

Exposition Park Announces Approval of Visionary Master Plan

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LOS ANGELES – A bold and visionary Master Plan that will guide the development of Exposition Park over the next 25 years has been approved by the Board of Directors for Exposition Park and the California Science Center.

“Exposition Park is one of the most historic and treasured places in the Los Angeles region,” said Wade Crowfoot, Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency. “As Exposition Park’s offerings have grown and diversified, this Master Plan charts a course for greater access, equity and environmental sustainability through an innovative and bold vision.”

Developed over a period of four years in consultation with the community, government officials and the museums and sports institutions in the Park, the Plan reflects a commitment to conserving and expanding park green space; including more plentiful pathways, landscape and visitor amenities; improving accessibility; creating new gateway entries; incorporating environmental design standards; and preserving the historic legacy of the Park, among other features.

“Exposition Park is for everyone,” said Diane Hamwi, Chair of the Board of Directors for Exposition Park and the California Science Center. “Crafting a plan responsive to the desires and needs of the community has been the top priority.”

The design team for the Master Plan is headed up by Torti Gallas + Partners, an architecture firm. In describing the inspiration for the Plan, Neal Payton, Principal, said, “Inspired by historic world fairs, the re-imagined Exposition Park celebrates the history, community and culture of both the local neighborhoods and the greater region by creating new passive and active open spaces that educate, inspire and entertain.”

One of the signature features of the Plan is the relocating of surface parking to a below-ground parking structure which increases the amount of green space in the Park from 37 – 48% of the total park area. On the southern portion of the Park, which is closest to residents of the community, there will be 14 acres of new green space for neighbors to stroll, picnic, enjoy music and cultural festivals, and for children to play.

“The greening of this area of the Park nearest to neighbors addresses the inequity that exists, since the northern section of the Park is green, unlike the southern side,” said Billie Greer, Board member and Chair of the Master Plan Committee.”



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Greer added, "With the implementation of the Master Plan, Exposition Park takes its rightful place alongside, or even exceeds, New York's Central Park and Chicago's Millennium Park as a great, world-renown park that will thrill, energize, educate and spark the imagination of visitors from near and far for the many years to come."

About Exposition Park

Exposition Park is a 152-acre site situated just south of Downtown Los Angeles. It is home to world class museums, leading edge sporting venues and community assets that educate, entertain and accommodate visitors from near and far. Exposition Park was a site for the 1932 and 1984 Summer Olympic Games and will be a site for the 2028 Olympic Games.

About the Office of Exposition Park Management:

The Office of Exposition Park Management is a Department of the State of California, and the State is the primary landowner of Exposition Park. The OEPM is tasked with managing the daily operation of Exposition Park.

About the Board of Directors for Exposition Park and the California Science Center

Appointed by the Governor, the nine-member Board of Directors supports the California Science Center and Office of Exposition Park Management (OEPM) by providing policy direction, guidance and approval of leases and contracts as they relate to the respective missions, goals and objectives.

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