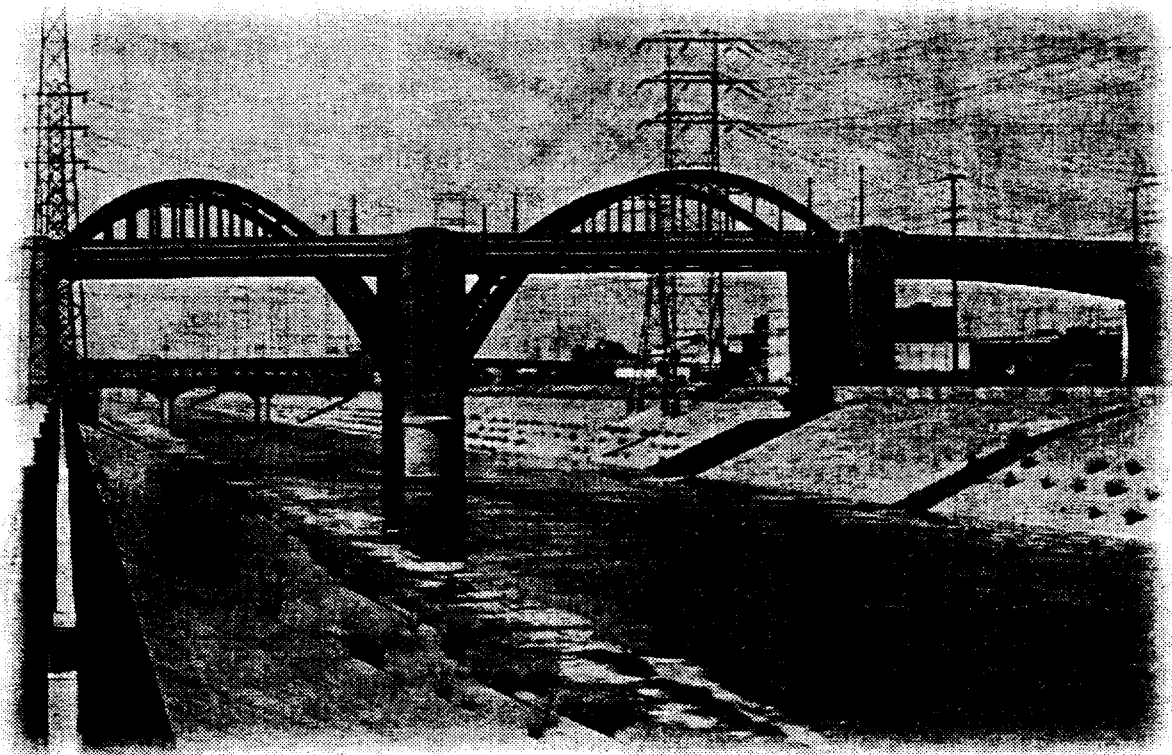
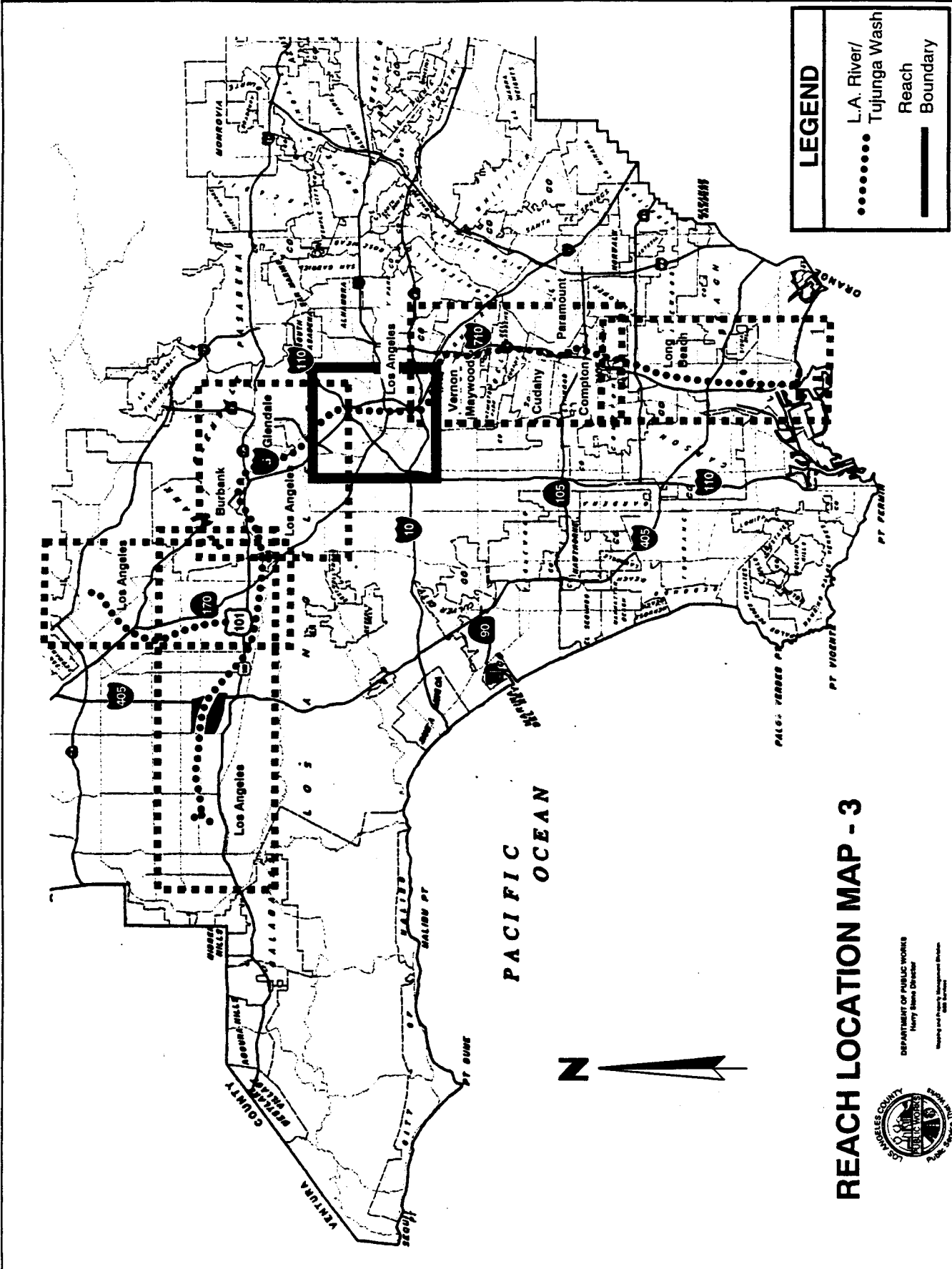


REACH 3: DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES





LEGEND

- L.A. River/ Tujunga Wash
- Reach
- Boundary

REACH LOCATION MAP - 3

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REACH 3: DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES


This five-mile long reach spans the area between Arroyo Seco and Washington Boulevard. It includes the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, Chinatown and the downtown area. The river is visible from the 101, 10 and 60 freeways.


Having just cleared the easternmost point of the Santa Monica Mountains, the river is still entrenched in this reach. It consists of a rectangular or trapezoidal concrete channel, with the water generally restricted to a central low-flow channel. There are no maintenance roads adjacent to the channel and river access is restricted by railroad tracks that parallel the entire reach.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has utility easements along both sides of the river. Although railroads dominate the adjacent land, there are areas with 10- to 50-foot wide linear clearings among the tracks. Outside of the railroad lines, land uses include housing, industrial and commercial areas, city and county facilities and historic sites. Most residential use is concentrated on the east side of the river, with industrial, commercial, financial and civic activities located on the west side.

The river marks the boundary between the North East Los Angeles Plan and the Hollywood and Silverlake-Echo Park District Plans. The boundary area between the Central City North Community Plan and the Boyle Heights Community Plan and property adjacent to the river are predominantly designated as low-density residential and industrial, with Griffith and Elysian parks providing open space. Land adjacent to the river through Boyle Heights is mostly designated for light and heavy industry. In the downtown area, the river is designated as "publicly-owned open space," while adjacent properties are designated exclusively for light and heavy industry. Little vegetation grows in or along the river channel and there is little evidence of wildlife here.

The area is rich in cultural resources and natural history. The topography of the area reflects the historic route of the river as it made a wide swing to the west into Ballona Creek toward Santa Monica Bay. The original Pueblo of Los Angeles was founded just east of the river to take advantage of the river's dependable supply of water. Union Station, Little Tokyo and Chinatown are within a mile of the river.





Downey Recreation Center at Broadway and Spring Street is the largest park within this reach. It lies adjacent to the river but is separated by the railroad. Several historic bridges span the river in this reach. Many people use the channel for recreation and bathing and homeless people seek shelter here. Up to a dozen projects by various agencies and private entities are currently being planned in the vicinity of the river in this reach. These projects, if coordinated, could provide a greenway link to the river's edge that may not otherwise be obtainable given current access constraints.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES


POPULATION (1994): 3,620,500; LAND AREA: 468.80 sq. MI.

Los Angeles (incorporated in 1858) is the oldest and largest city in Los Angeles County, both by population and land area. It has a large job base spread among most major categories although manufacturing, entertainment, technology, services and retail trade dominate. Los Angeles which stretches from the northern edge of the San Fernando Valley to Santa Monica Bay, San Pedro and the western boundary of the San Gabriel Valley also enjoys great geographic diversity. The median family income in the city was \$34,364 in 1989. The largest ethnic group in the city is White, followed by Hispanics and African-Americans.

ISSUES

- There is need for improved flood protection.
- Many open-land sites along the river are contaminated.
- Water quality here must be improved through recharge, reclamation and conservation.
- The river right-of-way needs to be cleaned up.
- Job and housing issues need to be addressed.
- Tourism, entertainment, cultural interaction and history are potential themes for river enhancement.
- There is a desire to develop the river as a connector of cities and communities.
- There is a need for environmental and recreational projects and programs.

ADOPTED GENERAL OR RECREATIONAL PLANS

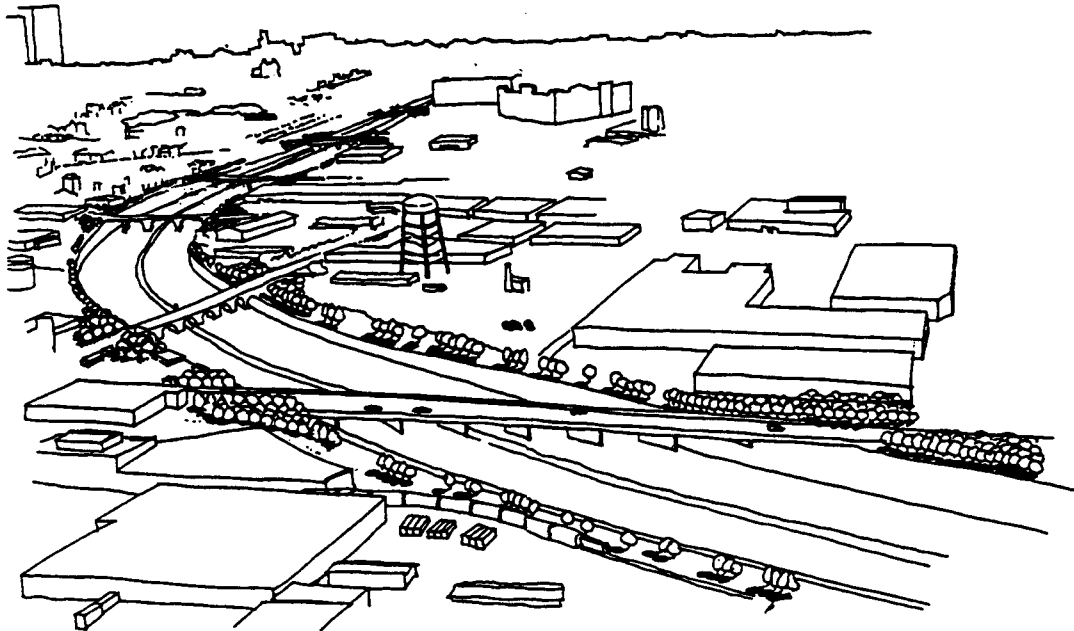
- In the city's General Plan, the river is designated as open space within the downtown area.
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JURISDICTIONAL PLANNED PROJECTS

- City of Los Angeles Bikeway Plan.
- City of Los Angeles Community Plans “City North” and “Boyle Heights”.
- The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy River Greenway Project to connect El Pueblo State Historic Park to Elysian and Griffith Parks along the Los Angeles River by creating a system of parks, trails and rest stops.

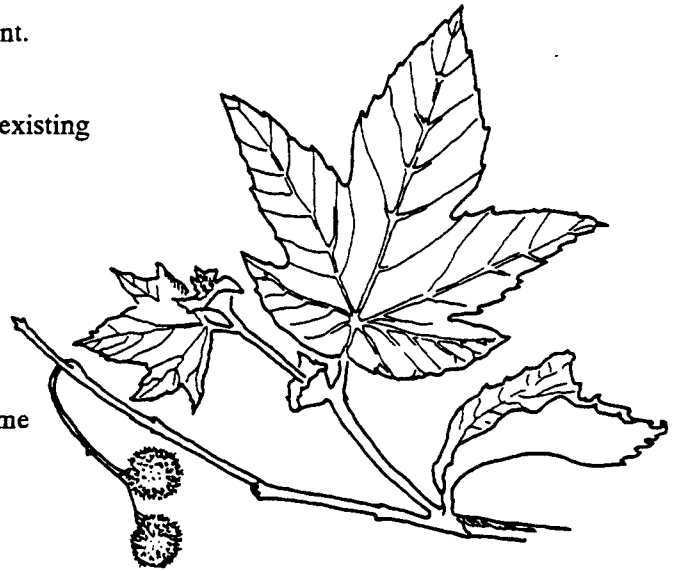
RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON MASTER PLAN GOALS

- Plant trees on both sides of river.
- Encourage economic development in several locations.
- Develop cultural and historic interpretive sites at two locations.
- Connect Downey Park to the river and provide an overlook.
- Bikeway to leave river at Broadway and return at Macy Street then follow Santa Fe Road south to Washington.
- Gateway planting at 101 Freeway and the river.
- Tie all new development to the river trail.



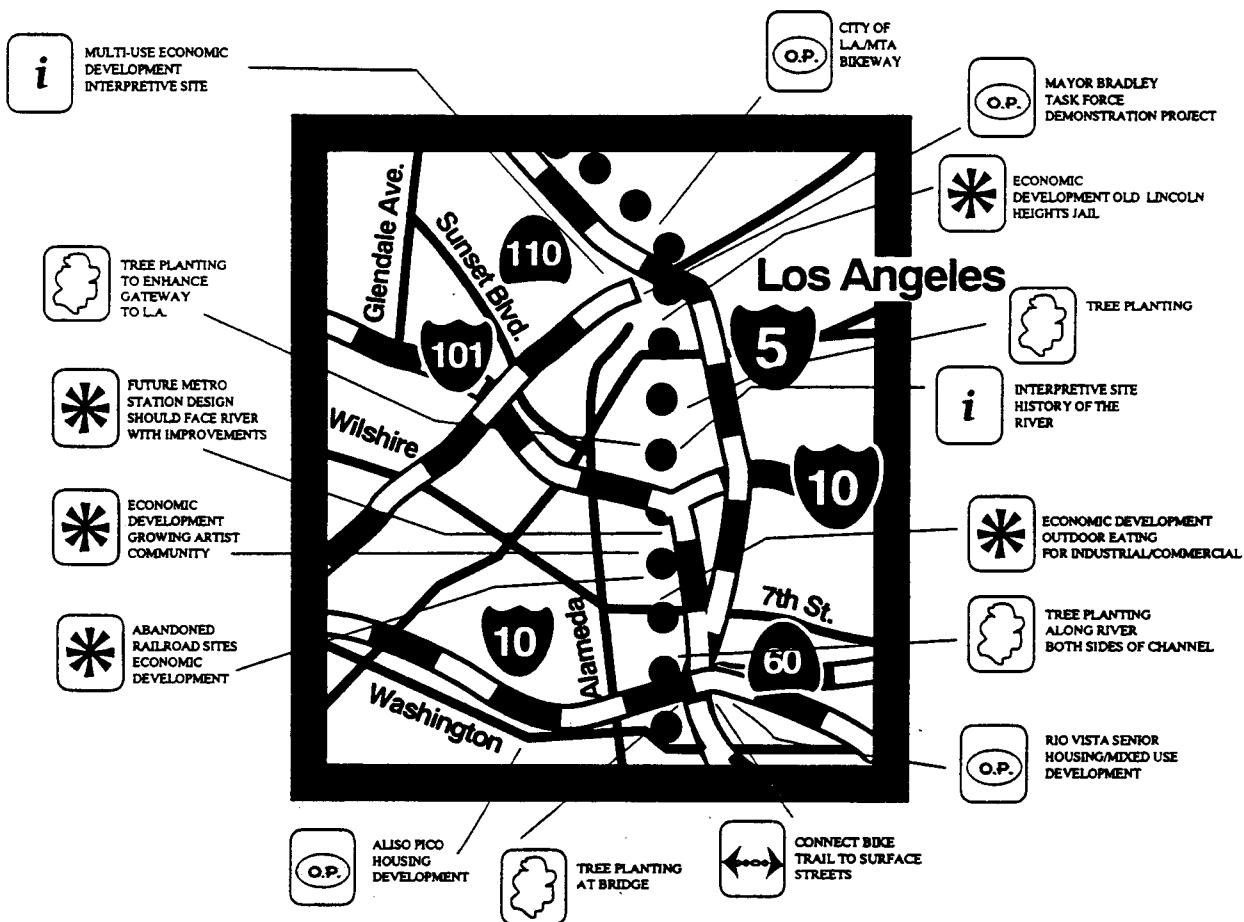
OTHER PROJECTS

1. Rio Vista Senior Housing and Mixed-Use Development.
2. A Plan for City North: A plan for the improvement of existing neighborhoods and the creation of new ones.
3. City of Los Angeles Boyle Heights Study: A plan to facilitate discussion about community development.
4. Aliso Pico Housing Redevelopment: A gated townhome community funded by HUD to be developed adjacent to the river.
5. Mariachi Plaza: An MTA project to construct a Metro station and plaza.
6. MTA Yard: New MTA yard and future site of a Metro station.
7. Mayor Bradley Task Force Demonstration Project: A downtown historic site and bridge festival would celebrate the history of the Broadway Street bridge and the diverse cultures of Los Angeles.
8. Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, planned by the National Park Service, follows the river through this reach.



REACH/PROJECT LOCATION-3

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Harry Stone, Director

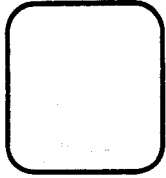
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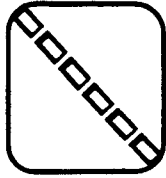
| LEGEND | |
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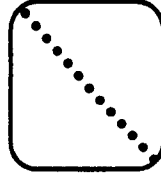
EXISTING FACILITIES



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TRAIL

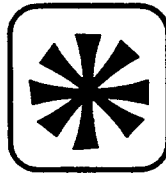


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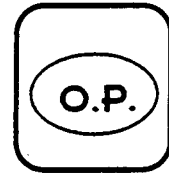
RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS



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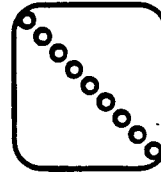
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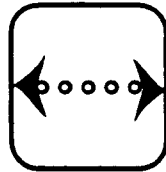
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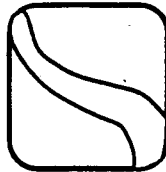
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TRAIL



TRAIL/OPEN SPACE
CONNECTION



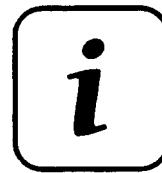
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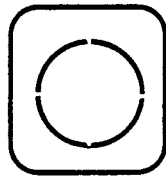
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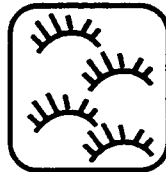
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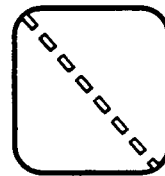
INTERPRETIVE SITE



ACCESS TO RIVER
TRAIL/OVERVIEW



ENVIRONMENTAL
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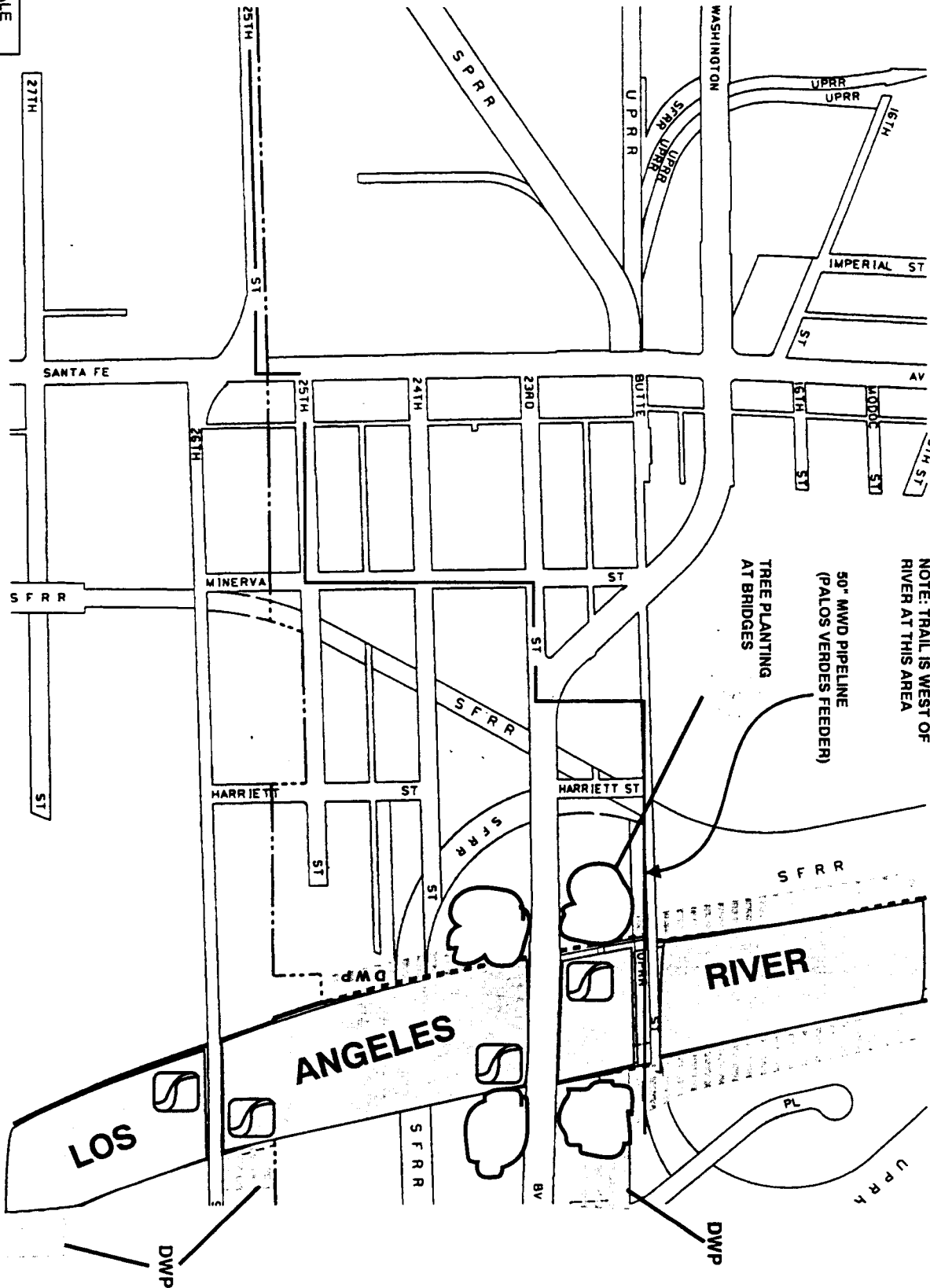


PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE





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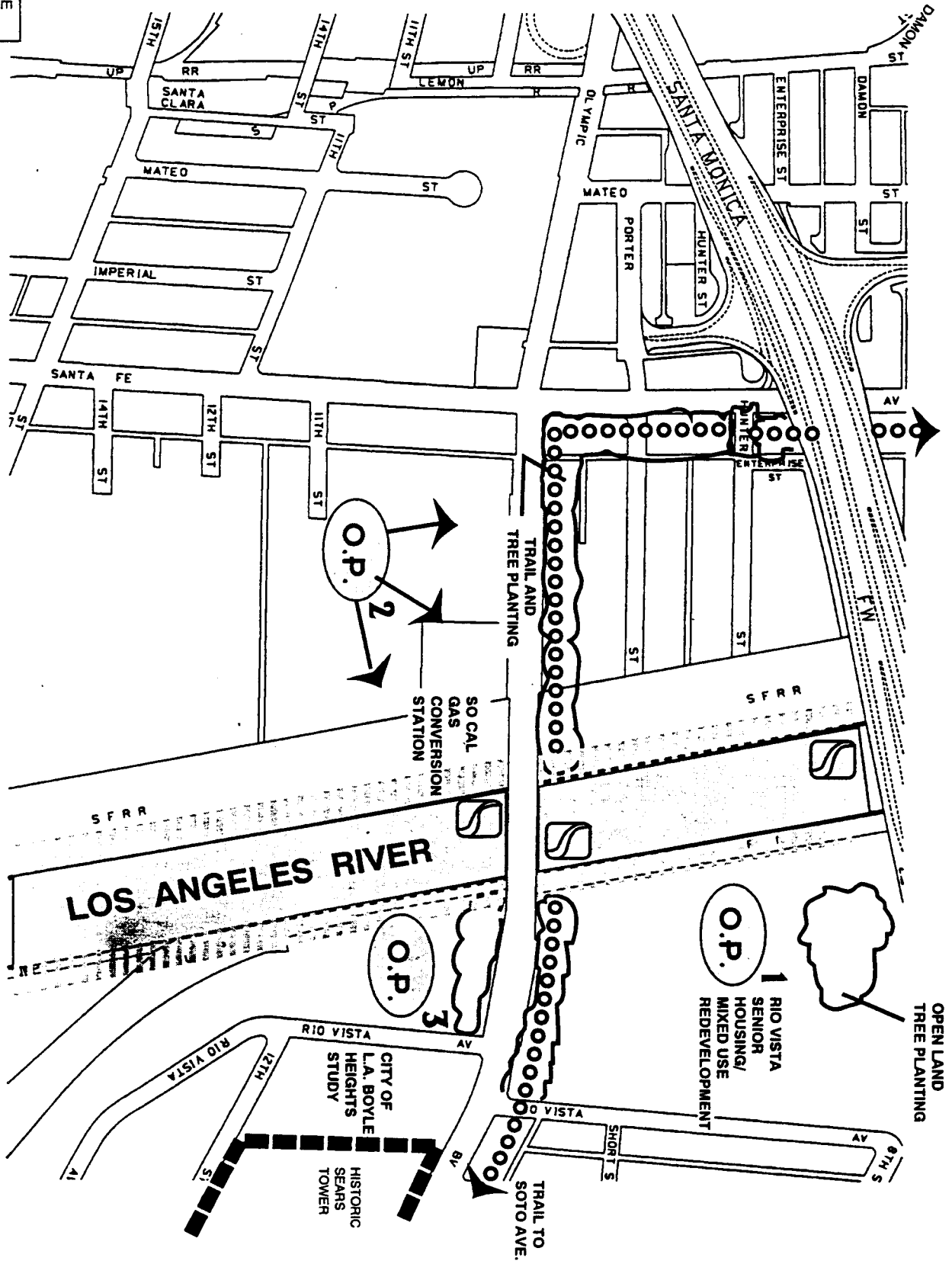
NOTE: TRAIL IS WEST OF RIVER AT THIS AREA

50' MWD PIPELINE (PALOS VERDES FEEDER)

TREE PLANTING AT BRIDGES

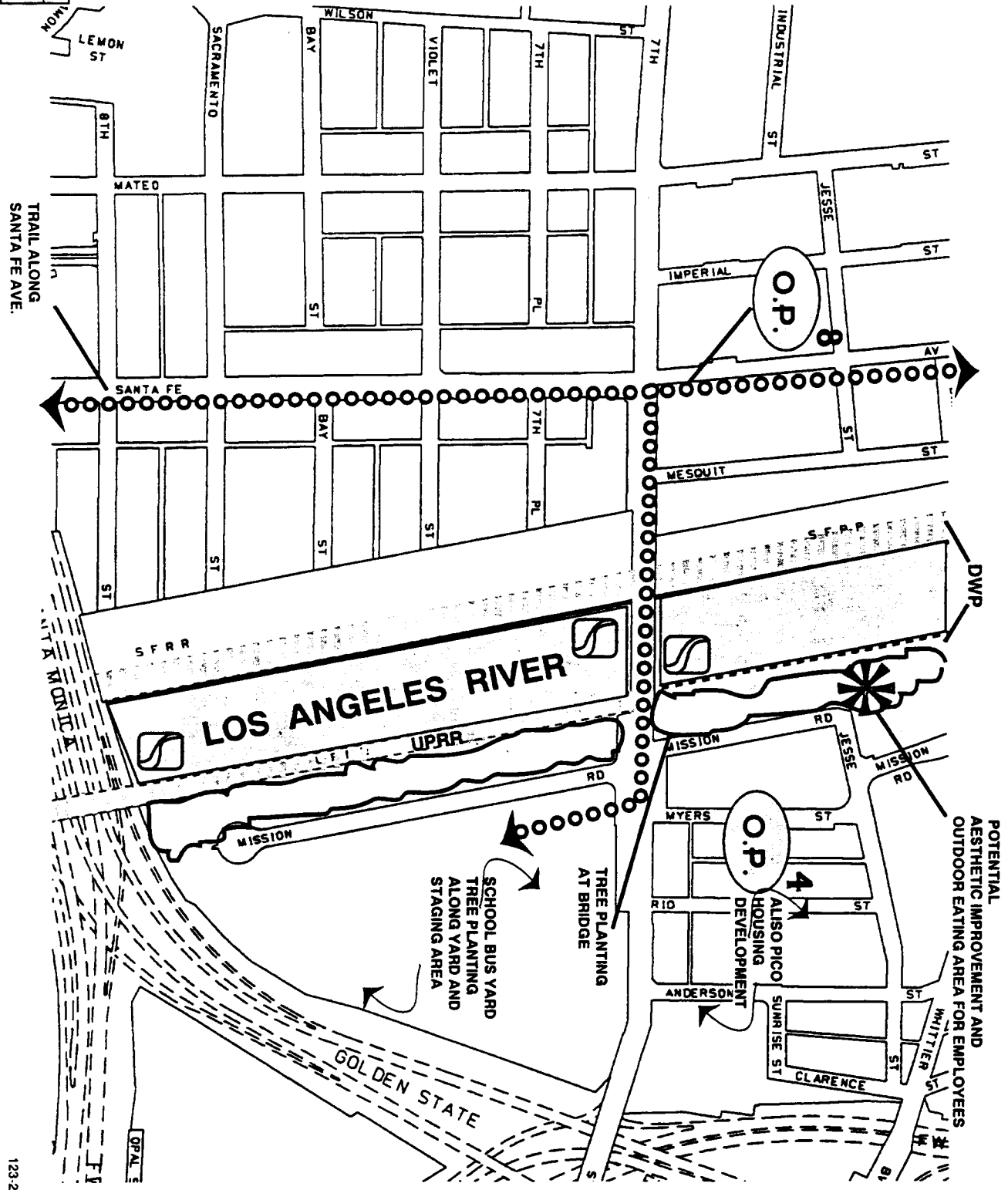


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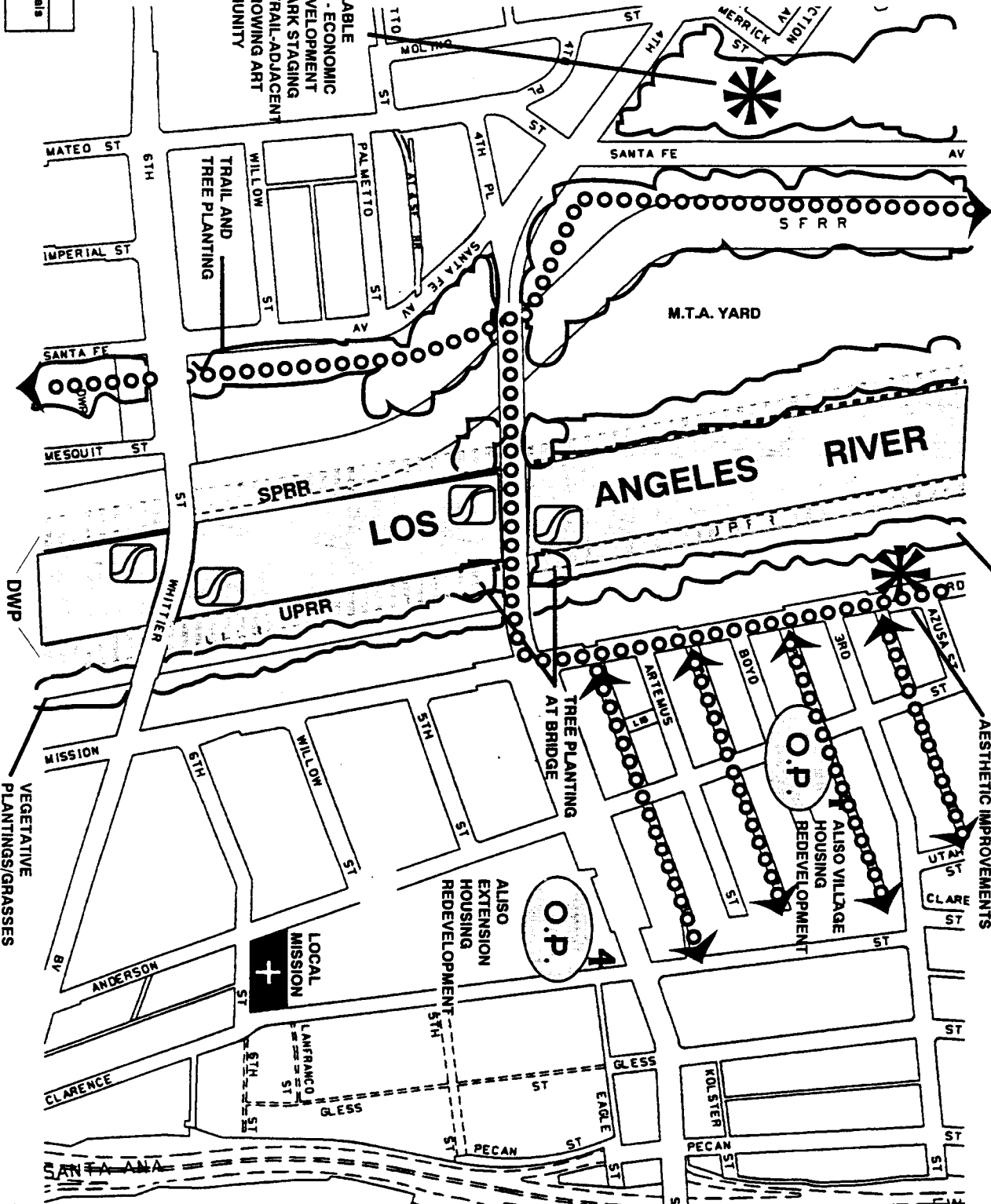


POTENTIAL
AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT AND
OUTDOOR EATING AREA FOR EMPLOYEES



SCALE
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AVAILABLE
LAND - ECONOMIC
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FOR TRAIL-ADJACENT
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VEGETATIVE
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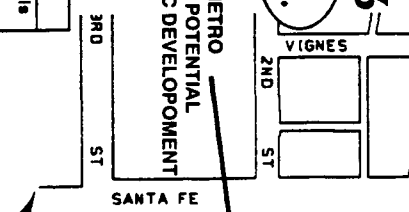
ABANDONED RAIL SPUR
CORRIDORS - POTENTIAL
ECONOMIC, RECREATION AND
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FUTURE METRO STATION - POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



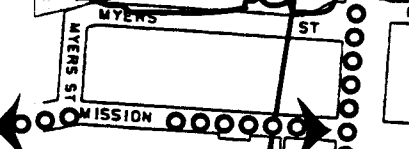
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1ST STREET NORTH TO BROADWAY IN 1989 CITY OF L.A. "CITY NORTH" RIVER PARK DISTRICT

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TREE PLANTING TO ENHANCE "GATEWAY" TO L.A.

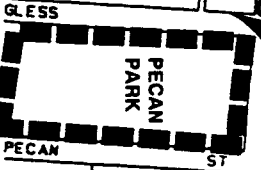
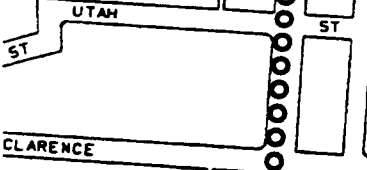
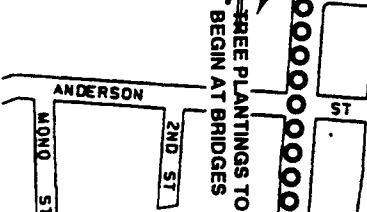
LOS ANGELES RIVER



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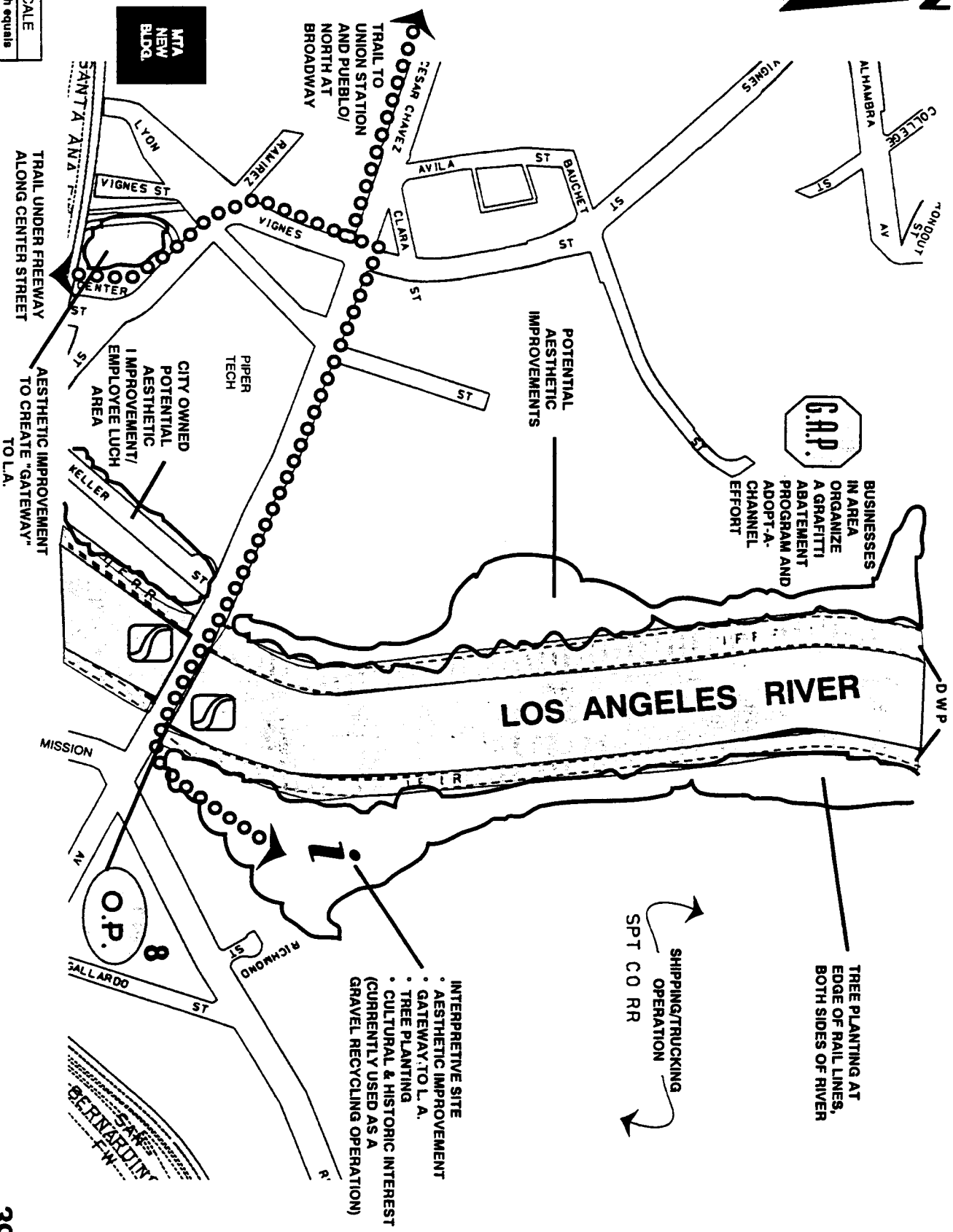
1ST STREET HISTORIC BRIDGE PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION FROM RAIL STATION TO MARIACHI PLAZA (MTA) LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT/INITIATIVE WILL PROVIDE TREE PLANTING

TREE PLANTING AT EDGE OF RAIL CORRIDOR





SCALE
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500 feet



BUSINESSES
IN AREA
ORGANIZE
A GRAFFITI
ABATEMENT
PROGRAM AND
ADOPT-A-
CHANNEL
EFFORT

LOS ANGELES RIVER

- INTERPRETIVE SITE
- AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT
 - GATEWAY TO L.A.
 - TREE PLANTING
 - CULTURAL & HISTORIC INTEREST (CURRENTLY USED AS A GRAVEL RECYCLING OPERATION)

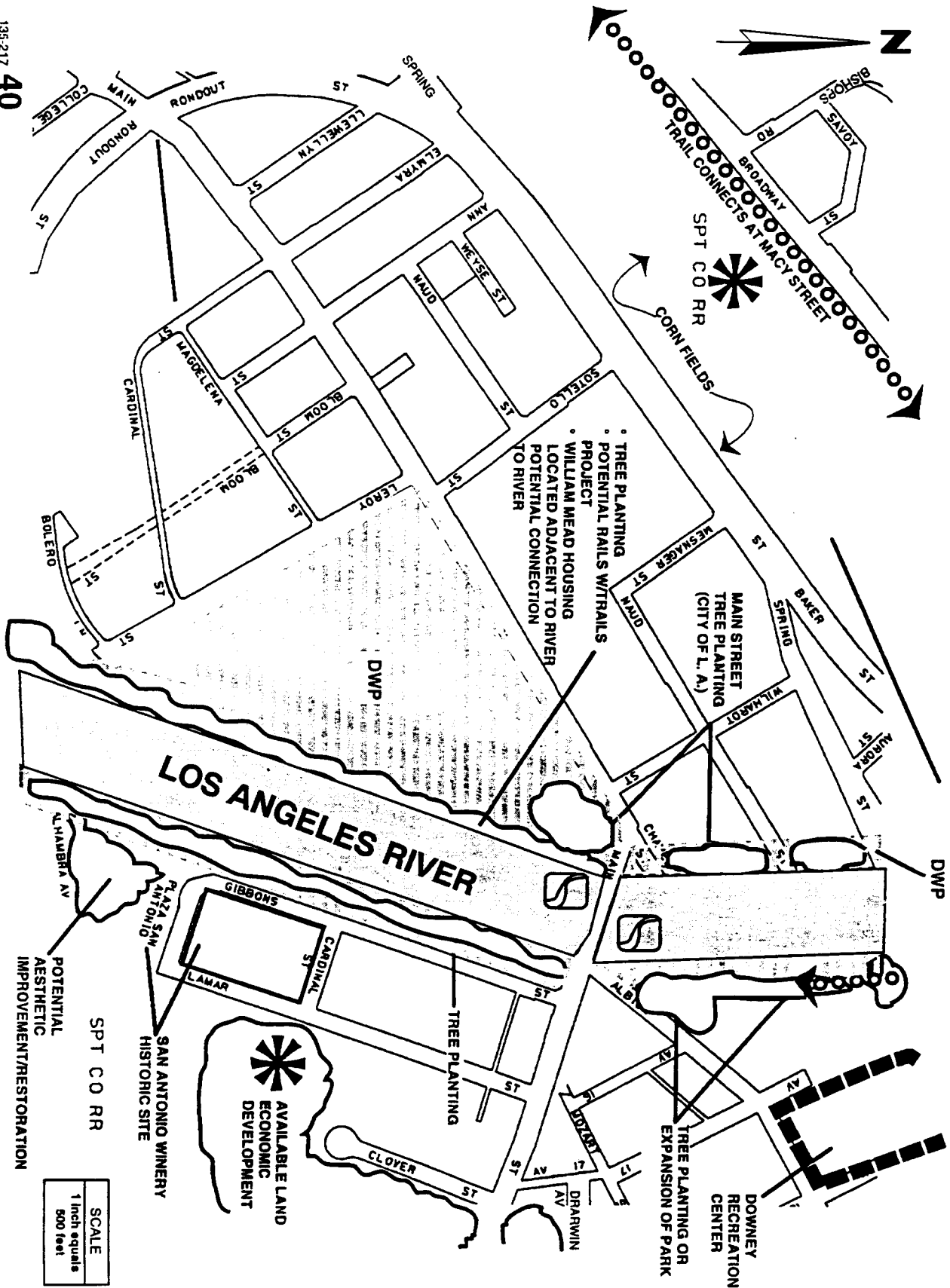
SHIPPING/TRUCKING
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TREE PLANTING AT
EDGE OF RAIL LINES,
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TRAIL UNDER FREEWAY
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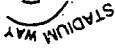
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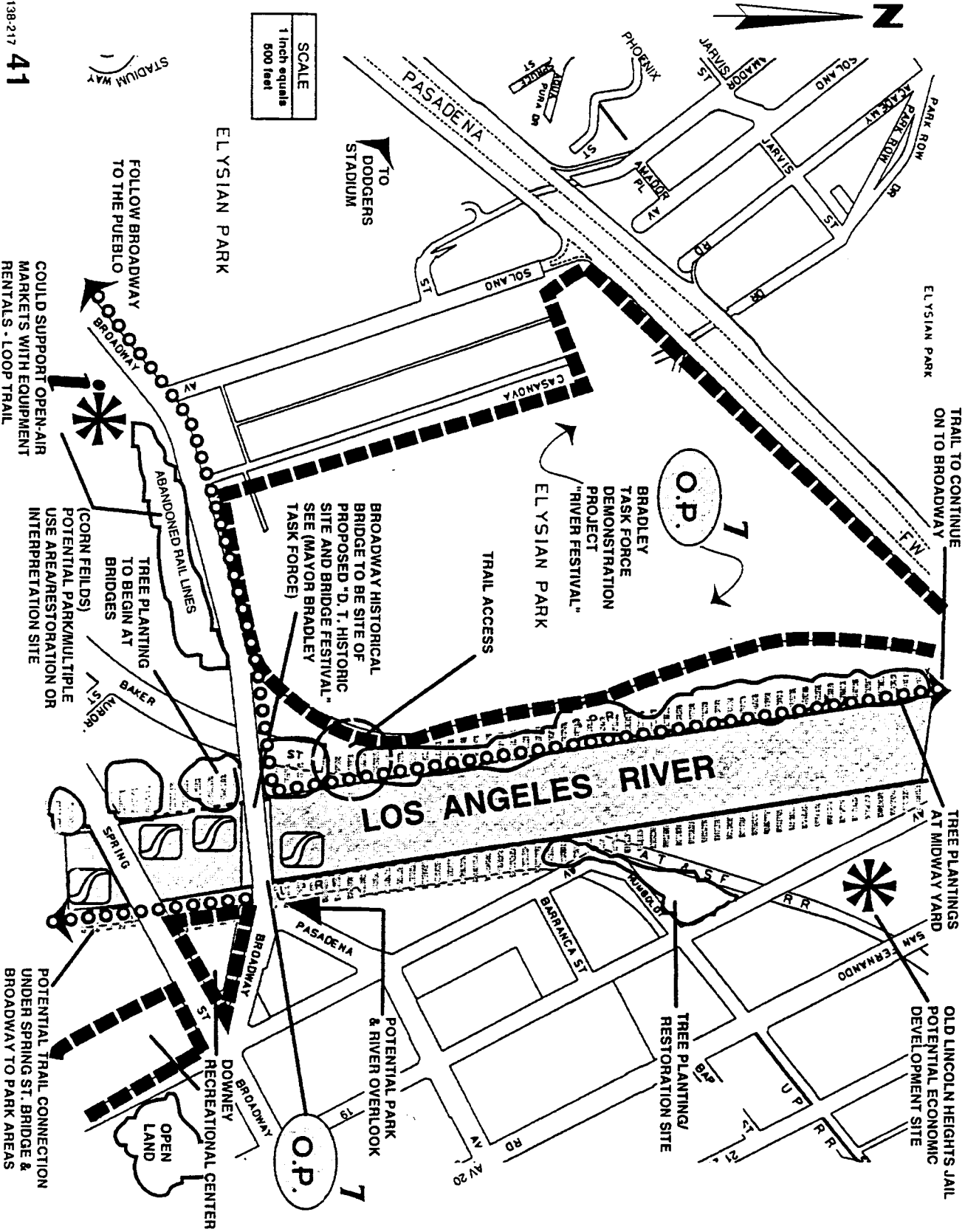




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FOLLOW BROADWAY TO THE PUEBLO
COULD SUPPORT OPEN-AIR MARKETS WITH EQUIPMENT RENTALS - LOOP TRAIL

ABANDONED RAIL LINES
TREE PLANTING TO BEGIN AT BRIDGES (CORN FIELDS)
POTENTIAL PARK/MULTIPLE USE AREAS/RESTORATION OR INTERPRETATION SITE

BROADWAY HISTORICAL BRIDGE TO BE SITE OF PROPOSED "D. T. HISTORIC SITE AND BRIDGE FESTIVAL" SEE (MAYOR BRADLEY TASK FORCE)

BRADLEY TASK FORCE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT "RIVER FESTIVAL"

O.P. 7

TRAIL TO CONTINUE ON TO BROADWAY

TREE PLANTINGS AT MIDWAY YARD

OLD LINCOLN HEIGHTS JAIL POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SITE

TREE PLANTING/ RESTORATION SITE

POTENTIAL PARK & RIVER OVERLOOK

O.P. 7

POTENTIAL TRAIL CONNECTION UNDER SPRING ST. BRIDGE & BROADWAY TO PARK AREAS

DOWNNEY RECREATIONAL CENTER



TO DODGERS STADIUM

ELYSIAN PARK

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LOS ANGELES RIVER

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