Soto Street Bridge Over Mission Road Bridge Removal and Improvement Project

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El Sereno Senior Citizen Center
Project Site Location
Soto Street Bridge
Soto Street Bridge

View from Soto Street Bridge Looking South

View from Soto Street Bridge Looking North
Soto Street Bridge
Background and History

- Soto Street Bridge constructed in 1936

- Joint Venture between City of Los Angeles and Pacific Railway Company to enhance public safety

- Grade separation for the Pasadena Short Line of the Pacific Railway System

- Railroad tracks removed in early 1960’s and converted for automobile use

- Configuration - single northbound lane and a single southbound lane

- Limited roadway width between existing bridge piers
Site Characteristics

- Located in Council District 14
- Within Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan
- Designates Huntington Drive, Mission Road and Soto Street in the project area as routes for Class II bike lanes
- Surrounding topography is moderately sloping
- Commercial land uses and single-family residences
- Undeveloped hillside largely comprised of open space
Project Description

- Remove Soto Street Bridge
- Construct 2 new signalized intersections
  - Soto St and Mission Rd/Huntington Drive
  - Huntington Dr and Huntington Dr South/Radium Dr
- Construct dual new frontage roads with cul-de-sacs
- Provide green space, landscaping and tree planting
Objectives of Bridge Removal

- Remove existing functional obsolete bridge (Caltrans Bridge Inspection Report)
  - Inadequate vertical and horizontal clearances,
  - Insufficient curb-to-curb width
  - Substandard bridge railings
- Improve traffic flow and mobility in the region
- Increase traffic and pedestrian safety
- Remove community barrier (the Bridge)
- Beautify the neighborhood by providing green space and landscaping
Existing Conditions


Soto Street Bridge over Mission Road and Huntington Drive South

Figure 3: Existing Conditions
Existing Traffic Pattern
Existing Traffic Conditions

Exhibit 3

1994 - 2000 Accident Records

- Total Number of Recorded Accidents: 47
- Total Number of Injuries: 36

Number of Accidents

Right Angle  Fored  Rear End  Side Wipe  Head On  Overturn

Accident Type
Proposed Project


Figure 4: Proposed Project
Proposed Project Rendering

Soto – Before and After Project Improvements

Existing Conditions

Future Conditions with Project Improvements
Landscape
Estimated Completion Traffic Volume

Soto Street Bridge Removal Project

Completion Year Traffic Volumes

Diagram showing traffic volumes at various intersections.

Legend:
XXXA: Average Daily Traffic Volumes
XX (AM/PM): Peak Hour Traffic Volumes

No Scale
Traffic Control

- 3-stage traffic control per LADOT will be implemented during construction
- At least one traffic lane in each direction will be maintained at all times
Project Funding

- Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) Grant
  - 80% HBP for Design
  - 88.53% HBP for Construction
- City Matching Funds - Proposition G (Seismic Bond) and Proposition C
  - 20% City Match for Design
  - 11.47% City Match for Construction
- Metro (MTA) Grant
- Total Estimated Construction Cost is $12.6 Million
Estimated Project Schedule

- **Environmental**
  - *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)* – Negative Declaration Adopted by City Council on December 4, 2004
  - *National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA)* – Categorical Exemption Approved on Feb. 25, 2003

- **Design** - December 2011

- **Right-of-Way** – June 2012

- **Bid & Award** – July 2012

- **Begin Construction** - December 2012

- **End Construction** - December 2014
Project Benefits for Neighborhood Communities

- Substandard bridge removed from public use
- Improve traffic flow along Mission Road, Huntington Dr., and Soto St.
- Increase traffic and pedestrian safety
- Remove the barrier dividing the community
- Beautify the neighborhood by providing green space and landscaping
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Questions & Comments

Thank you for your participation.