Leveraged Funds - A Collaborative Opportunity

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SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Stormwater: Regional Issue; Regional Approach
Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law

- Opportunity of a lifetime for federal infrastructure funding and collaboration
- Plan to invest $1 trillion over 5 years (through FY 2026)
Longstanding Priorities

- Local Share of Funding
- Economic Development
- State of Good Repair
- Cost-Effectiveness
- Regional / National Significance
- Project Readiness
- Partnerships

New Biden Administration Priorities

- Resiliency / Climate Change
- Racial Equity
- Rural Communities
- Planning & Public Involvement
- Multimodal Transportation

Image from InfrastructureLA presentation
Opportunities (and some requirements)

They are looking for multi-jurisdictional projects

- Application could come from
  - Bundle in the WASC
  - Council of Governments (COG)
  - Watershed Management Plan (WMP)
  - Joint Power Authority (JPA)
  - Cities
  - Industries
- There must be a match
- Looking for shovel readiness
INFRASTRUCTURELA – a collaborative platform

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Thank you!

How can we put our projects together to be more impactful?
Community Survey Preliminary Results

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE MORE OF IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

BIKE PATHS?

CLEANER BEACHES?

COMMUNITY GARDENS?

WALKING PATHS?

TREES?

TAKE THIS SHORT SURVEY!
Geographic Distribution of Surveys
Question 1: What water-related issues are of greatest concern in your community? Choose up to 3.

The pie chart below uses all survey responses collected to date.

- Reliance on imported water: 12.1%
- Trash, industrial contamination, and other pollution in streets and waterways: 29.8%
- Ocean pollution: 22.8%
- Flooding: 5.3%
- Drought: 30.0%
Question 1: What water-related issues are of greatest concern in your community? Choose up to three.

- Reliance on imported water - 9.1%
- Flooding
- Ocean pollution - 21.6%
- Drought - 23.9%
- Trash, industrial contamination, and other pollution in streets and waterways - 39.8%
- Other
Question 2: What do you want to see more of in your community? Choose up to three.

- Cleaner beaches & rivers
- Community gardens
- Trees
- Drought resilience
- Park maintenance
- Walking paths
- Bike paths
- Wildlife habitat
- LA river recreation opportunities
- Green schoolyards
- Public recreation facilities
- Flood protection
- Other

Figure 2: This bar chart represents what community members would like to see in their community. At the top of the list, we see clean beaches and rivers, at 29 answers (out of 159 responses from 41 surveys). The next highest include community gardens at 20 answers, trees at 18, drought resilience at 13 and park maintenance at 13. Note, some participants chose more than three answers.
Question 3: What is one outdoor area in your community that is in need of beautification or improvement? (Optional)

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Figure 3: This table summarizes the 24 open-ended responses to this optional question. The top three categorical needs identified were cleaner streets, park maintenance, cleaner beaches, and cleaner parking lots.
Question 4: List three things you **like** about your community. (Optional)

Figure 4: The word cloud pictured above identifies the most common words used in the optional open-ended responses, with the top four most frequently used words of people, parks, cleanliness, and quietness. Community events called out by name are the wine festival, the jazz festival and air shows.
Thank You!

Any Questions or Discussion Points?