

SUNNYNOOK RIVER PARK

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THE LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION

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Project Background:

- **Priority project of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan**
- **Located in CD 4, and has been a long time goal of Councilman LaBonge**
- **CD 13 is directly across the river in Atwater Village**



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Project Funding:

- **\$1.35 Million from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Proposition 84 Funds)**
- **\$350,000 from State of California EEM Grant Program (A.B. 471)**
- **\$1.7 Million total funding**



Project Schedule:

- **Preliminary Design & Community Input completed by September 1, 2008**
- **Final Plans submitted for Bid & Award by November 1, 2008**
- **Construction to begin in March/April 2009, completed by February 2010**
- **Area affected by Bridge Repair Project to be completed later**

GRIFFITH PARK

PROJECT VICINITY

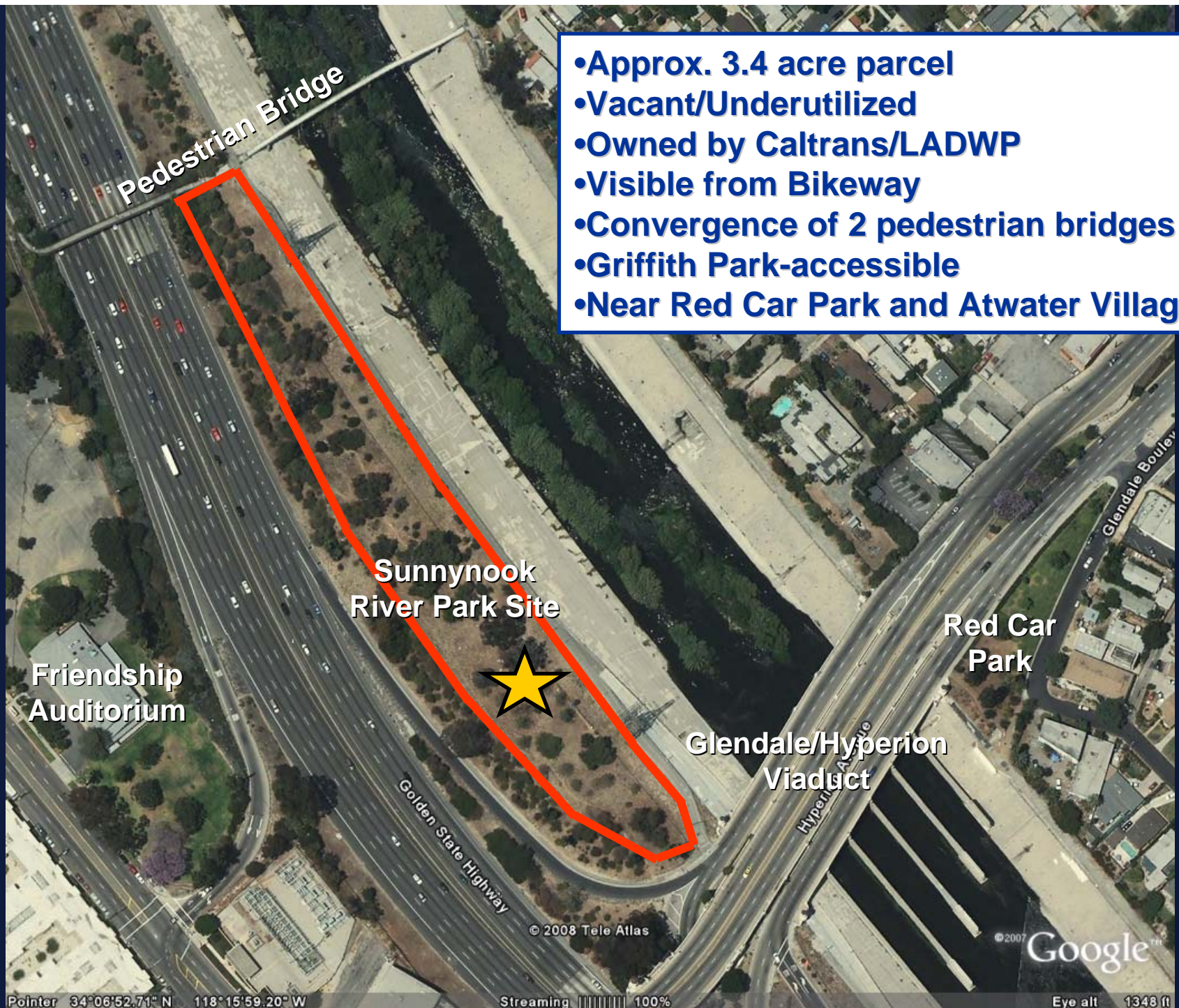
**ATWATER
VILLAGE**

LOS FELIZ

**Project
Site**



- Approx. 3.4 acre parcel
- Vacant/Underutilized
- Owned by Caltrans/LADWP
- Visible from Bikeway
- Convergence of 2 pedestrian bridges
- Griffith Park-accessible
- Near Red Car Park and Atwater Village



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Project Scope:



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Project Scope:

- **Create a passive park experience for pedestrians and cyclists along the River**



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Example: Steelhead Park



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**Park Elements to include: Walkways, benches, trash cans, picnic tables
New Drinking fountain? (only if potable water supply is available)**



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- Create a passive park experience for pedestrians and cyclists along the River
- Fulfill a portion of future “Sunnynook River Loop”

Future Sunnynook River Loop

Sunnynook Pedestrian Bridge

Sunnynook River Park Site

Friendship Auditorium

Red Car Park

Glendale/Hyperion Viaduct





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SUNNYNOOK RIVER PARK - PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL



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NEW NATIVE TREE PLANTING, TO INCLUDE:



Sycamore



Coast Live Oak



Elderberry





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NEW RIPARIAN TREE PLANTING, TO INCLUDE:



Cottonwood & Arroyo Willow



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NEW NATIVE SHRUB PLANTING, TO INCLUDE:



Monkeyflower



Buckwheat



Wild Rose



Toyon



Bladderpod



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- Provide educational & interpretive elements



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Signage & Interpretive Program:

- “Outdoor Classroom”



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Example: Outdoor Classroom at Taylor Yard



Signage & Interpretive Program:

- “Outdoor Classroom”
- **Interpretive Panels:**
 - “History & Development of the River”
 - “The River’s Role in Flood Protection”
 - “Importance of the River Ecosystem”
 - “Native Plant & Habitat Gardening”
 - “Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail”
 - **Glendale/Hyperion Bridge Project & Historic River bridges**



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Interpretive Signage Examples: Taylor Yard



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 - Hyperion Bridge Restoration
- Signage to denote important connections to local destinations, such as Griffith Park, Red Car Park, etc.



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- Provide educational & interpretive opportunities
- **Passive stormwater treatment system**



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Example: Stormwater treatment swale, Taylor Yard



PRELIMINARY PARK CONCEPT PLAN

- **PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT**
 - **Some park elements are necessary components in scope as specified in Grant Application**
 - **Are there any other potential park elements that need to be addressed?**
 - **Are there any important issues or constraints not yet discussed?**
 - **Additional comments?**



SUNNYNOOK RIVER PARK - CONCEPT OVERVIEW



Design Elements Consistent with:

- City's *Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (2007)*
- SMMC's *Los Angeles River as Urban Wildlife Refuge (2005)*
- *Common Ground: From the Mountains to the Sea (2001)*
- County's *Los Angeles River Master Plan (1996)*
- Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group's *Urban Wilderness Identity*

Project Goals:

- A premiere destination along the River bikeway
- A substantial expansion of River-adjacent native habitat
- An opportunity for River-related environmental education
- Improved accessibility to the River



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Comments on this presentation and input regarding the final park design can be submitted to:

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by August 8, 2008



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