Soto Street Bridge Over Mission Road Bridge Removal and Improvement Project

City of Los Angeles

Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering
Bridge Improvement Division

Huntington Drive Elementary School
COMMUNITY MEETING
February 4, 2013
Soto Street Bridge
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View from Soto Street Bridge Looking South  View from Soto Street Bridge Looking North
## Past Public Outreach

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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


Figure 3: Existing Conditions
Existing Traffic Pattern
Existing Traffic Conditions
Proposed Project

Proposed Project
Proposed Project Rendering

Soto – Before and After Project Improvements
Landscape

SOTO ST. BRIDGE REMOVAL PROJECT
TREES TYPES AND LOCATIONS
WITHIN THE PROJECT CORRIDOR

Street Trees
(Sidewalk/Parkway Outside of Apartment Building Frontage)

- Pink Trumpet (Handroanthus Heterophylla)
- Eastern Redbud (Cercis Canadensis)
- Evergreen Pear (Pyrus Kamakami)
TREES TYPES AND LOCATIONS WITHIN THE PROJECT CORRIDOR

Street Trees
(In Front of Apartment)

Lemon Gum
(Corymbia Citriodora)
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Peninsula Islands

White Adler (Almus Rhombifolia)

Coast Live Oak (Quercus Agrifolia)

California Sycamore (Platanus Racemosa)
Estimated Completion Traffic Volume

Soto Street Bridge Removal Project
Completion Year Traffic Volumes

- 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
- Pedestrian access shall be maintained at all times
- Emergency and City services will be notified of traffic control prior to construction
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 $13.1 Million**
Estimated Project Schedule

- **Environmental (Completed)**
  - *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 (Completed)**

- **Right-of-Way (Completed)**

- **Advertise Project** – February 2013

- **Award Project** – June 2013

- **Begin Construction** – Fall 2013

- **End Construction** – Fall 2016
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.