

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to report requests regarding the LA RiverWay Phase IV Project.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman - Blumenfield):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), with assistance from the Bureau of Street Services, and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), to report back within 45 days, on implementing a design for the LA RiverWay Phase IV Project that prioritizes maximizing space and enjoyment for all uses, and forms a continuous segment with an outlet at Forest Lawn Drive or another identified bicycle/pedestrian facility. This should include: encroachments/easements or other agreements necessary with other jurisdictions in order to eliminate mixing modal uses, maintain a minimum 10 feet equestrian-only path, construct fencing, bend cycling segments to slow cyclists at trail junctions, and any other needed design elements. The report should also outline steps to protect the trail from the negative impacts of the CA-134 freeway. The report should outline anticipated costs of any needed encroachments/easements and elements to protect the trail from the negative impacts of the CA-134 freeway and methods to cover those costs.
2. DIRECT the LADOT, with assistance from the BOE, to report back within 90 days with a project development plan to close the anticipated short-term gap between the western terminus of the LA RiverWay Phase IV Project and the intersection of Forest Lawn Drive and Zoo Drive. This report should identify a potential lead agency or partner agencies, anticipated cost, funding sources, and design constraints and should outline how a gap closure can be completed at the same time as LA RiverWay Phase IV. The report should also outline whether the short-term gap closure should be led by LADOT or Caltrans.
3. INSTRUCT the LADOT, with the assistance of the BOE, to report back within 90 days with a desired scope for a long-term gap closure traversing the CA-134 freeway for the LA RiverWay and improvement of the CA-134 westbound off ramp and Forest Lawn Drive intersection. The report should identify Caltrans as the preferred lead agency, and should identify any other partner agencies and speak to the overlapping jurisdictions, land ownership, and projects of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Burbank, and Caltrans. The report should outline project outreach steps to take with Caltrans.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 26, 2024, your Committee considered Motion (Raman – Blumenfield) relative to report requests regarding the LA RiverWay Phase IV Project.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
MCOSKER:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

SG 23-0722\_rpt\_ee\_01-26--24

**-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-**