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Reference: Update of Los Angeles River Projects

Subject: Los Angeles River Projects 2009 First Status Report

## SUMMARY

On February 27, 2006, the Ad Hoc River Committee requested that this Office report on the status of Los Angeles River Revitalization projects. This report provides recent highlights for new projects as well as a summary of current projects. The summary is based on information provided by project staff from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Water and Power (DWP).

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

On December 17, 2008, the State's Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) voted to freeze all bond-related payments, including those funded out of Proposition 12, 40, 50, and 84 in an effort to preserve cash flow for basic governmental operations. This action was taken as a result of the State's budget situation and the State's difficulty in selling the necessary bonds to pay for the short-term loans issued by the Board to cash flow bond related projects.

The State recommenced bond sales and successfully sold $6.5 billion on March 25, 2009 and $9.85 billion on April 22, 2009. Although the City recently received notice that these projects have been unfrozen, it is unclear when sufficient funding will be available to reimburse for the City's expenditures. Given the State's changing fiscal circumstances and standing in the financial markets, there is still uncertainty on the timing of repayment of these funds.

River projects that have been affected by the State freeze are the Sunnynook River Park project (CD4), the North Atwater Park Expansion project (CD4), the West Valley Phase II Bikeway project (CD3), the Riverdale Green Street project (CDI3) and the South Los Angeles Wetlands Park project (CD9).

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROJECTS**

A summary of the River related projects that are being undertaken by the City is included as Attachment 1. The information was incorporated into the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program of the 2009-2010 Budget as an informational item and includes a listing of projects that relate to the Los Angeles River revitalization effort. For Fiscal Year 2009-10, there are 41 on-going capital projects totaling approximately $1.024 billion. Twenty-eight of these projects are bridges which traverse the Los Angeles River and various flood control channels. The remaining projects include recreational bike paths, parks and facilities, riparian system restoration and the implementation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan. The total estimated expenditure for 2009-10 is $64.4 million. Funding for these projects is provided through a variety of funding sources as indicated on the attachment.

Bridge Projects
The BOE Bridge Program is currently focusing their revitalization efforts on projects that are located within a half mile of the River. Bridge improvements are funded through Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Grants (HBRR), Seismic Bond (Proposition G) funds, MTA funds, and Proposition C dollars. The total cost for structural improvements to bridges traversing the River is approximately $697 million. The City anticipates spending approximately $31.6 million this year on these improvements.

According to BOE, of the 28 active bridge projects, nine are in construction, two are in bid and award, seven are in design and three are in the acquisition process. Seven projects are nearing completion and are in the close-out process.

Water Quality Projects
Three Water Quality Projects are being implemented which involve the installation of catch basin screens to reduce trash entering the River, the installation of infrastructure to improve infiltration of street runoff, and the installation of a low-flow system to divert year-round street runoff from the River to the Hyperion Treatment Plant. Several projects listed under the Parks and Facilities category also have significant water quality components: the Sunnynook River Park, the North Atwater Park Expansion, the North Atwater Creek Restoration, and the South Los Angeles Wetlands Park.

Transportation Projects
Projects listed in this category include bicycle paths that run adjacent to the River. While design of Phase 3 of the Los Angeles River Bike Path continues, construction for Phase 1C of the project, which will run through the Elysian Valley on the west side of the riverbank, is anticipated to begin in June 2009. Improvements will include plantings and irrigation, ramps and signage, fencing and a small greenbelt area.

The Taylor Yard Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge project is in the planning stages and is currently on hold pending identification of an appropriate location. The project will cross over the River at a point adjacent to the Rio de Los Angeles State Park (commonly called Taylor Yard State Historic Park) and will provide a safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian link between the Los Angeles River Bikeway on the west bank and the Taylor

Yard State Historic Park on the east bank of the River.

Parks and Facilities
Acquisition of the nine-acre parcel for the South Los Angeles Wetlands Park was completed in February 2009. Since the State Proposition 12 funds were frozen, Propositions O funds were used to cash flow the acquisition. The site will be developed into a wetlands park which will include paths and raised walkways for nature study, a storm water pre-treatment feature and public education signage on the biological processes taking effect that improve the quality of local storm water and dry-weather runoff.

The Sunnynook River Park and the North Atwater Park projects have both been affected by the State funding freeze. The projects were placed on hold and although the funds have been unfrozen, the project schedules will need to be revised once the City receives formal confirmation to restart the projects.

The Sunnynook River Park Project will create a greenway infiltration park in a five-acre area along the existing bike path on the west side of the Los Angeles River in the Griffith Park area. Park amenities will include picnic areas, benches, educational signage and art.

The North Atwater Creek Restoration and Park Expansion will provide approximately three acres of open space adjacent to the River. This space includes a park that will complement the ongoing creek restoration efforts and an enhanced greenway.

Concept Projects
Included in this section are two acquisition projects that have been provided partial funding through Proposition O. Development of these two sites will improve the river water quality. The 42-acre G-2 parcel located adjacent to the newly completed Taylor Yard State Historic Park received a $25 million set-aside and will improve the water quality and provide the public with passive recreation opportunities in a wetland habitat environment. A $5 million allocation has been provided for acquisition of the six-acre Albion Dairy site located in the First Council District. This project will result in improved water quality and river access, and will provide active recreation and expansion of the River Greenway.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Note and file.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this status report. It is for information purposes only.

Attachment

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# LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

Listing of projects relating to the Los Angeles River. Informational Only.

## FISCAL YEAR 2009-10

| CD | MAJOR PROJECTS DESCRIPTION | Status | Funding Source | Project Budget | Timeline and Duration of Project | 2009-10 Estimated Expenditures |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **BRIDGE PROJECTS** | | | | | |
| 1 | **AVENUE 19 EAST OVER ARROYO SECO CHANNEL(1090)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | CLOSEOUT | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 4,900,000 | YEAR 8 OF 8 | 100,000 |
| 1 | **AVENUE 19 WEST OVER ARROYO SECO CHANNEL(1091)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | CLOSEOUT | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 4,800,000 | YEAR 8 OF 8 | 10,000 |
| 1 | **RIVERSIDE DRIVE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (0160)** - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND BIKEWAYS | RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, MTA PROPOSITION C | 36,965,000 | YEAR 8 OF 10 | 2,500,000 |
| 1 | **RIVERSIDE DRIVE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (1932)** - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND BIKEWAYS | RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 21,000,000 | YEAR 8 OF 10 | 300,000 |
| 1 | **NORTH MAIN OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (1010)** -BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | CONSTRUCTION | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 11,100,000 | YEAR 4 OF 5 | 2,000,000 |
| 1 | **NORTH SPRING STREET OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (0859)** - BRIDGE WIDENING | DESIGN | MTA PROPOSITION C, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 49,717,000 | YEAR 8 OF 10 | 500,000 |
| 2 | **COLFAX AVENUE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (1141)** - BRIDGE WIDENING | CONSTRUCTION | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 18,200,000 | YEAR 7 OF 9 | 3,000,000 |
| 2 | **MOORPARK OVER TUJUNGA WASH (0076)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | CLOSEOUT | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 4,420,053 | YEAR 5 OF 5 | 50,000 |
| 2 | **FOOTHILL BLVD AT TUJUNGA WASH (2033)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | CONSTRUCTION | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION, MTA PROPOSITION C | 11,200,000 | YEAR 5 OF 6 | 2,000,000 |
| 2 | **RADFORD AVENUE AT LOS ANGELES RIVER (1293)**- BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | DESIGN - | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 2,230,000 | YEAR 4 OF 8 | 25,000 |
| 2 | **TUJUNGA AVENUE AT LOS ANGELES RIVER (1341)** - REPLACE AND WIDEN BRIDGE DECK | CLOSEOUT | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 5,254,347 | YEAR 6 OF 7 | 100,000 |
| 3 | **CANOGA AVENUE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (1116)** - BRIDGE WIDENING | COMPLETED | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 2,770,000 | YEAR 7 OF 7 | - |
| 3 | **CORBIN AVENUE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (1144)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | CLOSEOUT | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM | 2,500,000 | YEAR 7 OF 7 | 10,000 |
| 3 | **MASON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER(1244)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | COMPLETED | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM | 2,500,000 | YEAR 7 OF 7 | 10,000 |
| 3 | **TAMPA AVE. OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (1335)** - BRIDGE WIDENING, SEISMIC RETROFIT, BIKE UNDERPASS | CONSTRUCTION | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION, MTA PROPOSITION C | 8,900,000 | YEAR 8 OF 9 | 2,000,000 |
| 3 | **VANOWEN ST. OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (1362)** - BRIDGE WIDENING, SEISMIC RETROFIT, BIKE UNDERPASS | BID & AWARD | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 9,881,000 | YEAR 8 OF 8 | 200,000 |
| 3 | **WINNETKA AVE. OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER(1388)** - BRIDGE WIDENING, SEISMIC RETROFIT, BIKE UNDERPASS | BID & AWARD | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION, MTA PROPOSITION C | 10,242,000 | YEAR 8 OF 8 | 1,000,000 |

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| 4 | **RIVERSIDE DR. OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER NEAR ZOO DR.** (1298)- BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | DESIGN | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM | 9,539,106 | YEAR 6 OF 8 | 300,000 |
| 4,13 | **GLENDALE-HYPERION OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER** (1881,1882,1883,1884)- BRIDGE WIDENING AND SEISMIC RETROFIT (Four Projects) | DESIGN | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION, MTA PROPOSITION C | 32,247,000 | YEAR 8 OF 10 | 500,000 |
| 5 | **FULTON AVENUE AT LA RIVER (1176)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & NEW SUBSTRUCTURE | CONSTRUCTION | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 2,576,213 | YEAR 4 OF 5 | 750,000 |
| 6 | **VANOWEN AT BULL CREEK (1361)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION & CONSTRUCTION | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION, MTA PROPOSITION C | 2,800,000 | YEAR 5 OF 5 | 250,000 |
| 6 | **LAUREL CANYON BLVD. AT TUJUNGA WASH (1233)** - BRIDGE WIDENING, CONSTRUCT NEW SUBSTRUCTURE AND BIKE ACCESS LANES | RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION | MTA PROPOSITION C AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 3,356,000 | YEAR 7 OF 9 | 200,000 |
| 7 | **GLENOAKS OVER TUJUNGA WASH (1181)**- BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | CONSTRUCTION | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 2,900,000 | YEAR 5 OF 5 | 1,000,000 |
| 9,14 | **FIRST STREET OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (1166)** - BRIDGE WIDENING FOR LIGHT RAIL | CONSTRUCTION | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM, HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION, MTA PROPOSITION C | 76,875,387 | YEAR 7 OF 8 | 10,000,000 |
| 12 | **OWENSMOUTH AVENUE (1268)** - BRIDGE WIDENING & SEISMIC RETROFIT | CONSTRUCTION | HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION | 2,000,000 | YEAR 5 OF 5 | 1,000,000 |
| 13 | **FLETCHER DRIVE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER (0096)** - SEISMIC RETROFIT | DESIGN | SEISMIC BOND PROGRAM | 11,100,000 | YEAR 7 OF 8 | 1,500,000 |
| 14 | **SIXTH STREET AT LA RIVER (1881)** - HISTORIC BRIDGE REPLACEMENT | DESIGN | $200M HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION; STATE BOND 1B | 345,000,000 | YEAR 3 OF 14 | 2,000,000 |
| 3 | **LOS ANGELES RIVER PARKWAY - WEST VALLEY PHASE I** | DESIGN | PROP 50 | 2,000,000 | YEAR 3 OF 4 | 350,000 |
| | | | **TOTAL-BRIDGE PROJECTS:** | **$ 696,973,106** | | **$ 31,655,000** |
| | **WATER QUALITY PROJECTS** | | | | | |
| 1,9, 13,14,15 | **CATCH BASIN OPENING SCREEN COVERS - PHASE III** - INSTALLATION OF CATCH BASIN SCREENS TO REDUCE TRASH ENTERING THE LA RIVER AND BALLONA CREEK | **CONSTRUCTION** | PROPOSITION O | 44,500,000 | YEAR 4 OF 6 | 7,500,000 |
| 13 | **RIVERDALE AVE GREEN STREET PROJECT** - INSTALLATION OF STREET INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE STORM RUNOFF INFILTRATION ON RIVERDALE AVE BETSEE CRYSTAL ST. AND THE LA RIVER. | DESIGN | STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY | 500,000 | YEAR 1 OF 5 | 500,000 |
| 14 | **DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES LOW-FLOW DIVERSION** - INSTALLATION OF A LOW-FLOW DIVERSION SYSTEM TO DIVERT YEAR ROUND DRY WEATHER FLOW AWAY FROM THE LA RIVER VIA A STORM DRAIN ON 7TH STREET TO THE HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT. | DESIGN | SEWER CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND | 600,000 | YEAR 1 OF 5 | 600,000 |
| | | | **TOTAL-WATER QUALITY PROJECTS:** | **$ 45,600,000** | | **$ 8,600,000** |

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| | **PARKS & FACILITY PROJECTS** | | | | | |
| 1 | **SUNNYNOOK RIVER PARK** - CONSTRUCT A PARK ALONG THE RIVER WITHIN CALTRANS & LADWP LAND | DESIGN | ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT MITIGATION PROGRAM MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY | 1,700,000 | YEAR 1 of 2 | 1,492,000 |
| 2,5,6 | **LOS ANGELES RIVERFRONT PARK** - PHASE II GREENING, PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE PATH ALONG STUDIO CITY, SHERMAN OAKS, ENCINO AREA | DESIGN | PROPOSITION K PROGRAM | 3,160,000 | YEAR 3 OF 4 | 692,857 |
| 9 | **SOUTH LOS ANGELES WETLANDS PARK** - ACQUISTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A WETLANDS PARK | **ACQUISITION BY CITY COMPLETED (ESCROW CLOSED FEB. 26, 2009)** | **CITY PROPOSITIONS K AND O; STATE PROPOSITIONS 12, 40, AND 50; SCM (COLLECTION SYSTEMS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT); MTA** | **25,662,130** | **YEAR 3 OF 6** | **6,000,000** |
| 4, 13 | **HEADWORKS RESERVOIR PROJECT** - NEW CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE RESERVOIR TO REPLACE SILVER LAKE & IVANHOE RESERVOIRS | PLANNING | DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER FUNDS | 180,000,000 | YEAR 4 OF 11 | 10,150,900 |
| 4,13 | **HEADWORKS ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT** - PARTNERING WITH THE ARMY CORPS TO DEVELOP WETLANDS, HABITAT RESTORATION AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS TO FORMER HEADWORKS SPREADING GROUNDS | FEASIBILITY | ARMY CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER | 15,000,000 | YEAR 4 OF 11 | 258,000 |
| 4 | **NORTH ATWATER PARK EXPANSION**-Will provide and approximately 3-acre L.A. River adjacent open space, including a park to compliment ongoing creek restoration efforts and an enhanced greenway. | DESIGN | PROP 50 | 2,000,000 | YEAR 2 OF 3 | $787,000 |
| 4 | **NORTH ATWATER PARK CREEK RESTORATION** - ADD 1.17 ACRES OF NEW PARK SPACE; RESTORE RIPARIAN SYSTEM | DESIGN | COLLECTION SYSTEM AGREEMENT PROJECTS AND PROP 50 CH. 8 | 4,200,000 | YEAR 6 OF 8 | $1,661,379 |
| | | | **TOTAL-PARKS & FACILITY PROJECTS:** | **$ 231,722,130** | | **$ 21,042,136** |
| | **TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS** | | | | | |
| 1 | **L.A. RIVER BIKE PATH PHASE 3** - DESIGN - BARCLAY ST. TO UNION STATION | DESIGN | MTA, PROPOSITION C | 1,045,000 | YEAR 3 OF 5 | 100,000 |
| 1 | **TAYLOR YARD BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE** - DESIGN, R.O.W. AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE L.A. RIVER AT TAYLOR YARD | DESIGN | MTA, PROPOSITION C | 5,000,000 | YEAR 3 OF 6 | 500,000 |
| 13 | **L.A. RIVER BIKE PATH PHASE 1C** - DESIGN, R.O.W. AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CLASS I BIKE PATH - FLETCHER DR. TO BARCLAY ST. | CONSTRUCTION | MTA, PROPOSITION C & TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS | 5,000,000 | YEAR 4 OF 5 | 2,000,000 |
| | | | **TOTAL-TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:** | **$ 11,045,000** | | **$ 2,600,000** |

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| | **PLANNING PROJECTS** | | | | | |
| ALL | **LA RIVER REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN** - LA RIVER MASTER PLAN, INCLUDING GOVERNANCE ALTERNATIVES, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS, AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. | PLANNING | DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER FUNDS | 4,600,000 | YEAR 4 OF 5 | 500,000 |
| ALL | **LOS ANGELES RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION** - EVALUATE 32 MILES OF LA RIVER AND INCORPORATE WATERSHED APPROACH TO RESTORING LA RIVER ECOSYSTEM | FEASIBILITY | ARMY CORPS, PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING | 3,675,500 | YEAR 3 OF 5 | - |
| | | | **TOTAL-PLANNING PROJECTS:** | **$8,275,500** | | **$ 500,000** |
| | **CONCEPT PROJECTS** | | | | | |
| 1 | **TAYLOR YARDS** - ACQUISITION OF THE G2 PARCEL | PLANNING | PROP O | 25,000,000 | TBD | $ - |
| 3 | **CANOGA PARK GREENWAY** | PLANNING | | | | |
| 5 | **ALBION PARK PROJECT** - ACQUISITION OF THE ALBION DAIRY PARCELS | PLANNING | PROP O | 5,000,000 | TBD | $ - |
| | | | **TOTAL-CONCEPT PROJECTS:** | **$ 30,000,000** | | **$ -** |
| | **TOTAL ON-GOING LA RIVER REVITALIZATION PROJECTS** | | | **$ 1,023,615,736** | | **$ 64,397,136** |