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 will 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 has agreed 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.

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

NEARING COMPLETION
Construction began September 2013 and included retrofitting the bridge and repaving the bridge deck. Also included was the installation of lighting for the bridge columns to enhance nighttime aesthetics. Crews are expected to complete the remaining interior bridge work in early 2015.