



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED
BOWTIE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Date: June 26, 2024

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) has prepared and intends to adopt an Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Bowtie Park Development Project (the Project), in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CDPR is the lead agency for the proposed Project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Proposed Project would occupy approximately 14.8 acres in the City of Los Angeles. The Project Area is located at 2780 W. Casitas Avenue. The Project is located within the former Southern Pacific Railroad Yard known as Taylor Yard and is referred to as the “Bowtie Parcel”, in reference to the parcel’s shape, or by its former Southern Pacific Railroad parcel designation as “G-1.” The project site is adjacent to the Los Angeles River (River) and within the community of Glassell Park. The Project Area is generally bound by California State Route 2 (SR-2) to the northwest, the Union Pacific Railroad to the north and east, and the River to the south and west.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The Project proposes to redevelop the northern portion of a former rail yard into a publicly accessible urban greenspace. The greenspace would include habitat restoration and enhancement; viewing opportunities for local wildlife; walking, jogging, and biking trails; shaded picnic areas; historical, cultural, and environmental programming; and unstructured play areas.

In accordance with CEQA 15072(g)(5), the project site is designated as a hazardous waste property enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code due to its historic operation as a locomotive maintenance facility. Soil characterization and risk assessments to determine the levels of contaminants in on-site soils is ongoing. It is anticipated that soil characterization and risk assessments at the site would identify that a majority, if not all, of the onsite soils do not pose a health risk and would be able to be kept onsite.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft IS/MND is being made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning **June 26th, 2024**, and ending on **July 26th, 2024**. Your views, comments and questions regarding this IS/MND are welcomed including concerns with environmental impacts of the Project’s implementation and operation. All comments received during the public review period shall be considered. Comments should be directed to:

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