

Draft Letter of Support for Grant Application for Bikeway to LA River

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SUPPORT FOR LA RIVERWAY SEGMENT 7 & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 8

Dear Ms. Waters:

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council at its meeting on July __ voted (__yes, __no, and __abstain) to express strong support for the application from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering to the Statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8, to design and construct the LARiverWay Segment 7 & Community Connections project. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council was formed under the City of Los Angeles Charter to advocate for the interests of the residents and stakeholders of the community of Van Nuys.

The LARiverWay Segment 7 & Community Connections project will deliver significant active transportation infrastructure in the East San Fernando Valley that will improve local and regional safety and connectivity. The project includes more than a mile of Class I multi-use path along the Los Angeles River, nearly two miles of Class IV protected bikeway on Hazeltine Avenue, and numerous community mobility improvements such as three roundabouts, three new signalized intersections, dozens of ADA-compliant curb ramps, and multiple signal modifications. These measures coalesce to create a complete and safe corridor between the neighborhoods, major transit options, and the growing regional LARiverWay bikeway. The project's direct connection to Disadvantaged Communities will provide residents there with the safer, better, and more numerous mobility options they deserve.

The VNNC is particularly excited about the proposed project because it would provide a protected bike path along Hazeltine Avenue that would make important connections between Van Nuys and the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park, as well as connections with the path along the L.A. River, key educational institutions, and major shopping areas.

A member of the VNNC Board who has school-age children said that he would not currently feel safe riding bikes with his children down Hazeltine Avenue to the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park and L.A. River because without a protected bikeway there is too much of a chance of getting hit by a car.

The City of Los Angeles is making significant plans for building more housing along Hazeltine Avenue and adjacent streets in Van Nuys. The residents of these additional housing units will be certain to take advantage of and enjoy the protected bike path that the project will make available.

This investment is well supported and clearly needed. The scope of the project was informed directly by community input over many years of development. Engagement in 2025 and 2026 involving hundreds of stakeholders led to the confirmation of the LARiverWay project scope and selection of the protected Hazeltine Ave. bikeway corridor. Residents consistently express strong support for protected facilities that

this project provides to help them feel safe and confident while rolling and walking. Many injuries and deaths will be prevented by funding and building this project.

The safety, mobility, and sustainability benefits that this project will bring to our community are numerous and substantial. We respectfully urge the California Transportation Commission to award full funding to the LARiverWay Segment 7 & Community Connections project. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Schreiner
President
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council