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Baldwin Park Secures \$2.1 Million Federal Grant to Build New ‘Roadside Park’

BALDWIN PARK, CA – The City of Baldwin Park is proud to announce that it has been awarded [a \\$2.1 million National Park Service \(NPS\) grant](#) to build a brand-new park in the community. Roadside Park — a planned park at 1081 Leorita Street — was announced as one of 54 projects nationwide selected for funding in the [NPS Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants Program](#).

“We are thrilled to receive this federal grant that will allow us to further expand the recreational offerings in our City,” said Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada. “Roadside Park will provide yet another place for the community to come together, be active and build cross-cultural connections in a safe and inviting environment. I look forward to celebrating our newest addition to the City’s park system.”

The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants Program, established in 2014, is a nationally competitive matching grant program that provides underserved urban communities with funding to build new parks and revitalize existing parks. After first qualifying with the California Department of State Parks for grant consideration, the City received final notice of the award on Sept. 25. It is the City’s first-ever federal grant award for a new park.

Roadside Park will be built on a 0.8-acre vacant lot adjacent to the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, which is being transferred into City ownership by Caltrans. The park design includes a nature-themed playground, shade structure, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic areas, benches and tables, a BBQ, open green space and 17 new large shade trees. The park will also feature artwork that honors the City’s culture and history.

In addition to the expanded recreational facilities, Roadside Park will also further the City’s environmental efforts. Baldwin Park will enhance the park’s stormwater capture system using bioswales, detention basins, permeable pavement and other bioretention techniques. These efforts will reduce water runoff and replenish the local groundwater basin.

“Roadside Park represents an exciting opportunity to transform an unused space into a vibrant community hub,” continued Mayor Estrada. “This park will not only provide much-needed green space for families and residents to gather and be active, but also help us achieve our environmental goals through innovative techniques to improve flood control and recycle groundwater.”

Roadside Park is the City's latest successful effort to expand green spaces in the community. The park's location is adjacent to the route of the [Baldwin Park Greenway](#), a 5-mile protected bike and pedestrian path that is currently under construction. Once complete, the Greenway will feature a variety of amenities, including pocket parks. The City is also finalizing the design concept for [Ana Montenegro Park](#), another new park in the City planned for the corner of Maine Avenue and Joanbridge Street.

With the securing of the NPS grant, the City of Baldwin Park will soon initiate plans for construction on Roadside Park. Stay tuned for future updates by visiting [BaldwinPark.com](#) or by following the City on social media on Facebook (@BaldwinParkCAGov), Instagram (BaldwinPark_CAGov), and Twitter (BaldwinParkCA_).

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](#) or follow Baldwin Park on Facebook (@BaldwinParkCAGov), Instagram (BaldwinPark_CAGov), and Twitter (BaldwinParkCA_).

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