



## Press Release

**City of Artesia, California**

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#### City of Artesia Breaks Ground on Historical District Recreational Trails

Mayor Ali Taj, Mayor Pro Tem Sally Flowers, and Councilman Victor Manalo were joined by representatives from the Artesia Historical Society, the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, the program manager and the work crew, as well as landscape architects, Art Alaniz and Stephanie Harris, to break ground on the City's Historical District Recreational Trails. The groundbreaking ceremony on November 7, 2017 was the result of more than four years of diligent work by the City Council, as well as City staff, to develop plans for the new bike and pedestrian trail system. Having received Los Angeles County Metro's approval of the plans in early October, the City wasted no time breaking ground on the project and preparing it for future use by the community.

The Historical District Recreational Trails are a significant component of the City's transportation oriented development in the downtown area. The trail system will be developed in the Metro right of way from 183rd Street to 187th Street, and will provide additional alternative transportation access from Artesia Park, the South Street bike lane, and shopping and dining amenities. The trails will also beautify this corridor with native plantings, lighting, and overall upkeep.

These trails will eventually provide a connection to the new commuter transit train Metro is developing in the same right of way. The diligent effort of City Council will result in the terminus of this line in downtown Artesia at Pioneer Blvd., connecting Artesia to Union Station in Los Angeles without the use of freeways. The project has the potential to carry over 70,000 riders per day, many of whom will end up in Artesia patronizing our restaurants and businesses – a wonderful growth opportunity for the community.

These trails represent significant progress toward the City Council's larger vision of a walkable, livable community connected without the need for cars.

View pictures of the event, [here](#).

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