I-5 Riverfront Reconnection Project

Frequently Asked Questions

What is this project?
The I-5 Riverfront Reconnection Project will result in a new, more accessible gateway into Old Sacramento. The new bridge will be constructed for cars, bicycles, and pedestrians from Capitol Mall at 2nd Street over I-5 to Neasham Circle. Additionally, the City is improving Capitol Mall bridge over I-5 by adding green bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and street planters. At the O Street bridge across I-5 adjacent to the Crocker Art Museum, the City will add wider sidewalks and new railings.

What are the objectives of the project?
The project will enhance connections to the riverfront, Old Sacramento, the Crocker Art Museum, and Capitol Mall. The City’s goal is to improve circulation and access for visitors going to some of Sacramento’s most popular destinations.

How is the project funded?
Funding is provided by federal and local matching funds. The estimated total project cost is $13.5 million.

What is the construction schedule?
The project is scheduled to begin construction in July 2015 and is expected to be completed in fall of 2016, ahead of the opening of Golden 1 Center.

Crews will be working Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Three construction weekends are scheduled for this fall. Weekend construction will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and will conclude at 5 a.m. on Monday morning. Weekend construction will not overlap with special events scheduled in Old Sacramento.

What closures or detours will be in place?
Beginning in July several detours and closures will be in place:

• Neasham Circle will be closed at 2nd Street. Signed detours will be in place for bicyclists, vehicles, and Old Sacramento horse carriage operators. Access to the One Capitol Mall garage will be maintained, with the exception of three weekend closures scheduled for this fall. Alternate parking will be provided during these closures.

• The southbound 3rd Street ramp onto Capitol Mall will be closed, right turning traffic from 3rd Street to Capitol Mall will be maintained directly from 3rd Street.

• Lanes will be reduced on the O Street bridge over I-5.

• Lanes will be reduced on Capitol Mall between 3rd Street and Front Street.

• Lanes on southbound I-5 will be temporarily narrowed and shifted towards the median of I-5 to make room for the construction zone.

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Will signage be used to direct visitors and out-of-town guests into Old Sacramento and the Crocker Art Museum?

Yes, “Open for Business during Construction” signage will be posted at key locations in Old Sacramento. In addition, detour signage will be used to direct visitors around the construction zone.

Will parking garages remain open?

The City Tower Bridge parking garage as well as the One Capitol Mall parking garage will remain open during construction. The One Capitol Mall parking garage northern exit onto Neasham Circle will have a left turn exit only. Access to the eastern entrance/exit to the One Capitol Mall parking garage will remain open to Front Street, with the exception of three scheduled construction weekends in the fall of 2015. During this time, tenants will be given vouchers to park at the adjacent Tower Bridge parking garage. Access to and from the City of Sacramento parking garage adjacent to the Tower Bridge will not be effected.

Will construction occur during special events in Old Sacramento?

No, crews will not be working during scheduled special events including Gold Rush Days. The project team will be working closely with the Old Sacramento Business Association to coordinate construction activities and keep businesses and tenants informed.

How can I get project updates?


Sign up for e-mail updates:
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