

AZUSA

The Azusa City Council recently approved plans to redevelop portions of a golf course near the San Gabriel River.

The Azusa Greens project, slated for a property at 919 Sierra Madre Avenue, would involve the redevelopment of roughly 40 acres of the golf course of the same name. Formerly a full 18-hole course, the site has been reduced to 16 holes, and would be further reduced to nine holes after completion of the new project.

Overton Moore Properties, which owns the site, intends to build a senior housing complex on the northern portion of the golf course site, on land abutting the club house. Plans call for 38 buildings containing 30 duplexes, triplexes, and stacked flats for residents aged 55 years and older. The nearly 20-acre southern section of the course would give way to six new tilt-up concrete industrial buildings with offices. Plans call for a total of 353,000 square feet of space, and buildings rising up to 38 feet in height.

The remaining 53 acres of the golf course would be retained in place, including a nine-hole course, clubhouse, and driving range.

AO is designing the senior housing, with MJS serving as landscape architect, according to plans approved by the City Council. HPA is designing the industrial buildings.

Overton Moore's project joins a handful of developments replacing golf courses in L.A. County, including a new proposal which would bring nearly 400 homes to a portion of the Woodland Hills Country Club property.

BALDWIN PARK

The City of Baldwin Park welcomed a new era of active transportation on Feb. 14, with the Grand Opening Ceremony for the newly finished Baldwin Park Greenway. This pathway connects the community like never before and gives residents direct access to nature, major job hubs and key destinations in Baldwin Park.

The Greenway spans 2.3 miles and features an ADA-accessible, protected pathway for bikers and pedestrians, fully separated from vehicular traffic. Running along the east side of the San Gabriel River, the trail connects Ramona Boulevard to Walnut Creek Nature Park and Baldwin Park Boulevard. Users can enjoy river views, ample lighting along the path and at trail entrances, benches, bicycle racks, water fountains, bike fix-it stations and drought-tolerant, native landscaping.

“The Greenway completion marked another milestone in Baldwin Park’s journey toward active, connected public spaces,” said Baldwin Park Mayor Daniel Damian. “This safe and sustainable transportation option improves mobility, public safety and quality of life while offering residents new ways to experience the City. We are grateful to the incremental and regional funding sources that made this project possible and our project partners: Metro, Caltrans and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.”

The project advanced the City's broader effort to revitalize Walnut Creek Nature Park and strengthen regional connectivity to the San Gabriel River and the Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area. Designed for bikers, walkers and runners of all ages and abilities, the Greenway provides a safe and peaceful alternative to busy City streets while improving access to regional destinations, including nearby employment centers such as the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center. A future 2.6-mile extension will extend the Greenway from Walnut Creek Nature Park to Hilda L. Solis Park, creating a comprehensive five-mile network of connected pathways.

The City proudly extends its appreciation to all staff, project funders and partners whose collaboration made the Baldwin Park Greenway a reality. This project was made possible through funding support from the California Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program, L.A. County Proposition C, California Transportation Development Act, a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2009 grant, the California Natural Resources Agency and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

CHINO

The City of Chino is proud to announce that the recently opened Chino Rancho Park has been honored as a 2025 Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association (APWA), Inland Empire Branch.

The award recognizes exceptional public works projects in the Inland Empire that demonstrate innovation, sustainability, and community impact. City of Chino staff were on hand to receive the award on Thursday, January 22, at Spaggi's Event Center in Fontana.

Opened in March 2025, Chino Rancho Park is Chino's first public park to open in more than 20 years. The park transformed a vacant lot into a vibrant neighborhood space featuring an all-inclusive playground, the City's first pickleball courts, and an outdoor exercise area. The park's theme pays tribute to Chino's agricultural roots and incorporates bricks salvaged from historic downtown Chino buildings.

Since its grand opening, Chino Rancho Park has quickly become a community staple and serves as a model for equitable, sustainable, and community-centered park development.

Chino Rancho Park was made possible through a \$2.8 million grant from the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program, \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman, and \$1.6 million from the City's park fund. The construction of the park also supported workforce development through the California Conservation Corps.

Chino Rancho Park is located at 5325 Phillips Boulevard. To learn more about the City of Chino's vibrant and award-winning network of parks and open spaces, visit cityofchino.org/cspr.

CHINO HILLS

Construction is taking place for a water main replacement project on Ramona Avenue. Work will be performed by the City's contractor, Genrty General Engineering, Inc., and is expected to be completed by late August 2026, weather permitting. During construction, Ramona Avenue will be fully closed between Bird Farm Road and Mesa Boulevard, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm daily, excluding holidays. Detour signage and traffic control measures will be in place to guide motorists around the closure.

The project will replace approximately 750 feet of aging water main with a new 12-inch PVC pipe and includes the installation of new valves, fire hydrants, and service laterals. In addition to the water system upgrades, the project will also include roadway and pedestrian improvements such as new curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, a pedestrian island, street grinding, asphalt overlay, and updated pavement striping and markings.

The City appreciates the community's patience during construction as these improvements help maintain reliable infrastructure and enhance roadway safety. For questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact the Engineering Division at (909) 364-2770.

Detour Routes:

A detour map is included below to help motorists navigate the temporary traffic changes. Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead and allow extra travel time when traveling in the area, especially for school drop-off and pick-up.

Southbound traffic: Use Monterey Avenue to travel east, then head south to Bird Farm Road.

Northbound traffic: Use Mariposa Avenue northbound, then turn west onto Mesa Boulevard to travel back to Ramona Avenue.

COVINA

The City is gearing up to submit an application for Caltrans ATP Cycle 8 Funding. If awarded, the City would use these funds to improve Second Avenue and Rowland Avenue, including expanding and updating bicycle lanes and improving pedestrian paths and crosswalks. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/4toKM90 to provide feedback. The survey takes about 3 to 5 minutes to complete.

DIAMOND BAR

Motorists traveling through the interchange of the Orange (57) and Pomona (60) freeways in Diamond Bar will face a series of weekend closures in March as construction continues on a major traffic improvement project, officials announced Tuesday.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments said the closures are part of the SR-57/60 Confluence Project, which aims to improve safety and traffic flow at the busy interchange.

According to the American Transportation Research Institute, the roughly two-mile stretch is the worst truck bottleneck in California and the seventh worst in the nation, carrying about 350,000 vehicles daily.

Additional closures are planned from midnight Saturday, March 21, until 8 a.m. Sunday, March 22 and again from midnight Saturday, March 28, until 8 a.m. Sunday, March 29, when the westbound 60 Freeway will be closed along the same stretch.

Officials said several ramps and connectors in the area will also be closed during construction, including the Grand Avenue bridge over the freeway. Signed detours will be in place, and motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes and allow extra travel time.

LA PUENTE

The City of La Puente has announced their Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) is an employment support program designed to assist homeless veterans or those at risk of homelessness, including individuals in transitional housing, shelters, or participating in programs such as HUD-VASH and SSVF.

America's Job Center, 1460 E. Holt Ave., Suite 130, Pomona, CA 91767
(909) 242-7999

Benefits:

Employment Assistance

Job Training

Linkages and Support Services

Housing Assistance

Child Care Support

For more information, contact Rudolph Andrade, Senior Case Manager at randrade@mcscareergroup.com or (909) 326-4777 | (213) 563-2443.

LA VERNE

At its March 2 City Council meeting, the La Verne City Council adopted a resolution formally opposing a proposed 0.5% Los Angeles County sales tax increase that is expected to be placed before voters at the June 2, 2026 election.

Because the proposed measure would exceed the current statutory cap on local sales taxes, implementation requires approval from the State Legislature. Assembly Bill 1768 has been introduced to authorize Los Angeles County to increase the tax cap and move forward with the countywide sales tax measure. The City Council has also officially submitted a letter in opposition to this legislation.

The City Council expressed concern about the direct impact the proposed tax increase would have on residents and local businesses. A higher countywide sales tax would increase the cost of everyday purchases for households while adding additional pressure on small businesses that are already navigating rising operating costs. The City Council also noted that residents in Los Angeles County already face some of the highest cumulative sales tax rates in the state.

Mayor Tim Hepburn emphasized the importance of opposing the legislation and ensuring greater transparency regarding the use of taxpayer funds. "In the past, our residents have contributed to countywide sales taxes without seeing a fair return for our community," said Mayor Hepburn. "This proposal would create a general sales tax that allows the County to spend the funds with broad discretion, and there is no guarantee that the revenues generated in La Verne would come back to benefit our residents. That lack of certainty is a significant concern for our City."

While the City of La Verne recognizes the importance of maintaining strong healthcare and public health services across the region, the City Council believes solutions should not come at the expense of local fiscal sustainability or the ability of cities to meet the needs of their communities.

Residents are encouraged to contact their elected officials regarding AB 1768. To learn more about the City's legislative advocacy efforts, visit LaVerneCA.gov/Legislation.

ONTARIO

The City of Ontario has been honored by the Riverside Press Enterprise and the Inland News Group as an Inland Empire California Top Workplace 2025.

The award is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a confidential, third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC. The winners are recognized for their commitment to fostering a workplace environment that values employee growth, empowerment, respect and support.

This marks the third consecutive year that Ontario has earned an Energage Top City Award. The City's team is staffed with approximately 1,500 full-time and 250 part-time diverse and talented employees who work to support a common goal of providing excellent service to the community.

POMONA

Over the past several years, Siemens has invested more than \$690 million in U.S. manufacturing, strengthening American industry and job creation.

One result of this major investing effort is our expanded state-of-the-art facility at Pomona, California, which will be a central part of our effort to help transform U.S. manufacturing for the digital age.

Siemens invested \$95 million to expand electrical-product production at the Pomona site and expects that the facility will generate 123 new jobs when the expansion process is complete.

The Pomona facility is already producing critical low-voltage electrical equipment such as switchboards and lighting panels. It will play a key role in expanding America's manufacturing capabilities for essential electrical infrastructure that supports AI data centers, as well as for industrial, commercial, and construction markets, positioning it as a leading hub of innovation and efficiency in the state of California.

This facility is also on target to achieve LEED Gold certification, meaning that the facility will be carbon neutral and incorporate advanced water and power metering, a battery energy storage system and rooftop solar arrays. The canopy solar system will generate an estimated 1,638 MWh of power annually, powering 32-percent of the building's energy needs and delivering an impressive 33-percent energy cost savings of the building's operations.

The site expansion, occurring in two strategic phases, marks a transformative development for this legacy facility built in 1972. The completion of the first expansion phase involved the construction of the new 100,000-square-foot greenfield manufacturing facility adjacent to the existing building. The next phase, currently under development, will further enhance the site with 46,000 additional square feet of capacity by rebuilding, expanding and reimagining the existing facility. Upon completion, the new plant will be three times the size of the original 1972 factory.

The investment and expansion of our Pomona site is just one part of the latest chapters in Siemens long history of strengthening the company's American manufacturing footprint.

Other recent investments include: A \$36 million investment in our Wendell, North Carolina facility to expand its fabrication capacities, customer experience and workforce training. A \$220 million investment in a new rail-manufacturing facility in Lexington, North Carolina, to establish a bicoastal "Made in America" rail-manufacturing footprint, and an expansion to our existing electrical products

manufacturing plant in Grand Prairie, Texas, to meet booming demand for the electrification of critical infrastructure.

Siemens investments in U.S. manufacturing and infrastructure go beyond individual projects—they are a strategic force behind our efforts to meet the rapid growth of America’s energy needs and the broader economy. By leveraging cutting-edge technologies, Siemens is driving digitalization and automation, enhancing efficiency and creating thousands of skilled jobs across the nation. These initiatives support critical sectors like energy and transportation, helping to strengthen America’s leadership in global manufacturing and innovation. Siemens is proud to play a central role in modernizing U.S. infrastructure and ensuring its long-term competitiveness in the digital age.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Southern California-based firms Redwood West and Panattoni, in partnership with Prime Finance and Prism Places, have acquired Victoria Gardens, a 1.2 million-square-foot lifestyle retail center located in the Inland Empire city of Rancho Cucamonga. New York City-based Brookfield Properties, a subsidiary of Brookfield Corp., sold the open-air mall for \$530 million. Ares Real Estate provided debt financing for the transaction.

Built in 2004, Victoria Gardens is one of the largest regional malls in Southern California, with more than 30 buildings on 12 blocks, as reported by the Los Angeles Times.

Victoria Gardens was 98 percent leased at the time of sale and attracts more than 14 million visitors a year, according to Redwood West. The center is home to 160 specialty retailers and restaurants including Apple, lululemon, Chanel, Gorjana, Sephora, Nike, Zara, AMC Theatres, Shake Shack, Tecovas, The Cheesecake Factory, Warby Parker, Fleming’s Steakhouse, Sweetgreen and Macy’s.

In addition to retail and dining, Victoria Gardens features a cultural center, public library, performance venue, multiple public plazas, parks, gardens and office space.

The new ownership plans to invest more than \$50 million into the property, with immediate improvements focused on enhanced landscaping, new signage, revitalized common areas and the continued curation of retail, dining and experiential offerings.

In collaboration with Prism Places, Redwood West and Panattoni will oversee leasing, operations and property management at Victoria Gardens.

SAN DIMAS

In-N-Out has signed a lease to occupy an entire 98,500-square-foot office building at 924 Overland Court in the San Dimas Corporate Park in San Dimas, according to CoStar.

In-N-Out’s corporate headquarters is currently at 4199 Campus Drive, Suite 900 in Irvine, but the fast-food company announced last year, as part of a company reorganization, that it would leave its Orange County offices and move back to Baldwin Park, the LA County suburb where the restaurant was founded nearly 77 years ago.

The company had announced plans to move employees to an office in Baldwin Park and a new hub in Tennessee by the end of 2029.

WALNUT

Staff will be processing the sale of \$500,000 in restricted Prop A funds with the City of West Hollywood. In exchange, the City will receive \$350,000 in unrestricted General Fund revenues that may be used towards essential City services, including Public Safety.

The City receives an annual allocation of restricted Prop A funds, which are to be used on public transportation projects. These funds, however, have a shelf life of three (3) years, meaning the funds must be used within three (3) years from the date received. Otherwise, the funds will need to be returned to Metro.

The sale of Prop A funds to West Hollywood will in no way impact any current or planned transportation-related improvement projects within the City, and the annual receipt of additional Prop A funds from Metro will ensure future projects can be implemented.