

Alex Baum Bicycle Bridge is newest link in LA River Bike Path

(May 10, 2002) The opening, Thursday, of a new \$2.2 million bicycle bridge jointly funded by the MTA and the City of Los Angeles is the newest link in the Los Angeles River Bike Path.

Local officials and bikers were out in force for the dedication of the 680-foot Alex Baum Bicycle Bridge that spans the LA River at Los Feliz Boulevard. The bridge is named for Alexandre Baum, 78, founder and chairman of the Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee since 1973.

Baum was cited by Councilman Tom LaBonge for helping create hundreds of miles of bike paths in the city and for his efforts to "expand biking as recreation, for health and as an alternative to cars...."

"We have Alex to thank for prodding us at the MTA to fund about \$7 million for various bike projects all over Los Angeles County annually," said MTA Board Chairman John Fasana. "The Alex Baum Bicycle Bridge is today part of a 500-mile circuit that we hope to expand to 1,800 miles in the future."

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^ The Alex Baum Bicycle Bridge spans the Los Angeles River at Los Feliz Boulevard.



^ LaBonge, Baum and MTA Board Chairman John Fasana took a moment for the camera during the bridge dedication event.



^ Former LA Mayor Richard Riordan (left), Councilman Tom LaBonge, Alex Baum and Councilman Eric Garcetti celebrate the opening of the new bike bridge.



^ Alex Baum speaks at dedication ceremonies.