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RELEASE: Los Angeles Announces Completion of the San Fernando Bike Path

With the conclusion of Phase III of construction, Los Angeles has completed nearly 10 miles of bike path from its borders with the City of Burbank to Sylmar.

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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is proud to announce the successful completion of the final phase (Phase III) of the San Fernando Bike Path construction. With over 4 miles of new, separated bike path along the east side of San Fernando Road, from Branford Street to Cohasset Street, this marks the completion of the 3-phase San Fernando Bike Path, providing a continuous, nearly 10-mile North-South bike connection in the East San Fernando Valley and significantly expanding our city's cycling infrastructure.

"We must continue to build a greener Los Angeles. As a bike rider myself, I want to thank Council President Krekorian and other partners for leading this project so that Angelenos throughout the city have access to bike lanes that will benefit L.A. and Angelenos for years to come," said Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass.

"Connecting the San Fernando Valley with continuous protected routes for cyclists has been a goal of mine since I was elected to the Council," said City Council President Paul Krekorian. "This path will provide the cyclists of the Valley with nine miles of outdoor recreation and exercise, as well as a healthy and climate-friendly transportation option for those who choose to take advantage of it."

"The San Fernando Phase III Bike Path is a vital step towards enhancing community connectivity and environmental sustainability in Sun Valley," stated Councilmember Imelda Padilla. "Surrounded by heavy industry and major transit hubs, our community endures more pollution and traffic than most. By investing in sustainable infrastructure, we're not only improving mobility, but also empowering residents with healthier, eco-friendly options for recreation. This level of collaboration across City departments and agencies demonstrates our commitment to ending historic disinvestment in Sun Valley and building a greener, more resilient future."

"This is a significant milestone in our commitment to providing sustainable and accessible transportation options for all Angelenos," said Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. "This collaborative effort across multiple city departments and regional transportation agencies to improve safety and accessibility in the East San Fernando Valley is an example of what we can achieve when we work together to provide world-class infrastructure to the residents of Los Angeles."

In addition to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the project was supported by efforts of the Department of Public Works' Bureaus of Engineering, Street Lighting, Contract Administration, and Streets LA. The regional transit agency Metrolink also provided critical support for the length of the project area.

Phase III of construction included the following elements:

Over 4 miles of paved bike path: A smooth, dedicated route for cyclists, ensuring a safe and enjoyable ride.

Paved bus stop waiting areas: Providing comfort and accessibility for transit users waiting to board.

Bikeway bridge over Tujunga Wash: Ensuring the continuity of the bike path.



Bikeway lighting: Increasing visibility and safety for evening and early morning cyclists. All bikeway lighting is solar powered.

Safety fencing between bike path and rail line: Protecting riders from adjacent rail traffic.

Bicycle-activated signals at intersections: Enabling cyclists to safely navigate crossings with minimal disruption.

New crosswalks: Improving pedestrian safety and connectivity.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required accessible ramps: Ensuring inclusivity for all users.

Major track and railroad signal modifications at 5 intersections: Upgrading infrastructure to support seamless integration with existing rail systems. 12 total intersections received upgrades across three phases of the project.

Rail embankment improvement: 800 linear feet of retaining wall up to ten feet in height constructed to retain rail track embankment and provide space for bike path construction.

This expanded section of the bike path now connects with previously completed segments extending north to Sylmar, creating a 9.8-mile bicycle facility.

The completed San Fernando Bike Path is an example of multi-agency cooperation. The partnership between LADOT, the Department of Public Works, and Metrolink has ensured that the path meets high standards of safety, accessibility, and environmental sustainability.

“The completion of the San Fernando Bike Path is not just a milestone for all partners, it also solidifies our commitment to promoting healthier, connected communities in the San Fernando Valley and to Metrolink’s Sylmar/San Fernando Station along our Antelope Valley Line,” Metrolink CEO Darren Kettle said. “We thank our partners, Council President and Metrolink Board Director Paul Krekorian, and Councilmember Imelda Padilla for their advocacy and continued work to enhance mobility through active street initiatives and connections to regional passenger rail.”

“StreetsLA is always proud to collaborate with our elected officials and partner agencies, especially on a project of this magnitude,” said Keith Mozee, Executive Director and General Manager of StreetsLA. “I appreciate the dedication and hard work of our team in helping bring this to fruition.”

“Completing this bike path is more than just paving a route—it’s about forging connections and strengthening our community,” stated Public Works Inspector John L. Reamer, Jr. “Thanks to the diligent efforts of our public inspectors, we now have a safe and vibrant pathway that brings us closer together and opens new avenues for shared journeys and experiences.”

“The San Fernando Road Bike Path is a beautiful addition to Sun Valley, providing a safe space for families and neighbors to bike, walk, jog and enjoy nature,” said Norma O. Chávez, Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council President. “With a variety of trees and plants, it brings both tranquility and charm to the busy San Fernando Road, making the area healthier, greener and safer.”

The addition of this new bike path segment is expected to enhance commuting options connecting to major employers along the route, provide an alternative to car travel and reduce traffic congestion, and promote healthier lifestyles among residents.

About LADOT

LADOT leads transportation planning, project delivery, and operations in the City of Los Angeles. We work together and collaborate to deliver a safe, livable, and well-run transportation system in the city and region. Our vision is for all people in Los Angeles to have access to safe and affordable transportation choices that treat everyone with dignity and support vibrant, inclusive communities.

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