.youtube.com/@lacityparksneeds>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/lacityparksneeds>

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 - Park Needs Assessment Press Release
2. Attachment 2 - Park Needs Assessment Phase 1 Community Outreach Flyer
3. Attachment 3 - PNA Schedule
4. Attachment 4 - PNA Community Engagement Plan
5. Attachment 5 - PNA Survey Question Comparison Chart



PRESS RELEASE

City of Los Angeles

Department of Recreation and Parks

Public Information Division, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Ste. 450
Los Angeles CA 90012, (213) 202-2700

February 18, 2025

Media Contact:

Jessica Henson: 323-387-3598/ jhenson@theolinstudio.com

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Launches New Park Needs Assessment Project

The new project initiative launches with a new website and survey City launches website and survey to gather community input on park needs through and announces the development of a Park Needs Assessment

LOS ANGELES – The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks is undertaking a Park Needs Assessment to evaluate the nearly 16,000 acres of public parkland and amenities in the City. As critical infrastructure in our communities, parks are a foundational part of life in Los Angeles.

The Park Needs Assessment process was commissioned by the Department of Recreation and Parks to identify the current needs, challenges, and opportunities for improvement across the Department's vast network of parks and recreational facilities. It will guide future investment in park infrastructure and amenities that is reflective of the diverse communities across the City and its projected population growth.

The Park Needs Assessment will include four phases and the public is encouraged to engage at each step of the process. The first phase will help the Department of Recreation and Parks to understand the public's knowledge of the park system and gather feedback on its overall performance.

Community meetings to launch the project will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 4, 2025: Ramona Hall (CD1) from 6-8pm
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025: Wilmington RC (CD15) from 6-8pm
- Thursday, March 6, 2025: Algin Sutton RC (CD8) from 6-8pm
- Saturday, March 8, 2025: Victory Vineland RC (CD2) from 10am-12pm
- Tuesday, March 11 2025: Tarzana Child Care Building (CD3) from 6-8pm
- Thursday, March 13, 2025: Westchester RC (CD11) from 6-8pm
- Saturday, March 15, 2025: Lincoln Park SCC (CD14) from 10am-12pm
- Tuesday, March 18, 2025: Virtual, from 6pm-8pm



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“Assessing park needs and community priorities is foundational to maintaining a world-class park system for both Los Angeles residents and visitors,” said Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks. “The team is looking forward to engaging with community members across the City this year and developing an innovative and equitable assessment that will guide the department's future efforts.”

Importance of the Park Needs Assessment

"This park needs assessment will be the best in its class," said Jon Christensen, a UCLA professor who has studied park needs assessments around the country and is serving as a consultant in the process. "It will set the stage for improving and expanding our park system across the city, prioritizing areas of highest need, and focusing park funding to achieve visible, tangible results for the residents of Los Angeles."

“We are honored to support the City of Los Angeles in the development of a robust park needs assessment that will serve the residents of LA for decades to come,” said Jessica Henson, the project’s Consultant Lead from OLIN. She continued, “Parks are critical for our communities, providing not only places to recreate and rest but also places where people come together to learn, create, and celebrate.”

Community Engagement Process

The Park Needs Assessment process will include numerous opportunities for the community to share ideas and feedback through a variety of engagement methods, such as in-person and virtual community meetings, pop-up events, partnerships with community-based organizations, equity-focused events, key group meetings, surveys, and a project website. With a focus on equitable, innovative, and creative community engagement, the process aims to ensure that all Angelenos' voices are heard and valued, using both in-person and digital tools to encourage active participation. The feedback gathered throughout this process will help inform future decisions related to park improvements, funding, and new development.

Survey

The team will be conducting a statistically valid survey to help ensure input from a representative cross-section of Los Angeles residents. Surveys can be completed online, at parks across the city, and also in-person at an upcoming March engagement meeting. The survey allows people who do not have time to attend in-person events to share their ideas and experiences about the park system. Go to the project website to take the survey and/or share with your family, friends and neighbors at needs.parks.lacity.gov.



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Next Steps

- Spring/Summer 2025: Community outreach will focus on understanding and refining public priorities for existing park amenities.
- Fall 2025: Draft Park Needs Assessment for Public Review
- Winter 2025-2026: Anticipated Completion of Park Needs Assessment

PROJECT INFORMATION

About the City of LA Department of Recreation and Parks

The Department of Recreation and Parks operates over 550 park sites and 92 miles of trails that cover over 16,000 acres of land in Los Angeles.

The park system includes some of the world's most iconic parks such as Griffith Park, Sepulveda Basin, Echo Park, and MacArthur Park, as well as hundreds of community and neighborhood parks, Venice Beach, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, and 12 museums.

Project Team

The project is being led by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. A Technical Advisory Committee, a Steering Committee, City of LA elected offices and staff, government departments, and organizations will provide guidance to the project team.

Through a competitive "request for proposal" process, the City selected OLIN and their team that includes their subconsultants Kounkuey Design Initiative, Agency: Artifact, The Robert Group, Estolano Advisors, Geosyntec Consultants, GreenInfo Network, HR&A, Better World Group, Dharam Consulting, Calvada, LANDAU Design + Technology, ETC Institute, and West of West Architecture, and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners in December 2024.

For more information, and to stay updated on community events and engagement opportunities, please visit our project website at needs.parks.lacity.gov.

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PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks is launching the first phase of the **Park Needs Assessment**, and we want to hear from you!

Your input will help transform the places where we live, work, and play—**let's make it happen together!**

GET CONNECTED!

Scan or visit: needs.parks.lacity.gov
or follow us @LACityParksNeeds on Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, & YouTube



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES CITY PARKS!

Join us for the first round of community meetings where you can get the inside scoop on the process, share your ideas, and help shape the future of LA's parks and recreation spaces.

RSVP here:
bit.ly/EngageLAPNA

Tues, March 4

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Ramona Hall
4580 North Figueroa St
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Wed, March 5

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Wilmington Rec Center
325 N. Neptune Ave
Wilmington, CA 90744

Thur, March 6

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Algin Sutton Rec Center
8800 S Hoover St
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Sat, March 8

10:00am – 12:00pm

Victory Vineland Rec Center
11117 Victory Blvd
North Hollywood, CA 91606

Tues, March 11

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Tarzana Rec Center (in Child Care Center)
5700 Beckford Ave
Tarzana, CA 91356

Thur, March 13

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Westchester Rec Center
7000 W. Manchester Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Sat, March 15

10:00am – 12:00pm

Lincoln Park Senior Center
3501 Valley Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Tues, March 18

6:00pm – 8:00pm

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EVALUACIÓN DE LAS NECESIDADES DE PARQUES

El Departamento de Recreación y Parques de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles está poniendo en marcha la primera etapa de la Evaluación de las Necesidades de Parques **¡y queremos conocer su opinión!**

Esta es su oportunidad de **participar, compartir sus ideas y ayudar a darle forma al futuro** de los parques y espacios recreativos de Los Ángeles.

¡CONÉCTESE CON NOSOTROS!

Escanee o visite: needs.parks.lacity.gov

o siganos a @LACityParksNeed en Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook y YouTube.



¡AYUDE A DARLE FORMA AL FUTURO DE LOS PARQUES DE LA CIUDAD DE LOS ÁNGELES!

Acompañenos a la primera ronda de reuniones comunitarias donde puede obtener información exclusiva, compartir sus ideas y ayudar a darle forma al futuro de los parques y espacios recreativos de Los Ángeles.

Confirme su asistencia en:
bit.ly/EngageLAPNA

Martes, 4 de marzo

de 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Ramona Hall

4580 North Figueroa St Los Angeles, CA 90065

Miércoles, 5 de marzo

de 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Wilmington Rec Center

325 N. Neptune Ave
Wilmington, CA 90744

Jueves, 6 de marzo

de 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Algin Sutton Rec Center

8800 S Hoover St
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Sábado, 8 de marzo

de 10:00am – 12:00pm

Victory Vineland Rec Center

11117 Victory Blvd
North Hollywood, CA 91606

Martes, 11 de marzo

de 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Tarzana Rec Center (en el centro de Cuidado de niños)

5700 Beckford Ave
Tarzana, CA 91356

Jueves, 13 de marzo

de 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Westchester Rec Center

7000 W. Manchester Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Sábado, 15 de marzo

de 10:00am – 12:00pm

Lincoln Park Senior Center

3501 Valley Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Martes, 18 de marzo

de 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Virtual por Zoom

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LA Park Needs Assessment
PROJECT SCHEDULE

1
GROUNDING
 MEETING WITH INTERESTED PARTIES AND GROUNDING IN EXISTING DATA AND REPORT REVIEW

2
EVALUATION
 CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS TO UNDERSTAND NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

3
DRAFT PNA
 REFINING FINDINGS INTO A DRAFT PNA

4
FINAL PNA
 SHARING THE FINAL PNA

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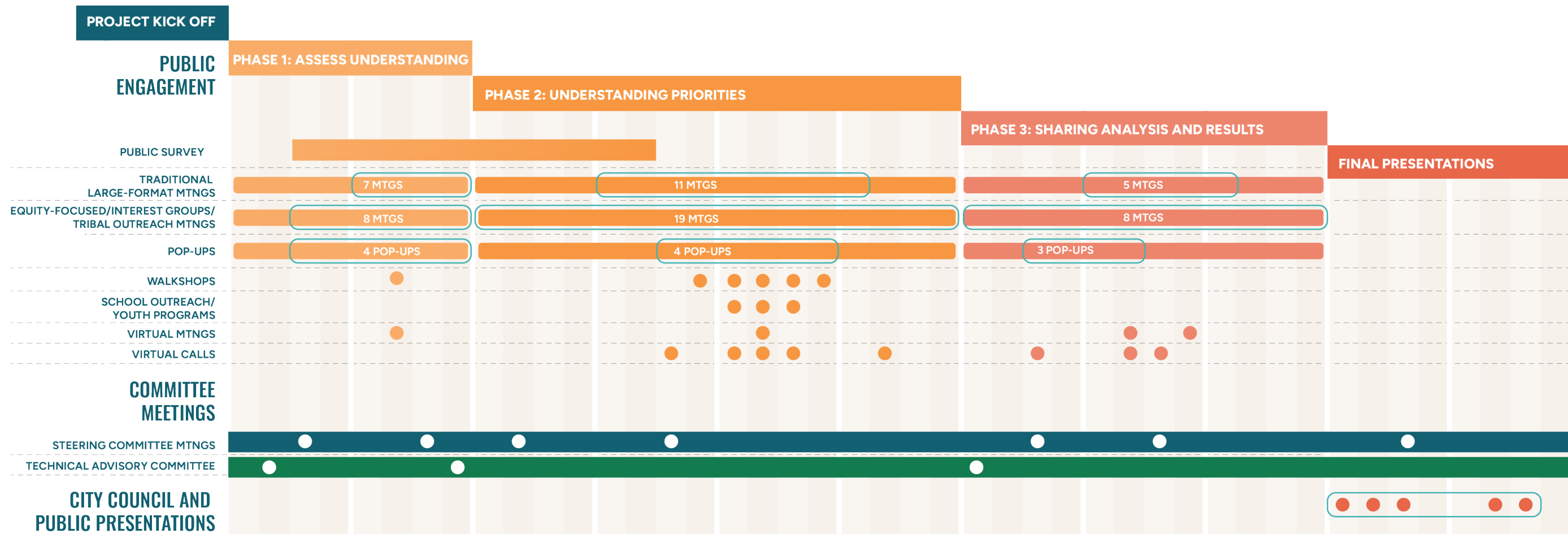
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LA Park Needs Assessment

PHASE 1 DATES AND GROUPS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Community Meeting #1**
March 4, 2025: 6pm - 8pm
- Community Meeting #2**
March 5, 2025: 6pm - 8pm
- Community Meeting #3**
March 6, 2025: 6pm - 8pm
- Community Meeting #4**
March 8, 2025: 10am - 12pm
- Community Meeting #5**
March 11, 2025: 6pm - 8pm
- Community Meeting #6**
March 13, 2025: 6pm - 8pm
- Community Meeting #7**
March 15, 2025: 10am - 12pm
- Virtual Engagement Meeting**
March 18, 2025: 6pm - 8pm

POP-UP EVENTS

Areas and Events Across the City

INTEREST GROUP WORKSHOPS

- Interest Group Workshop #1: Funders and Foundations**
February 20, 2025
- Interest Group Workshop #2: Neighborhood Councils, Non-Profits, Recreation Groups**
February 27, 2025

TRIBAL OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

- LA City/County Native American Indian Commission Briefing**
February/March 2025
- Tribal Briefings, Various**
February/March 2025

EQUITY GROUP SESSIONS

- Equity Group Session #1: Critical Social Sciences**
March 2025
- Equity Group Session #2: Parks in Place**
March 2025
- Equity Group Session #3: Access for All**
March 2025
- Equity Group Session #4: The Public Stage**
March 2025

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- TAC Meeting #1**
February 10, 2025
- TAC Meeting #2**
March 26, 2025
- TAC Meeting #3**
August, 2025

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Steering Committee Meeting #1**
February 18, 2025
- Steering Committee Meeting #2**
March 18, 2025
- Steering Committee Meeting #3**
April 15, 2025
- Steering Committee Meeting #4**
May 20, 2025
- Steering Committee Meeting #5**
August 19, 2025
- Steering Committee Meeting #6**
September 16, 2025
- Steering Committee Meeting #7**
November 18, 2025

LA Park Needs Assessment

PHASE 2 MEETINGS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Community Meeting #1

Late May 2025
East LA

Community Meeting #2

Late May 2025
Downtown LA

Community Meeting #3

Late May 2025
Valley Center/East LA

Community Meeting #4

Late May 2025
Valley West

Community Meeting #5

Late May 2025
South LA

Community Meeting #6

Late May 2025
South LA

Community Meeting #7

Late May 2025
West LA

Community Meeting #8

Late May 2025
Elysian Valley

Community Meeting #9

Late May 2025
Koreatown and Adjacent

Community Meeting #10

Late May 2025
Mid-City

Community Meeting #11

Late May 2025
San Pedro

Virtual Engagement Meeting

Late May 2025
Zoom

EQUITY GROUP SESSIONS

Meetings 1-4

Mid - Late May 2025

Meetings 5 - 8

Early June 2025

TRIBAL OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

3 Tribal Outreach Conversations

June 2025

POP-UP EVENTS

Areas and Events Across the City

INTEREST GROUP WORKSHOPS

Meeting 1: Neighborhood Councils

May 2025

Meeting 2: CBOs/Non-Profits

May 2025

Meeting 3: Recreation Groups

May 2025

Meeting 4

May 2025

Meeting 5 - 8

June 2025

SCHOOL/YOUTH OUTREACH

High School Meeting

May 2025
Community School or Park

Middle School Meeting

May 2025
Community School or Park

Elementary School Meeting

May 2025
Community School or Park

WALKSHOPS

3 Walkshops

May/June/July 2025
Location based on Phase 1 findings

INDIVIDUAL INTEREST GROUPS

3 Virtual Calls as Needed

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Steering Committee Meeting #7

November 18, 2025

LA Park Needs Assessment
PHASE 3 MEETINGS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Community Meeting #1: CD 1, 13, 14
Late September 2025
East LA

Community Meeting #2: CD 14
Late September 2025
Downtown LA

Community Meeting #3: CD 2, 4, 6, 7
Late September 2025
Valley Center/East LA

Community Meeting #4: CD 3, 12
Late September 2025
Valley West

Community Meeting #4: CD 8, 9, 10, 15
Late September 2025
South LA

Community Meeting #4: CD 5, 11
Late September 2025
West LA

Virtual Engagement Meeting
Late September 2025
Zoom

INTEREST GROUP WORKSHOPS

**2 Interest Group Meetings/Workshops
with CBOs and Non-Profits**
Mid-September 2025

TRIBAL OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

2 Tribal Outreach Conversations/Workshops
Early September 2025

EQUITY GROUP SESSIONS

**4 Equity-Focused, On-Site Workshops/
Focus Groups**
September 2025

INDIVIDUAL INTEREST GROUPS

2 Virtual Calls as Needed

POP-UP EVENTS

Areas and Events Across the City

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Survey Questions - Comparison

Statistically Valid Survey

Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...

Long Survey & Community Meetings

Have you visited any PARKS offered by City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks in the past 12 months?

How often do you visit?

How would you rate the physical condition?

How would you rate the physical condition of Los Angeles parks?

Have you visited any RECREATION CENTERS offered by City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks in the past 12 months?

How often do you visit?

How would you rate the physical condition?

How would you rate the physical condition of Los Angeles recreation facilities?

Do you feel there is a sufficient number of parks and/or recreation centers within walking distance of your residence?

Do you feel there are enough parks and/or recreation centers within walking distance of your home?

Approximately how many different recreation programs (e.g., sports, aquatic, senior, fitness classes, educational) offered by the City of Los Angeles have you or members of your household participated in over the past 12 months?

How would you rate the overall quality of the all the recreation programs you and the members of your household have participated in?

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Please check ALL the ways you learn about Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department programs and activities.

Recreation or parks facilities are always available when I want to use them.

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Please CHECK ALL the ways you typically travel to the parks and recreation centers that you use. [Check ALL that apply.]

What are all of the ways you would be willing to travel to a [facility]?

For each of the following facility types, please check ALL of the ways you would be willing to travel to each facility. For each facility you would travel to, please write in the MAXIMUM minutes you would be willing to travel to get to the facility.

What is the maximum number of minutes you would be willing to to travel to get to a [facility]?

Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from visiting parks and recreation centers more often.

What prevents you from using parks and recreation facilities or programs more often?

A variety of OUTDOOR FACILITIES are listed below. Please indicate how well your needs for each outdoor facility are met on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met" and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all.

Which FOUR of the OUTDOOR FACILITIES listed above do you think are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?

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Which FOUR of the OUTDOOR FACILITIES listed above do you and the members of your household USE MOST OFTEN?

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A variety of recreation PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES are listed below. Please indicate how well your needs for each program and activity are met on a scale of 4 to 1, where 4 means your needs are "Fully Met" and 1 means your needs are "Not Met" at all.

Which FOUR of the PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES listed above do you think are MOST IMPORTANT to you and the members of your household?

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Which FOUR of the PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES listed above do you and the members of your household PARTICIPATE IN MOST OFTEN?

The following are some benefits PARKS, TRAILS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS provide. For each benefit, please indicate your level of agreement.

Of the following benefits that parks, recreation facilities and programs may provide, which do you think are the most important? (Select the FOUR most important.)

How supportive are you of a bond or some increase in taxes or levies to fund the types of parks and recreation centers that are most important to you and your household?

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What is your age?

What generation do you belong to?

How many years have you lived in the City of Los Angeles?

How long have you lived in Los Angeles?

Your gender:

Are you or any members of your family of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x ancestry?

Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

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Is English the primary language spoken in your home?

Does anyone in your household have a disability?

Which of the following best describes your home?

Do you rent or own your home?

What is your total annual household income?

Please share any additional park and recreation center needs, comments or concerns that you or your household may have:

Anything we missed?

Would you be willing to participate in future surveys sponsored by the City of Los Angeles?

(Gathered from postal addresses)

What is your ZIP code?

Describe Los Angeles parks and recreation facilities in THREE words.

What does Los Angeles do well in parks and recreation?

What does Los Angeles need to improve upon with parks and recreation in the future?

Which parks or recreation facilities need the most attention?

What programs would encourage you to use parks and recreation facilities more?

What is your favorite Los Angeles park and recreation memory?

Is there at least one park or recreation facility where you feel safe?

Is there at least one park or recreation facility where you feel like you belong?

Short Survey

How would you rate the physical condition of Los Angeles parks?

How would you rate the physical condition of Los Angeles recreation facilities?

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How supportive are you of a bond or some increase in taxes or levies to fund the types of parks and recreation centers that are most important to you and your household?

What generation do you belong to?

How long have you lived in Los Angeles?

Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

What else should we know?

What is your ZIP code?

Describe Los Angeles recreation and parks in THREE words.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE BRIEFING
March 6, 2025

Playground Vandalism

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) operates over 16,000 acres of parkland across over 490 parks and recreational facilities. RAP operates and/or maintains over 400 children’s playground structures – which includes age-appropriate playgrounds for young children (aged 2 to 5), older children (aged 5 to 12), all ages (aged 2 to 12), as well as “Universally Accessible Playgrounds” that go beyond ADA-compliant design to provide opportunities for individuals of different physical, sensory, social, and intellectual abilities to play together.

Since November 2022 there have been over a dozen major playground vandalism incidents that have required RAP to either make extensive repairs to a playground structure or to replace it entirely with a new playground structure . The total cost to repair or replace these damaged playgrounds has been approximately \$1,500,000

As a part of the Annual Budget Process, RAP receives approximately \$1,000,000 in funding for playground materials and equipment. This funding is insufficient to pay for the increased costs of repairs due to vandalism. Therefore RAP has become increasingly reliant on the use of capital improvement funds (such as Quimby/Park Fees and Measure A Funds) to pay for the replacement of vandalised playgrounds.

The chart below summarizes the major playground vandalism incidents that have occurred at RAP parks and facilities since July 2022

CD	Park	Incident Date	Repair/Replacement Date	Notes
5	Pan Pacific Park	July 2022	January 2023	2-12 Lower Playground
1	Hope and Peace	November 2022	January 2025	
10	West Adams Heights Park	June 2023	TBD	Playground removed
3	John Quimby Park	March 2024	September 2024	
1	Downey RC / Albion Riverside Park	May 2024	November 2024	Both 2-5 & 5-12 Playgrounds
9	Broadway Park	May 2024	September 2024	
1	Downey RC / Albion Riverside Park	August 2024	November 2024	2-5 Playground
1	MacArthur Park	September 2024	December 2024	SW Corner
6	Devonshire Arleta Park	November 2024	TBD	Awaiting quote
14	Ramon Garcia RC	December 2024	TBD	
10	Lafayette Park	December 2024	TBD	5-12 Playground
14	Ramon Garcia RC	February 2025	TBD	
14	Boyle Heights Sports Center	February 2025	February 2025	