

# 6<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project

## Public Scoping Meeting #3

### Meeting Minutes

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#### Attendants:

Rosalie Gurrola, Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Member  
Ruben Marquez, Boyle Heights Resident  
Joe Linton, Livable Places  
Magnus Walker, Serious Clothing  
Karen Walker, Serious Clothing  
Arthur Torres, Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council  
Jesse Leon, Council District 14  
Edgar Garcia, Office of Planning Resources  
Laurie Perlowin, Boyle Heights Resident  
Rebecca Delgado, Boyle Heights Historical Society  
Martha Cisneros, Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council  
Kevin Break, Kevin Break Photography  
Xavier Moreno, Boyle Heights Resident  
Victoria Torres, Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council  
Tom Williams  
John Mimms  
Lewis Mac Adams, Friends of the LA River

Meeting Date: 08/16/2007, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Boyle Heights Youth Technology Center  
1500 E 4th St, Los Angeles 90023

#### Team:

Wally Stokes, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering  
Jim Wu, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering  
Tony Torres, DSO  
Glenda Silva, DSO  
Dick Chan, Moffatt & Nichol  
Grace David, LABOE  
Jeff Bingham, Parsons  
Anne Kochaon, Parsons  
Carlos Montes, Caltrans  
Cameron Millard, Caltrans

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#### Meeting Summary:

The project development team and the City of Los Angeles hosted the third scoping meeting on August 16, 2007 at the Boyle Heights Youth Technology Center to provide the opportunity for the general public to provide input and comments on the Notice of Preparation and Initial study for the 6<sup>th</sup> St Viaduct Improvement Project released on July 23, 2007. During the first half of the meeting, the attendants were first allowed to view the project area maps and the project alternatives under study, and to ask questions directly to the project team members. On the second half, the project team presented the attendants with the power point presentation which contained the information about the project background, the purpose and need of the project, the public involvement process, the project status, the environmental process, and the overall project schedule. At the end of the presentation, the attendants were allowed to ask questions to the project team members. Both meetings lasted two hours each.

#### Questions and Comments:

- Do you have a specific green space boundary or mission for the project?
- Do you have a proposed truck collection plan?
- If the bridge traffic averages 11,000 trips per day, the speed limit should not be 50 mph.
- If the bridge is retrofitted it should be at the same standards as other bridges.

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- Project scope should be to preserve the current historic scale.
- Will the EIR include a study of the existing configuration?
- Current standards of the bridge are not safe and should be corrected.
- Can you explain the different elevations?
- How long will the retrofit take?
- Where will the additional funding come from?
- Are the retrofit options currently funded?
- A higher bridge is not safer?
- Do not bother with the 6<sup>th</sup> St Bridge and widen the smaller bridges.
- How do your designs compare with City Planning Department guidelines for traffic?
- There is a value in maintaining footprint just like the N. Broadway project.
- Keep original elements and make a green project.
- Replace the main towers that were removed.
- Can you provide a study of the retrofit steel casing?
- 6<sup>th</sup> St Bridge project is a great opportunity for the Bike program to get bike lanes, we lost that opportunity on the N. Broadway project.
- Bike riders have a difficult time riding on the bridge with the kink and no bike lanes.
- The Eastbound to Westbound grade has a high dropout that is unsafe for bike riders. Grade change should be made on the new design.
- I am a member of the Audubon Society and I have concerns regarding water and soil contamination, will EIR include these studies?