



Cabrillo Bridge Retrofit Laurel Street Overcrossing Project

FACT SHEET

GOALS

Improve the structural integrity of the bridge;

Improve safety and accessibility; and

Preserve this historically significant bridge.

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PRESERVING THE BRIDGE

The State Route 163 (SR-163)/Laurel Street overcrossing is also known as the Cabrillo Bridge and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a city of San Diego landmark. Built in 1915, the bridge needs to be retrofitted for seismic strength and the corroded steel and unsound concrete replaced. The project would help improve the structural integrity of the Cabrillo Bridge and ensure the safety of the traveling public passing under the structure and across the bridge. The city of San Diego is responsible for the seismic retrofit/rehabilitation project. Caltrans proposes to take a lead support role in the implementation of this seismic retrofit/rehabilitation project to ensure its timely completion.

GATEWAY TO BALBOA PARK

The Cabrillo Bridge provides access to Balboa Park for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, and links travel to Sixth Avenue, a parallel arterial of SR-163. About 108,000 vehicles a day travel the portion of SR-163 under the bridge, providing access for tourism to Balboa Park with two lanes under each bridge span.

CONTRIBUTORS

The estimated cost for this project is \$38 million. The project will receive federal funding with matching dollars from the city and state for project support under a cooperative agreement.

TIMELINE

Construction is scheduled to begin May 2013 and end late summer of 2014. Pedestrians and vehicles will have full access to the bridge except for a three-month period beginning in January 2014. Pedestrian access will be uninterrupted. The portion of SR-163 under the bridge will be minimally impacted.

