

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 27, 2017

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 10(a): Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge project.

Background: The Conservancy has been asked to write a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles (City) to urge them to provide the remaining funding needed to construct the Los Angeles River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge project. The project will provide a new bridge in Atwater Village that will serve pedestrians, equestrians and bicyclists equally. This project will provide a safe, convenient connection from park poor residential communities on the east side of the River to the existing bike path and other recreational opportunities such as Griffith Park and the network of Los Angeles River pocket parks and greenways.

This bridge project is consistent with the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan*, also known as and hereinafter referred to as the “*Common Ground*” plan. The purpose of *Common Ground* is to “articulate a vision for the future of the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watersheds” and “provide a framework for future watershed and open space planning.”

The project is consistent with the following *Common Ground* Guiding Principles:

- Connect Open Space with a Network of Trails
- Establish Riverfront Greenways to Cleanse Water
- Hold Floodwaters, and Extend Open Space
- Create, Expand and Improve Public Open Space Throughout the Region

Please refer to the attached letter for additional information.