MEMORANDUM

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GLENDALE - LOS ANGELES GARDEN RIVER BRIDGE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) SCREENING EVALUATION

Urban Crossroads, Inc. is pleased to provide the following Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Screening Evaluation for the Glendale - Los Angeles Garden River Bridge (**Project**), which is located at approximately LA River Mile 31 and will connect the Cities of Glendale (on the north bank) and Los Angeles (on the south bank).

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Project consists of an approximately 350-foot long, three-span curvilinear landscaped bridge structure that spans the Los Angeles River with canopied seating areas for use by pedestrians and bicyclists (see Attachment A). The bridge is also designed to accommodate maintenance vehicles.

BACKGROUND

Changes to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines were adopted in December 2018, which require all lead agencies to adopt VMT as a replacement for automobile delay-based level of service (LOS) as the measure for identifying transportation impacts for land use projects. This statewide mandate went into effect July 1, 2020, consistent with Senate Bill 743 (SB 743). To comply with SB 743, the City of Glendale adopted their Transportation Analysis Guidelines (October 2020) (**City Guidelines**) (1). The adopted City Guidelines have been utilized to prepare this VMT analysis.

VMT SCREENING

The City Guidelines provide information for analyzing transportation projects, including the process to aid in deciding if a detailed VMT analysis should be conducted. The City Guidelines provide multiple examples of projects that are unlikely to result in an increase in VMT including:

- the addition of a new or enhanced bike or pedestrian facility on existing streets/highways or within existing public rights-of-way and;

- the addition of Class I bike paths, trails, multi-use paths, or other off-road facilities that serve non-motorized travel

The proposed Project consists of bridge used by bicyclists and pedestrians for the purpose improving and promoting pedestrian access. The only vehicles permitted on the bridge are maintenance vehicles, which do not contribute to VMT.

CONCLUSION

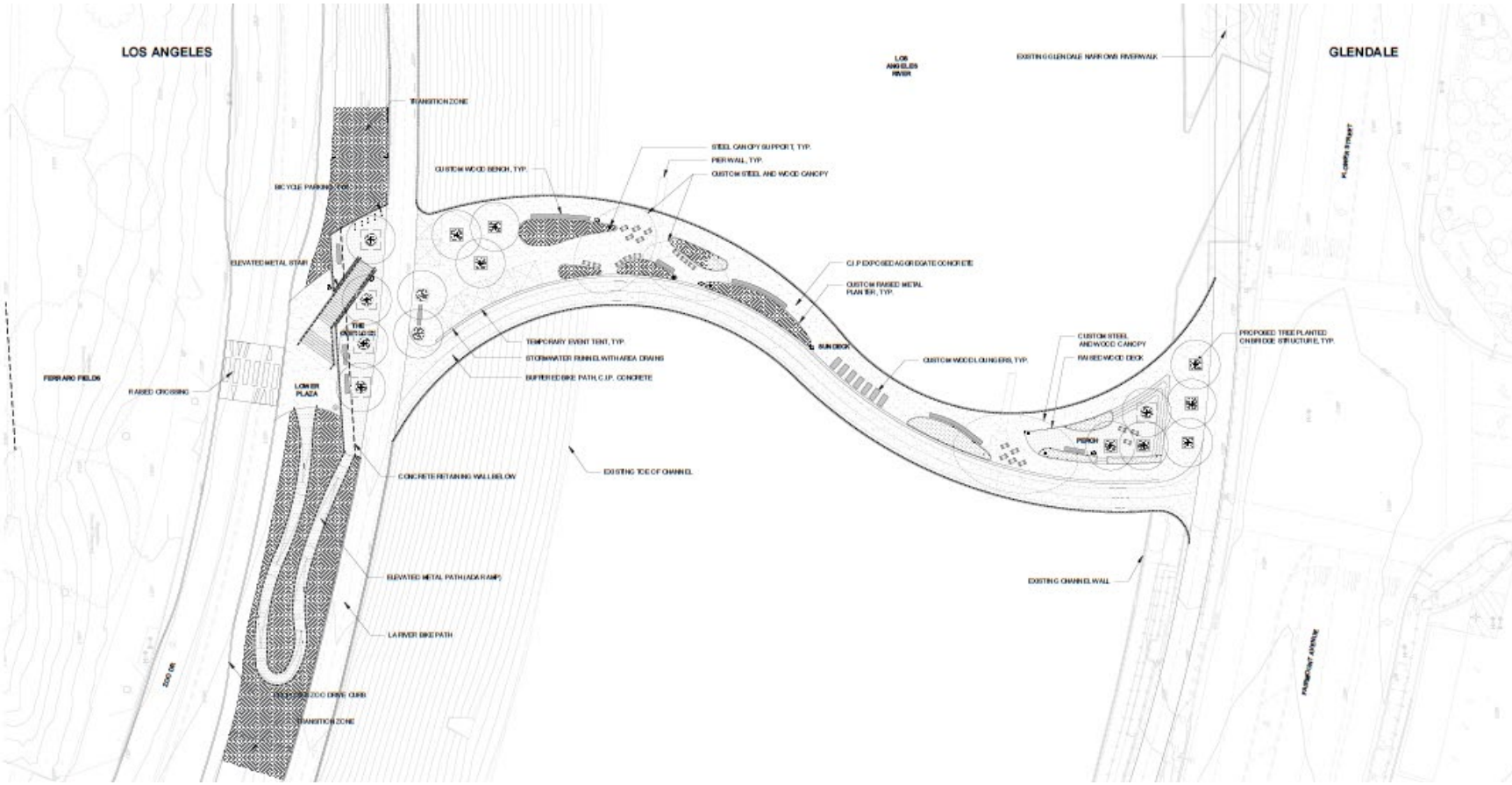
In summary, the Project is unlikely to result in an increase in VMT and therefore does not require a VMT analysis as it is a transportation project and is designed to improve and promote pedestrian and bicycle access.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at aso@urbanxroads.com.

REFERENCES

1. **City of Glendale.** *Transportation Analysis Guidelines .* City of Glendale : s.n., October 2020.

ATTACHMENT A
PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN


LOS ANGELES
GLENDALE
LOS ANGELES RIVER
EXISTING GLENDALE NARROWS RIVERWALK
TRANSITION ZONE
CUSTOM WOOD BENCH, TYP.
STEEL CANOPY SUPPORT, TYP.
PIER WALL, TYP.
CUSTOM STEEL AND WOOD CANOPY
BICYCLE PARKING, TYP.
ELEVATED METAL STAIR
C.I.P. EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE
CUSTOM RAISED METAL PLANTER, TYP.
TEMPORARY EVENT TENT, TYP.
STORMWATER RUNNEL WITH AREA DRAINS
BUFFERED BIKE PATH, C.I.P. CONCRETE
SUN DECK
CUSTOM WOOD LOUNGERS, TYP.
CUSTOM STEEL AND WOOD CANOPY
RAISED WOOD DECK
PROPOSED TREE PLANTED ON BRIDGE STRUCTURE, TYP.
FERRARO FIELDS
RAISED CROSSING
LOWER PLAZA
PERCH
EXISTING TOE OF CHANNEL
CONCRETE RETAINING WALL BELOW
ELEVATED METAL PATH (ADA RAMP)
EXISTING CHANNEL WALL
LA RIVER BIKE PATH
ZOO DR
TRANSITION ZONE
FLORENCE AVENUE
FAIRMONT AVENUE