City of Bell


Bell (incorporated in 1927) is located 8.1 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Its current population ranks 49th in Los Angeles County. Bell is located within the older, central industrial area of Los Angeles County, next to the Los Angeles River. Its land uses are mixed and include residential, commercial and industrial. The job base is moderate, with jobs concentrated in manufacturing, utilities, retail trade and services. The median income in the city was $23,262 in 1989. The population is 86% Hispanic; the average household size is 3.8.

Issues

- There are no designated bike trails in the city.
- Gangs and graffiti are problems which need to be addressed.

Adopted General or Recreational Plans

- Almost the entire area within one mile to the east of the Los Angeles River is designated major industrial. Land west of the river is designated medium-density residential.

Jurisdictional Planned Projects

- None.

Recommendations Based on Master Plan Goals

- Develop a greenway within the easement along the eastern edge of the river.
- Develop greenway access and recreation-related businesses along parking lot at Florence.
- Connect the city park to the river along Gage.
- Develop a joint city rail-to-trail project along Randolph.
- Tie greenbelt plantings into the reclaimed water line project.
- Develop anti-graffiti programs.
- River Drive could be widened to provide a walking trail along the river.