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April 19, 2011

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
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P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460
Attn: Ms. Reyna Soriano

VIA Electronic Mail to rsoriano@dpw.lacounty.gov

RE: County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Ms. Soriano:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan. The City of Burbank would like to provide the following comments on the plan that directly affect the City.

Implementation Action 1.1.2 Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions to implement bicycle facilities that promote connectivity.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, specifically the Watershed Management Division, holds jurisdiction over the Los Angeles River and its many tributaries. One of these tributaries runs through the City of Burbank, the Burbank Western Channel. These tributaries provide an excellent opportunity for bicycle facilities that connect directly to the Los Angeles River Bikeway, further enhancing the crucial role that it plays within the regional bicycle network.

The City of Burbank appreciates the County's willingness to support local jurisdictions implementing a bicycle network of connected facilities, as described in the Implementation Action above. However, the City of Burbank requests further elaboration regarding the support of facilities specifically utilizing the tributaries currently under the jurisdiction of the Watershed Management Division. Outlining support for projects within the watershed at a policy level in the County's Bicycle Master Plan will be of great assistance to local jurisdictions seeking outside grant sources to fund these types of projects.

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Implementation Action 3.1.1 Offer bicycle skills, bicycle safety classes, and bicycle repair workshops.

The City of Burbank recognizes that bicycle safety education is a relatively low cost and highly effective means of promoting healthy and sustainable transportation choices within the community, while ensuring a safe cycling public. The City of Burbank would like to offer support for the County's bicycle education programs as outlined in the above Implementation Action and in Chapter Four of the plan.

As accident and obesity rates continue to rise throughout the region, the City of Burbank believes that the most effective way of tackling these epidemics would be at a county-wide level. The City of Burbank would like to propose that the County expand upon the programs outlined in Chapter Four of the proposed Bicycle Master Plan to include a more comprehensive bicycle education program. This program should reflect a partnership between the County and local interested cities to provide these much needed bicycle education programs. The County would serve as the lead agency for the program with participating cities providing the facilities necessary for the workshops and classes.

This type of county-wide education program would be eligible for funding through Metro Call for Projects, State of California Office of Traffic Safety, and both federal and state Safe Routes to School programs. Further, not only would this type of program be eligible, but it would likely have a competitive edge in these grant processes as partnerships between jurisdictions and broad reaching programs are often seen as favorable.

Thank you again for allowing the City of Burbank to comment on the proposed County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan. The City welcomes any opportunity to partner with the County in providing a more bicycle friendly community, county, and region. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact me at 818.238.5206 or via email at cwilkerson@ci.burbank.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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Cory Wilkerson, Assistant Transportation Planner
City of Burbank Community Development Department

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April 25, 2011

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Ms. Soriano,

The City of Hawthorne acknowledges receipt of the Bicycle Master Plan Notice of Preparation. We believe Inglewood Avenue cannot be considered a preferred bike route for the following reasons: a lack of adequate right of way, heavy truck traffic, and numerous driveways.

In lieu of Inglewood Avenue, the City of Hawthorne is planning to accommodate a bike lane on Hawthorne Boulevard, from El Segundo Boulevard to Rosecrans Avenue, as well as a bike path on El Segundo Boulevard from Hawthorne Boulevard to Crenshaw Boulevard.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 310-349-2985.

Sincerely,

Arnold Shadbehr
Director of Public Works



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**RE: Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for
the County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan**

38300 Sierra Highway

Dear Ms. Soriano:

Palmdale, CA 93550-4798

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the above referenced project.

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With regards to the Noise analysis located on page 11 of the Initial Study, the City of Palmdale disagrees that potential noise impacts should not be reviewed further simply because construction noise is exempt under the County's Noise Ordinance (Chapter 12.08 Noise Control of the Los Angeles County Code). The relevant section of Code states that "Public Health and Safety Activities" are exempt from the requirements of the code. While the construction of a bicycle network will have a positive impact on public health, the construction of such a network should not be permitted to negatively impact residents within the vicinity of construction if mitigation measures can be applied to ensure noise and vibration impacts are mitigated to a level of less than significant.

We look forward to reviewing the Draft EIR when available. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Susan Koleda or me at (661) 276-5200.

Sincerely

 Richard Kite
Planning Manager

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Soriano, Reyna

From: Kevin Burton [kevbarto@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Soriano, Reyna
Subject: LA County BMP EIR scoping comments

Hello,

Please find below comments on the scope and content of the information to be included and analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report for the LA County Bicycle Master Plan.

(1) Resources - 7.b., Visual Qualities (p. 25)

In addition to views from riding and hiking trails, an issue which often arises with bicycling is conflicts arising from bikeways and trails sharing the same routes, or separated routes which cross. This topic should be addressed.

(2) Services - 4.a. Fire/Sheriff Services (p. 34)

I think the phrase "Class I/II/III *trails*" is inappropriate since "trail" is used to refer to hiking and riding trails elsewhere in the document. "Bikeway" should instead be used as a generic word (see e.g., p. 46, Mandatory findings, a.).

Kevin Burton



California Natural Resources Agency

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May 3, 2011

Reyna Soriano
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
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Los Angeles, CA 91803

RE: County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan NOP, SCH#2011041004

Dear Ms. Soriano:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan. The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, or Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was established as an independent State agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California to preserve urban open space and habitats in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements.

The goals of the RMC are described in "*Common Ground*", the Conservancy's Watershed and Open Space Plan (found at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/plan/intro.html>). The Plan presents a simple vision for the future: *restore balance between natural and human systems in the watersheds*. The centerpiece of the Plan is a series of Guiding Principles that cities, federal, state and local agencies, communities, groups and individuals can use to plan preservation, restoration and establishment of future open space, water resources, and habitat projects. More than 60 cities in Los Angeles County have adopted this document.

The RMC has reviewed the NOP and accompanying Initial Study for the County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan DEIR. The RMC supports the County's decision to develop the proposed Bicycle Master Plan and the associated project benefits including improved non-vehicular transportation routs between residence and recreational amenities, reduction in motorized vehicular travel and the associated pollutants, and other social and economic benefits to the region. Additionally, the RMC has the following comments on the scope and content of the NOP:

1. **Water Quality:** The DEIR should include a discussion about the use of structural BMPs to reduce and capture the run-off generated by the impermeable surfaces on Class I bike paths, Class II bike lanes, and Class III bike routes. Opportunities may exist to reduce the impact of increased stormwater generated by the proposed impermeable surfaces. One such example would include incorporating the use of bio-retention swales between Class I bike paths and flood control channels, as is being proposed along Compton Creek. Similar design elements may exist for mitigating impacts along Class II bike lane and Class III bike route. Additionally, permeable pavements products may also have

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potential in the proposed applications. Incorporating the appropriate design elements could mitigate any impacted to regional water quality during the project's post development activities to less than significant.

2. **Biota:** The DEIR should address impacts to the landscape by habitat fragmentation, and subsequent impacts to the health of habitats for listed species as well as non-listed species. The DEIR should explore any impacts to wildlife movement including the identification of locations where safe passage would be effective by the development of the proposed bicycle facilities. Any impact to aquatic or riparian habitat should be identified and mitigated for accordingly. The DEIR should address using buffer zones, landscaped with plants native to the watershed to mitigate impacts to adjacent habitat areas. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) should make every effort to protect the County's oak woodland habitats, and fully comply with the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance. The RMC encourages Public Works collaboration with the Los Angeles County's Significant Ecological Area Technical Advisory Committee during the CEQA process to further mitigate impacts to any portions of the Significant Ecological Areas within the County.
3. **Visual Qualities:** Impact to the scenic vistas viewsheds associated with the development of the bicycle facilities proposed in the draft County Bicycle Master Plan must be identified in the DEIR. Additionally, impacts to recreational facilities, including hiking or riding trails must be identified, and mitigated where the proposed facilities would block scenic vistas. The RMC is aware that County Multi-use Trails and other recreational trails parallel Class I bike path is several locations; mitigation for visual impact may not be required or appropriate in all of these areas.
4. **Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** The DEIR should provide adequate information regarding the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions and meeting the regulatory mandates outlined in AB 32, including the extent of which the proposed project may cause a net reduction during the post-development of the proposed bicycle facilities network.
5. **Environmental Safety:** The RMC believes that any site identified in the DEIR having residual soil toxicity are appropriate for reuse as bicycle facilities, and should be cleaned and utilized as public right-of-ways within the scope of this project. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these sites protects the environment and reduces blight.

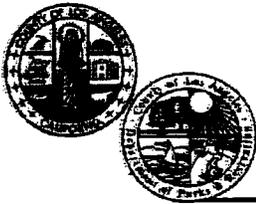
Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions please contact me or Rob Romanek, Project Manager with the Watershed Conservation Authority at 626-815-1019 ext. 108 or at romanek@wca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Valorie Shatynski
Acting Executive Officer

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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May 3, 2011

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TO: Reyna Soriano
Department of Public Works

FROM:  Joan Rupert, Section Head
Environmental and Regulatory Permitting Section

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF AN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, INITIAL STUDY, AND
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BICYCLE MASTER PLAN**

The NOP for the above project has been reviewed for potential impacts on the facilities of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the following comments are submitted.

- Please acknowledge DPR's multi-use trail system and thoroughly integrate connectivity, rest stops/ trail heads, and support amenities (i.e. kiosks, signage, shade trees or structures, drinking fountains, and benches).
- DPR's multi-use trail system parallels DPW's Class 1 bike lanes in specific locations such as the San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo. Efforts should be made to ensure safe passage between different types of users. These efforts should include well defined boundaries, markings, and signage to minimize interface issues.
- DPR's multi-use trails may be considered a mode of transportation and connection, as bicyclists, hikers, walkers, and equestrians may choose to use DPR's multi-use trail system as an alternative to more "traditional" transportation corridors.
- DPR is planning new multi-use trail alignments and connections as special projects with the intention of identifying opportunities to connect to DPW bike lanes where appropriate.

Thank you for including this Department in the review of this notice. If you have any trail related questions, please contact Mr. Francis Yee at (213) 639-6058 or email

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fyee@parks.lacounty.gov. For any other inquires, please contact Ms. Julie Yom at (213) 351-5127 or jyom@parks.lacounty.gov.

JY: JR/ Response to DPW_NOP for Bicycle Master Plan

c: Parks and Recreation (N. E. Garcia, F. Moreno, F. Yee, J. Yom)



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May 3, 2011

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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION—COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BICYCLE
MASTER PLAN

Dear Ms. Soriano:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the IS/NOP for the proposed County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan.

Based upon our review of the map of existing bikeway routes shown in the City of Diamond Bar, we determined that there are inaccuracies with respect to existing conditions. Although the map correctly reflects the bikeway layout in our local master plan, they do not reflect "existing conditions" in that not all of the routes have been physically established and designated. Please be sure to revise the map and all references to existing bikeway routes in Diamond Bar with the following:

- Golden Springs Drive (Sylvan Glen Road to Temple Ave) – Class III
- Temple Avenue (Diamond Bar Blvd to Golden Springs Dr) – Not a designated bike route
- Grand Avenue (SR 57/60 Freeway to Easterly City Limit) – Not a designated bike route
- Pathfinder Road (West City Limit to Diamond Bar Blvd) – Not a designated bike route
- Brea Canyon Cutoff (West City Limit to Brea Canyon Road) – Not a designated bike route
- Brea Canyon Road (Golden Springs Dr to North City Limit) – Not a designated bike route
- Lycoming Street (Lemon Avenue to Brea Canyon Road) – Not a designated bike route
- Lemon Avenue (Golden Springs Drive to North City Limit) – Not a designated bike route
- Brea Canyon Road (South City Limit to Copper Canyon) – Not a designated bike route
- Brea Canyon Road (Copper Canyon to Cool Springs Lane) – Class II
- Brea Canyon Road (Cool Springs Lane to Fountain Springs Road) – Class I
- Brea Canyon Road (Fountain Springs Road to Pathfinder Road) – Class III

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (909) 839-7065 Monday through Thursday between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm, and on Friday between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Sincerely,

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Greg Gubman, AICP
Community Development Director

cc: Rick Yee, Senior Civil Engineer



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Notice of Preparation

April 1, 2011

To: Reviewing Agencies
Re: County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan
SCH# 2011041004

and for the purpose of providing a Notice of Preparation for the County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process

Please direct your comments to:

Reyna Soriano
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 S. Freemont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 91803

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report
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SCH# 2011041004
Project Title County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan
Lead Agency Los Angeles County

Type NOP Notice of Preparation

Description The purpose of the bicycle Master Plan is to guide the development of infrastructure, policies, and programs that improve the bicycling environment in Los Angeles County. The Plan focuses on areas under the County's jurisdictional authority; however, it also coordinates with bicycle planning efforts of other agencies.

The plan complies with Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2, making the County eligible for Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funds. The BTA is an annual program that provides state funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters.

The plan is a supplementary document to the Los Angeles County General Plan, providing a more detailed bicycle planning and policy direction than is included in the currently adopted General Plan.

Lead Agency Contact

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Project Location

County Los Angeles
City
Region
Cross Streets various
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Parcel No.

Township	Range	Section	Base
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Proximity to:

Highways various
Airports LAX, Long Beach, Bob Hope
Railways multiple
Waterways Los Angeles river, Santa Clara River, San Gabriel River
Schools various
Land Use varied

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Coastal Zone; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Septic System; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; California Coastal Commission; Department of Conservation; Cal Fire; Central Valley Flood Protection Board; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 5; Caltrans, District 7; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, Division of Transportation Planning; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; Public Utilities Commission; Native American Heritage Commission; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 6 (Victorville); Other Agency(ies)

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Notice of Preparation of a CEQA Document for the County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft environmental impact report (EIR). Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion. Note that copies of the Draft EIR that are submitted to the State Clearinghouse are not forwarded to the SCAQMD. Please forward a copy of the Draft EIR directly to SCAQMD at the address in our letterhead. **In addition, please send with the draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality and greenhouse gas analyses and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. These include original emission calculation spreadsheets and modeling files (not Adobe PDF files). Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

Air Quality Analysis

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. The lead agency may wish to consider using land use emissions estimating software such as URBEMIS 2007 or the recently released CalEEMod. These models are available on the SCAQMD Website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/models.html>.

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has developed a methodology for calculating PM_{2.5} emissions from construction and operational activities and processes. In connection with developing PM_{2.5} calculation methodologies, the SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD requests that the lead agency quantify PM_{2.5} emissions and compare the results to the recommended PM_{2.5} significance thresholds. Guidance for calculating PM_{2.5} emissions and PM_{2.5} significance thresholds can be found at the following internet address: http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2_5/PM2_5.html.

In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts the SCAQMD recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a localized significance analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

In the event that the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis") can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile_toxic/mobile_toxic.html. An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the decommissioning or use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

Mitigation Measures

In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate significant adverse air quality impacts. To assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, please refer to Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook for sample air quality mitigation measures. Additional mitigation measures can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html. Additionally, SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook contain numerous measures for controlling construction-related emissions that should be considered for use as CEQA mitigation if not otherwise required. Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide/aqguide.html>. In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses can be found in the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed.

Data Sources

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's World Wide Web Homepage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD is willing to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project-related emissions are accurately identified, categorized, and evaluated. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ian MacMillan, Program Supervisor, CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3244.

Sincerely,

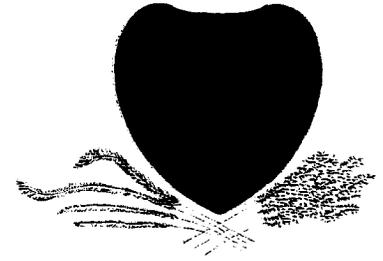


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Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BICYCLE MASTER PLAN
INITIAL STUDY**

Dear Ms. Soriano:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan Initial Study. The City of San Marino has no comments regarding the project at this time. However, the City would be interested in receiving further information about the potential traffic impacts of the project when such information becomes available.

Please add myself as the contact person for the City of San Marino. My contact information is as follows:

Amanda Thorson, Planning and Building Assistant
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San Marino, CA 91108
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Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Thorson".

AMANDA THORSON
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RE: Notice of Preparation - LA County Bicycle Master Plan

Dear Ms Soriano,

Thank you for providing the City of Glendora an opportunity to comment on the Los Angeles County Bicycle Master Plan. The City of Glendora is in strong support of upgrading and expanding the bicycle network throughout the San Gabriel Valley and the County as a whole.

We would like to offer the following suggestions for improving the proposed Bicycle Master Plan in the vicinity of Glendora:

1. Provide a connection from the existing Class III Bike Route on Gladstone Street westward to the proposed bike route in Covina.
2. Regarding the proposed route in Covina, it appears to be located along the Dalton Wash which extends through the City of Glendora up into Dalton Canyon. We would like to see the plan provide for the extension of the trail along the Dalton Wash all the way to Dalton Canyon.
3. Extend the proposed westbound route on Mauna Loa Avenue to connect with the proposed north-south street route in Azusa.
4. Connect the existing bike route on South Glendora Avenue to the proposed Class II bike lane along Arrow Highway.
5. Extend the Class III Bike Route eastward on Foothill Boulevard to connect with the existing bike lane on Foothill Boulevard in San Dimas.

One of the Master Plan proposals is to extend the Class III Bike Route on Glendora Mountain Road (GMR) up through the mountains into the National Forest area. You may be aware that Glendora Mountain Road is a very steep, winding road which is popular with advanced cyclists. Indeed, the Tour of California will be including GMR on one of their stages. Unfortunately, the

road is also popular with auto traffic and we have had a number of tragic accidents on GMR in the past few months; one occurred last night. We would like to ask the County to explore the feasibility of creating either a Class I bike path or Class II bike lane on GMR to reduce the danger riders are experiencing. The proposed Class III bike route will not provide enough protection for cyclists.

Please call me at 626-914-8218 or email dwalter@ci.glendora.ca.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Walter".

Dianne Walter,
Planning Manager

Attachment: Enlarged Master Plan of Glendora vicinity annotated to correspond to numbered suggestions

Cc: Jerry Burke, City Engineer
Jeff Kugel, Director, Planning and Redevelopment

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Eldon Heaston, Executive Director

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Project Description: Bicycle Master Plan (Project No. R2011-00874)

Mr. Yusuf,

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (District) has reviewed the draft EIR document proposing the County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan that would be a component of the Transportation Element of the General Plan, which is a long-range policy document that guides growth and development in the unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County. When the 2035 Los Angeles County General Plan Update is approved, the Bicycle Master Plan will be incorporated as a component of the Mobility Element. The Bicycle Master Plan includes recommendations for an expanded bikeway network in unincorporated communities and along rivers, creeks, and flood control facilities throughout the County.

Based on our review of the draft EIR, the District requests that the County of Los Angeles require the project manager/point-of-contact to submit a Fugitive Dust Emission Control Plan and his/her contact information prior to the start of the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this planning document. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (661) 723-8070 ext. 2 or Julie McKeehan at ext. 8.

Sincerely,

Julie J. McKeehan
for **Bret Banks**
Operations Manager

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