



I STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE & WALKING TOUR

OCTOBER 09, 2014

3:30PM - 6:30PM - WALKING TOUR AT 5:30PM

STANFORD GALLERY

111 I STREET, SACRAMENTO

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento are in the early planning phase of building a new “neighborhood friendly” bridge across the Sacramento River. A new bridge, located upstream of the existing I Street Bridge, will provide better access for bicycles and pedestrians and will serve motorists more efficiently. The existing I Street Bridge will remain in place for the commuter and freight trains that travel the bridge daily, but all other modes of transportation will be shifted to the new bridge.

OPEN HOUSE PURPOSE

On October 9, 2014, 46 community members attended the second open house meeting at the Stanford Gallery in Old Sacramento from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the second community open house was to provide the community with an opportunity to provide input at the start of the project environmental review process. The open house provided the project background, schedule and current phase of work, environmental considerations, information regarding input collected at first meeting, and maps demonstrating the different local planning areas near the I Street bridge. Representatives from the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento and the project consultant team were available to discuss the project and answer questions.



Following the community open house, the project team took community members on a walking tour along the Sacramento River. The walking tour aimed to provide the community with more site context. Highlights included some of the environmental considerations, opportunities to create better access between the City of Sacramento and the riverfront, and the identification of the structures that will be removed as part of the process. The end of the walking tour offered a station to provide additional feedback and ask project team members any additional questions.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Community open house post cards were mailed to more than 6,000 local residents and businesses. In addition, notification flyers were sent via e-mail to vicinity businesses, community groups, neighborhood associations, and interested individuals. A news release was coordinated through and distributed by the City of Sacramento, Department of Public Works.

OPEN HOUSE FORMAT

The open house provided community members the opportunity to visit different information stations with project team members available to answer questions as well as a walking tour along the Sacramento River.





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INFORMATION STATIONS

At each of the stations, members of the project team were available to discuss the project and to answer questions. The following list shows the information that was included at each station.

WELCOME TABLE

- This station included sign-in sheets, a sheet providing answers to frequently asked questions, and a comment card to provide input. Members of the project team were available to explain the open house layout.



PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

- This station included a map of the project area detailing some of the local environmental considerations. A board detailing the project schedule, showing opportunities for community input, was also included.



WHAT WE HEARD

- This station included a project area map illustrating feedback received from the first community meeting, as well as the bridge aesthetics board.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- This station included information regarding potential environmental issues. Additional comment cards were available for feedback, and representatives from the project team knowledgeable about the environmental impacts were available to answer questions.



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

- This station included maps and information about other planning areas near the I Street Bridge. A map showed the Washington Specific Plan area, Railyard s Specific Plan area, Power House Science Center, River District Specific Plan area, and the Bridge District. The planning areas were overlaid on the street grid. Handouts were available with links to the plan documents.



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WALKING TOUR

The Walking Tour began near the Railroad Museum and made several stops on the way to the final destination, the Water Intake Structure, where the project team pointed out the proposed area of the bridge. Discussion topics along the walk and stops included:

Stop 1 Discussion included:

- I & J Street viaducts

Stop 2 Discussion included:

- Existing bridge
- Navigation channels
- Limits of West Sacramento demolition
- C Street viaduct

Stop 3 Discussion included:

- Demolition limits on Sacramento side
- Bat habitat

Stop 4 Discussion included:

- Jibboom viaduct
- Environmental constraints
- Trail plans
- Sakura Hanami Plan for Cherry Blossom trees

Stop 5 Discussion included:

- Railyards Boulevard
- Historical Central Shops

Stop 6 Discussion included:

- Location of new bridge
- Bike crossing under bridge





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COMMUNITY INPUT

Ten community members submitted feedback via comment cards about bridge design and aesthetics, access, construction, and environmental considerations. The following comments were submitted on comment cards:

BRIDGE DESIGN

- Since the I Street Bridge will remain, the new bridge design should mirror the design and not try to compete with the Tower Bridge or modern design. It should keep with the existing home town look; the concepts A, B, & C should be modified to keep the area warm and friendly with trees and landscape...City of Trees. Vision to below boating and fishing is important.
- Possible concept of bridge design: the bottom picture is similar to gold mine shafts. This is gold country!
- A design that honors the historical appearance of the adjacent I Street Bridge.
- A design that maximizes visibility of the river viewing.

ACCESS

- Provide sufficient space for mixed flow pedestrian & bike traffic.
- Analyze conflicts at bridge terminal between bikes, pedestrians, and vehicles.
- As a daily commuter by car across this bridge, my concerns are wider lanes for vehicles and faster opening time to allow for boats to pass.
- The project plan needs to mitigate the impact on bike commuters and pedestrians during construction by providing a reasonable and safe detour (off-road preferably) that does not require travel at a significant distance from the existing bike path.
- The bridge needs to be two lanes each direction, for a total of four lanes or it is not worth the money to build it. With the amount of commute traffic coming in and out of West Sacramento, there needs to be additional lanes. If the only reason for the new bridge is pedestrian/bike, it's not worth it, especially after the money spent to widen the bike/pedestrian path on the Tower Bridge.
- You should leave I Street Ramp in so people could use it for bike and walking path. The metal ramp was there when I was a child, and I am 70 years old.

CONSTRUCTION

- Construction detours need excellent signage and outreach.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- Analyze light pollution.
- Lighting is also a big part of environment. At night the lights should be very low or motion set. Upstream there has been a lot of better lights and their changes help salmon. Then they get here and WOW! Too much lighting. They stop and become dimmer.
- First input of hard copy regarding light on the rivers and impact on salmon. I present six different cases of light and predation of salmon. (See Appendix)

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

- GREAT PLAN!!!



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ATTENDEE INFORMATION PER TITLE VI VISUAL TALLY

GENDER	
Men	24
Women	17

ETHNICITY	
Hispanic or Latino	8
Not Hispanic or Latino	37

DISABILITY	
Yes	0
No	45

RACE	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	2
Black or African American	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
White	35
Other	0

AGE	
Under 40	9
Over 40	36



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APPENDIX



OPEN HOUSE COMMENT CARD

Please share your thoughts, comments, or questions about the project or potential environmental effects

Name _____
 email _____
 phone _____

You may submit your comments to staff tonight or directly to Ciara Zanze at czanze@aimconsultingco.com or fax (916) 442-1186.

Environmental Scoping Meeting



Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014
3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 Walking Tour 5:30 p.m.
 Stanford Gallery
 111 I Street, Sacramento



Join the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento for a second open house meeting to get an update about the I Street Bridge Replacement Project. A new low-level, neighborhood friendly bridge upstream of the I Street Bridge is being planned to provide better access for bicycles and pedestrians, and serve motorists more efficiently.

The project is entering the environmental assessment phase and this meeting is an opportunity for the public to provide comments or concerns related to potential environmental effects of the project. Input received will become part of the public record and will be considered during environmental studies.

Staffed information stations with maps and other project materials will be available from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Please drop by at your convenience. Join the project team for a walking tour to view the bridge location at 5:30 p.m. The tour will feature project area highlights and be approximately one mile, mostly on paved surfaces. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Explore the project location on a walking tour at 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact Ciara Zanze, czanze@aimconsultingco.com

For reasonable accommodation needs due to a physical disability that may hinder your participation, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator directly at (916) 808-8795.



Connecting Communities



For more information about approved plans in the vicinity, visit the links below.

City of Sacramento General Plan

<http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Long-Range>

City of Sacramento Railyards Specific Plan, River District Specific Plan

<http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Long-Range/Specific%20Plans>

City of Sacramento American River Parkway Plan

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/parksandrecreation/ppdd/pdf/sac-river-parkway-plan.pdf>

Old Sacramento State Historic Park - General Plan

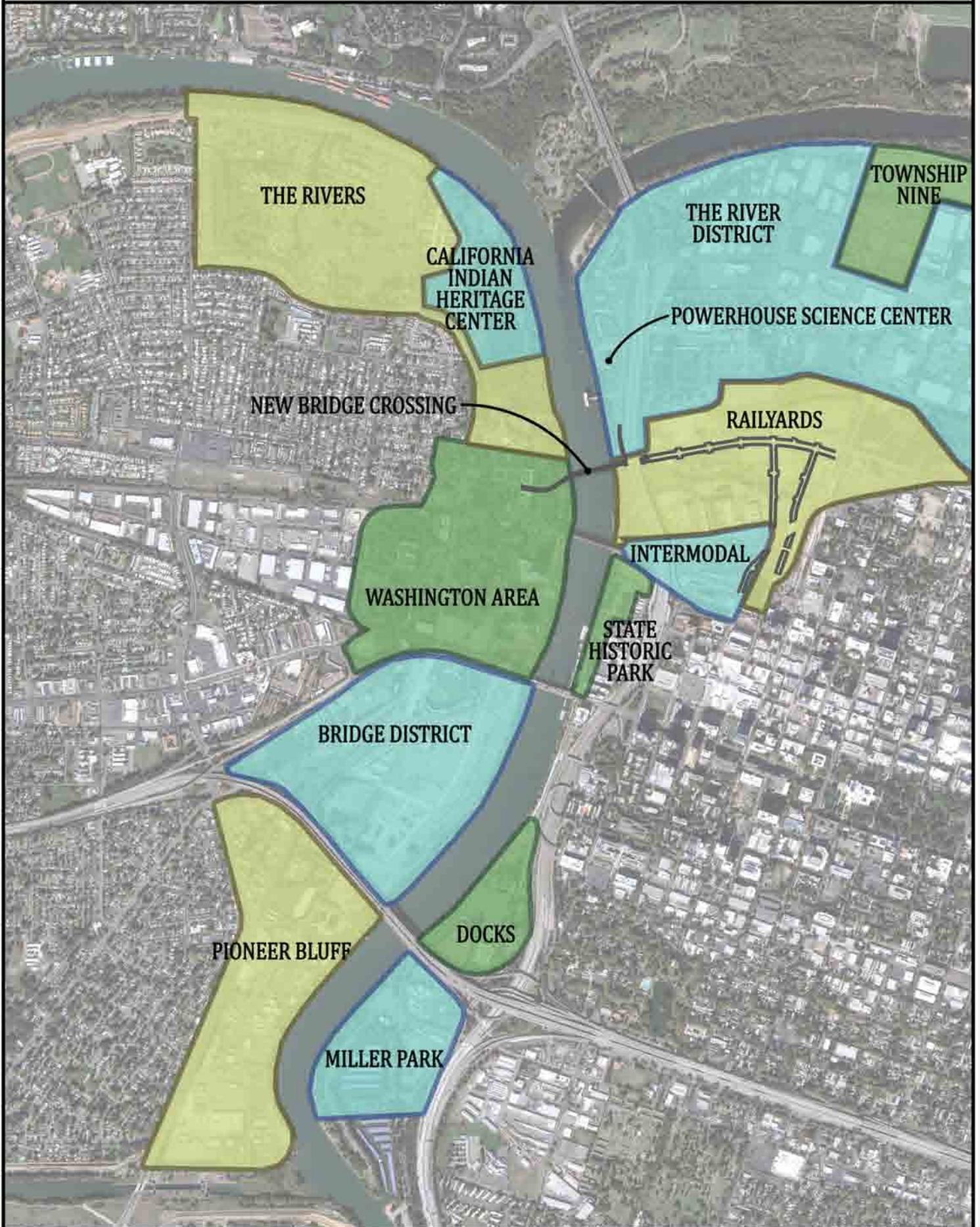
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26346

Power House Science Center

<http://www.powerhousesciencecenter.org/>

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Planned Developments in Sacramento and West Sacramento



Environmental Considerations

