



## **Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement**

Project Update: April 2016

Crews have finished up the mountain-side of the new Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge, and utility companies are finishing up relocating utilities to the temporary pedestrian bridge. Traffic will shift on to the new mountain-side of the bridge on the night of Monday, April 11, 2016 with work occurring from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am. During the shift of traffic lanes, Cabrillo Boulevard will have alternating closures with a full closure when concrete barrier is moved between State and Anacapa Streets with traffic detoured along Castillo, Montecito, Yanonali, and Garden Streets. After the traffic switch, the temporary pedestrian bridge will also be open for use in the beach park.

### **Upcoming work:**

Night work will occur on April 11, 2016 to re-stripe traffic lanes, move concrete safety barriers, and switch vehicles onto the new mountain-side of the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge. Following the switch, Helena Avenue will re-open to vehicles. Left turns from Cabrillo Boulevard onto either Stearns Wharf (westbound vehicles) or onto Helena Avenue (eastbound vehicles) will continue to be prohibited to allow for construction of the beach-side of the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge.

“This is an exciting time for the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge project as the traffic switch marks the start of Stage 3 construction. Over the next year, crews will install new bridge supports, demolish the old beach-side of the bridge, and then rebuild it to today’s safety standards,” said Adam Hendel, project manager for the City of Santa Barbara. “Near the end of March, we were happy to give the local businesses a preview of the completed mountain-side of the bridge, and after we switch traffic we’d like everyone to stop by for a visit. The new half of the bridge is very nice, with wider sidewalks, a railing that coordinates with the 1920s concrete railing on the beach side, new creek walls, and enhanced pedestrians crossings.”

In Stage 3, improvements will also be made to Mission Creek banks, sidewalks, and park pathways. New native landscaping will be planted at the end of the project.

**Closures:**

Throughout Stage 3, the beach-side of Cabrillo Boulevard will remain closed near the bridge. One lane in each direction remains open during daytime construction on the new mountain-side of the bridge.

To accommodate the work area, the left turns from Cabrillo Boulevard to Stearns Wharf (westbound) and on to Helena Avenue (eastbound) are prohibited. Motorists can enter Stearns Wharf from State Street and eastbound Cabrillo Boulevard. Detour signs are in place to highlight access around the closures.

**Fall 2014 - Spring 2017:**

The Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project includes a new bridge, enhanced Mission Creek banks, and improved pedestrian areas. Cabrillo Boulevard, surrounding businesses, parks, Stearns Wharf, and the Arts and Crafts Show will remain open throughout construction.

For more information, please visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CabrilloBridge](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CabrilloBridge) or call [805-897-2637](tel:805-897-2637). If you have questions or would like to add/remove someone from these updates, please respond to this email.