



**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GREENWAY NETWORK
STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH #2022090340)
RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER**

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Thank you for your May 29, 2025 letter to the County of Los Angeles Public Works (Public Works) commenting on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) for the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan (SGVGNSIP, Plan, or Project). This letter serves to provide the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) with responses to its comments on the Draft PEIR as required by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15088. Comments received from Caltrans, along with this response, will be part of the Final EIR that will be presented for consideration to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, as governing body of the County, on December 9, 2025.

The SGVGNSIP provides a plan to develop an active transportation and recreational corridor for bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians; beautify the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) right-of-way (ROW); and enhance stormwater management and natural habitats around river channels, stormwater channels, washes, and creeks in the San Gabriel Valley.

To achieve the objectives of the Plan along the San Gabriel Valley tributaries, the SGVGNSIP includes several categories of project elements that can be used to develop the greenway network. Each project element may be implemented individually or in combination with one another at future project sites as driven by the local jurisdiction's needs, funding, and policy decisions. As part of the Plan, Design Guidelines have been developed as a framework to support the development of specific design and technical solutions for future projects while presenting a unified, cohesive identity along the open space corridor and promoting best practices and resiliency. The County of Los Angeles

(County) proposes to adopt these Design Guidelines, which are included in the PEIR, along with the Plan.

Pursuant to CEQA, Public Works prepared a Draft PEIR regarding the proposed Project and the potential environmental impacts of the Project. The Draft PEIR also evaluated the potential for cumulative and growth-inducing impacts. The Draft EIR included a No Project Alternative and an alternative method of implementing the proposed Project to reduce or avoid significant impacts.

Public Works solicited comments on the Draft PEIR from April 15, 2025 to May 30, 2025. In accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15088, each comment was reviewed carefully and within each comment letter, substantive comments (i.e., comments raising significant environmental issues) were identified and bracketed. The individual bracketed comments were reviewed by appropriate environmental resource specialists and subject matter experts who drafted responses.

Public Works responses to Caltrans' public comments are provided below and are presented in the Final PEIR, Appendix A, Comments Received on the Draft PEIR.

Comment #	Caltrans Comment	Los Angeles County Public Works Response
A3-1	Please note, that any project work occurring within or abutting Caltrans ROW will require an encroachment permit, and all concerns and requirements must be addressed. Final design requirements for any proposed changes to infrastructure within or along Caltrans right-of-way will be determined by the Office of Permits. At the time of permit application there will be rounds of review and corrections to ensure all design, right-of-way, access management, water runoff, environmental, and statutory requirements are being addressed.	Comment noted. The County's EIR is intended to address environmental impacts related to any necessary permits for the Project. The following clarification has been provided to MM TR-2: Restrict Lane Closures and Maintain Access. <i>The project proponent shall restrict all necessary lane closures or obstructions associated with construction activities to off-peak periods to reduce traffic delays. <u>Project work within or abutting a Caltrans right of way shall not occur unless authorized by an encroachment permit.</u> Lane closures shall not occur between 6:00 and 9:30 a.m. and between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise authorized by the responsible public agency with jurisdiction over the affected street or highway through the issuance of an encroachment permit.</i>

The Final PEIR and all related documents are available on the County's website at <https://pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/water-resources/sqvgnsip-peir/> and in person at 900 S. Fremont Ave., 11th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

The Final San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan is available at the following website: <https://www.sgvgreenway.org/>.