

# 6<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting # 7 Project Update and Environmental Analysis Results

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Meeting: with CAC Members:

Meeting Date: 10/28/2008 6:00 p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Location: Boyle Heights Youth Technology  
Center

Jim Bickley, Spilo World Wide  
Kevin Break, Break Photography  
Laurie Perlowin, Boyle Heights Resident  
Teresa Marquez, Boyle Heights Homeowner and Resident Association  
Peter Kahn, Cal Fiber  
Joaquin Castellanos, Boyle Heights Resident  
Ross Valencia, Boyle Heights Resident  
Art Herrera, Boyle Heights Resident  
Shelly Backlar, Friends of the LA River  
Michael Buhler, LA Conservancy  
Carol Armstrong, LA River Revitalization Committee

Attendance: Team:

Yoga Chandran, CH2M Hill  
Wally Stokes, LABOE  
Glenda Silva, DSO  
Dick Chan, Moffatt & Nichol  
Walter Quesada, Moffatt & Nichol  
Anne Kochaon, Parsons  
Steve Thoman, David Evans and Associates, Inc.  
Jeff Bingham, Parsons  
John Koo, LABOE  
, LABOE Realty Dept

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## Meeting Summary:

The CAC # 7 Environmental Analysis Results meeting, was held with 11 attendants of the 35 invited individuals. The objective of CAC # 7 was to update CAC members on current project status and present the Project Development Team's (PDT) environmental analysis results. All members received in advance a copy of the CAC #6 meeting minutes and a copy of the meeting agenda. The meeting started with a quick introduction by the Project Development Team for invited CAC members. All invited members were given a copy of the power point presentation. Jeff Bingham and Steve Thoman, bridge engineer facilitated the meeting. All members were encouraged to ask questions at all times during the tour.

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## Questions and Comments:

Questions, comments, and input raised by the CAC members during the meeting are summarized below:

- Will the environmental document be available to the CAC before it goes public?
- Will all alternatives presented tonight be included in EIR study?
- Does the slide with the projected costs include teardown and construction?
- Last meeting we had talked about bike lanes, turning lanes and pedestrian sidewalks, has any of that changed?
- Will the bridge stay the same width?
- When will the PDT present the final design?
- Will the design be presented to the community before the recommendation is signed and is it prudent to show it to the public before hand?
- We need to stop talking about retrofit; CAC agrees bridge should be replaced with a new design.
- Boyle Heights gets treated like a second class citizen, lets expedite the replacement process and eliminate bureaucratic red tape
- We should not expedite the process until all environmental requirements are met
- Why did the replication of the old bridge did not make it for consideration in the environmental analysis?
- It's disappointing to know that bridge might not be replaced with a replica.
- There is nothing special about the Dual Tower Extrados Bridge that was presented tonight.
- We would like to see fewer pillars to have future access to river.
- We need to make sure we are going to be proud of this design for the future?
- The new design must be spectacular; with the use of lighting we can make the new bridge a symbol for Los Angeles.
- Will the lighting be solar?
- Will be good benefit for Downtown and Boyle Heights to bring new bridge design concept.
- Someone from the PDT should call the City to replace the lights that were damaged during the recent copper thefts.
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## Next CAC Meeting:

Next CAC meeting was tentatively scheduled for February or March 2009.

## Action Items:

- Send meeting minutes to CAC members
- Set Date for CAC#8
- Creation of aesthetics committee in the future

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