



*Transmission Right-of-Way: City of Cerritos*



## **VERNON RANDOLPH-TO-RIVER GREENWAY PROJECT**

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## SCOPE

LADWP Transmission Right-of-Way greenspace conversion project to offer a walk/bike commuter path that connects people to work, linking the Metro rail and the LA River to the trail to create a seamless integration of transit options

## LOCATION

Corridor runs through the entirety of Vernon from its most northern and southern borders – from the LA River down to Randolph, the future site of a new Metro stop along the border of Vernon and the City of Huntington Park

## BENEFITS

With greenspace lacking overall in the Southeast LA area (SELA), the project offers a commuter friendly path, and open areas for passive and active recreation and socializing to encourage mental restoration and physical exercise – health benefits to Southeast LA communities

## FUNDING

Partnerships with local agencies are desired to encourage funding for this project that supports community needs and ties together the regional transit goals of the LA County River Revitalization, SELA Collab Lower River Project Para Todos, and the Metro Line expansion



# SCOPE

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The City of Vernon envisions a greenbelt that incorporates a safe, automobile-free connection to and from jobs in Vernon and homes in Maywood and Huntington Park (and other nearby cities), separated pedestrian and bicycle paths for the extent of the right-of-way, and passive and active recreational opportunities throughout.

Landscaping, hardscape features, lighting, fitness park equipment, and seating are some examples of project components that may be considered for the greenway to ensure usability, safety, and beauty.

# SCOPE

Transmission rights-of-way have become a means to infuse valuable open spaces into urbanized areas. Clever, purposeful design can transform the environment and offer commuters a means to travel from public transit hubs through greenspace to arrive at their destination.



# LOCATION



A contiguous 1½ mile park that has trails for commuters and recreation in the heart of SELA – majority of SELA cities are in the bottom two quartiles per capita of open space for Los Angeles County

- ✓ *For cities closest to the proposed greenway: Huntington Park has 0.9 park acres per 1,000 residents; Maywood has 0.3 park acres per 1,000 residents; Bell has 0.2 park acres per 1,000 residents; and Vernon has no park space at all*

Connection for Segment B of the Metro Rail-to-River walk and bike path along Randolph near Bissel (as shown), reinforcing regional efforts to improve alternative, sustainable transportation

- ✓ *Vernon is home to 50,000 jobs with the majority of people working in Vernon living in cities immediately adjacent*
- ✓ *The SELA community has on average 0.59 vehicles per adult, significantly lower than the county average of 0.71, which underscores the need for pedestrian pathways*



# BENEFITS

- ✓ Southeast LA communities significantly lacking park and open spaces
- ✓ Transmission line property is underutilized
- ✓ Greenway will provide a safe automobile-free connection to and from jobs in Vernon and homes in Maywood and Huntington Park and surrounding areas

The project offers an opportunity to beautify the transmission right-of-way from an unkept obsolete space to a vital, useful, beneficial greenway that leverages its proximity to the LA River and Metro Rail for commuting workers. With open space for passive and active recreation and socializing, the greenway will also offer health benefits to SELA cities.





# FUNDING

## PROPOSED PHASE 1 OF GREENWAY

Vernon awarded \$1.66 million Clean California Grant for park on LADWP transmission corridor – a regional project that expands this greenspace to benefit more communities is a worthy pursuit.

## MULTIPLE FUNDING SOURCES

Funding for the Vernon Randolph-to-River Project is available through Proposition 84, Clean California Grants, Caltrans Active Transportation Grants, and Sustainable Transportation Grants. Additionally, the project connects LA County's LA River Project and Metro's Randolph Station. The City plans to develop section by section, as funds become available.

## PARTNERSHIPS

Through partnerships, the project can gain visibility and support for permitting and grant funding. The City appreciates letters of support that advocate for the City of Los Angeles to permit all available segments of the 1 ½ mile Right-of-Way for development of park space and a greenway through Vernon, for the benefit of the SELA Region.



*Transmission Right-of-Way: City of South Gate*



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