

6th Street Bridge Meeting with Boyle Heights NC Quadrant 4 Meeting Notes

Meeting:	with Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Quadrant 4	Meeting Date: 03/12/07 6:00 p.m. – 7:30p.m.
Attendance:	Wally Stokes, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Jim Wu, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Glenda Silva, DSO Paola Ruvalcaba, Chair Quadrant 4 Isela Gracian, ELACC Community Organizer Juan Jimenez, Resident Peter Romero, Resident	Location: ELA Community Corp 530 S. Boyle Ave Los Angeles, CA

Introduction

A meeting was held with four members of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Quadrant 4, to discuss the proposed improvements to the bridge and reason for public involvement. The meeting began with an introduction of the team members, followed with a brief power point presentation on the project. Wally Stokes explained the importance of community participation to obtain consensus and understanding on the purpose and need of project. He explained that a community advisory committee is being formed to obtain community input. He also pointed out how the community advisory committee group will aid in addressing the public's concerns.

Meeting

Mr. Stokes explained that one of the project's main objectives is to help the community understand the purpose and need for the project. He also explained the importance of addressing the community's concerns and suggestions while the project is being developed. Wally explained that the creation of a community advisory committee is the best way to have community involvement and the suggestions that come forth from the meetings will be considered during the design phase. He made it very clear to the group that all suggestions and concerns will be taken into consideration.

Questions Asked

- Knowing the history with the bridge, can the Bridge be preserved, instead of modernization?
- What is AD Bid?
- If the middle pillar would be removed, what type of bridge would be built- a suspension bridge?
- How much traffic travels on the bridge?
- How much will it cost to be built?
- How much will it cost for a retrofit?
- How will the properties be obtained for this project?
- Are there any trucks that travel the bridge?
- Where will you store the construction equipment in Boyle Heights?
- How will the new look of the bridge impact the river revitalization plan?
- What is the condition of the 4th St Bridge that goes over the river?
- How do you start knocking down the bridge?
- Can lamps and lighting fixtures be preserved?
- Why were the lamps from other bridges taken to Fairfax?

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Comments

- All work on Bridge has historical and artistic value; the bridge should be replicated to preserve original architectural design.
- Boyle Heights is my backyard and I know that people are not readily aware of what the bridge is encased with; the community needs to be educated about this project.
- The bridge needs to be replicated.
- City Councilman Art Snyder explained to Mr. Juan Jimenez that all of the lamps from other historic bridges were removed and relocated to Fairfax.
- Do not block Boyle in your detour plan.
- Restore Historical Bridge with a replica and to off set the cost make the bridge a toll fee for an estimated time to generate adequate revenues to contribute toward cost.

Action Items:

The team needs to verify if we have submitted notice of intent / preparation.
The team needs to research history on lamps that were removed from other bridges.