

PUBLIC NOTICE

San Gabriel River and Walnut Creek Wash – San Gabriel River Commuter Bikeway Project

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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Public Notice No.: SPL-408-PN-2020-0007

Permit No.: SPL-408-2020-0007

Comment Period: 2020-01-08 to 2020-02-07

Requester: In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, the City of Baldwin Park Public Works Department (Baldwin Park PWD) through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter the San Gabriel River and Walnut Creek Wash.

Location:

The proposed action would construct a combination bikeway and pedestrian path along San Gabriel River and Walnut Creek Wash in the city of Baldwin Park, Los Angeles County, California. The proposed features are not inside the channel, and will therefore not require construction within the channel.

Requester's Proposed Action:

The Baldwin Park PWD is proposing to install an approximately 2.3 mile long new bike-way/pedestrian path that runs along the San Gabriel River from Walnut Creek Wash to Ramona Boulevard and along the Walnut Creek Wash from the San Gabriel River to Baldwin Park Boulevard. The bike-way will be approximately 10-12 feet wide asphalt pavement and will be constructed above an existing maintenance road. The general items of work would include scarification and compaction, construction of new asphalt concrete and concrete pavement, asphalt concrete overlay, construction of longitudinal gutter, curb and gutter, curb drain, driveway approaches, sidewalk and decomposed granite shoulders, fencing, traffic striping, signage, marking and curb paintings. Related work includes construction surveying and staking, traffic control and all appurtenant work. The purpose of the project is to provide an alternative mode of transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists, increase the safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, provide a connection to Walnut Creek Nature Park, and also be a part of the San Gabriel Valley Bicycle Master Plan.

Authority: The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation or alteration of any USACE Civil Works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 USC 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of Army's authority under Section 408 has been

delegated to the USACE, the Chief of Engineers. The Chief of Engineers has further delegated the authority to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Engineers, depending upon the nature of the activity.

Limits of Section 408 Authority: A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1344), and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413). In addition, an approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

Consideration of Comments: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties. Comments will be made part of the record, and they will be considered before permission is granted to proceed with this action. Please limit comments to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that would be directly or indirectly affected by the alteration described in this public notice.

Submission of Comments: Interested parties may submit, in writing, any comments concerning this proposal. Comments should reference public notice no. SPL-408-PN-2020-0007 and be forwarded by the comment due date of February 7, 2020. Comments must be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Engineering Division, ATTN: Priyo Majumdar, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017-3409. Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to Priyodarshi.Majumdar@usace.army.mil.

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