

# 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 will replace the existing bridge with a new wider bridge at the same location. The new structure will include bike lanes as well as a sidewalk. 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 \$20,000,000)

## Project Status

The design is complete all permits have been obtained. Federal funding has been authorized and the project will be publicly bid and awarded to a qualified contractor. The contractor will be expected to expedite the project to return this route into operation.

## Project Schedule

Construction Begin – Winter 2015

Project Complete – Spring 2016

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