

# FAIR OAKS BRIDGE

## REHABILITATION



# FACT SHEET

WINTER 2014



View of proposed Fair Oaks Avenue Bridge

In service since 1967, the Fair Oaks Avenue Bridge – located between Kifer Road and Evelyn Avenue – crosses over both the Caltrain tracks and Hendy Avenue. Regularly inspected by Caltrans and maintained by the City of Sunnyvale, the bridge is considered safe for driving but in need of a substantial rehabilitation. If the bridge remains in service without rehabilitation, significant and costly maintenance and repair will be needed.

As part of the bridge rehabilitation, the City plans to enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities while maintaining four travel lanes for automobiles. The east side of the bridge deck will be widened by about 7 feet to accommodate a separated sidewalk and wider-than-existing bicycle lanes. Further pedestrian improvements are planned for the intersections where the bridge touches down at Kifer Road and at Evelyn Avenue. In addition, some of the bridge columns will be relocated to provide additional clearance and visibility to the portion of Hendy Avenue located beneath the bridge.

The next steps in the process involve release of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and preliminary bridge design for review and comment. Once these documents are finalized and approved by City Council, further engineering work will continue with the anticipation of construction starting in spring 2015. During construction, at least one travel lane will be maintained in each direction for both vehicles and bicycles. The City will replace any trees that need to be removed by construction operations.

### 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 to enhance pedestrian safety.
- ★ Realignment of Hendy Avenue to improve safety and mobility under the bridge.
- ★ Enhanced and upgraded structure will result in a more visually pleasing design.
- ★ The existing pedestrian overcrossing will be removed after bridge construction is complete.

ACTIVITY	DATES
Public Meeting	February 19, 2014
Release of Draft Environmental Document/Public Open House	Spring 2014
City Council Public Hearing/ Decision on Project	Summer 2014
Project Construction	Spring 2015 - Summer 2016

In order to expedite the overall construction process, the City plans to close the portion of Hendy Avenue below the bridge for up to 6 to 8 months. The pedestrian crossing over the Caltrain corridor will be maintained until bridge construction is complete.

The project cost is estimated at \$22 million for design and bridge construction. The project will be funded through a mix of federal and local funds.



## PROJECT LOCATION



## 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. You can also call the City of Sunnyvale Public Works Department at **(408) 730-7605**.

