Sepulveda Basin GAMES Legacy Project RAISE Grant Opportunity

The City of Los Angeles, in partnership with Metro, is applying for a U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Grant to fund a package of early action projects identified as priorities by the community from the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan. The *Sepulveda Basin Games Accessibility Mobility, Equity, & Safety (GAMES) Legacy Project* will enhance transit, bicycle, and pedestrian connections into and through the Sepulveda Basin, connecting nearby communities to the many amenities that exist within its 2,000 acres.

City Councilmember Imelda Padilla and the Bureau of Engineering request your letter of support for this application to demonstrate the strong demand in the community for this federal investment. The City is requesting **\$25 million** from the federal government to fund safe crosswalks, expanded bicycle and pedestrian pathways, and a new mobility gateway hub at the Balboa Metro G (Orange) Line Station. Your support is critical to help bring this federal investment to Los Angeles.

Key Scope Elements:

- **Balboa Mobility Hub:** Serving as a new gateway for people accessing the Sepulveda Basin from across the region, this new facility will host amenities and services for transit riders and community members, including bus shelters, public restrooms, hydration stations, wayfinding, micromobility stations, secure bike parking, and high-quality pedestrian access. Additional features may include E-bike charging stations, bike fixit stations, bike rental, and basin shuttle stations.
- New Signalized Crosswalks: The project will make it safer and easier to cross busy Victory Blvd and Balboa Ave with new crosswalk beacons at Petit Ave, Gloria Ave, and the Balboa Sports Center driveway. A new crosswalk leg will also be added at the intersection of Victory Blvd and Hayvenhurst Ave.
- **New Pedestrian Gateway:** The project will significantly upgrade the pedestrian access point to Lake Balboa at Hayvenhurst Ave with a new gateway plaza, totally reconstructed pathway, lighting, landscaping, and wayfinding features.
- **Redesigned G Line Pathway:** The project will rehabilitate the existing bike paths along Victory Blvd and the east side of Balboa Ave and construct a parallel pedestrian walkway to separate people biking and walking. The new pathway will include solar lighting, landscaping, and other sustainability features.
- **Haskell Ave Improvements:** The project will provide upgrades to the Haskell Ave access road to the Sepulveda Metro G (Orange) Line Station park and ride, allowing this space to be used flexibly in the future for walking, biking, and special events.
- **Balboa Ave Safety Improvements:** The project will calm traffic on Balboa Ave with a roadway redesign that provides greater distance between people walking and biking and fast-moving traffic, while reserving a flexible space that can be used in the future for multimodal improvements.

Letters of support can be sent to Marcelino Ascensio at the Bureau of Engineering: <u>marcelino.ascensio@lacity.org</u>. Please submit your letter by February 21st to ensure it can be included in the application package for consideration by USDOT. Thank you for your support!