

# FAIR OAKS BRIDGE

## REHABILITATION



# FACT SHEET

SPRING 2013



### PROJECT BENEFITS

- ★ Comprehensive improvements to the bridge structure to meet current seismic standards and extend the service life of the existing bridge deck.
- ★ A new sidewalk to increase pedestrian safety and provide easier crossing access.
- ★ Widened and clearly marked bike lanes to increase bicyclist safety and provide easier crossing access.
- ★ Improvements to intersections where the bridge touches down at Kifer Road and at Evelyn Avenue.
- ★ Potential upgrades on Hendy Avenue to improve mobility under the bridge.
- ★ Enhanced and upgraded structure will result in a more visually pleasing design.

Spanning the Caltrain tracks and East Hendy Avenue, the Fair Oaks Bridge was constructed in 1967 to accommodate vehicular traffic on Fair Oaks Avenue. The bridge is regularly inspected by Caltrans and maintained by the City of Sunnyvale. The structure is listed on the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Eligible Bridge List (EBL) for rehabilitation work and funding. Significant maintenance and repair would eventually be needed if the bridge remains in service without rehabilitation.

The City of Sunnyvale (City) is planning to rehabilitate the Fair Oaks Bridge by widening the bridge deck to bring roadway and shoulder widths up to current design standards and improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The rehabilitated bridge will retain a total of four travel lanes for cars, but will be widened to allow for the addition of a standard-sized sidewalk and wider-than-existing bicycle lanes.

ACTIVITY	DATES
Project Scoping Meeting	Spring 2013
Preliminary Project design and Environmental Studies	Spring 2013 – Fall 2013
Release of Draft Environmental Document/Public Open House	Fall 2013
City Council Public Hearing/ Decision on Project	Late 2013 – Early 2014
Project Construction*	2015

In addition, the project includes improvements at the intersections where the bridge touches down at Kifer Road and at Evelyn Avenue. The project may also include enhancements to Hendy Avenue that would improve mobility under the bridge. These improvements will enhance bridge safety and accessibility.

The City of Sunnyvale is the project sponsor and lead agency for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Because the City will receive federal funding for the project, it is also subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

\*Pending City Council approval and funding availability





The City of Sunnyvale and Caltrans completed a Preliminary Environmental Study (PES)\* in July 2010 as the first step to determine the level of environmental review needed for the project. Working together, the City and Caltrans will prepare a single, joint environmental document intended to satisfy both CEQA and NEPA requirements.

The project cost is estimated at \$21.9 million for preliminary engineering, right-of-way work, and bridge construction. Funding will come through a mix of Highway Bridge Program (HBP) and local City of Sunnyvale funds once the project is approved.

\*A Preliminary Environmental Study is required for federally funded projects. It serves to identify environmental studies needed as part of the environmental document, time to complete the studies, and risks associated with the assumptions.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Go to the project website at [FairOaksBridge.com](http://FairOaksBridge.com) for more information or to be added to the project mailing list.

Call the City of Sunnyvale Project Administration Answer Point at: **(408) 730-7605**.

