LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS 2020 LA River Master Plan MRCA Attachment 8/5/20 Agenda Item VI(g)

What is the LA River Master Plan?

The 2020 LA River Master Plan is an update of the 1996 LA River Master Plan and will provide strategic direction for the transformation of the 51-mile LA River through future river-related improvements and initiatives.



Why is Los Angeles County Public Works Preparing a Program EIR?

Los Angeles County Public Works is preparing a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate potential impacts to the environment under the 2020 LA River Master Plan. A Program EIR evaluates a plan or program with multiple components or actions that are related either geographically or as logical parts of a long-term plan.

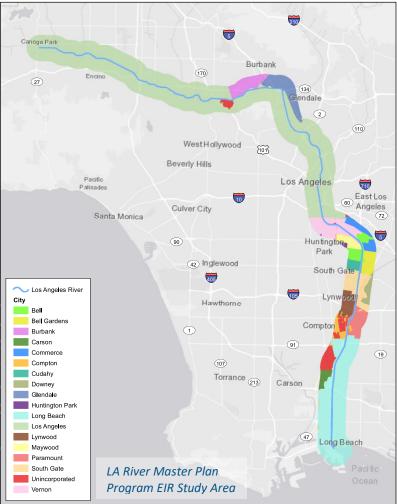
Through this disclosure process, the Program EIR will identify strategies to prevent or mitigate potential environmental impacts, improve public awareness and government transparency, and provide for a higher-level assessment of policy decisions prior to the consideration of individual projects.



What is CEQA?

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was signed into law in 1970 and requires public agencies in California to evaluate potential environmental impacts of proposed projects.

The act includes a public review period allowing the public and interested agencies time to comment on the project and potential impacts.





What does the 2020 LA River Master Plan Program EIR evaluate?

The Program EIR will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the 2020 LA River Master Plan at a programlevel. The study area is comprised of the 51-mile LA River corridor and one mile on each side of the LA River, and 17 cities and unincorporated LA County.

The Program EIR will evaluate:

- Two "typical projects" which are the common elements and a multi-use trails and access gateways project
- A high-level evaluation of the Kit of Parts
- A comprehensive assessment of the 107 projects proposed in the LA River Master Plan.

There will be no project-specific or site-specific analyses.

What is the Schedule?

The Draft 2020 LA River Master Plan Program EIR will be circulated for public review in Summer 2020.

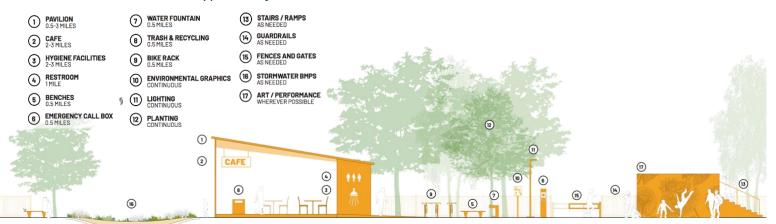
The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will consider certifying the Final 2020 LA River Master Plan Program EIR and adopt the 2020 LA River Master Plan at the end of 2020.

Common Elements Typical Project



Are specific projects approved with this Program EIR?

No. This Program EIR does not approve individual or site-specific projects but will help streamline future reviews including the Common Elements and Multi-use Trails and Access Gateways Typical Projects. Subsequent projects will require additional site-specific review to ensure compliance with CEQA.



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