

## OPPORTUNITY #18 - N. GAFFEY PEDESTRIAN PATH - ELBERON BRIDGE TO MIRAFLORES

This opportunity will remedy the fact that there is no pedestrian pathway along North Gaffey Street from the Elberon Bridge along Leland Park West to Miraflores. Pedestrians who wish to access Leland Park or traverse up to the animal shelter and commercial area that begins at Miraflores have no way to safely do so. Leland Park is a wonderful community resource that until recently had fallen into some disrepair. Recent actions by the City of Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks to restore a four (4) acre portion of the park with an enhanced baseball field, children’s playground, and adjacent pathways and community center have made the park a very attractive community resource once again.

The proposed sidewalk on the west side of Gaffey will create a safe and easy pedestrian access to the recreational resources at Leland Park. This will connect into the Park at the two (2) locations shown on this map and extend further into the Park via the proposed new pathways shown in Opportunity #17.

There are two (2) options for installing a new sidewalk that would not require either the removal of the iconic palm trees or the construction of a very expensive retaining wall. One option is to meander the sidewalk around the palm trees. This option would likely still require retention of soil on the uphill side of each palm tree, but not a full length retaining wall the entire length of the path along the hillside. The second option would be to convert the existing bike lane into a dedicated protected (with bollards) pedestrian and bicycle pathway. Implementation of either option will require a B-Permit for the work within the street right-of-way.

This project would also have two short pathway connector branches to connect the path to the terrace pathways within the park. These connectors will require approval by the Dept. of Recreation and Parks, and is covered by Opportunity #17.

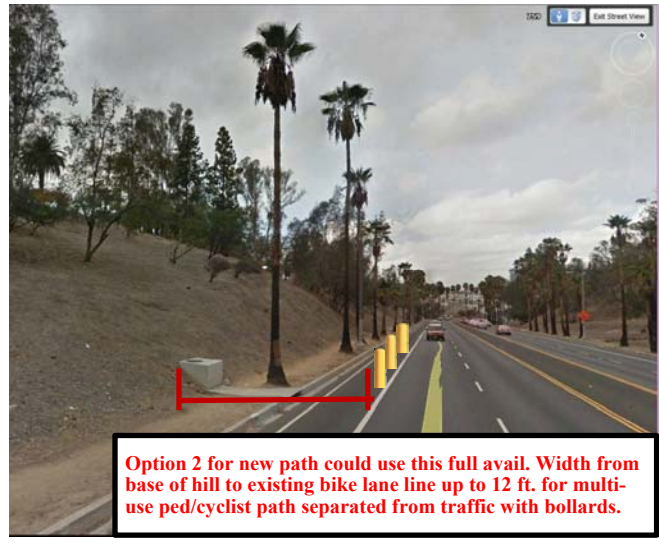
The photos on this and the next page depict different locations along the proposed path with additional observations as applicable.



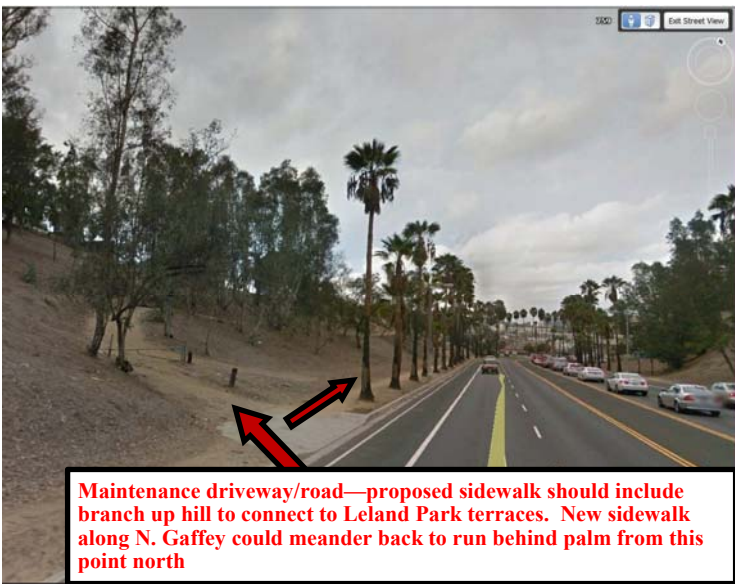
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**Slope drainage will need repair. Edge of hillside may allow sidewalk meander around palm trees with minimal retention.**



**Option 2 for new path could use this full avail. Width from base of hill to existing bike lane line up to 12 ft. for multi-use ped/cyclist path separated from traffic with bollards.**



**Maintenance driveway/road—proposed sidewalk should include branch up hill to connect to Leland Park terraces. New sidewalk along N. Gaffey could meander back to run behind palm from this point north**



**Location where new ped path will connect with existing sidewalk.**