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## ***Residents and Visitors to Experience a New Community Vision for Pacific Boulevard in Walnut Park***

**Walnut Park, Calif.** – The County of Los Angeles and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) *Go Human* campaign invite residents and visitors to bike, walk, skate or roll to *Camina en Walnut Park*, a free street festival to be held on Saturday, June 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The goal of the event is to allow residents and visitors to test out and provide feedback to the County on potential street improvements along Pacific Boulevard.

*Camina en Walnut Park* will bring together friends and neighbors to enjoy free family-friendly activities including a bike rodeo, bicycle repair station, local performers, giveaways, music, a County resource fair and more. The event will feature a multi-use walk and bike path and crosswalk enhancements on Pacific Boulevard. Residents and visitors can test these temporary street improvements that make walking and biking easier, safer and more enjoyable.

“Nothing is more important to me than the safety of our residents, and safety awareness is exactly what we are promoting in Walnut Park,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. “As the County moves towards ‘Vision Zero,’ it’s important that we design our neighborhood streets as safe places where families can feel comfortable walking and biking. By taking the community’s ideas into consideration, I believe we can improve our quality of life, promote physical activity, reduce obesity, and clean our air – all while keeping people safe.”

The event is a culmination of Supervisor Solis and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health’s engagement in the Step by Step LA County Community Pedestrian Plan for Walnut Park, which aims to address concerns over pedestrian safety. The event route is located near several schools and local businesses making Pacific Boulevard a frequent destination for students and families. *Camina en Walnut Park* initiates recommendations set forth in the Community Pedestrian Plan by demonstrating street improvements that make it safer for people walking in Walnut Park.

Supervisor Solis will speak at a press event this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the event hub located in the YWCA parking lot, 7515 Pacific Blvd., Walnut Park, CA 90255. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Interim Health Officer Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH, Director of Los Angeles County Public Works Mark Pestrella, Director of the YWCA Supervisor Gloria Molina Empowerment Center Maria Elena Chavez and SCAG Regional Council Member Ali Saleh will also be in attendance.

“Camina en Walnut Park is a great example of how our local infrastructure can be reimagined and redesigned,” said Dr. Gunzenhauser. “Safer, more walkable sidewalks and crosswalks at major intersections are part of our collaborative plan with Walnut Park and other communities. This will enable people to feel safe enough to get away from using their vehicles and choose to connect with their neighborhood on foot. Our goal is to promote physical activity while also increasing access to goods, services, and resources for all.”

SCAG’s *Go Human* campaign is working with cities and counties across Southern California to develop open streets events and safety demonstration projects, such as *Camina en Walnut Park*, which promote safety while encouraging people to walk and bike more.

“With events like *Camina en Walnut Park*, we hope to share the many benefits that result from investments in active transportation infrastructure,” said SCAG Regional Council Member Ali Saleh. “Making it easier for people to walk and bike in their community increases foot traffic to local businesses and improves quality of life for residents through increased physical activity, reduced pollution and less time spent in traffic.”

The public is intended to experience what these proposed changes could be like permanently. Attendees are encouraged to attend this free street event on foot or by bike, scooter or skateboard.

*Camina en Walnut Park* is the product of a partnership between the [County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health](#), [Clean Transportation Funding – MSRC](#) and [SCAG’s Go Human campaign](#). For more information, visit [GoHumanSoCal.org/Camina-Walnut-Park](http://GoHumanSoCal.org/Camina-Walnut-Park).

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### **About SCAG**

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### **About Go Human**

Due to the increase in traffic collisions involving people walking and bicycling, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), launched Go Human, an active transportation safety and encouragement campaign. Go Human aims to increase the number of people walking and biking and decrease the number of collisions that involve people walking and biking. The campaign is a collaboration between SCAG and the health departments and transportation commissions from six counties in the region; Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura. For more information, visit: [www.gohumansocal.org](http://www.gohumansocal.org).