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**CITY OFFICIALS MARK START OF LA RIVER GREENWAY PROJECT  
Project Provides a Two-Mile Bike Path and Street Resurfacing of Tampa Boulevard  
and Winnetka Avenue in West Valley**

**LOS ANGELES (March 11, 2011)**—Councilmember Dennis P. Zine (CD-3) and Public Works officials marked the start of construction of the LA River Greenway Project at a groundbreaking ceremony held Thursday, March 10.

The project, a two-mile bikeway and parkway along the River's south bank between Vanalden Avenue and Mason Avenue, runs through the communities of Winnetka and Reseda. The project includes habitat-friendly landscaping, stormwater quality improvements, solar LED lighting, decorative retaining walls, resting areas with benches, drinking fountains and par-course fitness equipment. The bikeway is an implementation project of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan designed to maintain and enhance recreational opportunities and overall quality of life along the LA River.

"I'm excited to see that the revitalization of the Los Angeles River will include a 2-mile bikeway within the Third Council District that will feature fitness stations and community art and will restore natural habitats. Aside from promoting a healthy lifestyle, this project will offer local residents the opportunity to enjoy recreational activities in an open space along the river," said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Third District.

Other project components include resurfacing and street improvements of Tampa Avenue and Winnetka Avenue between Victory Boulevard and Vanowen Street.

"We are very proud of our Bureau of Engineering staff for implementing these public improvements along the Los Angeles River as part of the Tampa Avenue and Winnetka Avenue over the LA River Bridge Widening Project. We are pleased to augment METRO bikeway funds with Federal stimulus dollars and State funding for River revitalization," said Deborah Weintraub, Chief Deputy City Engineer.

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Construction will be done in three phases with phases one and two occurring simultaneously this spring, and completing summer of 2012. Scheduling for phase three has not been finalized.

Funding for the bikeway/greenway and street resurfacing project includes approximately \$5.7 million in grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The grant will enable the City to complete the long-awaited project and add jobs to the local economy. An additional \$2 million in Proposition 50 grant funding will be tapped for greening enhancements. Other funding sources are a combination of Los Angeles County METRO, Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account funds, and the City's Proposition C.

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