

**DATE:** March 23, 2015

**TO:** RMC Governing Board

**FROM:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Item 9: Consideration of a resolution to support the Bellflower Paramount Bicycle and Trail Master Plan

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the RMC Board approve a resolution in support of the Bellflower Paramount Bicycle and Trail Master Plan.

**Analysis:** The Bellflower and Paramount Bike and Trail Master Plan is a collaborative effort of the Cities of Bellflower and Paramount and the Southern California Association of Governments to promote bicycling as a safe and attractive transportation choice. The Plan is supported by a Sustainability Planning Grant from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The goal of this bike master plan is to connect two major regional bicycle trails, connecting the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Bicycle Trails through the Pacific Electric rail line that would start at Flora Vista Park in the City of Bellflower and travel west along the existing bicycle trail to the Ralph Dills Park in the City of Paramount. The City of Bellflower has completed the bicycle trail along the Pacific Electric Line from Flora Vista Park to the border of the City of Paramount but planning for the continuation of the bicycle trail through the City of Paramount is not complete and thus necessitate a bicycle master plan.

Additional bicycle trails throughout the Cities of Bellflower and Paramount will also be planned in order to provide the residents of both Cities with reliable, sustainable bicycle trails for commuting, running errands, recreation or physical fitness. Following is the current project schedule with the Draft Bicycle Plan scheduled for public release and comment by June 2015.

### **Project Schedule**

Project Kickoff – Summer 2014/Completed  
 Community Outreach – Beginning fall 2014/Completed  
 Draft Bicycle Master Plan – Spring 2015/Currently in-process  
 Final Bicycle Master Plan – Summer 2015

The Cities of Bellflower and Paramount will adopt the Final Bicycle Master Plan into their General Plan and once adopted would seek funding from various granting opportunities and may include Prop 1 Funding for implementation of bicycle improvements. The Bellflower Paramount Bicycle Trail Master Plan will result in individual city bike plans which will allow the two cities to apply for matching state grant funds to implement projects and programs that will improve the safety of bicycle riders in the area and increase the number of people choosing to ride for a variety of reasons.

RMC staff is working with SCAG and the Cities of Bellflower and Paramount to provide and include improvements along the proposed bicycle trails and provide a better riding experience. See the attached Community Workshops flyer describing the bicycle master plan attached as Exhibit A.

**FISCAL INFORMATION:** Not applicable.

Exhibit A



# HELP US IMPROVE BICYCLING IN BELLFLOWER AND PARAMOUNT

## JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP!

We are hosting community workshops in public locations to collect input for the Bellflower Paramount Bike and Trail Master Plan. Please join us at one of the following events:

### Bellflower:

Tuesday March 10, 2015  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Thompson Park  
14001 Bellflower Blvd  
Bellflower 90706

Second TBD

### Paramount:

Wednesday March 11, 2015  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Paramount Park  
Community Center  
14400 Paramount Blvd  
Paramount 90723

Second TBD

For more information about the plan, please visit

[www.bpbikeandtrailplan.org](http://www.bpbikeandtrailplan.org)

### QUESTIONS?

Contact  
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March 23, 2015 – Item 9

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES  
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) SUPPORTING  
THE BELLFLOWER PARAMOUNT BICYCLE TRAIL MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, the RMC supports the Bellflower Paramount Bicycle Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that* the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the Bellflower Paramount Bicycle Trail Master Plan is consistent with the mission and goals of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
3. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. SUPPORTS the staff report dated March 23, 2015 indicating support for the Bellflower Paramount Bicycle Trail Master Plan.

~ End of Resolution ~

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
CONSERVANCY on March 23, 2015

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Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General