



# CITY OF BALDWIN PARK

## Press Release

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### **Baldwin Park to Host Groundbreaking Ceremony for Baldwin Park Commuter Bikeway and Big Dalton Wash Trail Greening Projects**

**Baldwin Park, CA** – The City of Baldwin Park will break ground on the San Gabriel River Baldwin Park Commuter Bikeway and Big Dalton Wash Trail Greening projects on September 29 during an 11 a.m. ceremony at Walnut Creek Nature Park at 701 N. Frazier Avenue. Once completed, the bikeway and trail will become the first urban trail and linear park system in Baldwin Park, creating new transportation options in Baldwin Park and the San Gabriel Valley.

“With this groundbreaking, the Baldwin Park City Council expresses its appreciation for the years of dedication and effort involved in getting these projects shovel ready,” said Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada. “Through this expansion of our bike and trail network, the City of Baldwin Park renews its commitment to making it easier for people to get around town and the San Gabriel Valley without a car.”

The 2.5-mile Class 1 shared-use bike and pedestrian trail will provide a viable active transportation route to Baldwin Park’s major employment centers, including Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, UPS Customer Center and In-n-Out Burger Corporate Office. Situated along the east side of the San Gabriel River from Ramona Boulevard to Baldwin Park Boulevard via Walnut Creek Nature Park, the trail will benefit public health by encouraging community interaction and commutes that generate less air and noise pollution than cars.

Bikeway and trail users will benefit from benches, bicycle racks and water fountains along the path, which will extend an existing trail that connects to Hilda L. Solis Park. ADA ramp and sidewalk enhancements and the installation of high visibility crosswalks will also make the path safer and more accessible for all users.

“Our expanding bike, trail and parks networks provide both recreational and social benefits for the people using them,” said Baldwin Park Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel Damian. “Our goal through projects like these is to improve the quality of life in Baldwin Park for our residents.”

The \$1.15 million dollar commuter bikeway project is funded by appropriations from the City of Baldwin Park, California Transportation Development Act, a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2009 grant and Proposition C – a half-cent sales tax measure approved by voters in 1990 to support transportation projects in Los Angeles County. The project also receives support from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and California Natural Resources Agency.

In December 2021, the California Department of Parks and Recreation awarded \$3.3 million to the City of Baldwin Park for the Big Dalton Wash Trail Greening project. The City will use the funding from the highly competitive Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program to install lighting and four pocket parks along the trail. Baldwin Park received \$2.5 million through the same grant program in 2019 to create the portion of the Big Dalton Wash trail between Baldwin Park Boulevard and Hilda L. Solis Park.

For more information on the groundbreaking ceremony, call (626) 813-5245, ext. 317, or email [recreation@baldwinpark.com](mailto:recreation@baldwinpark.com).

### **About the City of Baldwin Park**

Baldwin Park is a nearly seven-square-mile, suburban community of 72,000 residents in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. As the hub of the San Gabriel Valley, Baldwin Park is known for its ease of access and mobility, young and diverse residents, and vibrant, growing business community. For more information, visit [baldwinpark.com](http://baldwinpark.com) or follow Baldwin Park on Facebook (@BaldwinParkCAGov), Instagram (BaldwinPark\_CAGov), and Twitter (BaldwinParkCA\_)

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