

Weekly Management Report

June 5, 2026

- 1. Memo** Information on Glendale-Los Angeles Garden River Bridge - Tracking List Item # 2712
Community Development Department
- 2. Memo** Downtown Burbank Partnership (PBID) Meeting on April 2, 2026
Community Development Department



MEMORANDUM



**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**



DATE: June 5, 2026

TO: Justin Hess, City Manager

FROM: Patrick Prescott, Community Development Director *DLK For PP*
VIA: David Kriske, Assistant Community Development Director –
Transportation
BY: Chris Buonomo, Senior Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: City Manager Tracking List Item #2712 – Information on Glendale-Los Angeles Garden River Bridge

BACKGROUND

On February 10, 2026, City Council requested a memorandum providing information on a proposed project in the City of Glendale and City of Los Angeles, the Glendale-Los Angeles Garden River Bridge. This memorandum provides further information on the project.

DISCUSSION

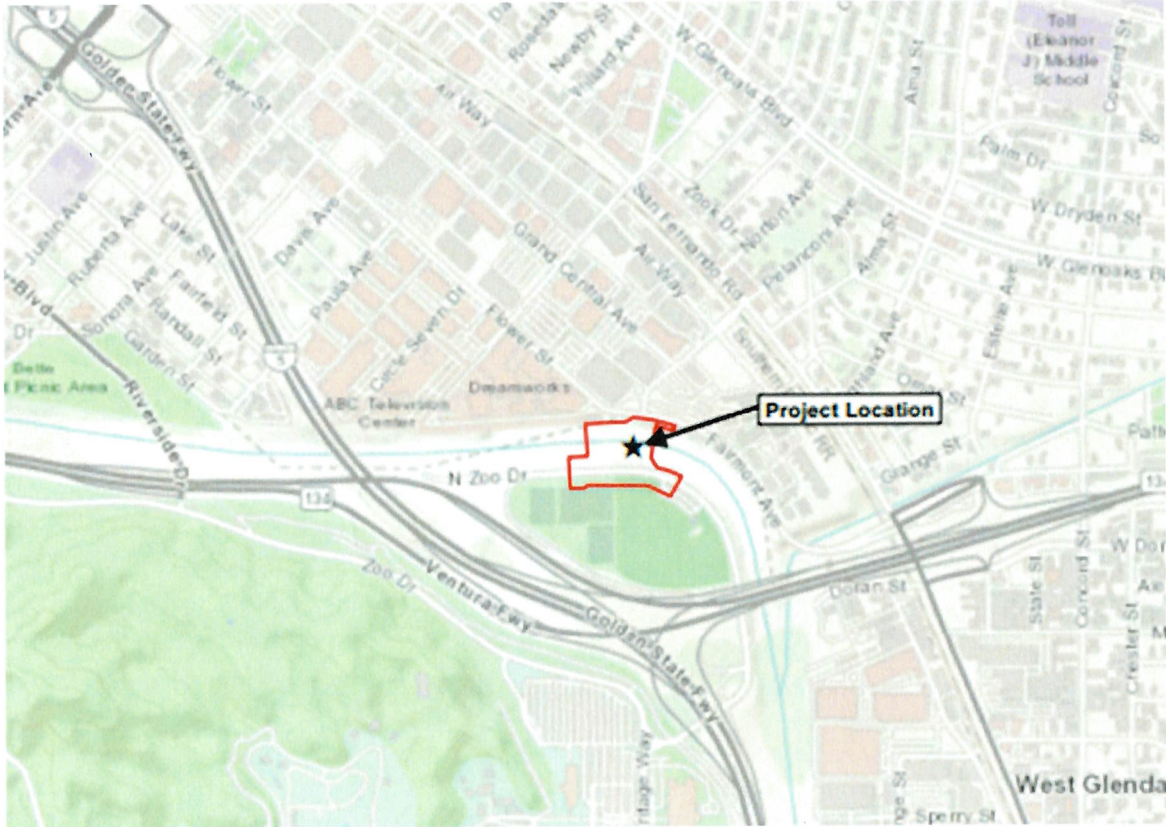
The Glendale-Los Angeles Garden River Bridge is a proposed bicycle and pedestrian bridge that would cross the Los Angeles River, connecting the existing Glendale Riverwalk to the Los Angeles River Bike Path via a raised, curvilinear path across the Los Angeles River between the Fairmount Avenue / Flower Street intersection in Glendale and the John Ferraro Athletic Fields in Los Angeles. The proposed bridge would be concrete with two supporting piers in the LA River, and the bridge deck would include landscaping, seating, shade structures, and separate pedestrian and bicycle paths. The project is expected to cost \$31 million. The City of Glendale is currently conducting environmental review and initial design. Construction is expected to begin in 2028 and take 2.5 years. The project will be funded by a combination of Metro transportation grant funds, Proposition 68 state bond funds, and an Assembly Bill 170 state earmark.

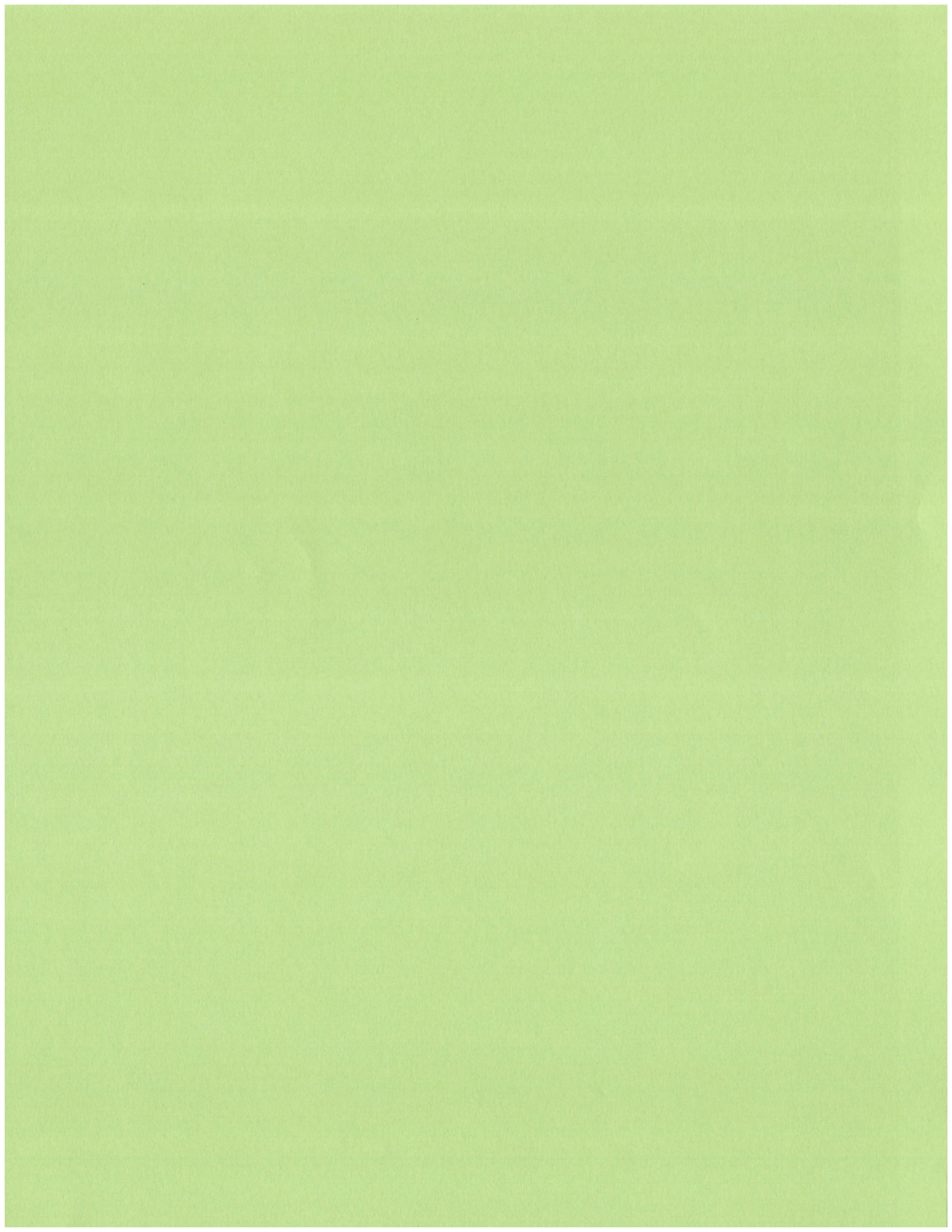
The existing Riverwalk is located on the north bank of the Los Angeles River across from Griffith Park. The Riverwalk extends from the intersection of Garden Street and Paula Avenue southeast to the confluence of the Los Angeles River and the Verdugo Wash, adjacent to the 134 Freeway (the entire length of the City of Glendale's Los Angeles River frontage). The one-mile Riverwalk recreational path provides a gateway to the City of Glendale's Grand Central Creative Campus, River Glen Opportunity Area, and the San Fernando Creative Corridor. The bridge would connect the south end of the Riverwalk to the Los Angeles River Bike Path across the Los Angeles River and provide direct access to Griffith Park, including the Los Angeles Zoo, landscaped parkland and picnic areas, numerous family attractions, an assortment of educational and cultural institutions, and miles of hiking and horseback riding trails.

For bicyclists traveling to or from Burbank, this bridge will provide another dedicated bicycle route to the Los Angeles River bike path and Griffith Park, allowing cyclists to avoid the existing river crossing at Riverside Drive. When Glendale completes its proposed extension of the Burbank Channel Bikeway along Victory Boulevard, the Glendale Los Angeles Garden Bridge will enhance the protected bicycle route connecting Burbank to Downtown Los Angeles and beyond.

The City of Glendale has prepared a project website, and the environmental review will continue in Summer 2026. Interested members of the public can sign up to receive project updates at www.gardenriverbridge.com.

Project Location and Conceptual Design





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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



DATE: May 27, 2026

TO: Justin Hess, City Manager

FROM: Patrick Prescott, Community Development Director 
VIA: Simone McFarland, Asst. Community Development Director 
Mary Hamzoian, Economic Development Manager
BY: Aida Ofsepan, Economic Development Analyst I

SUBJECT: Downtown Burbank Partnership (PBID) Meeting – April 2, 2026

- The Board approved a \$5,000 sponsorship for the Burbank Comedy Festival scheduled for August 15 - 22, 2026, and a \$10,000 sponsorship for the Burbank International Film Festival scheduled for August 2 – 8, 2026.
- Marcos Fuentes, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on the Downtown Burbank Sidewalk Enhancement Project noting that the City secured a \$6.2 million Metro Active Transportation grant to implement Phase 2 improvements, which include new sidewalk infrastructure, landscaping, and flexible street-closure elements. Community engagement activities will continue through October 2026; the Project is expected to be completed in 2029.
- The Board approved the City Council adopted 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Looking Ahead.
- The Board approved a 3% assessment increase for FY 2027 to maintain service levels, support rising operational costs, and ensure adequate reserves amid major capital planning efforts.
- The Board approved a \$30,000 sponsorship for the Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at Downtown Burbank.