

**BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held
Friday, October 4, 2019, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Room
4100 South La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90056
(323) 298-3660

Teleconference Location

Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, 13th Floor, Room 1305
Sacramento, California 95814

10:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER – Craig Sap, Chair

MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE ROLL CALL

Public Comment and Time Limits: If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please complete a speaking card available near the door to the meeting room. Individuals wishing to comment will be allowed up to three minutes to speak. Speaking times may be reduced depending upon the number of speakers.

1. Roll Call – BHC Staff
2. Approval of Minutes (July) – Craig Sap, Chair
3. Public Comments – Craig Sap, Chair
4. Presentation on Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Features and Programs – Shawn McAdory, Regional Park Superintendent II, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
5. Kenneth Hahn SRA - Community to Park Connections (L.A. Metro Transit to Parks Strategic Plan) – David McNeill, Executive Officer, BHC
6. Presentation on the Lower Ballona Creek Planning and Feasibility Study – Daniel Sciolini, BHC Project Manager & Nancy Ngugi, California Greenworks
7. Executive Officer Report: Legislative, Operations, Project Status, and Fiscal Updates – BHC Staff Representatives
8. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

9. Closed Session: Conference to discuss negotiations and strategies for the following properties: Parcel Numbers: APN 4201-002-027, Negotiating Party: Sentinel Peak Resources., Agency Negotiator: David McNeill

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, the Conservancy may hold a closed session to discuss and take possible action regarding instructions on real estate negotiations, on personnel matters and/or to receive advice of counsel on pending or potential litigation, among other permissible subjects. Confidential memoranda related to these issues may be considered during such closed session discussions.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **December 6, 2019.*

ADJOURNMENT

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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

Friday, July 26, 2019

10:05 a.m. Call to Order - A public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) was assembled at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2019, at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) Community Center located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

Deputy Attorney General conducted Oath of Office for Governor Appointee Keshia Sexton and Natural Resources Designee Amanda Martin.

I. Roll Call – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Members Present: Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Lloyd Dixon, Lacey Johnson, Robert Jones, Corey Lakin, Patricia O'Toole, John Wicker, Ryan Leaf, Josh Nelson, Dr. Raissa White, Dr. Nicole Lawson, Dr. Yolonda Gorman, Brian Baldauf, Craig Sap, Keshia Sexton, Robert Jones, Patricia O'Toole.

Staff Present: David McNeill, Executive Officer; Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager; Daniel Sciolini, Project Manager, Christina Bull-Arden, Deputy Attorney General.

II. Approval of Minutes (May 3, 2019) – Craig Sap, (Chair):

Member Jones provided a motion to approve the minutes, Member White seconded. There being no objections or questions, the Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote (10 ayes).

III. Public Comments – Craig Sap, (Chair):

Public comment was invited. No comment cards received.

IV. Discussion and possible action for an Amendment to BHC Grant Guidelines for Increased Solicitation of Conservancy Prop 1 and Prop 68 Award Opportunities – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill introduced the changes in grant application dates to reflect a six round schedule allowing for applications submissions every other month. The proposed schedule would better align with BHC board meetings and allow for more efficacy in the award consideration process. Member Leaf asked if the schedule provided enough time for staff to review proposals. Staff responded there would be sufficient time for proposal review as long as there wasn't a significant surge in applications. Dr. Gorman provided a motion to approve the amendment, Member White seconded. Amendment was unanimously approved by roll call vote (10 ayes)

V. Discussion and possible action to Recall May 3, 2019 Election of Officers Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558 of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act – Craig Sap, Chair

The item was presented by the Chair and Mr. McNeill. With the re-appointment of Keshia Sexton to the BHC, the board wished to have her office of Vice President re-instituted. A recall of the May election held to fill the office vacancy was required. A motion was put forth by Member Wicker and seconded by Member Gorman. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote (10 ayes)

VI. Baldwin Hills Parklands Conservation Program (BHC Prop 84 Agreement #15004) Final Quarter Presentation – Stacey Vigallon, Los Angeles Audubon Society

See Power Point presentation item in the board package

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill:

Project Status Update on Propositions 40, 84, 1 and 68 – BHC Staff:

See the project update sheet in board package.

Fiscal and Legislative Update – David McNeill:

See expenditure report item in board package.

VIII. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Dupont-Walker recommended the BHC extend letters of thanks to elected officials that have supported the Parklands. She also initiated a committee to coordinate an end of the year celebration. Committee participants include herself and Member White supported by BHC staff. A short discussion regarding partnerships with NGO to assist with funding certain functions and activities beyond the resources of the BHC. Members Nelson, Sap and Wicker all agreed these public-private partnerships in parks can work if structured correctly.

IX. Closed Session: Conference to discuss negotiations and strategies for the following properties: Parcel Numbers: APN 4201-002-027, Negotiating Party: Genworth Financial Inc., Agency Negotiator: David McNeill; APN 5029-038-001, Negotiating Party: Keller Williams Realty, Agency Negotiator: David McNeill.

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 4, **2019**.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately **11:40 a.m.**

Approved:

Keshia Sexton, Vice Chair

Date:

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: October 4, 2019

Re: Item # 4: Presentation on Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Features and Programs – Shawn McAdory, Regional Park Superintendent II, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation: See attached PowerPoint presentation.

Background: Baldwin Hills State Recreation Area was established in 1983 in partnership with California State Parks and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn lead the effort to acquire the first parcels using \$4.4 million of California's State Beach, Park, Recreational, and Historic Facilities Fund of 1974. The park was re-named, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in recognition of the venerable Supervisor's initiative and stewardship for the expansion of the parklands.

Today, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation is the largest regional park and open space facility in Southwest Los Angeles County, serving millions within a five-mile radius and beyond. County Parks operates the 440-acre facility which is the centerpiece of the Conservancy's 1,300-acre territory.



KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA

Kevin Regan, Deputy Director

October 4, 2019

BALDWIN HILLS RESERVOIR BREAK LOS ANGELES DECEMBER 14, 1963

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WATERY DISASTER

Dam Bursts In Los Angeles

Commentary by Michael Fitzmaurice
NEWS of the DAY

PARK HISTORY

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An area within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) was used as the site for the first Olympic Village for the 10TH Olympiad hosted by Los Angeles in the summer of 1932. Between 1947 and 1951 the Baldwin Hills Reservoir was built in the hills of the future park site. In 1963 the reservoir's dam collapsed disastrously, washing away residences in the canyon and flooding the Baldwin Hills area. The news coverage of the disaster was the first-time aerial footage had been televised live. The reservoir's empty bowl is still visible within the park and known as Janice's Green Valley; named after Kenneth Hahn's daughter.

In 1968, a proposal was introduced to establish a section of the Baldwin Hills area as a wilderness park with playgrounds, picnic and barbeque areas, and hiking trails. In 1977 Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn convinced then Vice President Walter Mondale to use the land from the former oil-drilling sites for a public open space park. On November 14, 1983, the Baldwin Hills State Recreation Area was officially opened on land purchased with Federal, State, and County funds. Since it's opening the park has continued to expand, as the adjacent oil wells have "dried up" the land is cleaned and acquired by the County.

In 1984, Los Angeles once again served as host for the Summer Olympics, drawing athletes from 140 nations. To help serve as a continual reminder and to commemorate this event, 140 trees were planted on the site at KHSRA of the 1932 Olympic Valley. This area is now referred to as the Olympic Forest. In 1988, the State of California renamed the park Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in recognition of the County of Los Angeles Supervisors' preservation efforts and his many years of committed and dedicated public service. KHSRA is now one of the largest urban regional parks and open spaces in the greater Los Angeles area. It offers some of the best and most scenic views of downtown high-rises, San Gabriel Mountain, Santa Monica, LAX, and the Pacific Ocean. KHSRA is often referred to as LA's Central Park.

PARK FEATURES

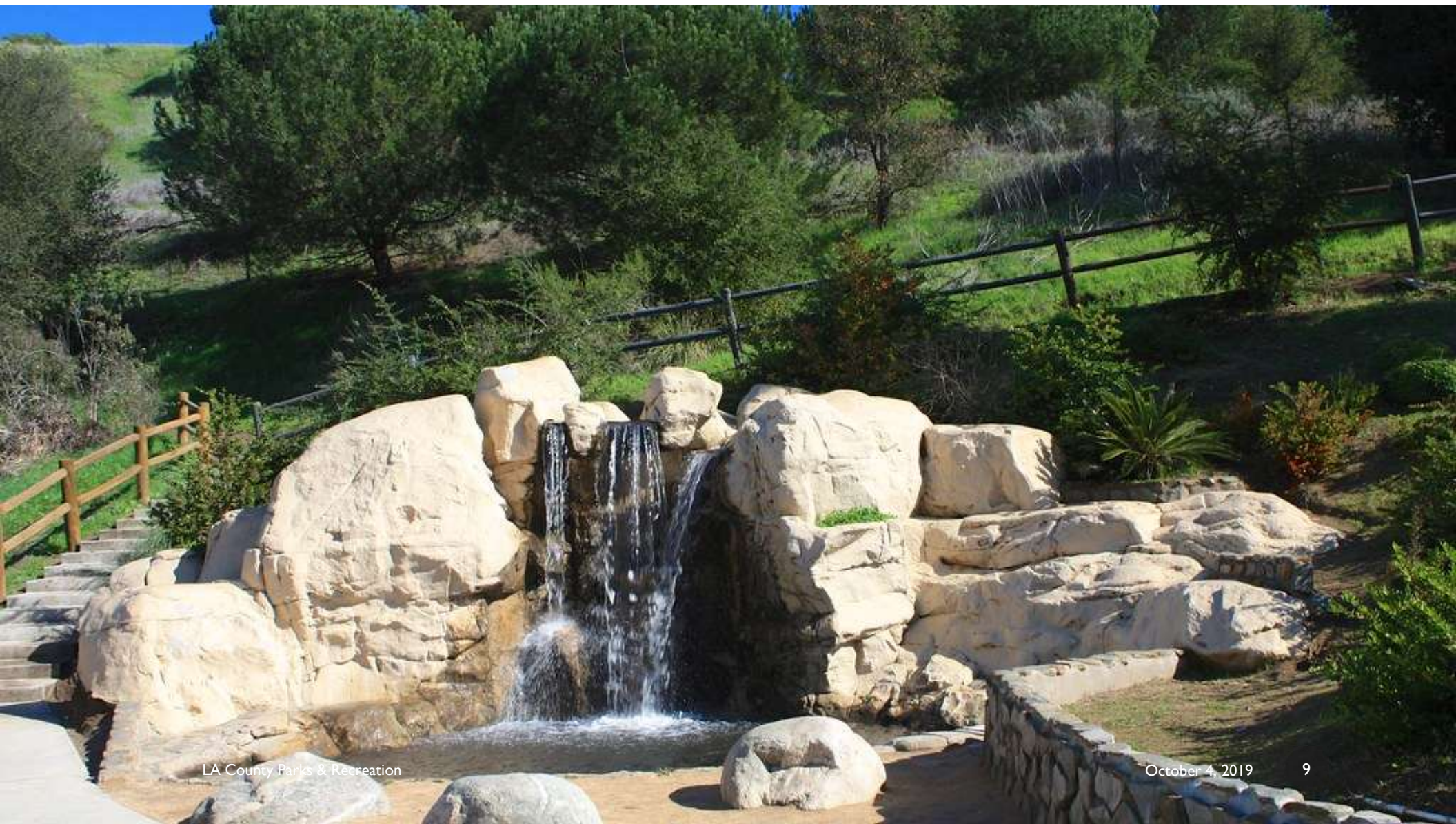
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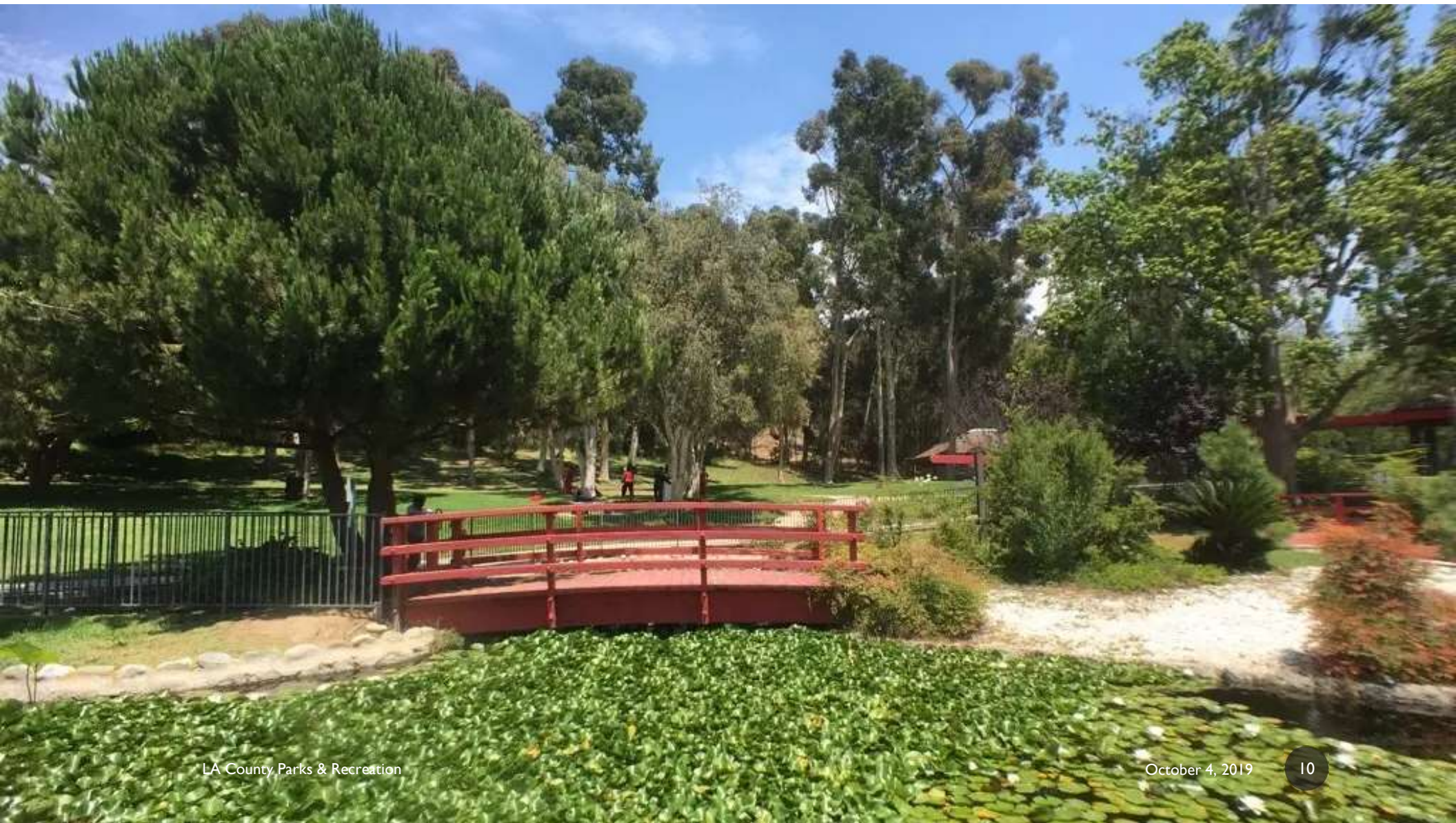
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- **440 acres of land**
- **Rushing streams**
- **2 recreational fishing lakes**
- **Ponds with waterfall**
- **Japanese Garden with Koi pond, waterfall**
- **Unique Olympic Forest**
- **Janice's Green Valley – 5 acres of open space, including 9-hole disc golf course**
- **Walking and hiking trails with some of the area's best scenic vistas:**
 - **North to the Hollywood Sign**
 - **East to the Downtown Los Angeles and San Gabriel Mountains**
 - **Southeast to the Santa Ana Mountains**
 - **South to the Los Angeles Harbor area**
 - **Southwest to Santa Monica Bay, LAX, and the Pacific Ocean**
 - **West to the Santa Monica Mountains**











PARK AMENITIES

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- **Kenneth Hahn Museum and Visitor Center**
- **11 reservable picnic areas**
- **Over 100 first-come first-serve picnic tables**
- **8 miles of natural trails and 12 trail options**
- **3 lifecycle units on the Ridgeline Trail**
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument and Tree Grove**
- **488 parking spaces**
- **Volleyball court**
- **Half basketball court**
- **1.9 mile Ridgeline Trail**
- **3.5 mile Stocker Corridor**
- **2.5 mile La Brea Greenbelt**
- **1.0 mile La Cienega Greenbelt**
- **Sports Complex:**
 - **236 Parking Spaces at the Sports Complex; Overflow Parking Lot with 100 spaces**
 - **Exercise equipment**
 - **2.5 mile walking trail**
 - **3 baseball fields – with lights**
 - **2 soccer fields – with lights**
 - **Batting Cage**
 - **Snack Bar**

A HIDDEN GEM In the Heart of LA

Pick your favorite activity or try all 10!

Discover an **urban oasis**
in the heart of Los Angeles.
Occupying nearly 350 acres
between the city and the sea, this
park offers something for everyone.

IN 1940, A MAN NAMED JOHN

LA CHENNAI ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING

RECOGNIZED THAT ALTHOUGH PEOPLE HAD

TRAVELED THROUGH THE BALBOA HILLS EVERY DAY SINCE

THEY WERE FIRST SETTLED, NO ONE HAD EVER STOPPED TO

ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF THE OCEAN

OR THE CITY. HE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

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FROM OIL FIELDS TO PLAYING FIELDS

BUILDING THE
PEOPLE'S PARK



From Fields to People

With the support of the city and the people, the park was built. It was a place where people could play and enjoy the view of the ocean and the city.

The park was built in 1940, and it has been a place where people can play and enjoy the view of the ocean and the city ever since.

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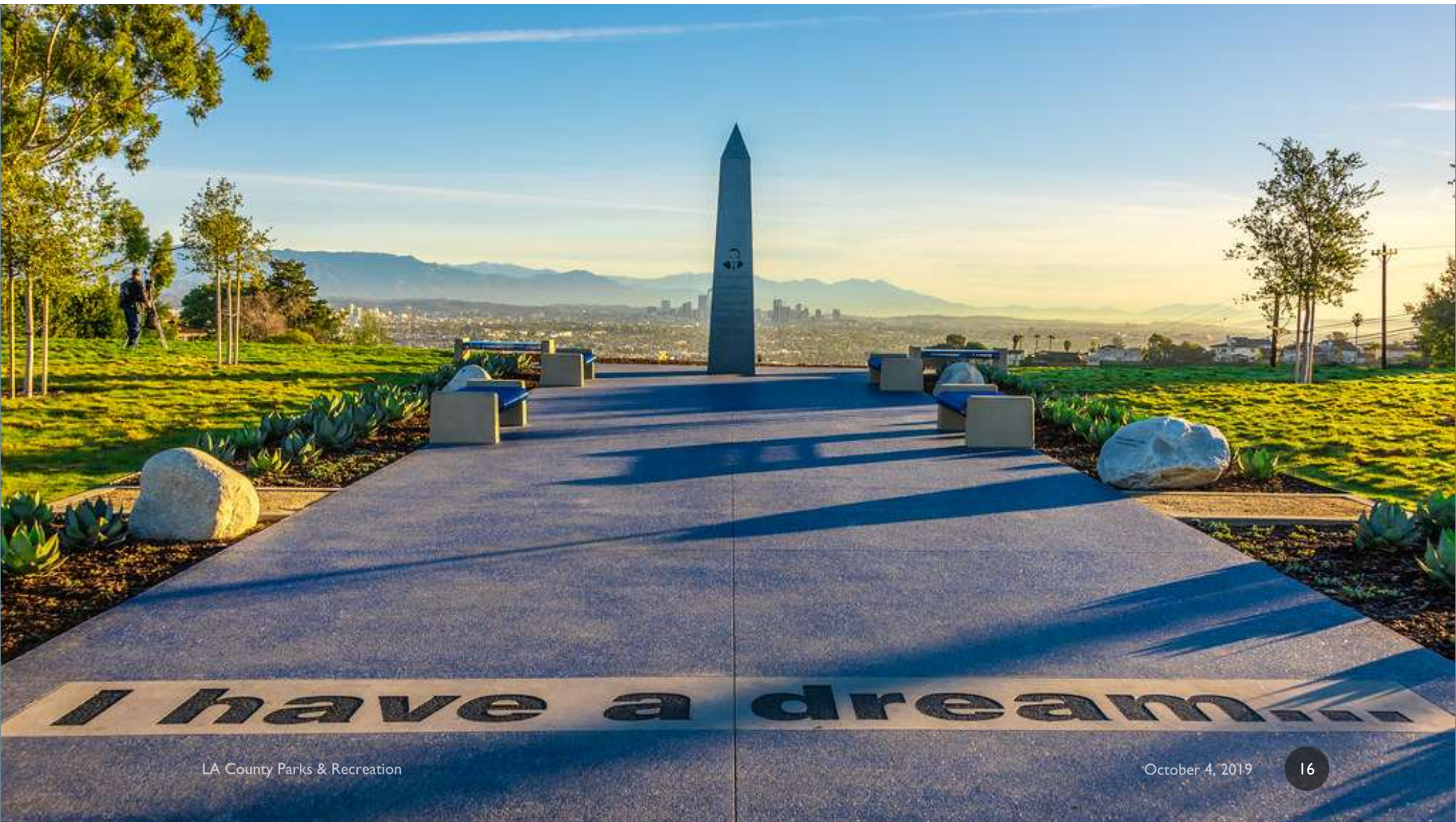
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REVENUE GENERATORS

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Vehicle Entry Fees

- **Cars - \$6**
- **Motorcycles - \$6**
- **Recreational Vehicles - \$8**
- **Limousines - \$10**
- **Buses - \$12**



Filming Permits

- **Movies**
- **Commercials**
- **Commercial Photography**
- **Music Videos**
- **Reality TV**
- **Parking Lot Usage**



Reservations

- **Corporate Picnics**
- **Church Gatherings**
- **Family Reunions**
- **Weddings**
- **Foundation Celebrations**
- **Community Events**
- **Organizations**

PROGRAMMING

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- **Youth Soccer**
- **Little League Baseball**
- **Disc Golf**
- **Fishing Derby**
- **Relay for Life**
- **Countywide Fitness Challenge**
- **Greenhouse Program**
- **Los Angeles Audubon Society Summer Camp**
- **West Los Angeles College Summer Camp**
- **Filming**
- **School Field Trips**
- **Special Needs Groups**



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COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

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- **State of California**
 - **Baldwin Hills Conservancy**
 - **Second Supervisorial District**
 - **Mujeres de la Tierra**
 - **Los Angeles Audubon Society**
 - **AYSO Youth Soccer League**
 - **Ladera Little League Baseball**
 - **Northeast Trees**
 - **Cancer Society**
 - **AquaBio**
 - **Department of Fish and Game**
 - **County Sheriff's Parks Bureau**
 - **Los Angeles Fire Department**
 - **Culver City**
 - **County Internal Services Department**
 - **County Department of Human Resources**
 - **County Department of Public and Social Services**
 - **County Department of Children and Family Services**

QUESTIONS?

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: October 4, 2019

Re: Item # 5: Kenneth Hahn SRA - Community to Park Connections (L.A. Metro Transit to Parks Strategic Plan) – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Recommendation: See attached PowerPoint presentation.

Background: In May of 2019, Los Angeles Metro published the Transit to Parks Strategic Plan (T2P). The plan describes Metro's vision for coordinating transportation access goals and strategies at the local and County levels so regionally people can better access parks as well as funding for transit to parks. Among the initiatives in the plan, specific priority pilot proposals have been selected. As part of the Community to Parks Connection, the Metro Line 212 Extension is targeted for improvement of direct access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area from surrounding communities and transfer access from Inglewood Transit Center by increasing service levels, including adding weekend service to the park.

Engagement in the planning and execution of this priority pilot is underway thanks to a collaborative effort of the BHC, LA County Regional Park and Open Space District and Los Angeles Metro staff. Metro's commitment to implementing the pilot are outlined below:

1. Designate a Metro Transit to Parks liaison
2. Create marketing/promotional materials for transit lines serving parks/open space – including a web-based access tool
3. Outreach to Councils of Government (COGs), parks organizations, municipal bus operators, and other partner agencies to promote the Transit to Parks
4. Contribute \$1 million for grants for cities and nonprofits transit to parks programs – to be done in conjunction with the L.A. County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD)
5. Pursue funding for Transit to Parks activities, including providing grant writing assistance to eligible partner agencies and nonprofits
6. Collaborate with L.A. County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department to document data on park access
7. Incorporate Transit to Parks in the NextGen Bus service reorganization

8. Make recommendations on integrating transit-to-parks into 28 by 2028 and Measure M project planning
9. Report back to the Metro Board every six months with status updates

Next stop: more access to open spaces.

TRANSIT TO PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN

May, 2019



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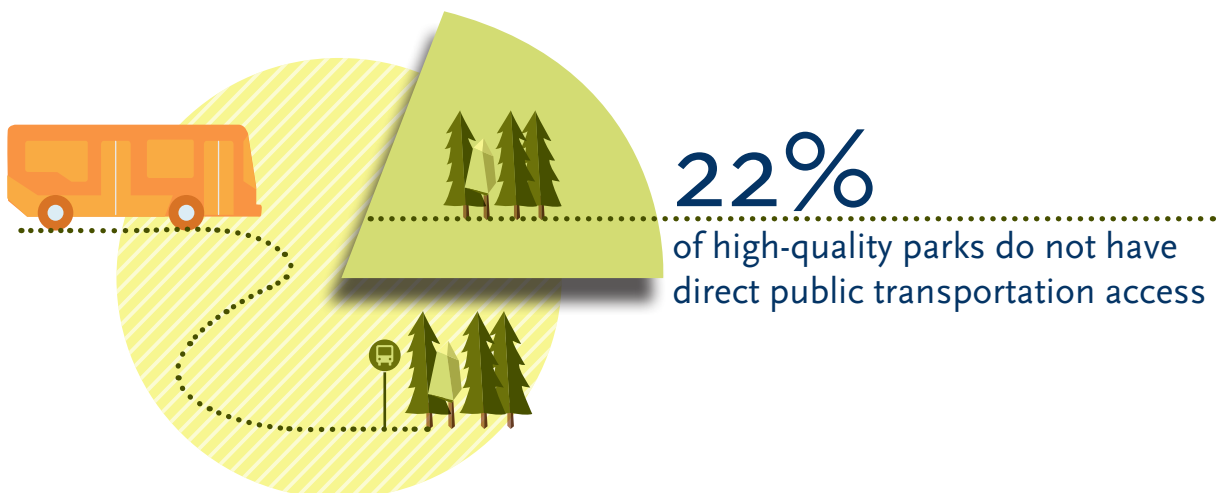
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With this Plan, Metro describes a vision for coordinating access goals and strategies at the local and County levels so that as a region we can better access parks as well as funding for transit to parks. ”

**“
Lack of
transportation is
routinely listed as
the number 1 or 2
barrier to accessing
public parks and
open space in the
LA region.”**

Local Context

With an average of 266 days of sunshine a year,² one might expect that Angelenos would spend all of their time outside in parks and open spaces. Unfortunately, many cities and unincorporated areas in L.A. County have fewer park acres per capita than many other U.S. cities. LA County's 3.3 acres of park space per 1,000 people is significantly below the 6.8 acres in other high-density cities around the US.³ Lower income communities would benefit most from improved access, especially in places that have inadequate opportunities for local recreation and physical activity, and that suffer from poor air quality or other conditions that lead to poor health outcomes. In addition, 41% of lower-income households in Los Angeles do not have immediate access to a park (compared to 2% in New York, for example).⁴

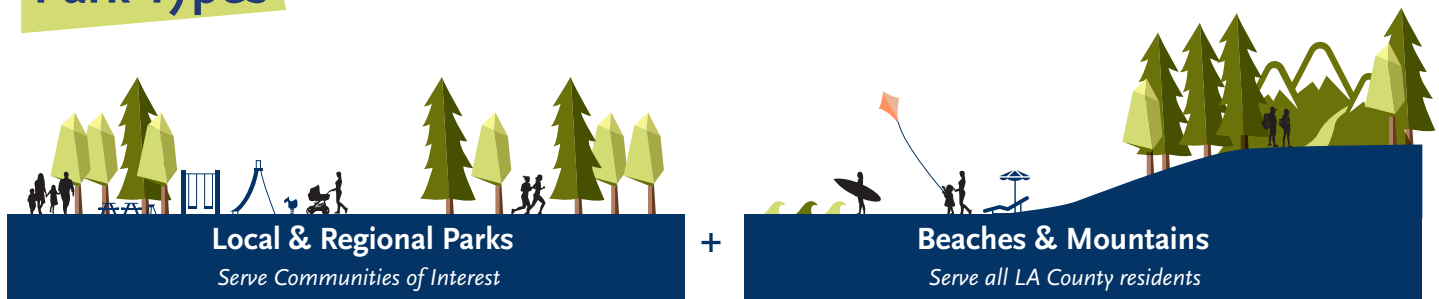


Terminology

Let's discuss the key terminology used in the Plan.

- **Parks versus Open Space and Park Types Considered** - We look at all types of open space from small local parks and regional parks to beaches, mountains, trails, and other types of open space. For ease of use, we simply use the word “parks” as an all encompassing term throughout the Plan, to indicate all forms of recognized open space, parks, trails, etc.
- **Transit to Parks** - In the context of this Plan, transit to parks refers to a wide range of mobility solutions - bus, rail, active transportation, and non traditional transportation solutions, along with supportive programs and policies - that work together to provide better access to parks and open spaces. When capitalized, Transit to Parks refers to this Strategic Plan and initiative.
- **Communities of Interest** - In this Plan we focus on identifying park access solutions that most benefit communities that are most in need. We identify these “Communities of Interest” using a variety of indicators relating to income, demographics, and environmental characteristics. Communities of Interest are defined in detail in Chapter 2, Finding the Way.
- **Parks of Interest** - We culled through the hundreds of park facilities around LA County using a data-centered approach to pinpoint the park facilities that provide ample amenities, are of substantial size, and that respond to certain characteristics of interest as indicated by the project's advisory committee. Parks of Interest are defined in detail in Chapter 2, Finding the Way.
- **Quality Access** - Areas with quality park access are defined as those areas that are either within walking access to at least one Park of Interest or within 30 minutes of at least one Park of Interest using a high-quality transit ride, including wait time. “Walking access” is defined as a 5 minute, or 1/4 mile walk and “high-quality transit” is defined as transit with 15 minute headways or more frequent, on evenings and weekends.

Park Types



The Plan considers a full range of park types from small local parks and regional parks, to open spaces, trails, beaches, and mountain destinations.

“ ‘High’ and ‘Very High’ Communities of Interest are areas with low scores for environmental, economic, and social indicators, higher senior and youth populations, communities of color, and obesity rates. ”

Communities of Interest

Metro will prioritize transit to parks investments that serve the identified Communities of Interest.

The T2p Strategic Plan defines Communities of Interest by overlaying three pre-existing measures of disadvantage with a series of demographic characteristics identified as important by the project team and the advisory committee. Overlaying this data allows us to generate a definition of need that relates specifically to transit to parks.

The main indicators used are:

- **Health Disadvantage Index (HDI)** - The HDI identifies disadvantaged communities through a health lens, looking at communities with poor health outcomes and shortened life spans.
- **Department of Water Resources (DWR) Definition** - DWR looks at a disadvantaged community in relation to Proposition 1 and Proposition 84 funding requirements and defines it along income and poverty lines.
- **SB535 Cal Enviro Screen** - This measure identifies communities that are most affected by pollution and are most vulnerable to its effects.
- **Park Need Focus Areas from the Needs Assessment** - The *Needs Assessment* identified communities that were in need of parks and park access.

In addition, to these data points, Communities of Interest also include areas with higher percentages of:

- Seniors
- Youth
- Rates of obesity
- Communities of color

The measurements of obesity, communities of color, youth, and senior populations were identified by the advisory committee as especially important to consider in relation to transit to parks access. All of these layers of data are compiled and then weighted to result in a categorization of communities of interest categories:

- 0-39: Low Interest
- 40-59: Moderate Interest
- 60-79: High Interest
- 80-100: Very High Interest

The T2p Strategic Plan focuses on “High” and “Very High” Communities of Interest. These areas are identified by their neighborhood name, even though in some cases not all of the community falls within a High or Very High Interest area. For a detailed description of the Community of Interest layer, please see the Data Approach Memo in the Appendix.

Communities of Interest

The list below includes communities with one or more neighborhoods of “High” or “Very High” interest. Population numbers indicated below include the number of people within the “High” and “Very High” Interest categories.

22%
of the County
population

80
communities

Community Pop.	Community Pop.	Community Pop.
Adams-Normandie 13,473	Green Meadows 35,602	Panorama City 44,427
Alondra Park 3,869	Harbor Gateway 22,750	Paramount 43,938
Arlington Heights 15,210	Harvard Heights 9,856	Pomona 43,826
Athens 4,335	Harvard Park 11,190	Rancho Dominguez 2,552
Azusa 11,590	Hawaiian Gardens 6,092	Rosemead 28,549
Baldwin Park 33,976	Hawthorne 43,686	San Fernando 10,735
Bell 33,243	Historic South-Central 28,062	San Pedro 22,877
Bell Gardens 35,686	Hollywood 52,012	South El Monte 10,440
Bellflower 38,336	Huntington Park 46,573	South Gate 52,984
Boyle Heights 58,281	Hyde Park 16,065	South Park 21,749
Broadway-Manchester 28,787	Inglewood 45,492	South San Jose Hills 9,706
Canoga Park 26,406	Jefferson Park 18,750	Sun Valley 47,182
Central-Alameda 22,194	Koreatown 25,798	Sun Village 3,314
Chesterfield Square 7,764	Lake Los Angeles 2,128	Valley Glen 20,010
Commerce 9,470	Lawndale 15,515	Van Nuys 64,314
Compton 84,803	Lennox 15,968	Vermont Knolls 16,559
Cudahy 24,120	Lincoln Heights 12,124	Vermont Square 12,114
Cypress Park 5,582	Littlerock 1,155	Vermont Vista 27,317
East Compton 16,091	Long Beach 172,006	Vermont-Slauson 9,358
East Hollywood 33,955	Lynwood 50,097	Walnut Park 11,823
East Los Angeles 90,121	Manchester Square 6,938	Watts 23,010
El Monte 42,340	Maywood 27,884	West Adams 8,240
Florence 49,756	Mid-City 17,022	Westmont 32,524
Florence-Firestone 34,062	Montebello 26,551	Willowbrook 35,742
Gardena 15,345	North Hills 25,448	
Glassell Park 9,065	North Hollywood 35,962	
Glendale 73,828	Northeast Antelope Valley 6,341	
Gramercy Park 4,066	Pacoima 48,650	

Communities of High- & Very High Interest

80 communities are included in the Interest list, with almost all of the regions in the County represented. Most of the High- and Very High Interest communities are in more urban, densely populated areas and these areas contain 92% of the region's communities of color. In contrast, the low interest areas contain 82% of the region's parks. In other words, parks in LA County tend to be located outside of Communities of Interest - indicating a fragmentation between the communities who would benefit from parks and the parks themselves. Communities of Interest are identified by Census Tract and then neighborhood boundary. Neighborhoods can contain one or more census tracts of interest.

Parks Access Lens

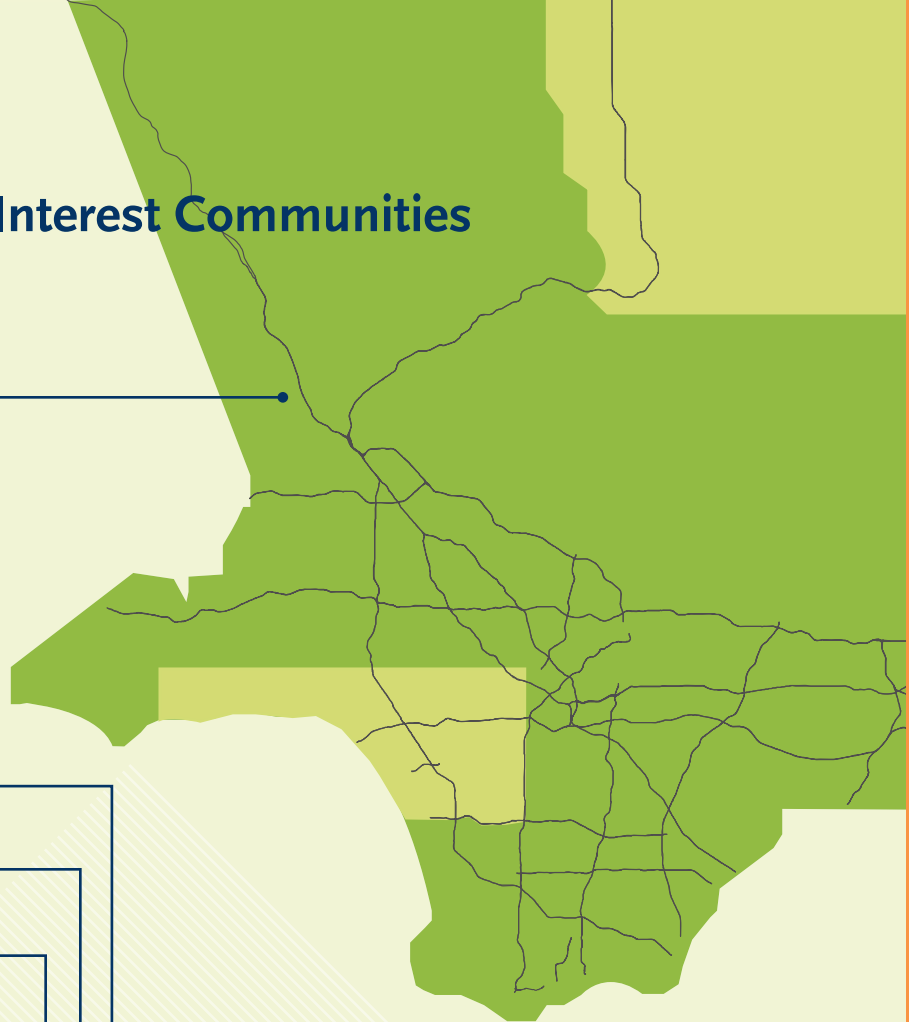
Not all communities that were initially indicated as High- and Very High Interest have access problems when it comes to getting to parks and open spaces. In order to take areas with "good quality" park access out of the equation (i.e. not having them prioritized for transportation improvements), let's look at what "Quality" park access means. This will allow the T2P Strategic Plan to focus on areas where people live far away from a Park of Interest and/or cannot easily get there on transit.

Defining Quality Access

Good quality access to parks is defined as areas where people live either within walking access to at least one Park of Interest or within 30 minutes of at least one Park of Interest using a high-quality transit ride, including wait time. "Walking access" is defined as a 5 minute, or 1/4 mile walk and "high-quality transit" is defined as transit with 15 minute headways or more frequent on nights and weekends, times when people typically access parks.

'High' and 'Very High' Interest Communities

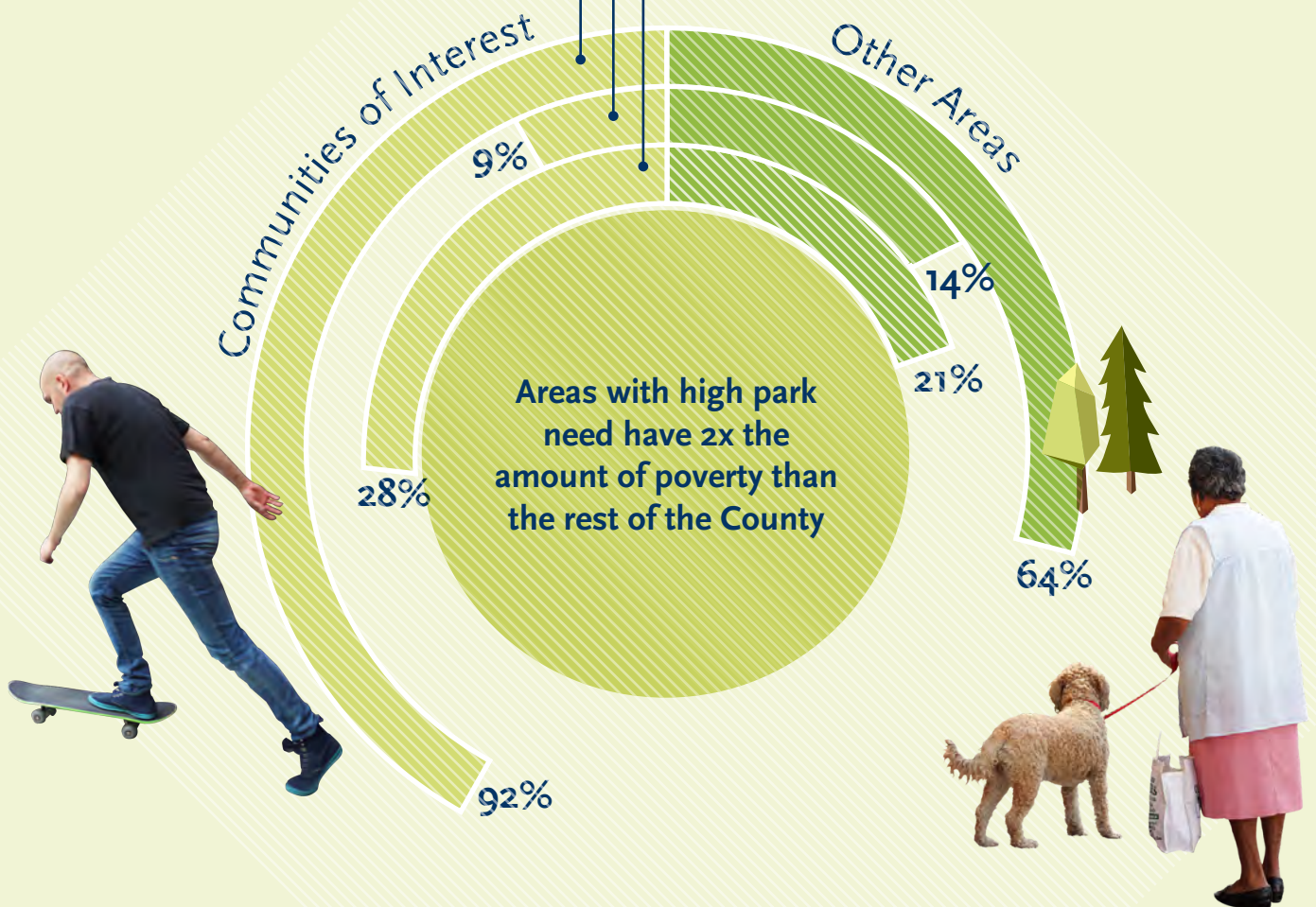
Almost all regions in the County include high and very high interest areas.



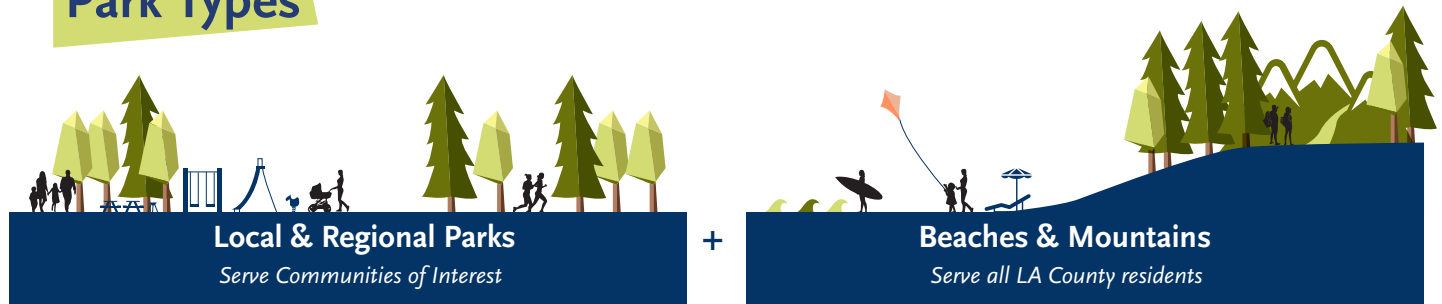
% youth

% seniors

% communities of color



Park Types



The Plan considers a full range of park types from small local parks and regional parks, to open spaces, trails, beaches, and mountain destinations.

Parks of Interests

With over 3,000 parks and just under 9,500 park amenities inventoried in the County through the LA County's recent *Needs Assessment*, there is a significant breadth of data to evaluate key facilities of interest in LA County.

Based on input from the advisory committee, we prioritize parks that are in good condition, containing multiple active amenities, cultural facilities, cooling facilities, and have ample open space acreage. Parks with direct access to beaches and/or trails are also prioritized.

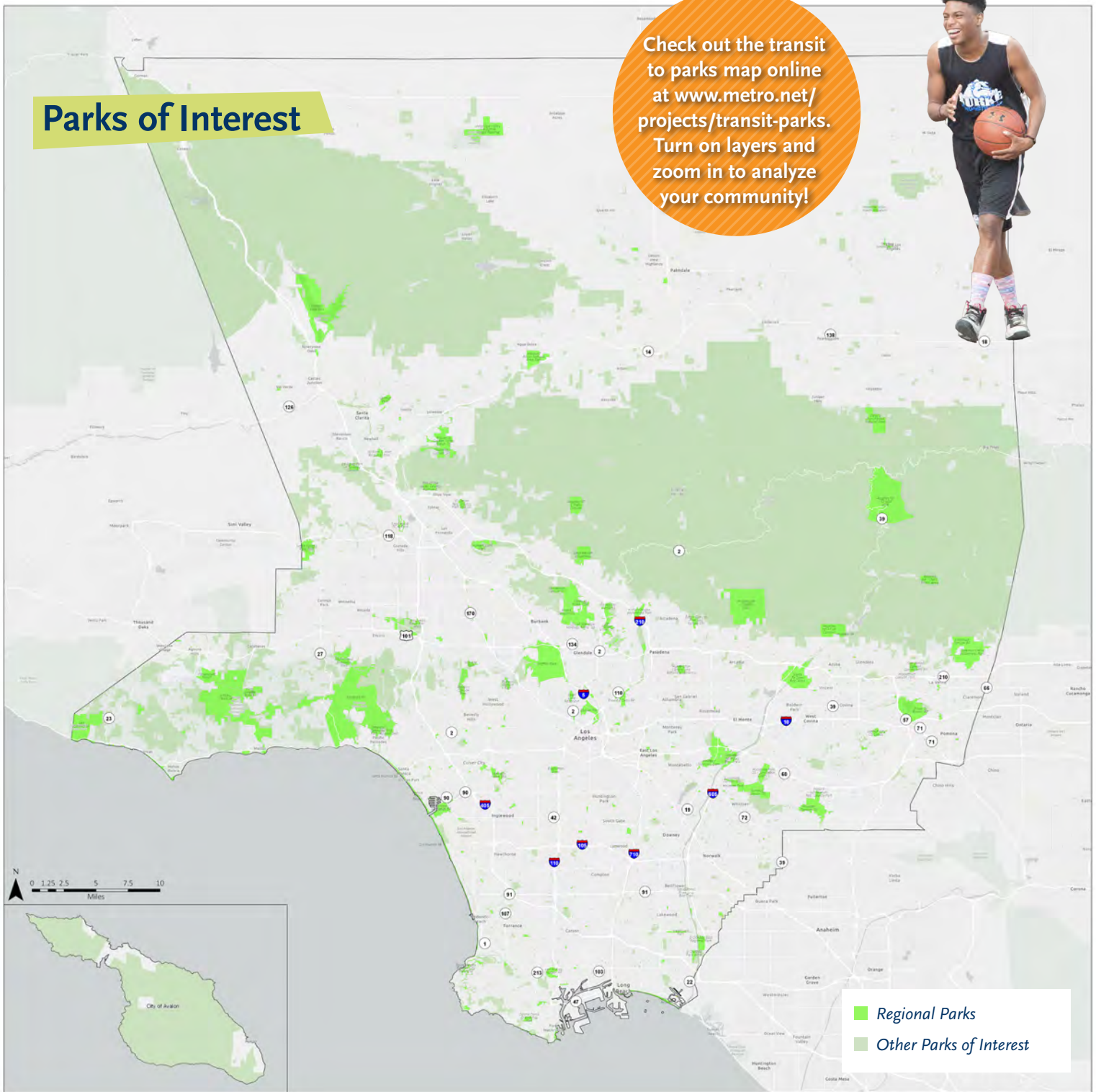
As with the Communities of Interest, we identify Parks of Interest by ranking parks using various criteria. The Plan considers a full range of park types from small local parks and regional parks, to open spaces, trails, beaches, and mountain destinations. Ranking thresholds are based on advisory committee input as well as analysis to see what thresholds bring high-quality parks to the top. With the minimum score set at 30 points, parks are ranked by:

- **Park Size** – More points are given to larger parks. The advisory committee expressed the hope that large regional parks would rise to the top and also regional parks often provide a wider range of amenities and outdoor opportunities, compared to smaller parks. With this emphasis, every regional park in the County is designated as a Park of Interest, as well as many large designated open spaces with multiple publicly-accessible trailheads.
- **Park Amenities and Their Condition** – Neighborhood parks under 5 acres and community parks under 20 acres need to contain multiple active amenities, such as sports fields and courts, to be considered a Park of Interest. Amenities are ranked higher if they are in good condition.
- **Park Pressure** – Since increasing park access could impact park pressure, parks that have less demand are prioritized. The Park Pressure metric is based on the number of park acres per 1,000 residents in surrounding neighborhoods.
- **Presence of Trails** – Community Park trails and Regional Park trails are weighted higher than open space areas without.
- **Presence of Cooling Amenities** – Many smaller neighborhood or community parks may be Parks of Interest if they contain cooling amenities, like a pool or splash pad.
- **Beach Access** – Since all designated beach areas in LA County contain over 20 acres, all beaches Countywide are considered a Park of Interest.
- **Presence of Cultural Institutions** – While some smaller parks selected as Parks of Interest may not contain any active amenities, they may contain a museum, library, or similar cultural facility.

This layer uses data gathered through the *Needs Assessment*. The 231 parks we have identified tend to be larger, in better condition, and with more good quality amenities than the County average. Just over half (53%) are Local Parks, which mirrors County park inventory. Most Parks of Interest are located outside of the Communities of Interest (82%).

Parks of Interest

Check out the transit to parks map online at www.metro.net/projects/transit-parks. Turn on layers and zoom in to analyze your community!



Parks of Interest



LARGER



+ AMENITIES



CONDITION



COOLING
AMENITIES (78)

CULTURAL
AMENITIES (13)



Parks of Interest

Regional Parks

Other Parks of Interest

Local Parks, Regional Open Spaces, & Natural Areas*

Score** Name

59	Castaic Lake SRA
63	Central Park
51 75	El Dorado RP
63	Elysian Park
40	Ernest E Debs RP
30 57	Frank G Bonelli RP
99	Griffith Park
38	Hahamongna Watershed Park
69	Hansen Dam Park
62	Heartwell Park
44	Ken Malloy Harbor RP
31 51	Kenneth Hahn SRA
37	Peter F Schabarum Regional County Park
51	San Dimas Canyon Community RP
64	Santa Fe Dam Rec. Area
39 47 55	Sepulveda Basin Rec. Area
43 77	Whittier Narrows Rec. Area

Abbreviations

ER: Ecological Reserve	SB: State Beach
NF: National Forest	SHP: State Historic Park
OS: Open Space	SP: State Park
OSP: Open Space Preserve	SRA: State Recreational Area
RP: Regional Park	

Score** Name

37	Almansor Park
35	Amarillo Beach
35	Amarillo Beach - Coastal Conservancy
30	Angeles NF
30	Angeles NF - Chantry Flats
30	Angeles NF - Crystal Lake
30	Angeles NF - Fish Canyon
30	Angeles NF - Oaks Picnic Area
30	Angeles NF - Trails Canyon
35	Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve
45	Antelope Valley Indian Museum
35	Apollo Community RP
31	Arcadia High School (Joint-Use)
35	Avalon City Beach
55	Balboa Sports Ctr.
30	Ballona Wetlands ER
48	Banning Park and Museum
37	Belvedere Community RP
35	Big Rock Beach
30	Brand Canyon OS
35	Brand Park
32	Bristow Park
40	Brookside Park
35	Bruce's Beach
78	Cabrillo Beach & Marine Aquarium
57	Cabrillo Beach Marina and Rec. Complex
43	Calabasas Tennis and Swim Ctr.
36	Carbon Beach
51	Castaic Sports Complex
39	Cerritos Park East

* As identified in the *Needs Assessment*.

** Score is ranked in the T2p Strategic Plan using the criteria described. A higher score is more desirable. Parks may contain multiple scores because they are defined with multiple boundaries. This typically happens in larger parks where areas with amenities are broken out from open space areas.

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Parks

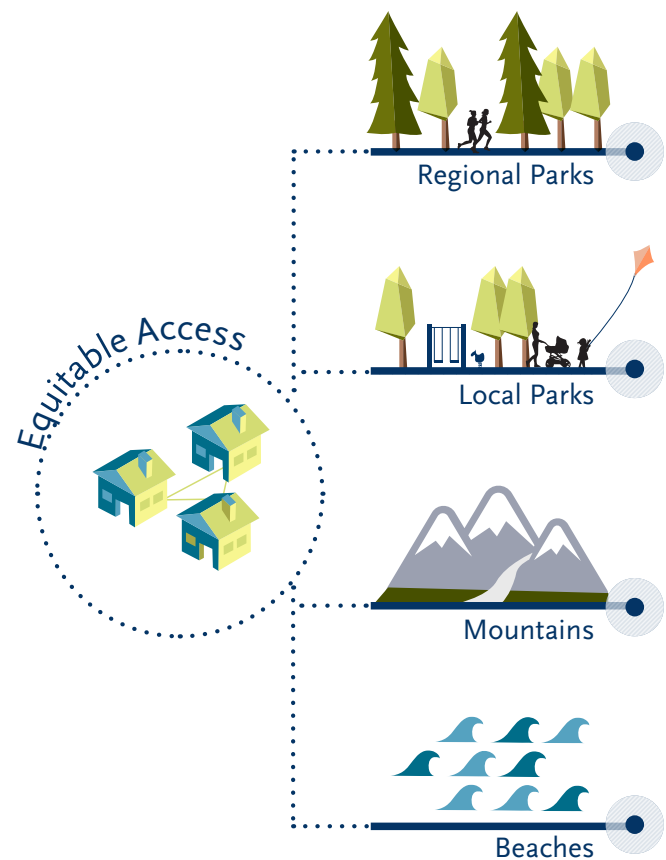
3.9 million
Acres of Parks

“Communities of Interest should be connected to local and regional parks, and they should also have access to the region’s unique open space assets - beaches and mountains.”

- **Consideration of multiple park types.**
Given the variation among the amenities and the character of the open space at parks of different sizes and types, assuring access to multiple park types is key. Local parks typically provide spaces for weekend parties, quiet walks, meeting up with friends, quick trips to the playground, or a place to walk the dog. Regional parks can offer longer trail hikes, more extensive sports courts and active recreation options, and larger spaces for running and playing. Providing access to multiple park types is a priority for the Plan.

How Should You Use This List?

The community-to-parks connections presented on the next page are not exhaustive - we view this list as a starting point. Ultimately, each community will decide what connections make sense for them. Here we rely on a proximity analysis to draw the linkages between Communities of Interest and Parks of Interest that are nearby. See the implementation discussion in Chapter 5, Getting There, to understand how you can use this list.



Community-to-Park Connections*

Community	Regional Park	Other Parks of Interest**
Adams-Normandie	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Rancho Cienega Sports Ctr. Park
Alondra Park	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Polliwog Park
Arlington Heights	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Rancho Cienega Sports Ctr. Park
Athens	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Darby Park
Azusa	Santa Fe Dam Rec. Area	Memorial Park Rec. Ctr.
Baldwin Park	Santa Fe Dam Rec. Area	Irwindale Park
Bell	Elysian Park	Salt Lake Park
Bell Gardens	Whittier Narrows Rec. Area	John Anson Ford Park
Bellflower	Heartwell Park	Mayfair Park
Boyle Heights	Elysian Park	Lincoln Park / Bristow Park
Broadway-Manchester	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Ted Watkins Memorial Park
Canoga Park	Sepulveda Basin Rec. Area	Reseda Park and Rec Ctr.
Central-Alameda	Elysian Park	Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
Chesterfield Square	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Vincent Park
Commerce	Elysian Park	Bristow Park / Rosewood Park
Compton	Heartwell Park	Vernon M. Hemingway Memorial Park
Cudahy	Elysian Park	South Gate Park
Cypress Park	Elysian Park	Rio de Los Angeles SP
East Compton	Heartwell Park	Hollydale Park
East Hollywood	Griffith Park	Echo Park / Runyon Canyon
East Los Angeles	Ernest E Debs RP	Belvedere Community RP
El Monte	Whittier Narrows Rec. Area	Rosemead Park
Florence	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
Florence-Firestone	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
Gardena	Ken Malloy Harbor RP	Vernon M. Hemingway Memorial Park
Glassell Park	Elysian Park	Rio de Los Angeles SP
Glendale	Griffith Park	Brand Park
Gramercy Park	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Darby Park
Green Meadows	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Ted Watkins Memorial Park
Harbor Gateway	Ken Malloy Harbor RP	Charles H. Wilson Park / Vernon M. Hemingway Memorial Park / Victoria Community RP

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Community-to-Park Connections

(Continued)

Community	Regional Park	Other Parks of Interest**
Harvard Heights	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Hancock Park / Rancho Cienega Sports Ctr. Park
Harvard Park	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Vincent Park
Hawaiian Gardens	El Dorado East Regional Park	Cerritos Reg. County Park
Hawthorne	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Darby Park
Historic South-Central	Elysian Park	Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
Hollywood	Griffith Park	Runyon Canyon Park
Huntington Park	Elysian Park	Salt Lake Park
Hyde Park	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Vincent Park
Inglewood	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Darby Park / Vincent Park
Jefferson Park	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Rancho Cienega Sports Ctr. Park
Koreatown	Elysian Park	Echo Park
Lake Los Angeles	Central Park	Stephen Sorensen Park
Lawndale	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Polliwog Park
Lennox	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Darby Park
Lincoln Heights	Elysian Park	Lincoln Park
Little Rock	Central Park	Pelona Vista Park
Long Beach	Ken Malloy Harbor RP / Heartwell Park / El Dorado Park West	Mayfair Park / Dolphin Park / Shoreline Aquatic Park / Stearns Champions Park
Lynwood	Heartwell Park	Lynwood Park
Manchester Square	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Darby Park
Maywood	Elysian Park	Salt Lake Park
Mid-City	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Rancho Cienega Sports Ctr. Park
Montebello	Whittier Narrows Rec. Area	George E. Elder Park / Grant Rea Park / Veterans Memorial Park
North Hills	Sepulveda Basin Rec. Area	Sepulveda Rec. Ctr.
North Hollywood	Griffith Park	North Hollywood Park / Valley Plaza Park
Northeast Antelope Valley	Central Park	Stephen Sorensen Park / Lancaster National Soccer Center
Pacoima	Hansen Dam Park	El Cariso Reg. County Park and GC / Gabrielino Equestrian Park / Sepulveda Rec. Ctr.
Panorama City	Sepulveda Basin Rec. Area	Sepulveda Rec. Ctr.

Community-to-Park Connections*

(Continued)

Community	Regional Park	Other Parks of Interest**
Paramount	Heartwell Park	Hollydale Park
Pomona	Frank G Bonelli RP	Ganesha Park / Washington Park
Rancho Dominguez	Heartwell Park	Dolphin Park
Rosemead	Whittier Narrows Rec. Area	Rosemead Park
San Fernando	Hansen Dam Park	El Cariso Reg. County Park and GC
San Pedro	Ken Malloy Harbor RP	Peck Park and Community Center
South El Monte	Whittier Narrows Rec. Area	Rosemead Park
South Gate	Elysian Park / Heartwell Park	South Gate Park
South Park	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
South San Jose Hills	Peter F Schabarum Reg. County Park	Walnut Ranch Park
Sun Valley	Hansen Dam Park	Sun Valley Park & Rec. Ctr.
Sun Village	Central Park	Stephen Sorensen Park
Valley Glen	Sepulveda Basin Rec. Area	Valley Plaza Park
Van Nuys	Sepulveda Basin Rec. Area	Balboa Sports Ctr. / Sepulveda Rec. Ctr. / Valley Plaza Park / Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Rec. Center
Vermont Knolls	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Darby Park
Vermont Square	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Vincent Park / Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
Vermont Vista	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Ted Watkins Memorial Park
Vermont-Slauson	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Vincent Park / Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
Walnut Park	Elysian Park	Salt Lake Park
Watts	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Ted Watkins Memorial Park
West Adams	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Rancho Cienega Sports Ctr. Park
Westmont	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Darby Park
Willowbrook	Kenneth Hahn SRA	Vernon M. Hemingway Memorial Park

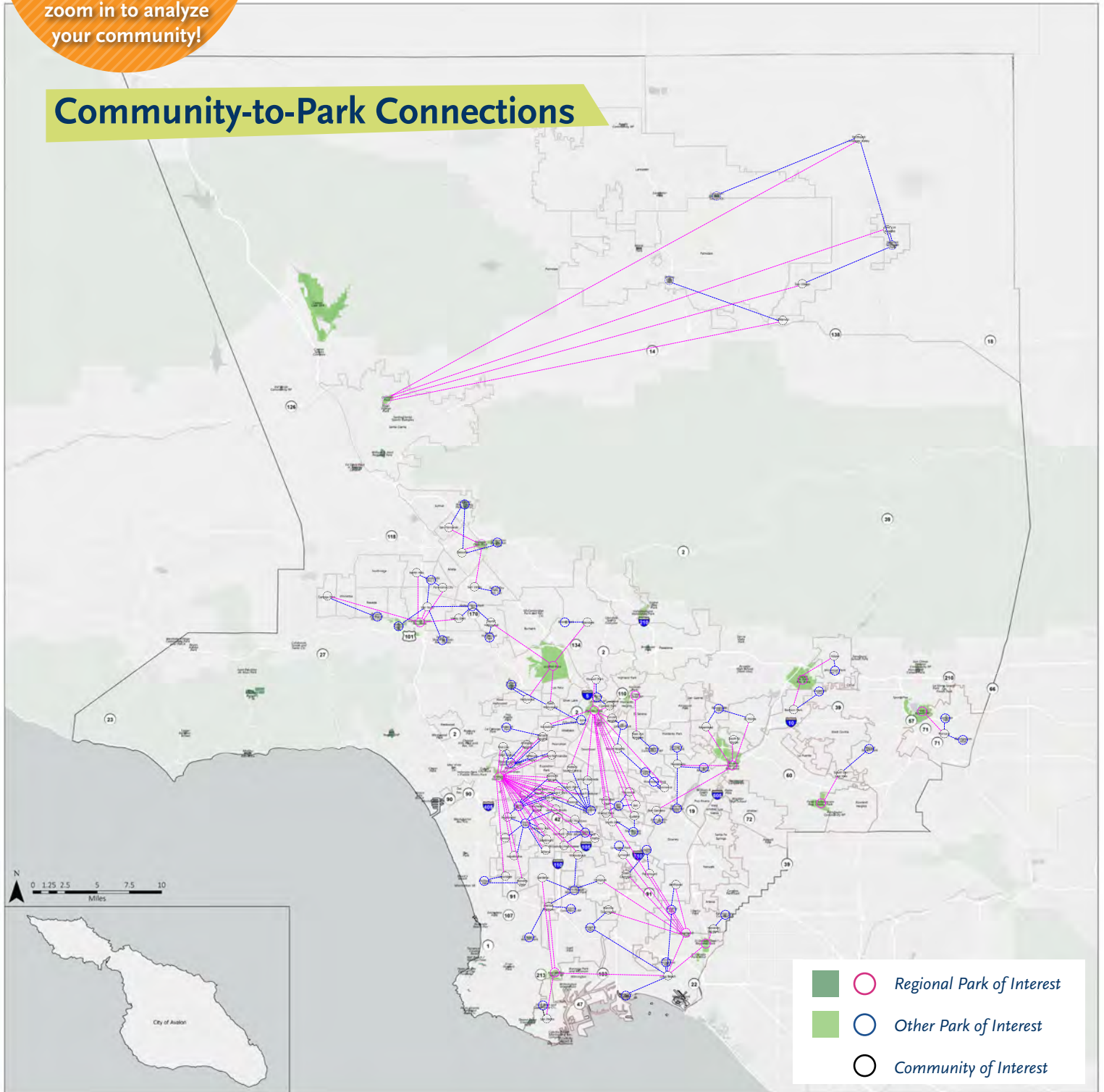
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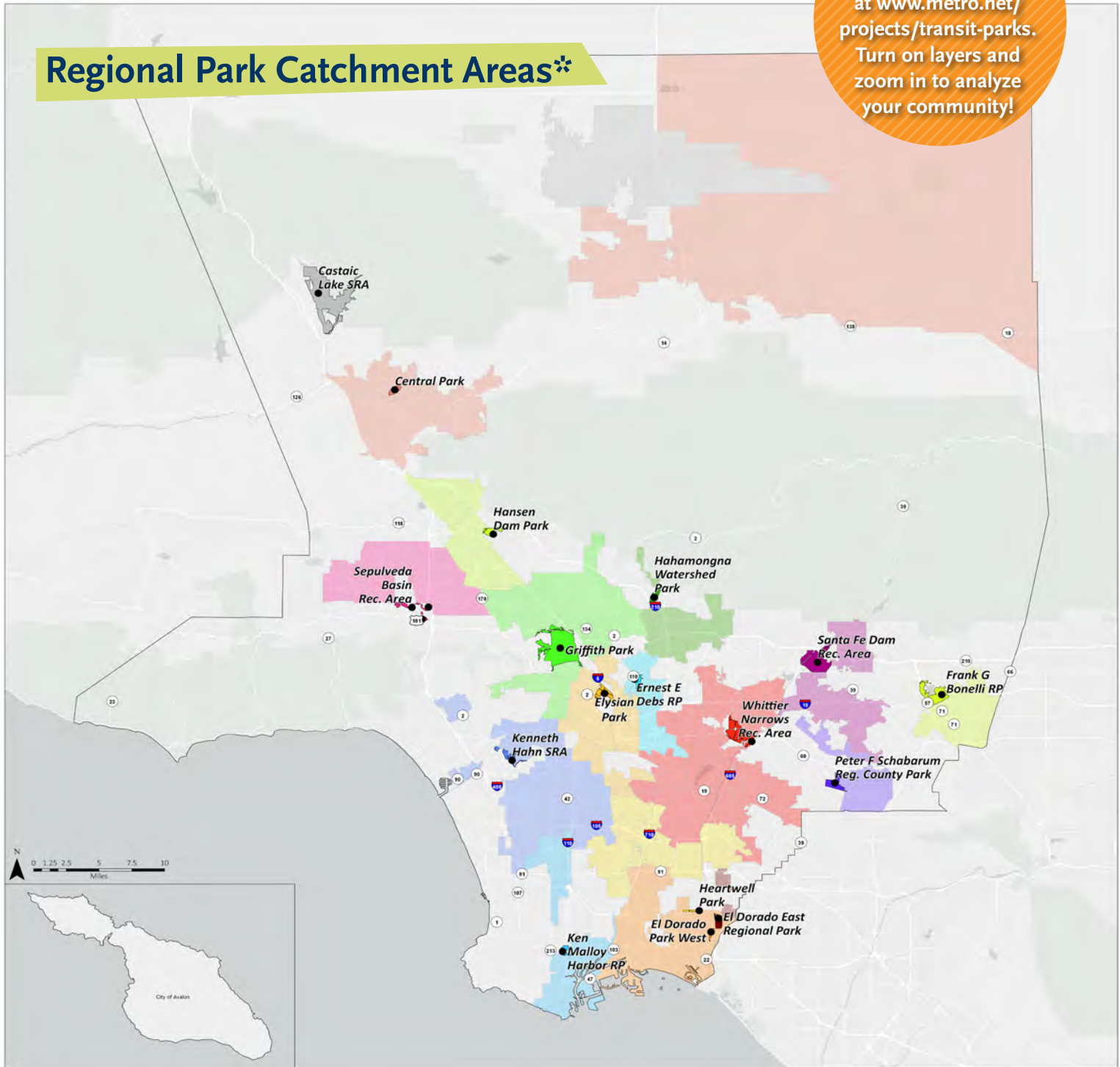
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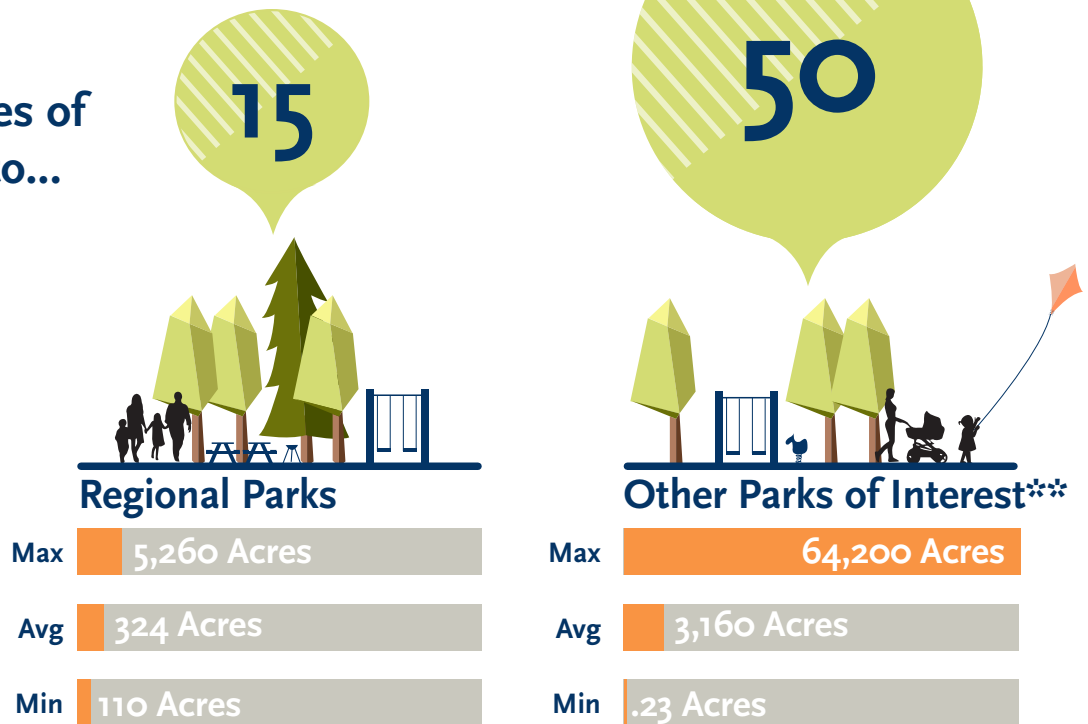
Regional Park Catchment Areas*



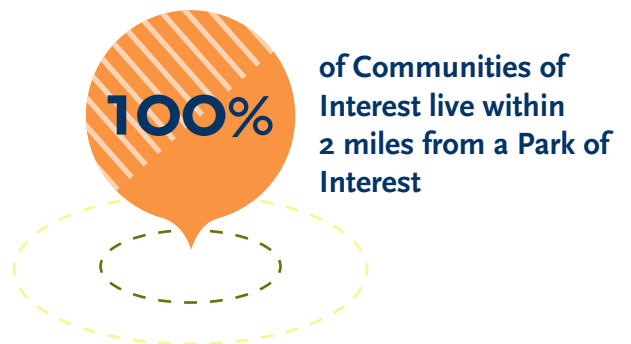
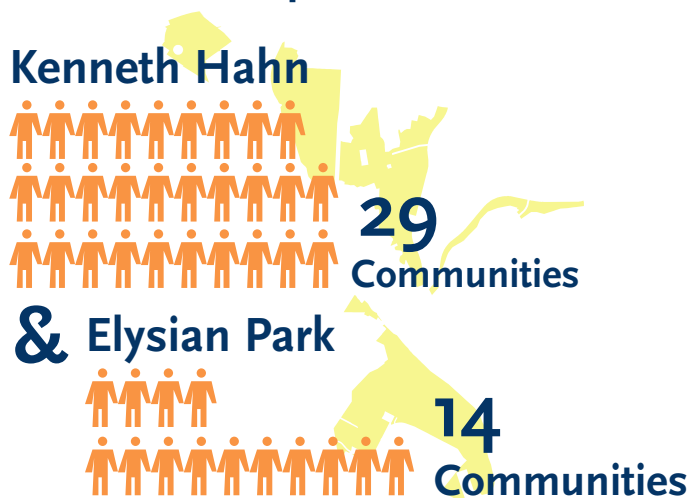
* This map shows the areas around each Regional Park, from which each park draws. The colored "catchment areas" indicate the geographic area with communities that we have connected to the Regional Parks.

Community-to-Park Linkages

The 80 Communities of Interest are linked to...



The most linked parks are...

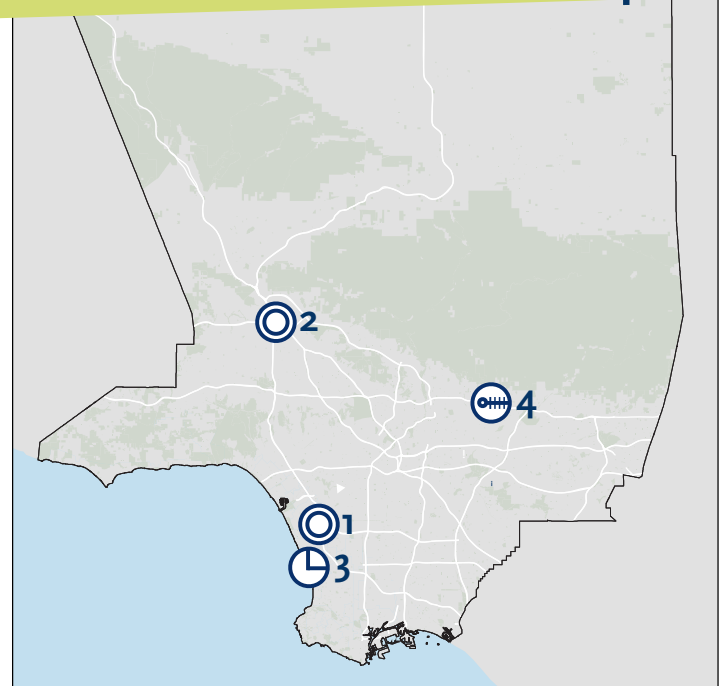


emissions vehicles to transport people to-and-from the Arcadia Rail Station and the trail.

- Transit Intercity Rail and Capital Program if the service was part of a larger strategy to fund First / Last Mile improvements through additional buses and shuttles.
- Partnerships, which may be pursued for advertising and promoting the shuttle line, for example Pacific Life Foundation Grants, Kaiser Community Health Initiatives, and the City of Hope Healthy Living Grant Program.

Many more grant funding opportunities are described in the funding matrix at the end of Chapter 5, however, many of these are geared toward active transportation, park infrastructure improvements, complete streets improvements or large-scale transit improvements. If several pilot projects are proven to be successful, the pilots may be bundled with other multi-modal projects to improve park access, increasing chances of funding.

Pilot Solutions Overview Map



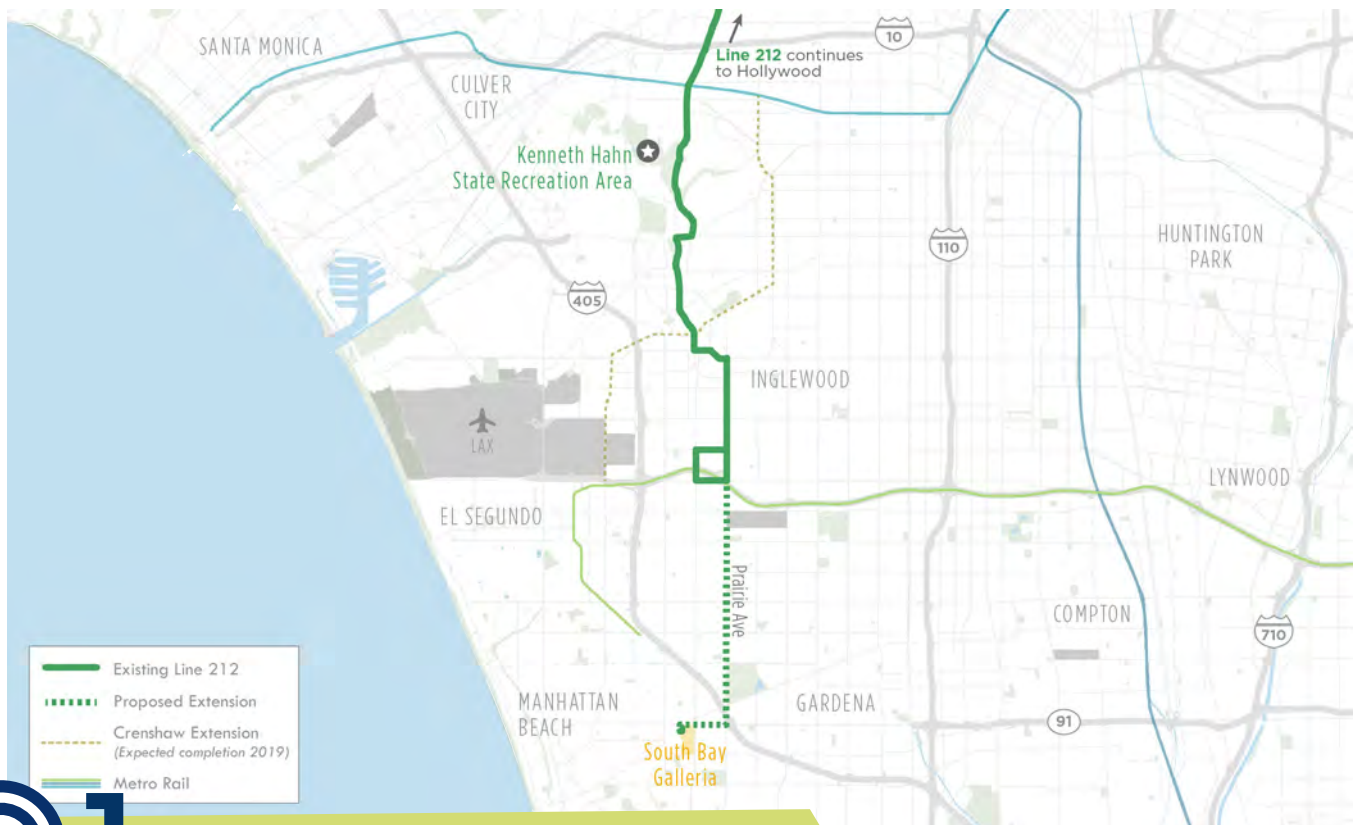
Title VI

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal funds. Programs that receive federal funds cannot distinguish among individuals on the basis of race, color or national origin, either directly or indirectly, in the types, quantity, quality or timeliness of program services, aids or benefits that they provide or the manner in which they provide them. This prohibition applies to intentional discrimination as well as to procedures, criteria or methods of administration that appear neutral but have a discriminatory effect on individuals because of their race, color, or national origin. Metro's Office of Civil Rights is responsible for ensuring Metro programs are in compliance with Title VI requirements.

Because the proposed transit to parks pilot solutions are examples, at this point it is not possible to determine if the proposed service changes rise to the level of a major service change and will trigger a Title VI analysis. If action was taken to implement the pilot solutions and a Title VI analysis was triggered, additional data collection and analysis could be necessary to meet requirements. Preparation for Title VI analysis would only occur if any pilot solutions or other major service change is pursued.

Pilot Solutions

-  **1** "Metro Line 212 Extension"
-  **2** "Hansen Dam Circulator"
-  **3** "Beach Circulator"
-  **4** "Chantry Flat Connector"



1 “Metro Line 212 Extension”

Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) is the closest regional park to communities as far south as Lawndale and Alondra Park. These communities are fairly transit rich, with a mix of local, limited stop, and rapid bus service available to connect in the general direction of KHSRA, but no bus routes provide a one-seat ride. In addition respondents to the First 5 LA Survey who lived in this area also indicated an interest in being able to access this park via transit. Currently Metro’s existing Line 212 is the only route that provides access directly to a park entrance, but it terminates at the Hawthorne/Lennox Green Line station. Those traveling from further south would need to transfer in order to access the park.

In order to provide a direct connection from Alondra Park, Lawndale, and southern neighborhoods of Hawthorne to KHSRA, Metro should consider extending Line 212 to the South Bay Galleria. Line 212 operates every 15-20 minutes on weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, ensuring minimal wait times for park patrons. While the extension of Line 212 to the South Bay Galleria is recommended for park access on weekends and holidays between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., there may be warrants for this extension to support other mobility needs.

It will be most successful if the extension is operated at all times so that transit users in adjacent neighborhoods become familiar with the service for multiple trip types.

This pilot solution would require additional transit operating dollars due to extending the days of service to include weekends. However, by leveraging an existing route, the additional service hours will benefit non-park users as well.

Origin	South Bay Galleria
Destination	Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
Solution Type	Local Bus/Circulator
Goals	Improve direct access to KHSRA from the South Bay
Region	South Bay
Span	Sat / Sun / Holiday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Frequency	15 - 20 minutes
Lead Agency	Metro
Key Partners	

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Getting There



Here we present a road-map for Metro and Countywide partners to move forward with transit to parks planning and implementation. This Chapter acts as a guide, laying out next steps for stakeholders who should collaborate on transit to parks solutions. There are a number of avenues that transit providers, open space conservancies, and community based organizations can take to jump-start change.

Working Together

There are a number of avenues that transit providers, open space conservancies, and community based organizations can take to jump-start change.

Metro



Metro is committed to integrating transit to parks planning into the regional transportation network and into future projects. To facilitate better transit access to parks for Communities of Interest, Metro will use this Plan as a guide to identify ongoing ways to integrate transit to parks considerations into existing and new projects, as well as procedures within Metro.

See the recommendations outlined in Chapter 4, Making the Connections and the Next Steps Matrix on page 89.

Key Departments within Metro

Countywide Planning & Development
Transit Corridors & Systemwide Planning
Transit Operations
Communications
Finance
TAP

Transportation Partners



Transportation agencies may include a variety of public or private organizations that want to better connect people to parks.

Transportation partners should use this Plan as a guide to understand Communities and Parks of Interest, as well as possible programs and initiatives. Transportation agencies should collaborate with local agencies and community stakeholders.

If you are a Transportation Partner...

Look at the Parks and Communities of Interest, read through the recommendations outlined in Chapter 4, Making the Connections and see the Next Steps Matrix on page 89. Many of these strategies relate to you. One of the most important steps is to perform an Operational Assessment to evaluate your existing transit routes. Do they serve the parks and communities identified? Could you increase headways or extend operating hours to better connect people to parks, especially in the afternoons and weekends? Are there new projects you have in the works that you can prioritize to address the park access gaps in your community? Can you update your signage and maps to include important park destinations?

Who is a Transportation Partner?

Countywide transit agencies
Private transportation providers
Churches, etc. with access to transportation vehicles

Planning & Park Partner



Planning & Park partners may include staff from local cities who want to improve access to parks or parks-related management and operation agencies who want to extend the reach of their public park to a broader Los Angeles community.

If you are a Planning or Park Partner...

Build relationships with local community partners and transit providers.

- Speak with community members and park users to understand their needs - are there access improvements that can be made?
- Read through the recommendations outlined in Chapter 4, Making the Connections and see the matrix on page 89. Can you introduce wayfinding in your community or in your park that encourages transit to parks use? Are there walking and biking improvements you can make? Do you have Plans and policies that can be updated to emphasize transit to parks access? If you have discretionary funding, can you dedicate a component of it to increasing park access and supportive programming for the identified Communities of Interest?

Who is a Planning & Park Partner?

Cities within LA County
Large planning agencies (e.g. SCAG)
Council of Governments
Park Management Agencies/Operators
Open Space Conservancies

Community Based Partner



Community based partners are likely to be representatives from community based organizations, advocacy groups, and non-profits, though can also be individuals. These partners may represent a Community of Interest and are important collaborators for transit to parks planning.

If you are a Community Partner...

Petition your Council Member, City agency representatives, or transit provider to express your desire for better transit access in your community. Hold conversations with community members to better understand needs relating to transit to parks access. Work collaboratively with your local government agency to develop project ideas and a proposal.

Who is a Community Based Partner?

Non-Profits
Advocacy Organizations
Community Based Organizations
Individuals

Pilot Projects

The implementation of pilot projects requires coordination between multiple agencies and stakeholders. Pilot project implementation steps may include:

- Performing public outreach to get input relating to the creation of pilot projects' Operating Plans
- Preparing Operating Plans for the pilot projects
- Implementing the pilot projects
- Preparing and running concurrent marketing & publicity campaigns
- Monitoring data & evaluation (qualitative & quantitative)
- Reporting back to Metro Board regarding project progress
- Selecting successful pilots for continued funding, as permanent services
- Identifying new projects & ongoing planning using criteria outlined in this Plan

The matrix below outlines supportive programs and initiatives that should be coupled with pilot projects.

Potential Supportive Programs & Initiatives

Task*

1. Help People Find Their Way

	Local & Regional Parks	Beaches & Mountains	Responsibility
1.1: Evaluate need and develop First/Last Mile Pathway wayfinding strategies.	●	●	Metro Transit providers countywide Cities and municipal agencies Park management agencies / operators
1.2: Include transit connections to parks and open spaces on transit maps and parks maps.	●	●	Metro Transit providers countywide Cities and municipal agencies Park management agencies / operators Community-based organizations / non-profits
1.3: Identify funding to support a communications strategy.	●	●	Transit providers countywide Cities and municipal agencies Community-based organizations / non-profits Metro

* See Chapter 4 for a detailed description of each of these programs and initiatives. Most will require additional resources.

Types of Projects Funded

Grant Name

	Transit, bicycle, & pedestrian infrastructure	Route realignment	New service	Education & marketing	Fares & incentives	Partnerships
Local						
Measure A - Community-based Park Investment Program / Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program	●					
Measure A - Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails, and Accessibility Program	●	●	●			
Measure A - Recreation Access Program	●	●	●			
Regional						
Sustainability Planning Grant Program	●					
Go Human Campaign			●			●
Clean Transportation Funding	●	●				
State						
Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program		●	●	●		
California Active Transportation Program	●					
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program		●	●			
Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP)	●			●		
Urban Greening Grant Program	●					
Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)	●			●	●	●
Prop 68 Community Access Program (CAP)	●		●	●		●
Prop 68 Trails & Greenway Investment	●					
Federal						
Federal Lands Access Program	●	●	●	●	●	●
Federal Lands Transportation Program	●					
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program	●					
Recreational Trails Program	●					
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program	●	●				
The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program	●		●			●
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	●					
Other						
Fostering Healthy Environments	●			●		
Community Health Initiatives	●			●		
Pacific Life Foundation Grants	●			●		
Meet Me at the Park	●					
Safe Routes to Parks	●					
Kodak American Greenways Awards Programs	●					

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: Daniel Sciolini, Prop 1 Project Manager

Date: October 4, 2019

Re: Item 6: Presentation on the Lower Ballona Creek Planning and Feasibility Study – Daniel Sciolini, BHC Project Manager, and Nancy Ngugi, California Greenworks Inc.

Recommendation: No action required. PowerPoint presentation to be provided at the meeting.

Background: The BHC granted \$258,000 in Proposition 1 funds to California Greenworks Inc. (CGW) for the *Lower Ballona Creek Planning and Feasibility Study*, agreement #BHC17002, pursuant to resolution 16-10 on June 16, 2017. A \$100,000 funding matched was provided by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. CGW contributed approximately \$54,000 with in-kind services.

The objective of the grant was to provide a “blueprint” for green infrastructure projects at key locations along the Ballona Creek, while raising community awareness of water quality in the watershed. The proposed project elements were aimed at reducing storm-water run-off, increasing ground water recharge, and improving air and water quality. The 18-month study included stakeholder meetings with key local agencies and constituents and created opportunities for public guidance to advance the planning and conceptual design of the proposed project priorities at various sites. A comprehensive analysis of the proposed alternatives was conducted, including a Project Assessment and Evaluation Plan, Preliminary Engineering and Design Plan, Opportunities and Benefits Quantification, Public Outreach and Education Plan, as well as draft land access and maintenance agreements. The study and documentation of the process provided the road-map for both the type and location of proposed multi-benefit projects. This presentation will provide an overview of the Planning and Feasibility Study and chart the course for the next phase of public access and water quality improvements along the Ballona Creek.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: October 4, 2019

Re: Item 7: Executive Officer Report

Projects Status Report

Please see Attachment # 1 for the updated Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) Local Assistance/Capital Outlay Project Status Report.

Fiscal Update

Please see Attachment # 2 - BHC Summary Expenditure Sheet by Fund, and Attachment #3 - BHC Prop 1, Prop 40 & Prop 84 Bond Cash Funds. The reports correspond with the end of Fiscal Month twelve (12) for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

Operations Update

Caroline Orija joined the BHC's grant program delivery staff for Prop 68. Her first three months on the job have been logged with enthusiasm and productivity. She comes to the BHC with a Master of Arts in Urban Sustainability and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning/Environmental Analysis.

Interviews for the Prop 84 support position are currently underway with the expectation to have the position filled before the close of October.

Community Update

August 25th Staff hosted an interactive booth for the nearly 30,000 attendees at **Fiesta La Ballona** at Veterans Park in Culver City. September 1st Partners of the Parklands and the BHC sponsored ***Black Indian- A memoir by Shonda Buchanan* book release and cultural forum** at the Stoneview Nature Center. September 21st Staff assisted the Sierra Club and Culver City Public Works for the **Coastal Cleanup Day** at Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook base site. September 28th BHC, LA County Parks, 2nd District Supervisor's Office, LA Audubon Society, California State Parks and Department of Fish and Game hosted Nature for All, teachers, families and youth at Stoneview Nature Center and Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area during **National Public Lands Day** which featured a Transit to Parks experience launched from Union Station downtown to parks and open space destinations throughout the LA Basin.

**BHC Project Status Report
for 10/4/19**

Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
La Cienega Pedestrian Bridge Project	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	BHC17003	Prop 40	\$3,900,000	1/30/2020	SCE underground work and subsequent lane closures nearly complete; currently obtaining permits and beginning pre-construction; Substantial completion planned for July 2020; Estimated project completion in December 2020.
Baldwin Hills Parklands Conservation Project	Los Angeles Audubon Society (LAAS)	BHC15004	Prop 84	\$124,536	8/31/2019	LA Audubon Staffperson provided a full project report to the BHC Board on 7/26/19; Project completed on-schedule, August 2019 Project close-out documents in progress.
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project	Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC)	BHC1708	Prop 84	\$830,684	6/30/2020	Staircase landings and hardening complete; Post/cable fencing work ongoing; construction delayed 3 weeks while State Parks installs retaining wall near culvert; LACC crews to commence post completion; Project completion expected Summer 2020.

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Lower Ballona Creek Feasibility Study Project	California Greenworks Inc.	BHC17002	Prop 1	\$258,000	9/30/2019	Outreach Visualization Event conducted August; Final Draft of Feasibility Study submitted mid-September. Project Close-out commenced early October, complete close-out anticipated December 2019.
Water Capture Project for Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex	California Conservation Corps Foundation (CCCCF)	BHC1800	Prop 1	\$1,500,000	1/31/2021	Coordination Meeting mid-September; Geotechnical Soil Analysis on-going, Construction anticipated to commence late October 2019; 30% construction documents anticipated mid-October; Bioswale Construction commencement meeting w/LACC anticipated mid-October; Outreach Assessment Meetings anticipated early November; Project Completion expected January 2021.