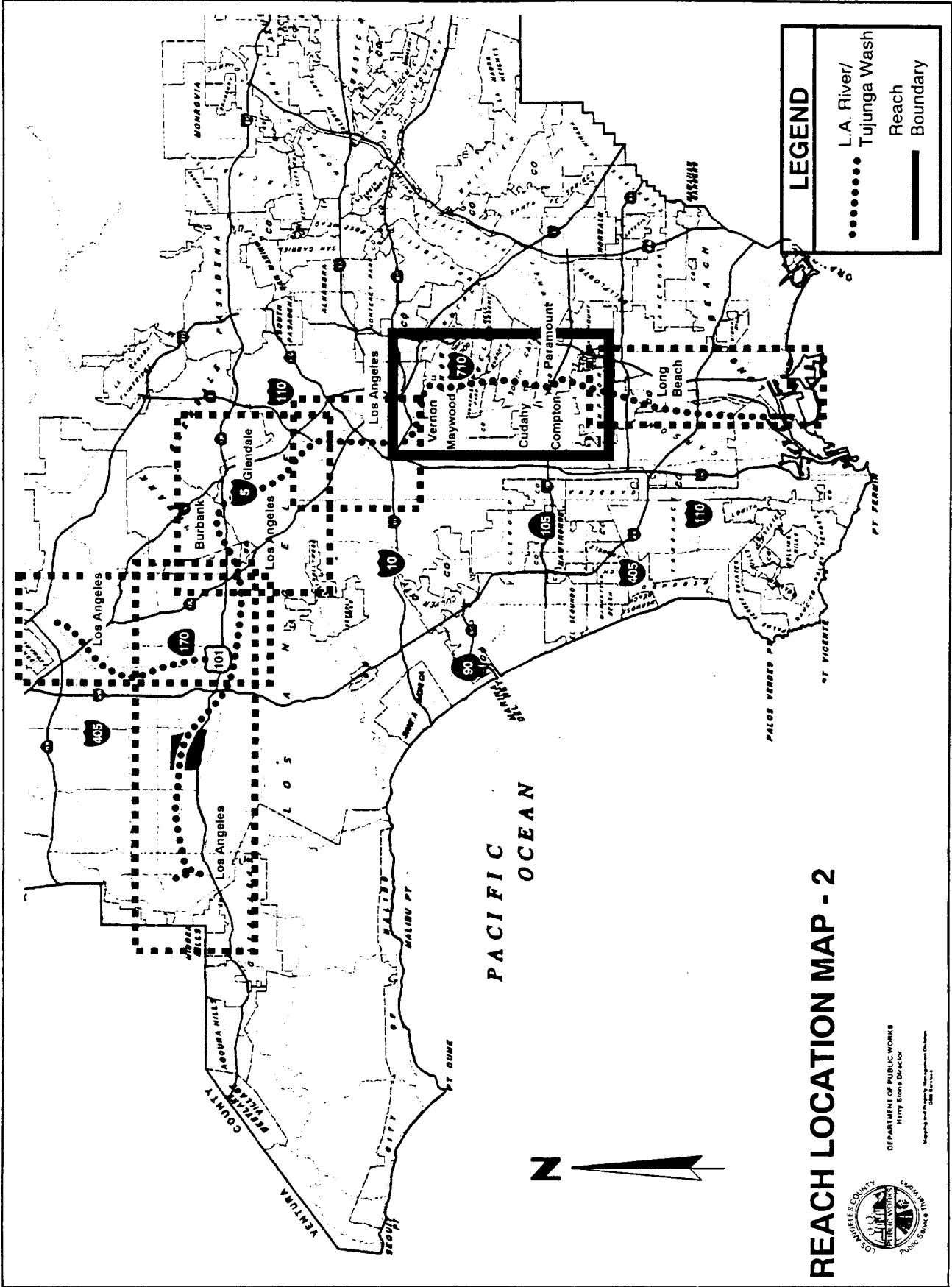


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- L.A. River/ Tujunga Wash
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REACH LOCATION MAP - 2



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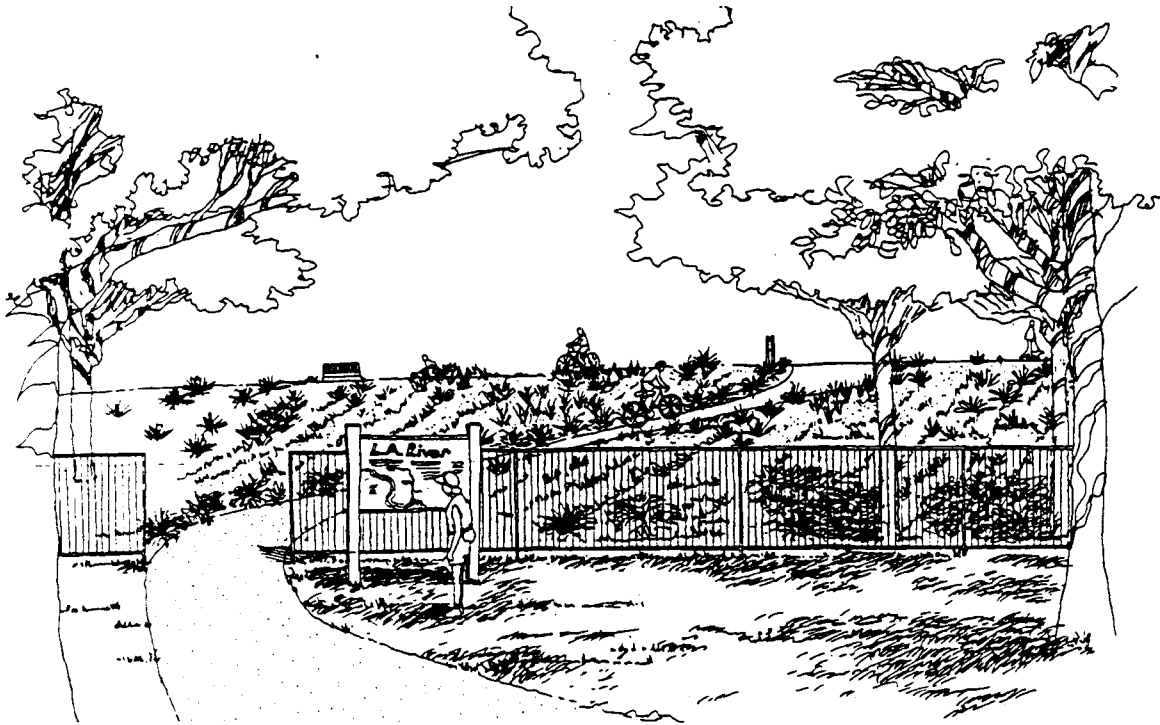
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REACH 2: MID-CITIES

The Mid-Cities reach runs for 11 1/2 miles from Washington Boulevard south to Atlantic Avenue. It includes the cities of Vernon, Maywood, Bell Gardens, Bell, Commerce, Cudahy, South Gate, Downey, Lynwood, Paramount and Compton.

In the City of Vernon, the concrete river channel changes from rectangular to trapezoidal, widening to 275-feet wide at the top, with levees on both sides. This change also marks the river's outlet into the coastal plain where, before development, the mouth of the river would widen across the land for a mile or more. Now, the river is controlled by concrete-lined levees that rise above the surrounding land.

A wide utility easement (City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power) parallels the river on the east side within the cities of Vernon, Bell, Paramount and South Gate. Through the northern half of this reach, the 710 Freeway follows the east bank of the river, through portions of Bell, Commerce, Bell Gardens and South Gate. Just north of the confluence with the Rio Hondo, the freeway crosses to the west side of the Los Angeles River, continuing south through the cities of Lynwood and Compton. The freeway serves as a barrier to river access in these cities.





Adjacent land uses in Vernon, Bell and Commerce are predominantly industrial. The history of industrial use here may mean that many sites suffer from some level of soil contamination. The remaining cities have high-density residential and mixed use adjacent to the river. Many people who work in Vernon, Bell and Commerce live on the other side of the river and travel across it several times a day. There are several moderate to large (5 to 20 acres) unused parcels of land adjacent to the river in this reach.

Both planned and unplanned recreational uses of the river occur in this reach. The western levee is available for trail use from approximately Atlantic Boulevard in Vernon, south to the railroad bridge just north of Firestone Boulevard in South Gate. This trail is accessible from the cities of Vernon, Maywood, Bell and Cudahy. Access to this trail from the east side is limited by the 710 Freeway. Cudahy Park is adjacent to the river channel and has access to the trail. On the eastern levee, from the Rio Hondo Channel south (Imperial Highway), a county bike path is open and signed. A county equestrian and hiking trail lies adjacent to the levee. Together these are known as the LARIO Trail.

In the City of Vernon, workers use the channel invert for lunchtime soccer games; other employees walk or jog on the river maintenance roads. The utility easement in Bell is occasionally used for small, informal vegetable gardening. Unplanned recreational use takes place on all accessible levees.

No vegetation grows in the channel in this reach. Adjacent open land along the utility easement has occasional groupings of trees. Another large open area is found at the confluence of the Los Angeles River and the Rio Hondo Channel in South Gate. This approximately ten-acre site is owned by the City of South Gate and contains an abandoned landfill which is vegetated with grasses, shrubs and trees. From the confluence south, increasing numbers of birds can be seen using the channel and adjacent lands.



OTHER PROJECTS

1. Los Angeles River/Rio Hondo (LARIO) Trail - Striping & Signage Project

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works completed a striping and signage project on the LARIO bike trail from Long Beach to Whitter Narrows Dam.

2. City of Paramount Tree Planting

City of Paramount is planning to landscape along Ralph Dills Park and have applied for Proposition A funds.

3. MTA Greenway Project

A master plan for a potential greenway along MTA owned property south of 105 prepared in 1992-93 in conjunction with the Mountains Conservancy Foundation.

4. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Bike Underpass

The Department constructed a safe bikeway underpass on west levee, north of Imperial Highway. This underpass replaces the ramps that were inaccessible when the river is full of water.

5. City of Lynwood Median Strip Aesthetics Improvements

The city recently constructed median strip improvements from Duncan Street to the river bridge at Imperial Highway.

6. City of Bell Gardens Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The city developed a plan to meet the challenge of satisfying the open space needs for residents to the year 2003.

7. City of Bell Reclaimed Water Line

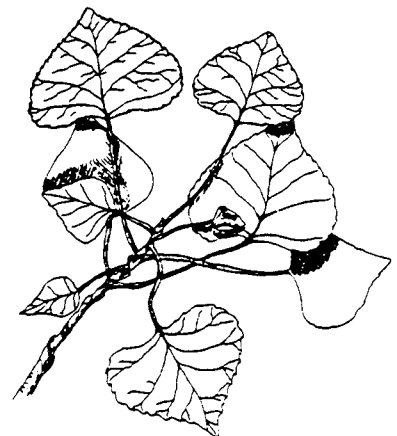
The city planned a reclaimed water line connection at Randolph Street, with potential for landscape irrigation.

8. Reclaimed Water Line Collection

A new main pipeline at Downey Road represents the potential for vegetation enhancement.

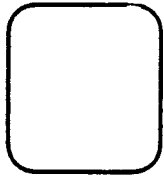
9. Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

Planned by the National Park Service-follows the river from the Rio Hondo confluence north through this reach.

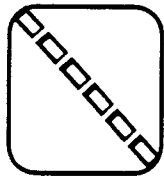


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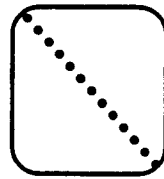
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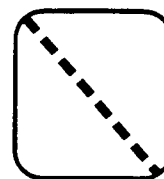
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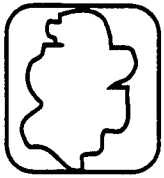


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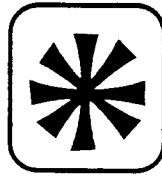


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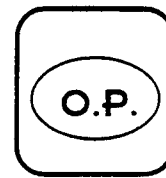
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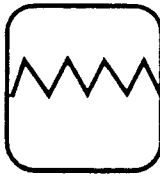
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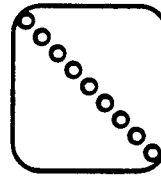
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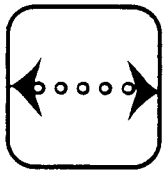
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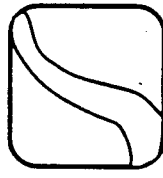
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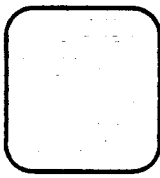
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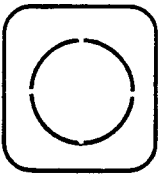
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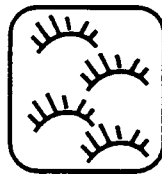
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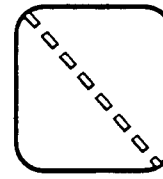
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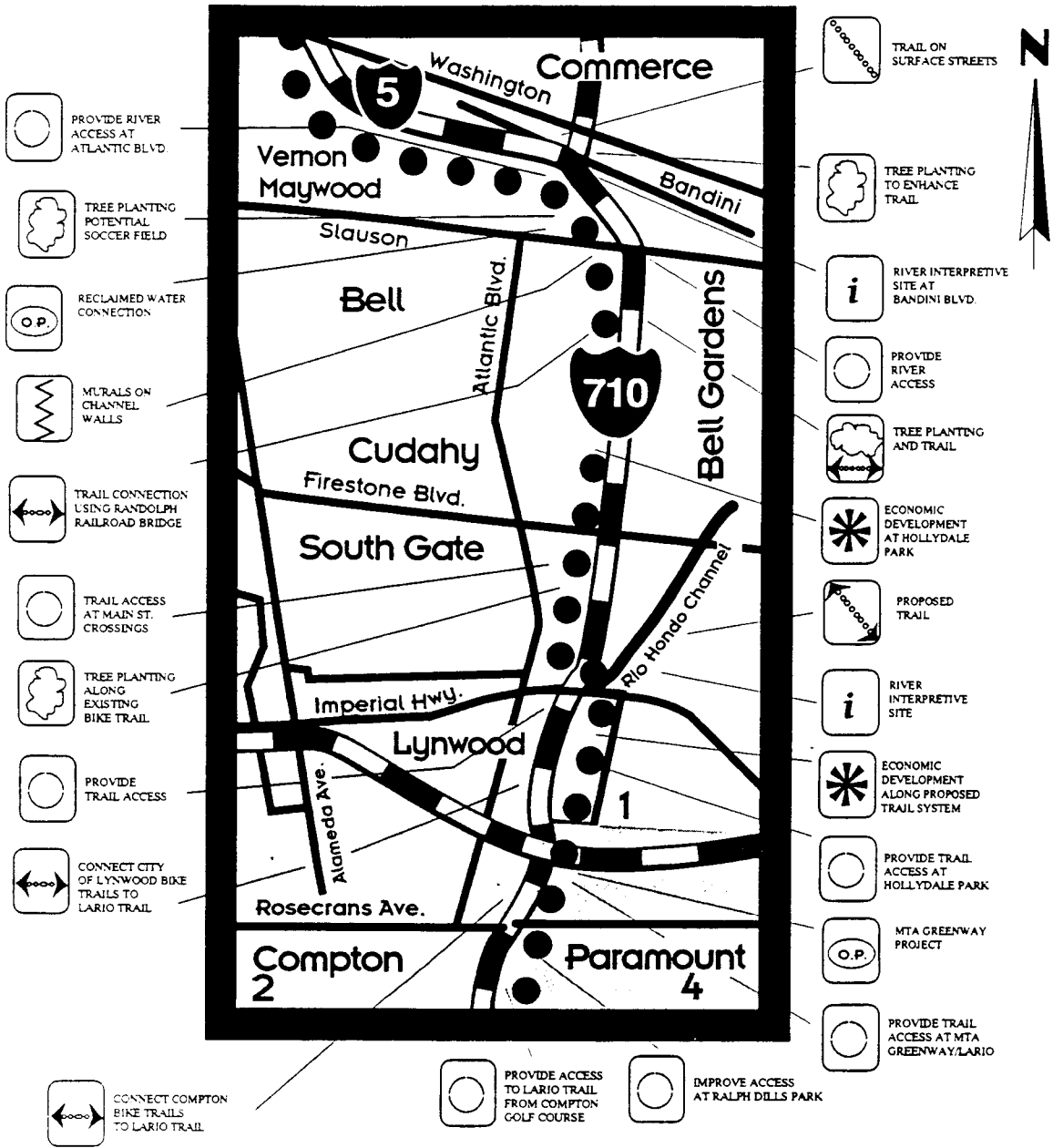


PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



REACH/PROJECT LOCATION-2

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