

MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION TASK FORCE

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
Friendship Auditorium
3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA. 90027

Public Comment Will Be Taken Both In-Person
And Also, via Teleconference

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CURRENT BUSINESS
 - A. Western Gage Median Park
Discussion of Proposed Project
 - B. Hollenbeck Park Adjacent and I-5 Freeway Adjacent Beautification Project
Discussion of Proposed Project
3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments by the Public on Matters within Task Force Jurisdiction.

April 20, 2023

4. NEXT MEETING

The next Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

5. ADJOURNMENT

Additional Information

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Western Gage Median Park
Facility Repair & Maintenance Task Force
April 20, 2023

Western Gage Median Park - Proposed Project Review

- Western Ave and Gage Ave
 - Council District 8

- Convert a traffic median into a park.

- Funding Source: Community Investment for Families Department, \$2,135,130

- Community Outreach
 - 11/03/22 Site Walk: Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), WEBB Associates, Western/Gage residents
 - 01/03/22 Steering Committee #1: LANI, WEBB, Western/Gage steering committee members
 - 01/20/23 Steering Committee #2: LANI, WEBB, Western/Gage steering committee members
 - 02/04/23 Community Meeting #1 Virtual: LANI, WEBB, Western/Gage steering committee members, community members
 - 02/13/23-02/26/23 Community survey conducted with 1:1 door knocking and electronic surveys. Collected 250 surveys
 - 03/25/23 Community Meeting #2 In-person: LANI, WEBB, Western/Gage steering committee members, community members

- Implementation of Shade
 - Address how shade will be implemented into the project, whether trees or shade structure
 - There will be approximately 26 new trees planted in the project as well as an entry arbor with shaded seating.

- Plant and Tree Specifications
 - Specify what trees and plants are impacted by the project and what new trees and plants will be provided
 - There are no trees existing on the site except for 5 Platanus street trees. Two of the street trees will be removed for the proposed parking area, but 9 will be planting in their place. The 3 Platanus on the south side of the park will be evaluated again but will probably be replaced with 4 new street trees. One of the three is leaning, another is entangled in power lines, and the third has been badly pruned and its health does not seem viable.
 - There are no other existing plants on the project site.

ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN PRESENTATION



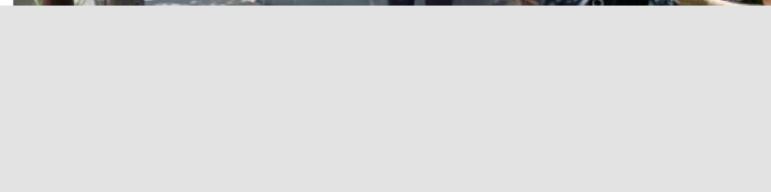
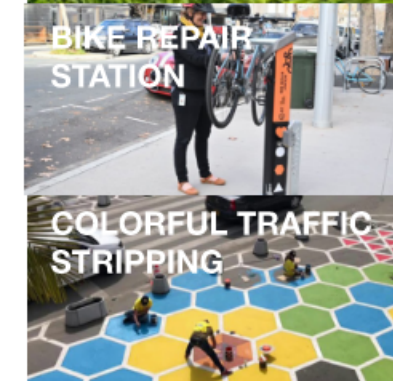
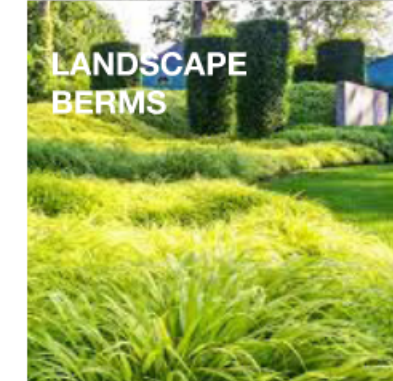
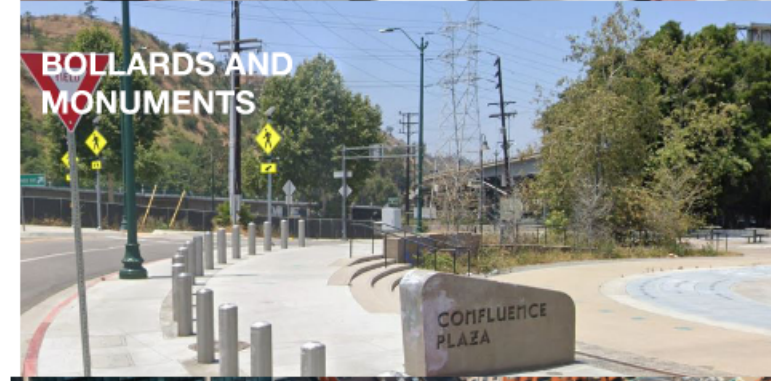
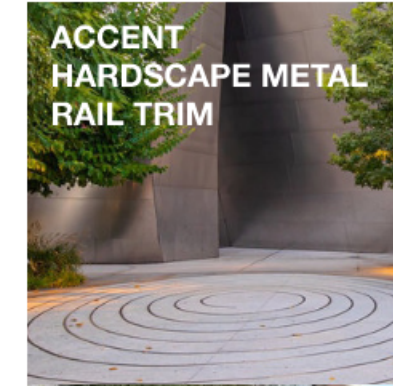
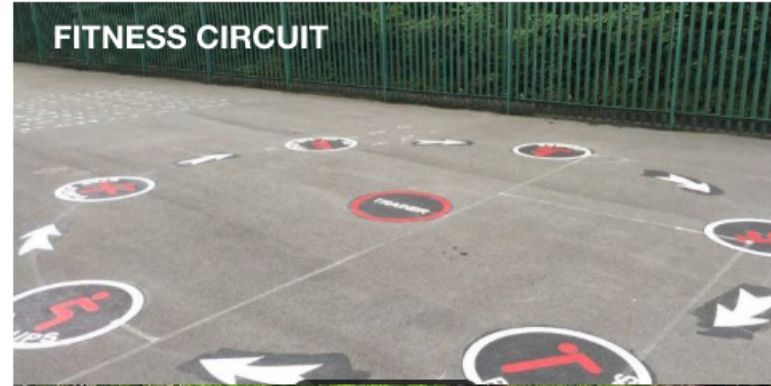
WESTERN GAGE MEDIAN PARK

WESTERN AVE. & GAGE AVE



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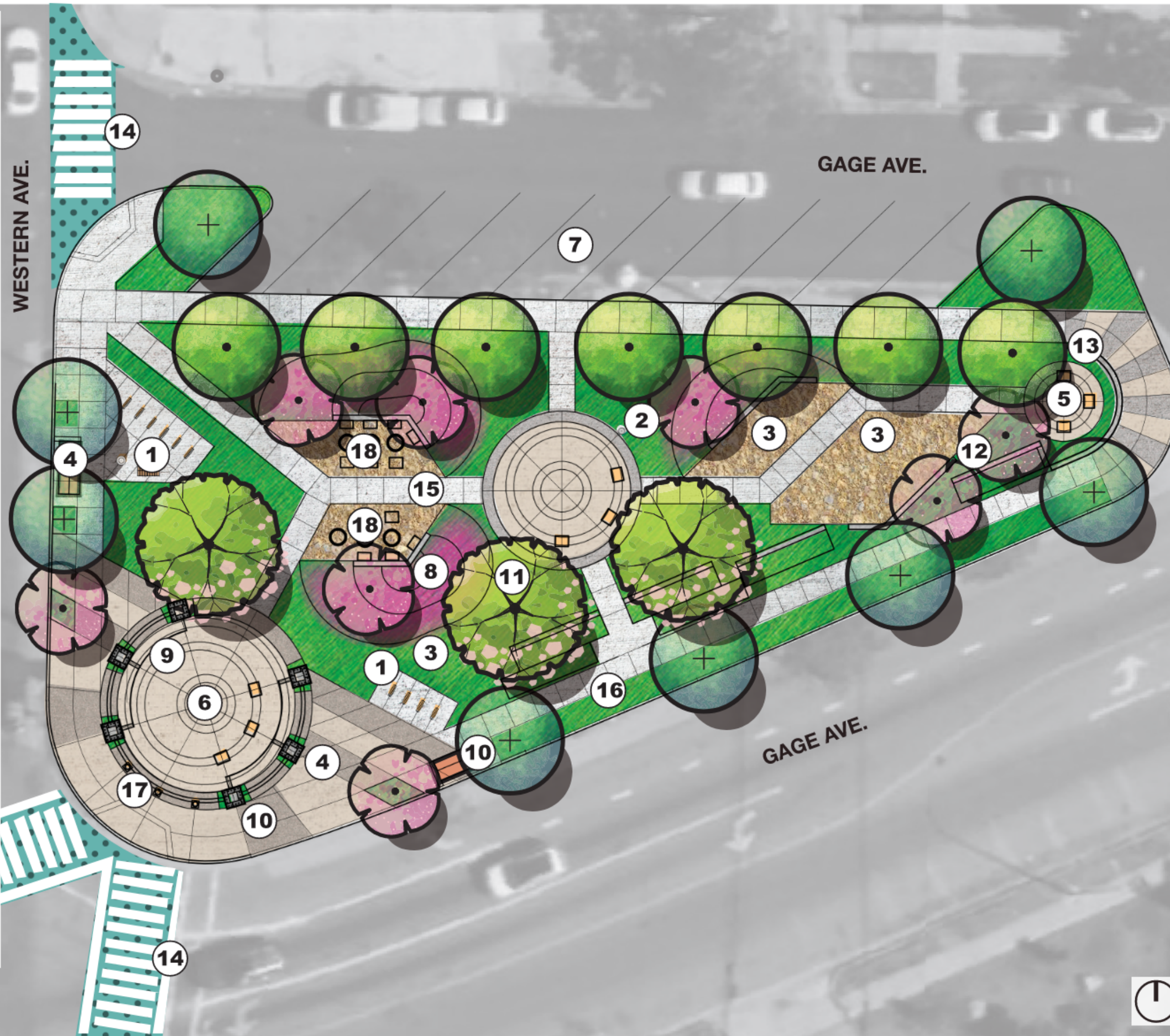




CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

LEGEND

1. BIKE RACKS, BIKE REPAIR STATION, DOG WASTE STATION & TRASH RECPTACLES
2. DRINKING FOUNTAIN.
3. PROPOSED FITNESS AREA
4. PROPOSED BUS SHELTER
5. BOX JUMP FITNESS/ STRETCHING STATIONS
6. ENTRY PLAZA W/ VERTICAL TRELLIS, MURAL PANELS & SQUARE SEATING
7. PROPOSED DIAGONAL PARKING
8. PROPOSED SCREENING LANDSCAPE BERMS
9. ACCENT HARDSCAPE METAL RAIL TRIM
10. PROPOSED STREET TREES
11. PROPOSED SHADE TREES
12. PROPOSED ACCENT TREES
13. PROPOSED PARK MONUMENT
14. COLORFULL TRAFFIC STRIPPING
15. PROPOSED PARK CIRCULATION WITH LIGHT POLES
16. PROPOSED WALKABLE SIDEWALKS
17. TRAFFIC BOLLARDS
18. SEATING AREA



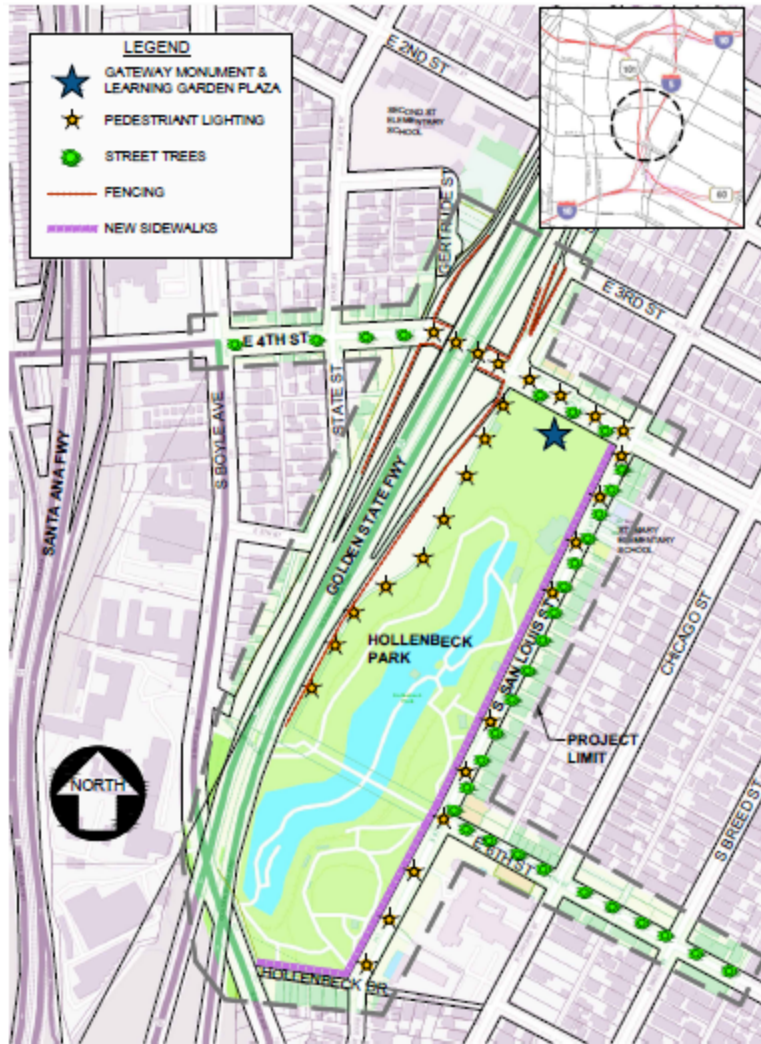
LEGEND

1. ENTRY PLAZA PILASTERS
2. VERTICAL TRELLIS W/ ACCENT VINE & ,
3. MOSAIC MURAL/METAL PANELS
4. SQUARE SEATING
5. PROPOSED SHADE TREES
6. PROPOSED PARK MONUMENT
7. TRAFFIC BOLLARDS



ELEVATION A-A: PARK GATEWAY ENTRY





Hollenbeck Park Adjacent and I-5 Freeway Adjacent Beautification Project

Council District 14

Bureau of Street Services

Overview

This project seeks to make dramatic changes to the physical infrastructure and environment by improving Hollenbeck Park and its immediate vicinity. Hollenbeck Park is a 21-acre park that is a valuable amenity to the community as the park hosts numerous sporting and community events that are highly attended. The project is located in a historically underserved community with limited amounts of green space, a high population density, and is adjacent to a major freeway. There is a need to beautify and increase accessibility adjacent to Hollenbeck Park. The existing eastern perimeter does not have any sidewalks or pedestrian lighting along the entire 1800 linear foot stretch. Serving the 85,000 residents of the Boyle Heights community within the City of Los Angeles, this park is one of the few public spaces for these residents as well as over 2500 students nearby. Proposed improvements will provide for safer accessibility, promote walking/biking and outdoor activities, and beautify the area for this community.


Goals

1. Make Hollenbeck Park and its immediate vicinity more accessible to the public by constructing sidewalks, driveways, and curb ramps
2. Improve public safety by installing pedestrian lighting
3. Increase environmental benefits by planting trees
4. Beautify the area with landscaping and public art

Project Specifics

The proposed project is located in and adjacent to the Hollenbeck Park and the I-5 Freeway in the Boyle Heights community of the City of Los Angeles. The proposed improvements are located in the City of Los Angeles Public Right-of-Way, in Department of Recreation & Parks (RAP) owned property, as well as in Caltrans owned property. This project was initiated after identifying a need for safer access where the park edges meet the public right-of-way space.

Although the park provides some amenities, there are no sidewalks along the eastern and southern border of Hollenbeck Park. The project will construct new ADA compliant sidewalks to provide a safe and continuous path of travel for people of all abilities, along the eastern and southern perimeter of the park. This safe and continuous path of travel also includes the construction of curb ramps and the reconstruction of all existing park driveways, as well as the



construction of a new driveway on the 4th St side of the park for RAP maintenance vehicle access.

The project will install pedestrian lighting to improve the overall safety of the corridor during the night hours. The light poles will be installed in the public right-of-way, along the eastern, northern, and western border of Hollenbeck Park, including beneath the I-5 Freeway undercrossing.

The project will plant over 200 trees, which will provide added shade, reduce the urban island effect, and help combat global climate change. To increase the amount of shade, smaller scale trees will be planted in the public right-of-way, and larger scale trees are proposed to be planted along the park edges and inside the park. Trees will be located on St. Louis St., 4th St as well as 6th St. This proposed project will not remove or affect any existing trees and the new trees will be planted in spaces that are currently vacant. This will greatly transform the pedestrian experience and make this area more desirable for all users.

The project will install decorative fencing along the on-ramps and off-ramps that serve the I-5 Freeway. The decorative fencing will serve to beautify the area as well as deter repeated vandalism of the existing fencing along this area.

Lastly, the project proposes to construct a plaza with public art at the northerly entrance of Hollenbeck Park. The plaza will contain sustainable elements such as permeable pavers that can allow capture of rainwater and will have a high Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) that will reduce surface temperatures and minimize heat absorption into the concrete. Another sustainable element will be the implementation of a drought tolerant California native plants garden surrounding the edges of the plaza. Recycling and waste bins as well as signage will be placed near the plaza to encourage users not to litter.

Budget

This project is funded by the Clean California Local Grant Program for \$4,993,180.

Milestones

I. Pre-Design

Project scoping began October 2022. Community engagement will follow shortly after and continue concurrently with the design up to the 30% plan milestone.

II. Design

Design is scheduled to begin March 2023 and be completed by October 2023.

III. Construction

It is estimated that construction could take between 8 -12 months. All Construction must be completed by June 30, 2024.

Collaboration with the Department of Recreation and Parks

This project proposes improvements in RAP property. The following are the proposed improvements for which we are requesting approval from RAP and their Board.

Tree Planting

The project is committed to planting 200 new trees. In order to meet this goal we are proposing to plant a portion of these trees in RAP property. The quantity of the trees proposed to be planted in RAP property is still to be determined.

Decorative Fence

The project proposes to replace the existing chain link fence with new decorative fencing around Caltrans Right-of-Way. On the west side of Hollenbeck Park, RAP and Caltrans share a Right-of-Way line which will be divided by this decorative fence.

Gateway Monument and Learning Garden Plaza

The project proposes to construct and brand new gateway monument and learning garden plaza including shade trees and landscaping. This monument and plaza is proposed to be entirely in RAP property. See the image below for a rendering of what the plaza could look like.

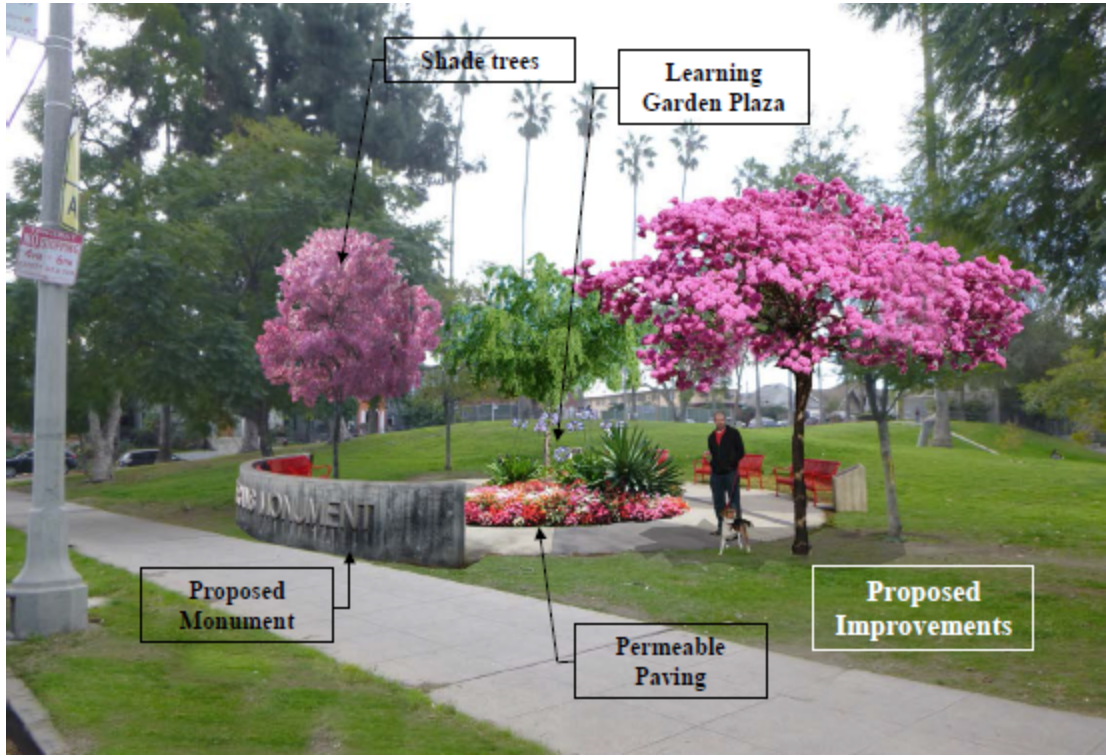


Image 1: Rendering of the proposed gateway monument and learning garden plaza