

Appendix III

Public Comments on Notice of Preparation



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February 21, 2020

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RE: 700 Exposition Park Drive – Exposition Park Master Plan
Notice of Preparation of Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)

Dear Ms. Lasso:

Thank you for coordinating with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) regarding the proposed Exposition Park Master Plan (Project) located at 700 Exposition Park in the City of Los Angeles (City). Metro is committed to working with local municipalities, developers, and other stakeholders across Los Angeles County on transit-supportive developments to grow ridership, reduce driving, and promote walkable neighborhoods. Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) are places (such as corridors or neighborhoods) that, by their design, allow people to drive less and access transit more. TOCs maximize equitable access to a multi-modal transit network as a key organizing principle of land use planning and holistic community development.

Per Metro's area of statutory responsibility pursuant to sections 15082(b) and 15086(a) of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA: Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, Ch. 3), the purpose of this letter is to provide the Office of Exposition Park Management (OEPM; Project Sponsor) with specific detail on the scope and content of environmental information that should be included in the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Project. Effects of a project on transit systems and infrastructure are within the scope of transportation impacts to be evaluated under CEQA.¹

Metro recognizes the importance of Exposition Park as a recreational resource for the City and as a venue for major events at its museums and sports stadiums, both today and especially in the future as a site for the 2028 Summer Olympics. Metro also has a major presence near Exposition Park with the E Line (Expo), several major bus lines, and the planned Vermont Transit Corridor project. We would welcome an opportunity to meet with OEPM's design team to identify urban design and transportation synergies and ensure compatibility between our respective operations and plans.

¹ See CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3(a); Governor's Office of Planning and Research Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts In CEQA, December 2018, p. 19.

In addition to the specific comments outlined below, Metro is providing OEPM with the Metro Adjacent Development Handbook (attached), which provides an overview of common concerns for development adjacent to Metro right-of-way (ROW) and transit facilities, available at www.metro.net/projects/devreview/.

Project Description

The Project would guide the development of Exposition Park during a 25-year period to link Exposition Park to the City of Los Angeles around it. This includes connecting the park's segments to one another by improving pedestrian and recreational use of the spaces between its buildings and moving surface parking spaces underground; and encouraging the community members and visitors to linger with the inclusion of more plentiful pathways, plantings, and visitor amenities.

Recommendations for SEIR Scope and Content

Vermont Transit Corridor – BRT or Rail Service Studies

The Vermont Transit Corridor project consists of providing high-quality transit service along a 12.5-mile long section of Vermont Avenue (Ave.), between Hollywood Boulevard (Blvd.) to 120th Street (St.). Alternatives being considered for environmental review include implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) or rail transit to enhance existing Metro service. A feasibility study on extending the Vermont Transit Corridor from 120th St. to the South Bay Silver Line PCH transitway station is also being undertaken.

Metro recommends that the SEIR include a study of vehicular circulation in the Project vicinity and assess the Project's potential impacts on the performance of any future dedicated bus lanes, transit signal priority, and BRT operations on Vermont Avenue. In particular, the egress paths for the subterranean parking garage should be clarified so that impacts on intersection flow can be studied (e.g. at Martin Luther King Jr./Bill Roberson Lane and Martin Luther King Jr./Vermont).

Also, as the Vermont Transit Corridor project advances, station locations will be identified for future rail or BRT service. Metro would like to coordinate with OEPM on potential station locations in the Project area, and to identify other opportunities for urban design synergy with the Project's interface on Vermont Ave.

Bus Service Adjacency

1. Service: Metro operates several bus lines around the Project's perimeter:
 - a. Line 81 operates on Figueroa St. with three bus stops located at Figueroa/State, Figueroa/39th, and Figueroa/Martin Luther King Jr.
 - b. Line 102 operates on Exposition Blvd. and services three bus stops located at Exposition/Vermont, Exposition/Watt, and Exposition/Trousdale.
 - c. Line 40 operates on West Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and services two bus stops located at Martin Luther King Jr./Vermont and Martin Luther King Jr./Hoover.

- d. Line 204 operates on Vermont Ave., and services four bus stops located at Vermont/Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Vermont/Leighton, Vermont/39th and Vermont/Exposition.
- e. Rapid Line 754 operates along Vermont Ave., and services two bus stops located at Vermont/Exposition and Vermont/Martin Luther King Jr.

Other transit operators, such as LADOT and USC, may provide service in the vicinity of the Project and should be consulted.

- 2. Impact Analysis: The SEIR should analyze potential effects on Metro Bus service and identify mitigation measures or project design features as appropriate. Potential impacts may include impacts to transportation services, stops, and temporary or permanent bus service rerouting. Specific types of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to address them include, without limitation, the following:

- a. Bus Stop Condition: The SEIR should identify all bus stops on all streets adjacent to the Project site. During construction, the Project Sponsor may either maintain the stop in its current condition and location, or temporarily relocate the stops consistent with the needs of Metro Bus operations. Temporary or permanent modifications to any bus stop as part of the Project, including any surrounding sidewalk area, must be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant and allow passengers with disabilities a clear path of travel between the bus stop and the Project. This is particularly important at the bus stop in front of the Rose Garden, which serves as a transfer point to Expo Park/USC Station.

The SEIR should clarify whether the bus turnout at Exposition/Watt is proposed to remain as-is. Modifications should be coordinated with Metro.

Once the Project is completed, the Project Sponsor must ensure any existing Metro bus stop affected by the Project is returned to its pre-Project location and condition, unless otherwise directed by Metro. Additional information on Metro Bus stop design standards is available upon request.

- b. Driveways: Driveways that access parking and loading at the Project site should be located away from transit stops, and be designed and configured to avoid potential conflicts with on-street transit services and pedestrian traffic to the greatest degree possible. Vehicular driveways should not be located in or directly adjacent to areas that are likely to be used as waiting areas for transit. Specific driveways of concern include those adjacent to bus stops at Martin Luther King Jr./Hoover and Vermont/39th.
- c. Landscaping Adjacent to Bus Stops: Consider tree species, height, and canopy shape (higher than 14' preferred) to avoid vehicle conflicts at bus stops. Trees should be set back from the curb and adequately maintained to prevent visual and physical impediments for buses when trees reach maturity. Avoid planting of trees that have an invasive and shallow root system.
- d. Bus Operations Coordination: The Project Sponsor shall coordinate with Metro Bus Operations Control Special Events Coordinator at 213-922-4632 and Metro's Stops and Zones Department at 213-922-5190 not later than 30 days before the start of

Project construction. Other municipal bus services may also be impacted and shall be included in construction outreach efforts.

Light Rail Adjacency

1. Rail Operations: The Metro E Line (Expo) currently operates weekday peak service along Exposition Blvd., the northern boundary of the Project site, as often as every six minutes in both directions. Trains may operate in and out of revenue service, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the ROW adjacent to the Project. 14
2. Impact Analysis: Due to the Project's proximity to the Expo Park/USC and Expo/Vermont Stations, the SEIR must analyze potential effects on light rail operations and identify mitigation measures or project design features as appropriate. Critical impacts to be studied should include (without limitation): impacts of Project construction and operation on and potential damage to the structural and systems integrity of tracks and related infrastructure; disruption to light rail service; rail crossing safety for pedestrians and vehicles; temporary and/or permanent changes to customer access and circulation to the stations; and noise and vibration. Specific impacts and mitigation measures that should be studied include: 15
 - a. Major Events – Pedestrian Queuing: To control for overcrowding on the platforms at Expo Park/USC Station, Metro queues pedestrians with bike racks and delineators for LAFC games, USC games and concerts at Banc of California Stadium and the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum year-round. The same is expected for the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2028 Summer Olympics. 16

The queuing currently occurs on the sidewalk in front of the Rose Garden. Installing trees, planters, landscaping and a bike lane along the sidewalk of Expo/Trousdale (80 feet in each direction) would severely limit Metro's ability to safely queue people. As a result, OEPM, LA Coliseum, Banc of CA and event organizers would likely incur additional costs as roadways would need to be closed continuously during major events. Furthermore, the proposed landscaping, trees and bike lane also present safety and liability concerns as Metro would not be able to manage crowds safely without changes to the design and support from OEPM and its partners. 17

Recommended mitigation measure: To maintain the proposed bike lane along Exposition Blvd., Metro strongly recommends that the Project Sponsor divert the alignment of the proposed bike lane and trees/landscaping (inward or southbound) or stop the bike lane and landscaping 85 feet to both the west and east of Trousdale Pkwy. to permit Metro to continue queuing along the sidewalk for special events. Also, to dissuade pedestrians from jaywalking across Exposition Blvd. to get to Expo Park/USC Station, Metro encourages the Project Sponsor to install permanent fencing east of Trousdale Pkwy. along the edge of the sidewalk to reduce pedestrian and vehicle conflicts at this location. 18
 - b. At-Grade Crossings: There are several at-grade rail crossings adjacent to the Project at the following intersections: Exposition/Vermont; Exposition/Bill Robertson; Exposition/Watt; and Exposition/Trousdale. The Project is likely to increase traffic volumes across these at-grade crossings, which could potentially impact their safety. These rail crossings are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission 19

(CPUC) and maintained by Metro. The SEIR should analyze traffic and safety impacts and comply with all regulations and requirements of CPUC with respect to the Project's potential impacts on the at-grade rail crossings at these intersections.

- c. Overhead Catenary System (OCS) Setback: Overhead catenary wires and support structures adjacent to the Project power Metro trains. OCS wires should be treated like any high voltage electrical utility wires. Construction equipment such as cranes or aerial work platforms for installing Project landscaping or utilities may be in close proximity to the OCS and can pose an electrocution hazard during Project construction and operation.

Recommended mitigation measure: The Project Sponsor shall take all necessary measures to protect the OCS from damage due to Project activities during and after construction, pursuant to applicable California Department of Industrial Relations regulations (Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 8). The Project Sponsor shall post proper signage for equipment working around the OCS wires. Any landscaping shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from the OCS wires and support structures.

- d. Station Ticketing and Information: Metro holds an easement for station ticketing and wayfinding information equipment located at the northwest corner of the Project area, adjacent to Jesse Brewer Jr. Park. There include two ticket vending machines (TVMs), map cases, and a shade canopy. The TVMs allow customers to buy and reload their Transit Access Pass (TAP) card before boarding Metro's rail lines and buses.

Recommended mitigation measure: The Project Sponsor shall coordinate with Metro for any proposed relocation or changes to Metro's station ticketing and wayfinding equipment to ensure that the function, visibility, and access to the TVMs are not compromised during Project construction.

In addition, Metro strongly recommends that the following standard Project Design Features be incorporated into the Project to address these potential impacts:

- e. Technical Review: The Project Sponsor will submit civil engineering and landscaping drawings and calculations, as well as construction work plans and methods for any utility work in the public right-of-way and any crane placement and radius, to evaluate any impacts to the Metro E Line (Expo) infrastructure in relationship to the Project. Before the start of any construction activities, the Project Sponsor will obtain Metro's approval of final construction plans.
- f. Construction Safety: The construction and operation of the Project shall not disrupt the operation and maintenance activities of the Metro E Line (Expo) or the structural and systems integrity of Metro's light rail infrastructure. Not later than one month before Project construction, the Project Sponsor shall contact Metro to schedule a pre-construction meeting with all Project construction personnel and Metro Real Estate, Construction Management, and Construction Safety staff. During Project construction, the Project Sponsor shall:
 - i. Work in close coordination with Metro to ensure that Station access, visibility, and structural integrity are not compromised by construction activities or permanent build conditions;

- ii. Notify Metro of any changes to construction activities that may impact the use of the ROW;
 - iii. Permit Metro staff to monitor demolition and/or construction activities to ascertain any impact to the E Line (Expo) and Expo/Vermont and Expo/USC Stations.
- g. ROW Entry Permit: For any temporary or ongoing access to Metro ROW for demolition, construction, and/or maintenance activities, the Project Sponsor shall complete Metro's Track Allocation process with Metro Rail Operations and obtain a Right of Entry Permit from Metro Real Estate. Approval for single tracking or a power shutdown, while possible, is highly discouraged; if sought, the Project Sponsor shall apply for and obtain such approval from Metro not later than two months before the start of Project construction. The Project Sponsor shall apply for and obtain approval from Metro for any special operations, including the use of a pile driver or any other equipment that could come into proximity to the OCS or support structures, not later than one month before the start of Project construction.

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Transit Supportive Planning: Recommendations and Resources

Considering the Project's proximity to the two Metro Rail stations and Metro Bus services, Metro would like to identify the potential synergies associated with transit-oriented development:

1. Transit Supportive Planning Toolkit: Metro strongly recommends that OEPM review the Transit Supportive Planning Toolkit which identifies 10 elements of transit-supportive places and, applied collectively, has been shown to reduce vehicle miles traveled by establishing community-scaled density, diverse land use mix, combination of affordable housing, and infrastructure projects for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people of all ages and abilities. This resource is available at <https://www.metro.net/projects/tod-toolkit>.
2. Transit Connections and Access: Metro strongly encourages OEPM to install Project features that help facilitate safe and convenient connections for pedestrians, people riding bicycles, and transit users to/from the Project site and nearby destinations. These features include:
 - a. Walkability: The provision of wide sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, a continuous canopy of shade trees, enhanced crosswalks with ADA-compliant curb ramps, and other amenities along all public street frontages of the Project site to improve pedestrian safety and comfort to access the nearby bus stops and the Expo/Vermont and Expo Park/USC Stations.
 - b. Transfer Activity: The Project design should consider and accommodate transfer activity between bus and rail lines that will occur along sidewalks and public spaces. Metro has completed the Metro Transfers Design Guide, a best practices document on transit improvements. This can be accessed online at <https://www.metro.net/projects/systemwidedesign>.
 - c. Bicycle Use and Micromobility Devices: The provision of adequate short-term bicycle parking, such as ground-level bicycle racks, and secure, access-controlled, enclosed long-term bicycle parking for employees. Bicycle parking facilities should be designed with best practices in mind, including highly visible siting, effective surveillance, ease to locate, and equipment installation with preferred spacing dimensions, so bicycle

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parking can be safely and conveniently accessed. Similar provisions for micro-mobility devices are also encouraged. OEPM should also coordinate with the Metro Bike Share program for potential Bike Share stations to be included within the Project.

- d. First & Last Mile Access: OEPM should address first-last mile connections to transit and is encouraged to support these connections with wayfinding signage inclusive of all modes of transportation. For reference, please review the First Last Mile Strategic Plan, authored by Metro and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), available on-line at:
http://media.metro.net/docs/sustainability_path_design_guidelines.pdf
3. Parking: Metro encourages the incorporation of transit-oriented, pedestrian-oriented parking provision strategies such as the reduction or removal of minimum parking requirements and the exploration of shared parking opportunities. These strategies could be pursued to reduce automobile-orientation in design and travel demand. 27
4. Wayfinding: Any temporary or permanent wayfinding signage with content referencing Metro services or featuring the Metro brand and/or associated graphics (such as Metro Bus or Rail pictograms) requires review and approval by Metro Signage and Environmental Graphic Design. 28
5. Art: Metro encourages the thoughtful integration of art and culture into public spaces and will need to review any proposals for public art and/or placemaking facing a Metro ROW. Please contact Metro Arts & Design staff for additional information. 29
6. Transit Pass Programs: Metro would like to inform OEPM of Metro's employer transit pass programs, including the Annual Transit Access Pass (A-TAP), the Employer Pass Program (E-Pass), and Small Employer Pass (SEP) Program. These programs offer efficiencies and group rates that businesses can offer employees as an incentive to utilize public transit. For more information on these programs, please visit the programs' website at
<https://www.metro.net/riding/eapp/>. 30

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me by phone at 213-922-2671, by email at DevReview@metro.net, or by mail at the following address:

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Sincerely,


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Attachments and links:

- Adjacent Development Handbook: <https://www.metro.net/projects/devreview/>



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Exposition Park Master Plan

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Comments:

Please re-open entrance
to 39th St on
west side of park.
(when Lucas museum is
complete)

Send Comments to:

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Attn: Ms. Ana Lasso, General Manager
 Exposition Park Master Plan Initial Study Comments
 700 Exposition Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037
 Phone: (213) 744-2294

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Comments:

Concern over impact to community use of Swim Stadium/Rec Center etc. Currently there are options to park for an hour to walk my dog, take kids to ride bike or play... going forward if that's eliminated will my only option be to pay \$12+ to park in a lot? I would lose access to free/1-2h parking to visit on a weekly or regular basis, as I am too far to walk to the park and I have no park within walking distance to me.

Send Comments to:

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Exposition Park Master Plan Initial Study Comments

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Comments:

1 Return green - open space
don't MLK & garden
for seniors to play
horseshoes or bocce ball
 2 Remove parking from this area.

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Comments:

Although I love everything that this project presents - I have a few concerns
One in particular, Currently community members who use the swim stadium and the soccer fields have a reduced of free parking - how will this change? ^{will we lose the parking for community use?}

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will we still be considered for reduced or free parking to the swim stadium and soccer fields?

Additional Comments:

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Laura Razo

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Subject: FW: Expo Park Master Plan Public Comments

Laura and Laura:

Please see the email below. I do not know what the procedure is for public comments. I assume that they go to OEPM, and then get forwarded to you, but just in case they go to you, here is a public comment.

Best,

Neal

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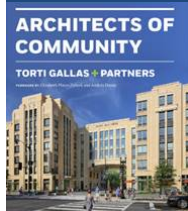
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Ana and Neal,

It was great to meet you last night at the meeting. Thank you so much for all your hard work, leadership, perseverance and vision in guiding Exposition Park to realize its fullest potential.

I've lived a few blocks from Expo Park for the last 10 years. It's been a central part of my life. It's where I've walked my dogs every day and how I met my partner who was

walking *his* dogs. It's the place where we've watched our son as he took his first steps; learned about fish at the California Science Center and about dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum; chased butterflies in the Rose Garden; and stood in awe of Charles Dickson's astronaut sculpture at the California African American Museum.

Over time, I've watched so many amazing changes – many good, a few bad – occur here. I've met many of the amazing staff who keep Expo Park safe, beautiful, clean and moving forward. I've always felt Expo Park was a little rough around the edges - underappreciated and underutilized - until now. I'm excited by the future and look forward to seeing many of your proposed changes come to life. It's truly everything that I've dreamed of for Expo Park. It's like a Cinderella makeover!

Here's a few things that I hope you will consider from a longtime user and fan of Expo Park. (Most seem to be addressed by your plan.)

REMOVE USC FENCING AROUND COLISEUM - I was extremely dismayed when USC installed fencing around the entire Coliseum, completely unannounced, shortly after taking over control of the Coliseum. Not only is this fencing unsightly and unnecessary, it completely cut-off major portions of green space and public space all around the Coliseum, especially the front entrance around the "Jack and Jill" statues. The fencing made the narrow sidewalk along Bill Robertson more narrow and less safe. The public could no longer sit in the grassy areas under the trees in pockets around the Coliseum. The fence also interfered with the free dog training classes given by South LA's "Dog Man" – truly an Expo Park institution (more on him below). Most frustrating is these areas were completely cut-off from the public and opened only on the handful of days a year that the USC Trojans have home games and only for special VIP-only pre-game parties. Please give the Coliseum's public space back to the public.

REMOVE USC'S NEW UNITED AIRLINES FIELD SIGNAGE ALONG SIDEWALKS - Again, out of nowhere, these giant signs were plopped down by USC on the sidewalks that should belong to pedestrians. They are unsightly, unnecessary and in the way of pedestrians.

DO NOT SAVE "TAILGATING" OR ANY SURFACE PARKING JUST FOR USC GAMES - Although I appreciate the tradition, energy and spectacle of Trojan tailgating parties, Trojan home games occur about six days out of the year. It is not fair to hold this precious park space hostage for the other 300+ days of the year when there are far better uses for the space. Tailgating can continue on USC campus and on their surface parking lots.

WIDEN SIDEWALKS ALONG MLK-IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - When the soccer field was relocated to the edge of MLK, I was hopeful that it would also include widening the sidewalks. Instead, another fence was put up all along MLK from Vermont to Bill Robertson Lane. The entire sidewalk on MLK from Figueroa to Vermont is extremely narrow and dangerous. There is barely enough room for more than 2 people to pass each other on the sidewalk, not to mention strollers, bicyclists, scooters and people walking their dogs. Add to the mix, vehicles speeding along MLK at 50 mph, just inches away

from pedestrians, including children, on the sidewalk and it's an accident waiting to happen. Last summer, I watched a man on the MLK sidewalk nearly get struck by a vehicle that had jumped the curb and crashed into the lamp pole. Fortunately, the man was okay. By the way, the lamp pole has still not been repaired posing yet another hazard on the sidewalk.

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PRESERVE ROSE GARDEN BRICK WALL & ORIGINAL ENTRANCE FRIEZES

- Please preserve and restore the Rose Garden's brick wall and the original friezes at the entrance. I understand from the meeting that this is owned by the City of LA. Is there any way to work collaboratively with them to revitalize the Rose Garden? There is so much unused potential.

PRESERVE AND EXPAND THE CSU/EXPO URBAN FARM - I did not see any references to the CSU/EXPO Urban Farm so I hope this means that the farm stays and will not be removed in this process. If anything, I hope you can find a way to preserve, expand and incorporate the farm into the new Expo Park. It is an important community organization that provides an amazing resource to the neighborhood. Again, I now know this is on City-owned property. Like the Rose Garden, so much potential here and I hope you can work with the City collaboratively.

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REFRESH AND IMPROVE THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT EXPO & VERMONT

– The children's playground has become a bit worn and neglected over time. I hope any improvements to Expo Park will also include giving some attention to the children's playground.

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CONSIDER DOG MAN'S FREE COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES IN YOUR PLANNING

- For over 10 years, South LA's very own Cornelius "Dog Man" Austin hosts a **free** dog training and socialization class on Sunday mornings at Expo Park utilizing the park's natural layout and physical structures as an obstacle course for exercising and training dogs. South LA unfortunately has a large number of stray, abandoned, neglected and abused dogs (I have found many in Expo Park). Dog Man educates dog owners on how to properly care for their dogs and regularly works with several well-known dog rescues to train and rehabilitate abused and neglected dogs for adoption. Dog Man is from South LA and he is an amazing asset to the community. It would be wonderful to see his work and contribution be recognized at Expo Park – perhaps with a Dog Man dog walking trail around the park. Dog Man has been profiled in several news stories for his work with the community and dog rescues, including this

profile: <https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/dog-man-teaches-the-sweet-side-of-pit-bulls/1941498/>

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CONSIDER ACCOMMODATING STREET VENDORS IN YOUR PLANNING – Many of the street vendors in Expo Park live in the surrounding community and are our neighbors. I realize this is a complicated request, but is there a way to allow the street vendors to remain by providing them with a special area where they can sell similar to how some parks provide areas for food trucks to operate? Perhaps with a permit or lottery

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type system? Many of these men and women provide an important service by offering a different variety of foods, often more reasonably priced (and better tasting) than the bland Trimana-produced food at NHM and CSC. They've recently expanded beyond bacon hotdogs and sodas to offering aguas frescas, freshly prepared fruit and corn, as well as homemade pupusas, burritos, quesadillas, tacos and churros. They are an important part of the street food culture in the area and I hope it can be preserved.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

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To: info@expositionpark <info@expositionpark.ca.gov>
Subject: Exposition Park Master Plan Comments

February 8, 2020

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To: "Lasso, Ana@OEPM" <Ana.Lasso@expositionpark.ca.gov>

Subject: Master Plan Initial Study Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. I grew up in the area and recently moved back. For the most part, the proposed improvements look great. They'll enhance the Park as an asset for the entire region.

My comments below are all specifically focused on Element 4, the "Festival Park & Community Promenade." Here they are, organized by specific sections of the Initial Study, followed by more general comments.

Regarding possible impacts discussed in the Initial Study:

3.11 Land Use and Planning

Goal CF9: Neighborhoods that are safe and attractive places for recreational exercise.

CF9.2 Prioritize Park Opportunity Areas. Target park and recreation projects in areas with the greatest opportunities.

CF9.4 Walability Standard. Set a walkability standard for residents' access to recreational facilities.

COMMENTS:

The Skate Park is an excellent idea, and the community is underserved by parks. However, a number of my current neighbors note that over the past few years this site has become less accessible for recreation. Whereas before the parking lot on this site was open and used for informal recreational uses, it's now been fenced off and neighbors are no longer welcome. There is a need for active recreational uses, which hopefully can be expanded beyond the Skate Park. A walking path with exercise stations would be used, especially given the senior center located at the City's EXPO Center.

Regarding walkability, the intersection of MLK & Figueroa (where the Skate Park is proposed), is daunting for pedestrians, with long traffic signal cycles and left turn signals in all directions. From Figueroa to Hoover is about ¼ mile. Please consider a mid-block crossing. Which also makes sense with respect to the existing street parking along the south side of MLK.

Goal CF11: Open space, parkland and recreational facilities that are safe and inviting for the enjoyment of all.

COMMENT: Within the context of being "inviting," one big empty lawn would be an improvement, but additional shade trees, seating and picnic tables would be very much used and appreciated. Local parks are used by thousands of families for picnics and relaxation over the weekends. Hopefully this site will become more than a "Festival Park." A community park here would be accessible on foot to families nearby. And if parking is available – would also be attractive to those living just a little further. With that in mind, perhaps the pick-up lane along MLK could be made available for parking during non-event hours. Again, a signalized mid-block crossing to the south side of MLK would help.

3.15 Public Services

4)Parks

Once again, this is a park-poor community and a Festival + Community park replacing a parking lot is great. But the Initial Study maybe goes to far in making the statement that:

“Additionally, the proposed project’s recommended improvements would result in in an increase in the Master Plan Area’s connectivity with the adjacent community...” (p.3.15.5)

Per what’s proposed, the Park seems to be additionally buffered from the neighborhood south of MLK by strips of landscaping, new ramps to the underground parking and the pick-up lanes.

3.16 Recreation

South Los Angeles IS park-poor in comparison to the rest of the City, so thank you. However, the statement

“The proposed project would include the construction of new recreational facilities as a part of Element 4 – Festival Park and Community Promenade. Element 4 would increase the recreational facilities available by relocating surface parking underground and replacing the aboveground parking with 619,819 square feet of open space and public spaces.” (p. 3.16-4) is misleading.

There are 14+ acres of land in the Element 4 area. However, an operations center, a surface bus parking lot, parking ramps and the pick-up lanes are located here. So including the figure on this amount of acreage under the “Recreation” section seems inappropriate.

3.17 Transportation

Yes, please study transportation issues – including the parking ramps, the pick-up lanes, and the bike path adjacent to the new, wide sidewalk along MLK. Unregulated U-turns along MLK by ride share drivers would be a nightmare. Speaking from personal experience, aggressive and/or careless bike and scooter riding could also pose a hazard to pedestrians (there’s a senior center at EXPO Center).

Please consider studying the mid-block pedestrian crossing. Hopefully the automated signal control would eliminate any impact on traffic flow. Please also consider car parking along both the pick-up lanes during non-event hours, and along westbound MLK.

A FEW GENERAL COMMENTS

The northern, western and central portions of the Park are or will become regional attractions. In the area between the Football Stadium, the Coliseum and the EXPO Center, please consider an explicit community focus. With appropriate uses and connections.

Among the needs are open space with shade, picnic areas, exercise areas, and playing fields. And street or inexpensive parking, with associated connectivity.

A May 2019 Los Angeles Times article mentioned the involvement of Biederman Redevelopment Ventures. Turning the community area discussed above into another Bryant Park would not meet the needs of local residents. However good management and appropriate programming would certainly be needed to turn this land into a community asset.

In terms of possible impacts, what's mentioned above does not amount to a lot. However please don't omit mention of potential specific uses for the Festival / Community Park now. This is not just "programming." An omission could limit the consideration of these uses in the future, if the possible impact of those uses is not looked into during environmental review. So please take the above suggestions seriously within this context.

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It's the end of the letter. Again, overall this is a GREAT project. But hopefully this proposal can be made more community-friendly. Otherwise, a significant opportunity will be lost.

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Thanks again.

Wes Joe

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Subject: Master Plan Comments

Comment:

This project presents an exceptional opportunity to provide a missing feature to the car-centric LA community that desperately desires a walkable escape. My major comments pertain to the following items, and I have attached a pdf with some graphics to help clarify ideas for addressing such comments:

1. The current plan reinforces the car-dominated Los Angeles planning that has plagued it since the mid 1900's. Please consider an emphatic recommendation to plan for a Los Angeles city future that **better embraces public transit, bicycling, and future transit developments** that deliver people to the many entertainment features the park will hold.
2. **Current plan does not invite surrounding residential communities.** Please consider this as an opportunity to improve the value of the surrounding more traditionally impoverished communities to the south and east. There is a great potential to invite these communities to be integrated into this central hub of activity by having select areas for vendors on the exterior edges and including walkable and bikeable entrances from the nearby neighborhoods (not solely considering people driving in from further parts of the city, related to item 1).
3. Some of the main successes of other major parks, like millennium and central parks, involve the opportunity the parks create for visitors to wander and get lost in a more natural environment, away from the busy and active surrounding urban environment. The current plan is very linear and does not seem to include any focus on natural vegetation. **Please consider offering more opportunity for pedestrians to wander** and escape in nonlinear walking paths, incorporating more California-representative vegetation (and less stretches of non-native grass and turf). This would further complement some of the in-place themes around the recently developed Banc of CA stadium and nearby museum parking structure (which morning joggers already take advantage of).

Please don't hesitate to reach out to discuss additional ways these comments may be incorporated.

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VENDOR AREA? (COFFEE/SANDWICHES, ETC.)

NEED TO CONNECT PARK TO HOOVER ST MOVING SOUTH; INVITE SOUTH COMMUNITY TO THE PARK

EMBRACE WANDERING PATH FOR PARKING & BIKING. AS IT IS, THE PLAN ONLY SERVES TO GET VEHICLES FROM POINT A TO B. CRITICAL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A MORE WALKABLE PART OF LA FOR PEOPLE TO INTENTIONALLY WANDER AND GET LOST FROM THE BUSY SURROUNDING URBAN AREA (CONSISTENT WITH WHAT'S ACHIEVED IN MILLENNIUM & CENTRAL PARKS, COMMON COMMENT THROUGHOUT PLAN)

GREAT INTENT, BUT VERY MUCH MISSING OPPORTUNITY FOR A WALKABLE PLACE FOR LA LOCALS & VISITORS TO EXPLORE.

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FESTIVAL PARK AND COMMUNITY PROMENADE

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RECOMMEND MORE DRY CLIMATE PLANTS THAT ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF NATURALLY-GROWING CA VEGETATION (ADJACENT LAFC ALREADY HAS MUCH OF THIS SURROUNDING IT, SO RECOMMEND COORDINATING W/ THAT TYPE OF LANDSCAPING)

WIDTH OF SIDEWALK ALONE SHOULD EXCEED WIDTH OF VEHICLE STREET IN ORDER TO TRULY FEEL WALKABLE. DESPERATELY MISSING BIKE PATH

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REALLY RECOMMEND ABSOLUTELY AVOIDING 3-LANES OF TRAFFIC ADJACENT TO WALKING PATH. IDEALLY ONLY 1 LANE OR (OR 1 EA WAY) MAX

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PLAN OF ORIGINAL CENTRAL PARK MASTER PLAN TO EXEMPLIFY CONCEPT FOR WALKABLE ESCAPE FROM SURROUNDING URBAN ENVIRONMENT

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"I love Central Park because I feel like I am somewhere else."
"Central Park will make you feel brand new."
"The city is not a concrete jungle. It is a human zoo."
"I love New York cause you can quickly go from a chaotic city to a peaceful jungle just by stepping into Central Park."

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Comment

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Communication Preference: Email

Comments:

The Exposition Park Management and the State of California must take responsibility to ensure that quality of life issues in Residential Communities that bound and its residents who daily utilize what is referred to as "The Club House". The Community supported 1993 plan, however, the reality of those unlive visions and concept demand that the following be EIR issues to examined and mitigated to fullfil **CEQA healthy, whole community objectives. For example:**

Air Quality: Approximately 75% of attends use freeway systems that surround and bisect the communities around Exposition Park. This exponentially increase the pollutions when coupled with the 1,000s of other cars in use by surrounding residents and stakeholders. It increases above the norm because there is no traffic planning or assistance for residents in this densely populated. Their drive time is increased by 45 minutes to an hour or more because they are detoured away from their normal residential access. All traffic controls are placed on the empty thoroughfares while the games are in processes while one block over the traffic is snarled, stalled, and delayed because the only concern if for persons visiting the venue and the neighboring persons are ignored as if we don't exist.

Traffic: Our communities are overrun by traffic because even many visitors cannot afford to park in the State lots or in close proximity. Therefore, they drive through our neighborhoods in search of alternative parking. Unfortunately, these visitors take up the limited parking we have on our neighborhood streets.

Additional, you propose reducing the one thoroughfare left to the community, Bill Robertson Lane, to a pedestrian-friendly walking street for people to be dropped off in the park. You cannot move forward

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with this plan, because even with Gentrification the future and current residents need to be able to get from one side of the part to the other and King Blvd and Figueroa are already heavily congested. So look at the impact of taking out another main street.

Also, it further chokes out the life of EXPO Center which is an intergeneration life line for improving the quality of life for more that 1million visitors which include our Teen Leadership, Youth Orchestra, Safe Afterschool programming, Swim competition. It has provided this service in it current state for almost 15 years. Again, denying access because of forced closures, lack of parking, and making it unsafe because of traffic safety issues is an affront to the community and another level of saying we are not as important as the visiting strangers.

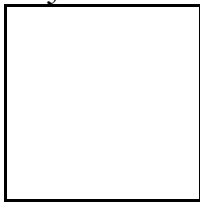
Noise Pollution: For the past two years, I have had to complain because the noise from concerts in Exposition Park travels to my house and infiltrates my living space. The Management and the State should not hide behind a 'Entertainment Venue' designation.

Greening: Palm trees do not provide shade nor do they help clean the air. Please don't pull out trees that do.

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Joanne Russell **1st Aide** / **Let's Make It Happen**



"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

"We need ethical, heroic people trying to do the right thing to help others and to improve life on this planet and in the universe...." — *Leonard Nimoy*

"**The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.**" - **Albert Einstein**

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Subject: Comment Letter from United Neighbors in Defense Against Displacement Re Master Plan

Ms. Lasso,

Please find attached a comment letter.

Thank you for your time

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02/20/2020

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Re: "Master Plan Comments"

The United Neighbors in Defense against Displacement (UNIDAD) is a coalition of 14 community organizations including faith based, tenant rights and health organizations based in South Central Los Angeles. The coalition is a product of a community collaboration formed to prevent the displacement of residents in our community and to improve the health and economic well-being of low-income communities of color through responsible development. We promote and support healthy and equitable neighborhoods through community-engaged planning and land use. Our goal is to improve neighborhoods without removing our neighbors.

Exposition Park is one of the few parks in the neighborhood. It is an integral part of this community and the changes that happen on this site deeply affect the surrounding neighborhood. Any changes and developments of the master plan of this area will impact the access of thousands of families to this park. Many community residents partake in afterschool activities whether in the soccer field or in the aquatic center, or visit the museums while on field trips or as regular weekend activities. If you visit the park on a weekend, it is very common to see quinceañeras and newlyweds taking pictures in the beautiful rose garden, preserving their visit into a moment that will last a lifetime. For this reason Exposition Park must remain accessible to existing community members.

As we see infrastructure changes and more amenities added to the park, we are concerned that many of these changes are coming to the area in order to pander to the millions of tourist that will be attending the Olympics 2028. The Festival Park and community promenade proposed is a great asset to the community, however we must also ask, how many times this public area will be closed off due to events at the LAFC, Coliseum and other private events. How many times, will families who are passing through the park on their way home, be turned away from walking through the park because of all the private events that happen in the area. We do not want families to be barred from entering the park.

We also have concerns about the way that the construction will impact the health and wellbeing of the neighbors. In recent years, with the development of the Los Angeles Football Club, and now the Lucas Museum, many families have been deeply affected by the construction of the area such as dust and noise. These are nuisances that affect the wellbeing of families that live around the area.

Thank you for your time and for allowing us to submit a public comment regarding the changes coming to the Exposition Park Master Plan.

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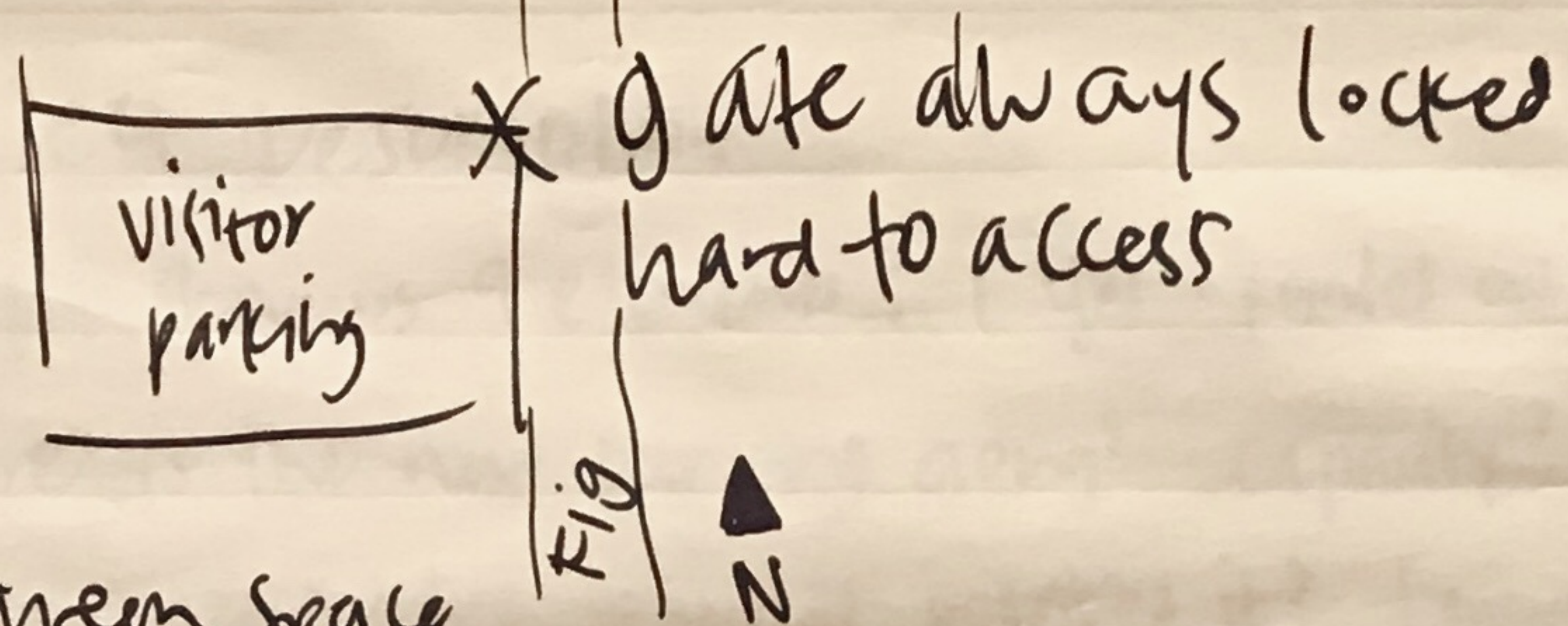
1. The gate near the northeastern corner of the visitor parking lot along Figueroa Street is always being locked and hard to access.
2. Love the green space.
3. The Olympic Ring Walk is closed to the public and this is a tremendous issue. It is not accessible to the public during the week.
4. It's everything I dreamed of.
5. The wall around the Rose Garden is falling down.
6. Is urban forestry addressed in the plan? (regarding the mature trees surrounding the Rose Garden in particular)
7. Would visitors be able to enter the park from the west, through the Lucas Museum construction site?
 - Answer: Yes, during the day the gates/fences will open.
8. Are fences coming down on the south side of Jesse Brewer Park?
9. Concerned about the seamlessness of the park.
10. Concerned that the homeless population will be attracted to the open spaces at night. Will there be a specific area to rest? Concerned about panhandling. There needs to be some guidelines for addressing issues.
11. Suggest a basketball court.
12. Suggest relocating the County Supervisor's Office building.
13. What kind of recreation is envisioned at Zanja Madre, south of the Natural History Museum?
14. What is the plan for little kids to eat lunch?
15. Will the Wallis Annenberg building remain?
16. What is this building (pointed to the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art on the site plan)? Is it a part of the Master Plan?
 - Answer: No, it's already under construction, and George Lucas is funding it.
17. Will Bill Robertson Lane include a pedestrian and bus lane?

18. Will the Master Plan make it by the Olympics?
19. When will the EIR be done? Can the project start in 2020?
 - Answer: The goal for the EIR decision is June 30, 2020.
20. How are funds being raised? Is USC going to pay for the Olympic Ring Walk?
21. Can you show us the 9 elements?
 - Answer: (demonstrated in person at the scoping meeting looking at the site plan)
22. Where is the new parking going? What will its capacity be?
 - Answer: (demonstrated in person at the scoping meeting looking at the site plan)
There will be no net difference in the parking capacity.
23. I like the Zanja Madre—what inspired it? Great idea.
 - Answer: The question “How do you make a garden about water?” inspired it.
24. Have you considered putting a Millennium Park walk to allow people to wander through here?
25. Is there water storage under Zanja Madre?
 - Answer: Yes, in 2 locations.
26. Will there be plants indigenous to this area? Indigenous plants could provide a teaching moment.
 - Answer: Yes, there will indigenous plants for the (approved/under construction) Lucas Museum park.
27. Have you considered bicycle connectivity within the park? Could you set up a bike lane through the park? Suggest a dedicated route through the park. It’s a missed opportunity to not include a bike-scale park.
28. Is there bike storage or bike parking? Where? It is important to have something centrally.
29. Provide a space for people riding a bike. There are many health benefits.
30. Concerned about the lack of free parking at the Park.
 - Answer: Expo Center parking is free.

31. The Rose Garden wall is collapsing. Is there any plan to repair it?
- Answer: It is a City-owned wall.
 - (Note: The commenter has already talked to the City about it.)
32. There is not a lot of connectivity between the Metro station and access through the park.
- Answer: There is existing access along (1) Victory Walk, (2) the Rose Garden, and (3) by the Annenberg Science Complex (includes drawing)
33. The south side of Exposition Blvd. has room for a bike lane. The north side does not. Suggest a protected 2-way cycle track.
34. How does the 2028 Olympics and a 25-year Master Plan schedules' match?
- Answer: The Master Plan is not being done because of the Olympics.
35. How would that affect surrounding communities? Would there be a lot of construction?
- Answer: The Master Plan construction activities would have to stop for the Olympics and restart after the event. The biggest construction element is the underground garage.
36. Is the Master Plan mostly landscaping?
37. Will you (OEPM) keep the community in mind as construction is underway? Concerns about dust from recent construction in the area.
38. How are you linking the park together?
39. How do we access areas of the parks? Why would anyone go to certain parts of the Park? What about when there are not events?
40. Why can't we put anything in the middle of Christmas Tree Lane?
41. Can you clarify where I can walk through parts of the Park?
- Answer: A wayfinding package will be fleshed out more.
42. Suggest a bike path that goes through the Park and then keeps going.
43. Where is parking for the Lucas Museum?
- Answer: Under the site.
44. This project is wonderful and appreciated.
45. Concerned about Christmas Tree Lane, as it has been used for tailgating in the past. What will it look like when it's done? At the Banc of California Stadium entrance, would use for tailgating for stadium access continue?

- Answer: The project will not change the lanes, and a change in operation is not required.
46. There is currently no soccer playing on Christmas Tree Lane. (Operational question)
 47. Will we (residents and visitors) have the same access to cross the street to the park? (Connectivity question)
 - Answer: OEPM/City approved Exposition Park Streetscape Plan: lighting, sidewalk, tree wells, improved crosswalk. Under 110 freeway needs to be improved by City.
 48. Are there any proposed playgrounds? It would be great to have local swings.
 49. The lawn in front of the Natural History Museum needs a makeover.
 50. It would be good to be able to walk around the Coliseum.
 51. We love it!
 52. It will be a miracle, great, if half of this gets done.
 53. Unifying hodge-podge (all of the different parts of Expo Park) will be great.
 54. The project is encouraging transportation and walking.
 55. Excited about the community outreach process.
 56. For the 2028 Olympics, could convert 50% solar garden (the visitor parking lot) and make it a world-class state park. There will likely be skateboarding in the 2028 Olympics, and if there's going to be a skateboard park, it wouldn't take away from the green space and it would be big enough.
 57. The local area needs a place to skateboard; it is a social function for the neighborhood.
 58. Likes the approach to Element 4 and connecting the Promenade to other parts of the Park.
 59. The south side of W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. is really bad now, and Element 4 would help it a lot.
 60. A park should have open space to run with dogs/kids/etc., not just landscaping.
 61. The Lucas Museum construction and W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. pollution is producing more dust, which is resulting in less productivity and is affecting the economy.
 62. The State police should enforce a 10-minute rule on diesel idling.
 63. Concern about bus traffic on Bill Robertson Lane. The construction trucks at Bill Robertson Lane and W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. hit the light pole (which is needed to direct traffic for the Lucas Museum). Suggest widening the road or moving the light fixture.

Proposed Project



• love green space

• Olympic ring walk enclosed to public → tremendous issue → Olympic Ring walk is not accessible to public during week

• It's everything I dreamed of

• Wall around the rose garden is falling down

• is urban forestry addressed in the plan (mature trees surrounding rose garden in particular)

• Would I be able to enter the park from West? (through Lucas museum construction site) [Answer: yes during day gates/fences will open]

• Are fences coming down @ Jesse Brewer Park? (South side)

• Concerned abt seamlessness of park

• concerned that homeless people will be attracted to open spaces at night?

(Will there be a specified area to rest?) Concern about panhandling

There needs to be some guidelines for addressing issues

• Basketball court

• ~~get rid of~~ building (county supervisors offices)
want to relocate

• What kind of recreation is envisioned @ Zanja Madre? (South of PTH)

• What is plan for little kids to eat lunch?

• Will Wallis Annenberg building remain?

• What is this? (Lucas museum)? Is it part of master plan? [Answer: no already under construction - ^{Gorge} Lucas is paying]

• Bill Robertson Lane pedestrian & bike lane?

• Do you think it will make it by Olympics?

• When will ELP be done? [goal June 30] Can project start in 2020?

• Fundraising? USC to pay for ring?

Project Description

- Can you show us 9 elements? [yes - pointed out]
- Where is the new parking going? capacity? [answered] [net n. difference]
- I like Zanja Madre - what inspired it? [answered] [how do you make a garden about water?] great idea

- Any thought putting Millennium Park walk through here? ~~answer~~
(wander through)

- Is there water storage under here? (Zanja Madre) [answer: 2 locations]

- Will they have plants indigenous to this area? (indigenous plants for Lucas museum part?)
Indigenous plants could provide a teaching moment

- Have you thought about bicycle connectivity within the park?

Could you set up a bike route through the park? (bike lane?)

would like a dedicated route through park

missed opportunity to not include
(bike scale park)

- Is there bike storage or bike parking? (where?) [debate]

(it is important to have something centrally)

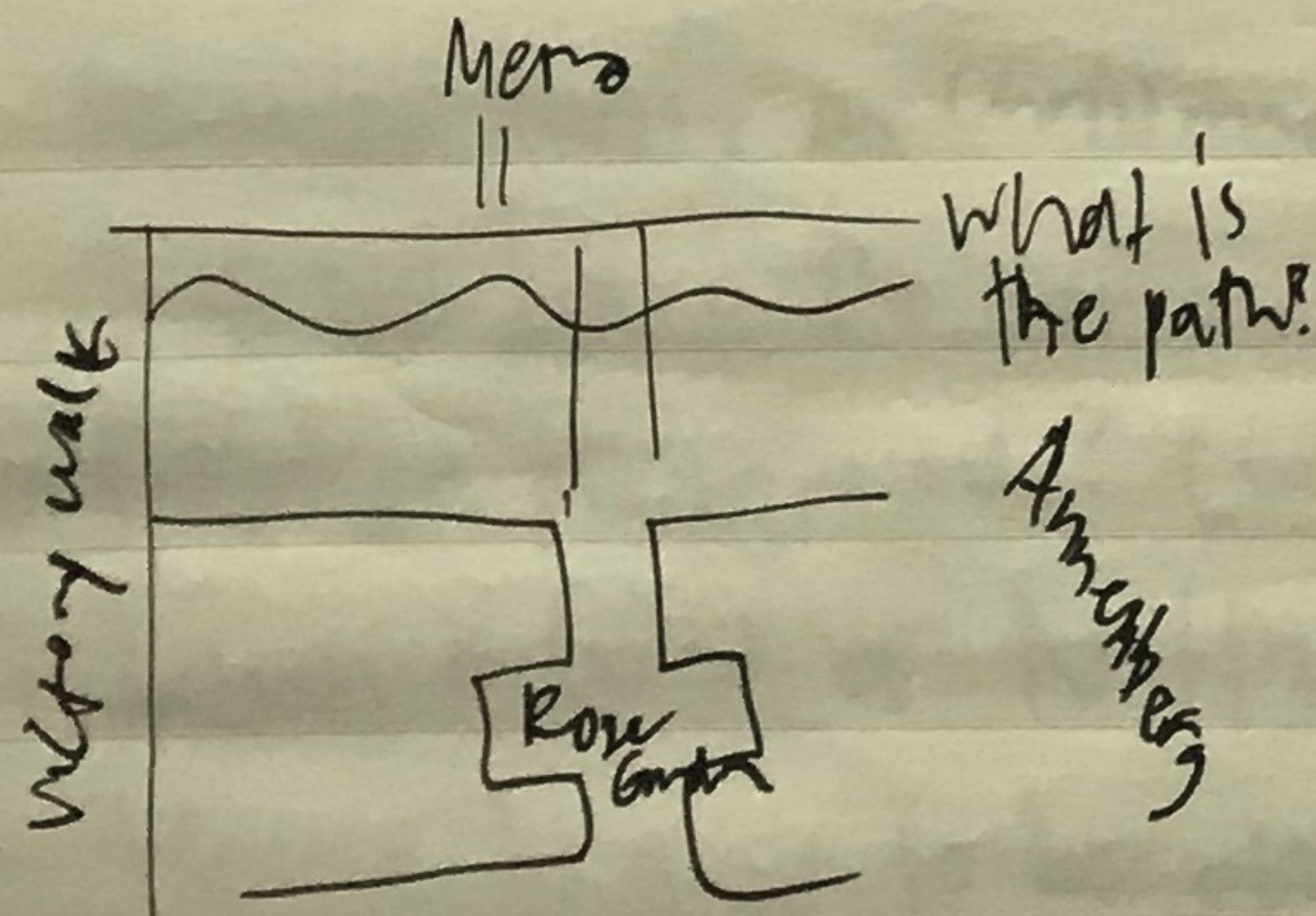
- provide a space for people riding a bike (many health benefits)

- Concerned about lack of free parking @ park [Expo center parking = free]

- Rose garden wall is collapsing - any plans to repair? [City wall - answer: have talked to city about it]

- I didn't have a lot about connectivity between Metro station & access through park

[answer: existing
1. Victory walk
2. Rose garden
3. by Annenberg]



- S. Side of Expo Blvd has room for bike lane

N side does not - protected 2-way cycle track? [yes]

I like that idea

Project

[=Neal]
or notes

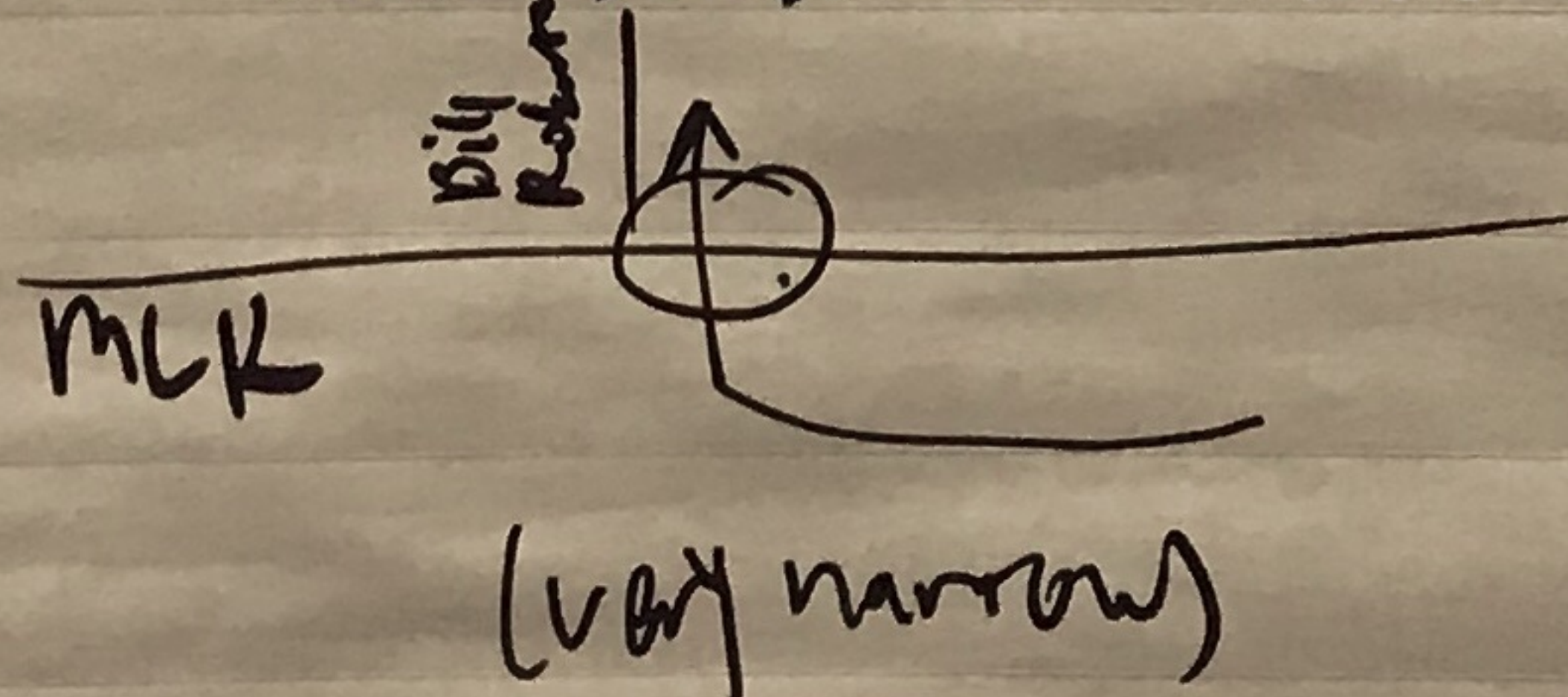
- How does 2028 olympics & 25 year master plan schedule match [not being done b/c of olympics]
- How would that affect communities around?
(a lot of construction?) [biggest construction element - underground garage]
[will have to stop for olympics & restart after]
- Mostly landscape?
- Will you keep community in mind as construction underway?
Concerns about dust from recent construction in area [need to look @ completion by olympics (Intensity)]
- How are you linking park together?
- How do we access areas of parks? Why would anyone go to certain parts of park
What about when there are not events
- Why can't we put anything in middle of Christmas tree lane?
- Can you clarify where I can walk through parts of park?
- Would love for bike path through park (then keep going)
- Where is parking for Lucas museum? [under site]
- (I think this is wonderful (appreciate it))
- Concerned about Christmas tree lane (tailgating use in past) - what will it look like when done?
(Bank of CA Stadium entrance - would we be able to continue to tailgate for stadium access?)
[change in operation not required - not changing lanes]
- No soccer playing on Christmas tree lane now [operational question]
- Will we have the same access to cross the street to the park? (connectivity)
- Proposed playgrounds? (would be easier to have local swings)
- Lawn in front of NHHM needs a makeover
- Would be good to be able to walk around coliseum
- We love it!
- It will be a miracle, great, if half of this gets done.
- Unifying hodgepodge is great
- Encouraging public transportation & walking

(open)
[City approved Exposition Park Streetscape Plan]
[lighting sidewalks tree walls improved crosswalks]
[under I10 freeway needs to be improved by city]

- excited at community outreach in process
- 2020 olympics: could take 1/2 Solazana (visitor parking)
 - & make world-class skate park
 - if going to make a skateboard park
- Skateboarding in 2020 olympics likely
 - ↓
 - Wouldn't take away green space
 - would be big enough
- local area needs a place to skateboard
 - (social function for neighborhood)
- likes Element 4 approach & connecting promenade
- South side of MLK is really bad now - element 4 would help a lot
- A park should have open space not just landscaping
 - to run with dogs, kids
- Lucas museum construction & MLK ^{Blvd} pollution → dust production ~~affecting~~ affecting economy
 - (less productivity)
- State police should enforce 10 min rule on diesel idling
- Concerned

about bus traffic on Bill Robertson

construction trucks @ Bill Robertson & MLK Blvd
hit light pole (needed to direct traffic for Lucas)
widen road or move light fixture



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Aesthetics, Land Use, and Cultural Resources**

1. Concern about the walking and access to the entire site. Will there be any fence barriers within the site?
2. How is circulation consistent?
3. Will construction or other fencing come down for ease of continuous access throughout the site?
4. Suggest the addition of a basketball court in the park.
5. Recreation area is great.
6. Suggest a public community garden for the residents.
7. Zanja Madre should be more for passive recreation and the Festival Promenade should be more for active recreation.
8. Great to have a special horticultural area to see what can grow here (such as at Millennium Park in Chicago).
9. Have a water sculpture such as at Millennium Park in Chicago, or a sculpture of that scale.
10. Remove the fencing around the Coliseum.
11. Remove the fencing along W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. because the street is extremely narrow.
12. Remove and conceal the rooftop HVAC units on the California Science Center building (the units are enormous).
13. Repair the brick wall around the Rose Garden (it has deteriorated).
14. Is there a plan / make a plan to replace the dead or removed trees?
15. Refurbish the entry to the Rose Garden from Exposition Blvd.
16. Remove the fence from around the entire park (there is no reason to have it).
17. Remove the enormous signs from around Olympic Ring Walk.
18. Remove surface parking and do not save for tailgate or USC football games.
19. Provide a space for vendors who provide a service to operate; don't chase them out.

20. Consider dog training in the park; Dog Man (Cornelius) provides services and is institution at Expo Park.
21. How much climate change will be affected?
22. There is a benefit to adding a skate park. It is designed to be something beautiful and elegant. Great social benefit. Been fighting for a skate park for years.
23. Will the community and social organizations be able to host events in the park?
24. Will there be space limits/insurance requirements?
25. How much will it cost?
26. Will additional traffic tax the Rose Garden? If yes, will there be additional resources to help maintain it?
27. How will the growth impact the community access to the community club house?
28. Does anything have to close when there is a large event? i.e. CAAM, Science Center, Park Club House, Rose Garden
29. If we don't attend a game will we allowed to use the [facilities]?
30. Will other things be open when there is a game?

Aesthetics / Land Use / Cultural Resources

- WALKING & ACCESS
TO ENTIRE SITE / ANY FENCE BARRIERS
WITHIN SITE?
- HOW IS CIRCULATION CONSISTENT
- WILL ^{OR OTHER} (CONSTRUCTION) FENCING COMING DOWN
FOR ^{CONTINUOUS} EASE OF ACCESS THROUGH SITE?
- ADD BASKETBALL COURT IN PARK:
- REC AREA IS GREAT
- ~~A PARK~~ PUBLIC COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR RESIDENTS
- ZANJA MADRE MORE FOR PASSIVE RECREATION AND
FESTIVAL PROMENADE MORE FOR ACTIVE RECREATION
- GREAT TO HAVE A SPECIAL HORTICULTURAL AREA
TO SEE WHAT CAN GROW HERE (AS AT MILLENNIAL PARK
IN CHICAGO)
- HAVING ^{WATER} ~~ART~~ SCULPTURE AS IN MILLENNIAL PARK IN CHICAGO; SCULPTURE
BY THAT SAME

- REMOVE FENCE AROUND COLISEUM
- REMOVE FENCING ALONG MLK BLVD. - STREET ^{EXTREMELY NARROW}
- ~~RE~~ REMOVE & CONCEAL ROOFTOP HVAC UNITS - CSL BLDG.
(UNITS ARE ENORMOUS)
- REPAIR BRICK WALL AROUND ROSE GARDEN - DETERIORATED
- A PLAN TO REPLACE THE DEAD OR REMOVED TREES
- REFURBISH THE ENTRY TO ROSE GARDEN FROM EXPOSITION
- REMOVE FENCE FROM AROUND ENTIRE PARK - NO REASON TO HAVE
- ENORMOUS SIGNS - REMOVE FROM AROUND OLYMPIC RING WALK
- REMOVE SURFACE PARKING - NOT TO SAVE FOR TAILGATE OR USC FOOTBALL GAMES
- VENDORS, WHO PROVIDE SERVICE, PROVIDE A SPACE FOR THEM TO OPERATE - NOT TO CRAMP THEM OUT
- DOG MAN - CONSIDER; PROVIDE SERVICE - Do Dog training along park
(CORNELIUS) AN INSTITUTIONAL
- How much climate change will be affected?
- Skate park benefit, designed to be something beautiful & elegant
great social benefit - fighting for skate park for years.

- WILL COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS BE ABLE TO HOST EVENTS IN THE PARK
- - WILL THERE BE SPACE LIMITS/INS. REQUIREMENTS
 - HOW MUCH WILL IT COST
- WILL ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC TAX THE ROSE GARDEN
 - IF YES, THERE BE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP MAINTAIN IT
 - WILL ~~BE HELD IN~~
- HOW WILL THE GROWTH IMPACT THE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CLUB HOUSE?
- DOES ANYTHING HAVE TO CLOSE WHEN THERE IS LARGE EVENT?
 - IE: CAAM
 - SCIENCE CENTER
 - PARK CLUB HOUSE
 - ROSE GARDEN
- IF W
 - WILL WE BE EXCLUDED IF WE DON'T COME TO THE GAMES
- WILL OTHER THING BE OPEN ~~IF WE~~ ^{WHEN THERE} IS A GAME

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Biological Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, & Utilities and Public Service Systems

1. Will there be soil testing for lead (Pb) and other contaminants?
Answer: Yes, it will be a Mitigation Measure.
2. What is the timing of implementation of the Master Plan?
3. Clarification of Subsequent EIR vs Addendum EIR
Answer: Subsequent EIR meets OEPM objectives for public involvement
4. Is it okay to request that alternatives be addressed?
Answer: Yes, as long as they are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Proposed Project and they avoid or reduce impacts.
5. Security in park spaces need to be a consideration.
6. There is an issue when drivers leave the Coliseum inebriated that has an adverse impact on the surrounding community; throwing bottles at residents in the surrounding community and trash is left after big events. Attractive nuisance: homeless people and others are attracted to parked vehicles for break-ins. Please provide better public security for the surrounding neighborhoods.
7. Update to include NAHM Right-sized Project (Vertical)
8. What is the plan for dying trees on Exposition Park and within the Rose Garden?
9. Condition of the brick wall—Can it be fixed?
10. Expo Originals comment:

Is there any opportunity for the State, County, and/or City to identify affordable housing in the areas that surround Exposition Park, particularly those that have HUD (purchased or leased) with public grant monies to protect these residential units from going back to the open market?
Can public monies be used to purchase the affordable units and maintain them as “cost controlled units”?
Case study: Echo Park—Did lake enhancement increase value of the surrounding residential units and increase rents, displacing affordable housing?
Recommendation: Create a Community Land Trust to manage affordable units in the surrounding neighborhoods.
11. Consider converting 1/3 of the upper level of the parking structure to accommodate a skate park. The benefits:

There is no loss of green space.
It could be used in conjunction with the Olympics.
It could be a beautiful structural element of the Park.

Possible water element.

12. Please consider reverting the new parking area (which was made into a parking area in 2019 with no community input and paved in 2020) into a park area. It was previously used for bocce ball.
13. Green space is needed on the south side of Exposition Park. It benefits school-aged children, particularly elementary age children. Particularly need to serve residents on the south side of the park.
14. With development of the stadium, adjacent residents are experiencing problems with small mammals like racoons. The local Humane Society is not willing to respond. What can residents do?
15. There are no street cleaning signs on W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and there is no street cleaning, which is allowing trash to go into the storm drain system.
16. Please consider the impacts of trenching on W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. during construction, operation, and maintenance. Why can't all the utility work at the intersection of Bill Robertson and W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. be coordinated to reduce impacts on residents?
17. Houses are affected by vibration from trucks and buses on W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Residents can hear noise from street plates over the trenches.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

HYDROLOGY & WATER QUALITY

UTILITIES & SERVICE SYSTEMS

WILL THERE BE SOIL TESTING FOR LEAD (Pb) AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS?

YES: MM

What is the timing of implementation

Clarification of Subsequent EIR vs. Addendum EIR

Subsequent EIR meets CEQA Objectives for Public Involvement

Is it okay to request that alternatives be addressed?

Yes, as long as they are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Proposed Project and they avoid or reduce impacts.

Security in park spaces needs to be a consideration.

There is an issue when drivers leave the coliseum inebriated

That has an adverse impact on the surrounding community

Throwing bottles at residents in the surrounding community

Trash left after big events

Attractive Nuisance: Homeless People + Other are attracted

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Can public monies be used to purchase the affordable units and maintain them as "cost controlled units"

Case Study: Echo Park - Did Lake Enhancement increase value of surrounding residential units and increased rents - displacing affordable housing

Recommendation: Create a Community Land Trust to manage affordable units in the surrounding neighborhoods

Consider converting $\frac{1}{3}$ of the upper level of the parking structure to accommodate a skate park

Benefit = No loss of green space

Could be used in conjunction w/ the Olympics
Could be a beautiful structural element of the Park

Possible water element

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Please consider reverting new parking area ~~paved~~ made into parking area in 2019 (w/ no community input) and paved in 2020 reverted to park area previously used for soccer ball and

Green space needed on south side w/ benefits for school-age children, particularly elementary age children
Particularly to serve residents on south side of park

With development of the stadium, adjacent residents are experiencing problems with small mammals, raccoons
Local Humane Society is not willing to respond
What can residents do

There are no street cleaning signs on King and there is no street cleaning which is allowing trash to go into storm drain system

Please consider the impact of trenching on King during construction, operation and maintenance

Why can't all the utility work at the intersection of Bill Robertson and King be coordinated to reduce impacts on residents

Houses are affected by vibration from trucks and buses on King
Can hear noise from street plates over trenches-

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Air Quality, Noise, and Transportation**

1. Concerned about increased congestion at the drop off areas next to the science center elementary school during construction.
2. There is an impact when there are multiple people travelling through surrounding communities—there is a lack of traffic control to help non-attendees of the Park travel through the areas. It causes extreme congestion for at least 3 miles.
3. Noise concerns from the concerts which travel about 5-10 miles. It disturbs the quality of life for the residents in their homes.
4. Air quality concern from multiple cars causing pollution from idling and driving.
5. Alternative transportation routes for community (non-attending) members.
6. During construction, trucks park on the street and dump trash on the lawns, and they don't clean up outside of park boundaries.
 - (+ + +)
7. Cement trucks cause dust and unseen debris in the air. Disabled senior citizens nearby are being impacted by dust during construction and during events.
 - (+ +)
8. Noise concern over construction during the night/all night.
 - (+ + +)
9. New construction on liquefaction zones is causing vibration and noise.
 - (+ +)
10. Existing vibration due to past construction.
 - (+ + + +)
11. Existing vibration during concerts (hyper-base).
12. Concerned about over-sized vehicles parking within residential spaces.
 - (+ +)

13. Consider that educational buses can possibly receive lesser parking rates so that they park on-site instead of within the residential area.
 - (+ +)
14. Bill Robertson Lane needs to be widened since large delivery vehicles are causing disturbance at the corner, such as knocking the street lamp while turning from W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. westbound to Bill Robertson Lane (NE corner). Street lights need to be moved so trucks don't hit them.
 - (+ +)
15. Exposition Park expansion is causing reduction of green space between the garden of MLK, which used to be open space. Reopen that space for outside activities. Remove parking which was built without community input.
16. Recreation concern that the soccer field was changed into the Lucas Museum—want recreation opportunities provided for young children on the south side.

Air Quality, Noise, Transportation

- concerned about increased congestion ~~and~~ at the drop off areas next to the Science Center School (Elementary) school during construction
- impact when multiple people travelling through surrounding communities - "lack of traffic control to help non-attendees travel through the areas". causes extreme congestion for at least 3 miles
- Noise - from the concerts which travels about 5-10 miles. Disturbs quality of life in your own homes.
- AQ - multiple cars causing pollution from idling and driving
- Alternative transportation routes for community (non-attending) members
- during construction - trucks parking on the street & dumping trash on the lawns. No cleaning outside park boundaries.
- Cement trucks causing dust
unseen debris
- disabled senior citizens nearby being impacted by dust during construction & during events
- Noise - construction during night (all night)
- New construction on liquefaction zones causing vibration & noise. Existing vibration due to past construction

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- concerned about over-size ~~truck~~ vehicle parking within residential spaces ++
- educational buses can possibly receive lesser parking rates so they park on-site instead of within residential area. ++
- Bill Robertson needs to be widened since large ^{delivery} vehicles are causing disturbance, such as knocking the street lamp while turning from King west bound → Bill Robertson (NE corner) ++ at the corner
- street light needs to be moved so trucks don't hit the street light
- Expo expansion causing reduction of green space
- between the garden & MLK used to be open space. - reopen that space for ~~horse~~ outside activities. Remove parking built without community input.
- ~~former~~ soccer field has been changed into Lucas Museum. ~~They~~ Want recreational opportunities for young children provided on the South Side