PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

Note: All projects are expected to comply with the County’s Los Angeles River Master Plan (LARMP) (See: http://lacounty.org/wmd/Watershed/LA/LA_River_Plan.cfm) and the City’s Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP) (See: www.lariver.org) to the maximum extent feasible.

Project Name: Taylor Yard Bikeway / Pedestrian Bridge over the L.A. River

Project Location: From Dorris Place on the west to south of Kerr Rd. on the east

Project Proponent: Bicycle and pedestrian bridge

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a City of Los Angeles project funded by Metro and LADWP. It is project #171 of the City’s LARRMP. The project title is “Taylor Yard Bikeway and Pedestrian Bridge over the LA River”. The scope of work consists of the design and construction of a new landmark/iconic pedestrian bridge with a bikeway connecting the existing bikeway along the west bank of the LA River to an existing road on the eastside of the LA River. It shall be approximately 400 ft. long. The new bridge design will focus on visual aesthetics and include a DWP recycled water line. Also, the project will include an at-grade railroad crossing. The overall intent of building this new bridge is to eventually connect the bike path at San Fernando Road to the LA River bikeway.
PROJECT SKETCH: Please attach a site-plan for your proposed project
EVALUATION CHECKLIST

FLOOD PROTECTION:

1. Will the proposed project incorporate channel modifications or the inclusion of structures in the channel that may impact the flow or capacity of the LA River?

   Yes _____   No X____

   Comment:

2. Will the proposed project introduce additional water into the LA River? If so, please indicate type and source of water, and expected quantity?

   Yes _____   No X____

   Comment:

WATER QUALITY:

3. Does the proposed project help to improve the overall water quality of the Los Angeles River? If so, please describe any processes, practices, or Best Management Practices (BMPs) (See: www.casqa.org or www.lastormwater.org) that will be implemented?

   Yes _____   No X____

   Comment: There may be some planting at the bridge approach on the east side of the River, but at this conceptual stage it is uncertain. If there is any, it will be minimal.

4. Will any activity associated with the proposed project generate pollutants such as trash, pet waste or chemicals in the vicinity of the River? If so, please specify type and source of pollutant, and indicate what mitigation measures (if any) are included in your project?

   Yes _____   No X____

   Comment:

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

5. Does the proposed project create habitat or ecosystem opportunities? If so, please describe.

   Yes _____   No X____

   Comment:
6. Does the proposed project include planned vegetation with native and historic Los Angeles River riparian/wetland species? If yes, please describe.
   Yes  x  No ___

Comment: There may be some planting at the bridge approach on the east side of the River. At this conceptual stage it is uncertain. Any plantings will comply with the L.A. River Landscaping Guidelines and Plant Palette.

7. Does the proposed project include planned vegetation improvements that would support threatened or endangered species? If so, please describe.
   Yes ____  No X___

Comment: Minimal only (see answer to #6 above)

8. Does the proposed project consider habitat connectivity to upstream, downstream and upland natural areas? If so, please describe.
   Yes ____  No X____

Comment: N/A- See answer to #6 above

9. Does the proposed project include creation, restoration, or enhancement of more natural hydrologic processes? If yes, please describe.
   Yes ____  No X___

Comment:

LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN (LARMP) AND LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN (LARRMP):

10. List the design features of your project that are consistent with the LARMP and LARRMP.

Comment: The project will assist in achieving LARRMP goals, as follows:
   Enable Safe Public Access (p. 4-3)
   Recommendation #4.2 – Continue level of non-motorized transportation and recreation elements including bike and pedestrian paths and multiuse trails in the River and tributary rights-of-way.
   Create a Continuous River Greenway (p. 5-3)
   Recommendation #5.1- Provide opportunities for continuous and uninterrupted movement along the River.
   Connect Neighborhoods to the River (p. 5-3)
   Recommendation #5.5- Create safe, non-motorized routes between the River and cultural institutions, parks, civic institutions, transit-oriented development, schools, transit hubs, and commercial and employment centers within 1 mile of the River.
   Recommendation #5.6- Increase direct pedestrian and visual access to the River.
   Enhance River Identity (p. 5-3)
   Recommendation #5.12- Identify physical opportunities to improve the visibility of the River
Corridor.

*Recommendation #5.13-* Identify opportunities to improve public perception of the River Corridor.

*Recommendation #5.14-* Encourage local and diverse character within the River Corridor. Enhance River identity per the Non-Motorized Bridges typology of the LARRMP (p. 5-33)

11. Will the proposed project create new or expand existing recreational opportunities? If yes, please describe.
   Yes X  No
   Comment: The bridge provide access to existing and future parks along the River.

12. Does the proposed project include aesthetic enhancements? If yes, please describe.
   Yes X  No
   Comment: The project does focus on visual aesthetics for the bridge design, which include the structure of the bridge and the lighting.

13. Will the project provide or facilitate public access to the River? If yes, please describe.
   Yes X  No
   Comment: The bridge will provide access to both the east and west sides of the River, connecting Cypress Park to Elysian Valley, providing new public access in area that have previously been prohibited to visitors.

14. Will the proposed project result in community revitalization (such as economic development, educational, artistic, cultural and/or other benefits and improvements)? If yes, please describe.
   Yes X  No
   Comment: The project will provide a connection between the established community of Elysian Valley to the established community of Cypress Park, to the new housing development on San Fernando Road, and to schools, businesses and other community institutions. The project helps advance other efforts underway including the NELA Riverfront Collaboration and NPS Safe Routes to the River, RRC Rio Vistas, etc.

15. Who is the project intended to serve (i.e. youth, cyclists, artists, bird watchers)?
   Yes X  No
   Comment: Cyclists and pedestrians

16. Does your project implement BMPs for maximizing on-site capture, retention and/or infiltration of stormwater? If yes, please describe.
   Yes X  No
Comment: There may be some planting at the bridge approach on the east side of the River. At this conceptual stage is uncertain. If there is any it will be minimal. If there is planting there will be on-site infiltration and it will be graded so that water does not run-off into the River.

17. Does your project implement water conservation practices and/or technologies (e.g. smart or weather-based irrigation devices, California friendly plants, water efficient fixtures) (See: www.ladwp.com or www.mwdh2o.com)? If yes, please describe.  
   Yes X  No

Comment: If there is any landscaping at the east landing of the bridge smart irrigation will be included. At this concept phase it has not yet been decided.

18. Does your project implement water reuse practices/technologies such as graywater or recycled water systems (See: www.ladbs.org/LADBSWeb/green-bldg.jsf or www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp001294.jsp)? If yes, please describe.  
   Yes X  No

Comment: The bridge includes a LADWP water recycled line that will extend from San Fernando Road, across the bridge, to Elysian Valley

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:

19. Who will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the project after construction?  
   LA County Flood Control District _____  City of LA X 
   U.S. Army Corps of Engineers_____  Other (Specify under comment) ____

Comment:

20. Does your proposed project provide adequate access for LACFCD, City of LA, LADWP, and/or Corps maintenance activities? If yes, please describe.  
   Yes X  No

Comment: The existing maintenance roads will remain in place.

SECURITY, SAFETY AND LIABILITY:

21. How will safety and security be addressed within the project limits?  

Comment: The bridge will have security lighting. There will be bike path regulatory signage and the existing bike path will interface with the bridge per the LADOT Bicycle Plan Technical Design Handbook standards.

22. How will general liability for accidents/incidents occurring within the project limits be addressed?  

Comment: The City is self-insured for General Liability.