Under the Soto St Bridge.
BOE states Bridge has substandard vertical clearance; standard vertical clearance is 14-feet 6-inches. As picture shows, the bridge has vertical clearance of 14-feet. A 6-inch difference is what BOE is using as the excuse to tear down this historic landmark.

Six or more inches can be gained by scrapping it off the street. This easy alternative and reasonable argument for saving the bridge ignored. Instead, BOE finds it cheaper and thinks it’s justified to tear it down.
Part of the neglect allowed; the bridge is home to many pigeons, whose dropping and carcasses litter the bridge floor.

The neglect has gone unchecked, purposely making the historic bridge dirty and old. By labeling the bridge an eyesore, BOE can state that demolishing the bridge will help get rid of blight in the community.
Side view of the Art Deco design and construction on bridge.
In 1998, the City Council approved $180,000 to upgrade the Bridge's railings, stating that: The Bridge located on Huntington Dr at Soto Ave, in the community of El Sereno, has a metal beam guardrail (MBG) that is outdated, damaged, and unsafe. The guardrail needs to be replaced with a modern standard MBG to protect the public safety and welfare. The City: appropriate $180,000 and authorized the Bureau of Engineering, through the Board of Public Works, to be the lead agency to direct and coordinate this replacement project.
The guardrails were never upgraded. BOE’s reason: why waste money on a bridge that will eventually be torn down. This was over 15-years ago. The money was instead transferred elsewhere; the safety improvement was left undone. Council File 98-0753
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