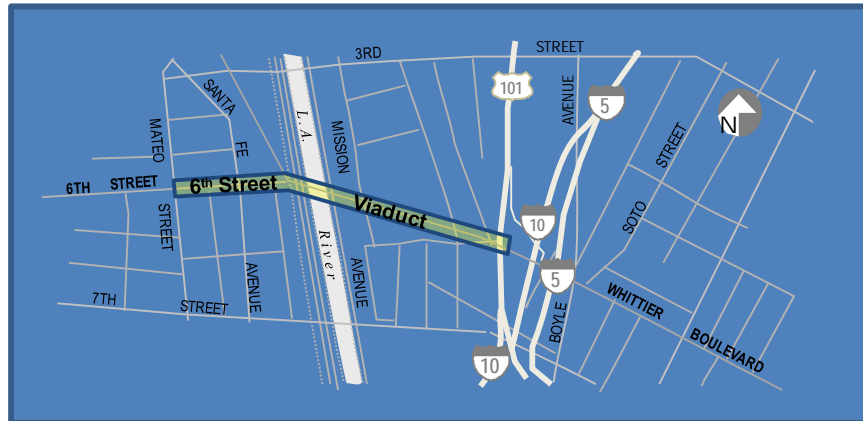


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF STUDIES

6th Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The City of Los Angeles (City) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) propose to seismically improve the 6th Street Viaduct over the Los Angeles River. The 3,500-foot long 6th Street Viaduct was built in 1932. The proposed project is needed to safeguard this critical Los Angeles River crossing from failure in a major earthquake by either retrofitting the existing structure or replacing it entirely. Over the past 75 years, the concrete elements of the viaduct have been degraded by an ongoing chemical reaction, known as *Alkali Silica Reaction (ASR)*, which has led to significant deterioration of the structure and loss of its seismic integrity.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The City and Caltrans have completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS), which evaluates the potential impacts of the No-Action, Viaduct Retrofit, and Viaduct Replacement alternatives. This Notice is to inform the public of the availability of the DEIR/EIS for your review and comment.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

A copy of the Draft EIR/EIS is available at the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, Bridge Improvement Program (221 N. Figueroa St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA 90012); Caltrans District 7 Building (100 S Main St, Los Angeles CA 90012). Benjamin Franklin City Library (2200 E 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90033); Little Tokyo Branch City Library (244 S. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012); and Los Angeles City Council District 14 (1870 E 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033). The report can also be accessed through the Project Website at <http://www.la6thstreetviaduct.org>; City Website at http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental_Review_Documents.htm; and Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/>.

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Public participation and input are important for the City to move forward with the proposed project. We encourage you to review and comment on the DEIR/EIS. You may submit written comments to Wally Stokes, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, Bridge Improvement Program, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or Carlos Montez, Division of Environmental Planning, 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please send your comments no later than August 17, 2009.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Two public hearings will be held to provide you with the opportunity to obtain first-hand project information and to express your comments and concerns about the proposed project. The public hearings are scheduled on Tuesday July 14, 2009 at Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center, 2839 E 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90033 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday July 21, 2009 at Inner City Arts, 720 Kohler St., Los Angeles, CA 90021 at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meeting will start with an open house for review of project exhibits, followed by a presentation and questions and comments. In addition, an agency coordination meeting will be held at Caltrans District 7 Building (100 S Main St, Los Angeles CA 90012) at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 14, 2009.

CONTACT:

For more information about this study or any other transportation matter, contact Wally Stokes, Environmental Coordinator, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, 213-202-5580 or at wally.stokes@lacity.org; or Carlos Montez, Caltrans Senior Environmental Planner, 213-897-9116 or at carlos.montez@dot.ca.gov.