

CALIFORNIA INCLINE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FACT SHEET



The Project

The City of Santa Monica, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is planning to reconstruct the California Incline Bridge to meet current seismic standards.

The incline extends a distance of approximately 1,400 feet from the intersection of Ocean and California Avenues at the top of the Palisades bluffs to the Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) at the base of the bluffs. The bridge portion of the incline is 750 feet long and currently consists of an 8" concrete slab supported on transverse floor beams made of concrete.

Summary

The proposed project entails demolition of the existing bridge and construction of a new bridge at the same location. The new structure would include a wider sidewalk and bicycle lanes. The north and south ends of the incline would remain a three-lane roadway that terminates at a signalized intersection. The new bridge would consist of a pile supported reinforced concrete slab structure with a width of 51-feet 8-inches, an increase of 5-feet 8-inches over the existing structure.

Benefits

This project will correct deficiencies in the bridge and make it safe for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian use. Replacement of the bridge would ensure that the new structure would be built to current seismic standards and would be available for long-term use and access by the community.

The California Incline qualifies for replacement under the Highway Bridge Program (HPB) and therefore 88.5% of the cost to rebuild can be paid for with Federal rather than local funds.

Project Cost

To Be Determined (Approximately \$15,000,000)

Project Status

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) approved the City's Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / Environmental Assessment (EA) on 4/27/2012 and issued a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). On 7/10/2012 the Santa Monica City Council will review the EIR/EA and have the opportunity to adopt a resolution certifying the EIR and adopt a resolution adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and making necessary CEQA findings.

Project Schedule

Construction Begins: Summer 2014 (Tentative)
Construction Ends: Winter 2016 (Tentative)

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