



December 2020 Update

On December 2, we had excellent participation and turnout for the Initial Findings & Options webinar for the Mission Canyon Bridge Studies. Fifty people registered with additional people participating in the same households. After the initial presentation, we answered questions for approximately one and a half hours. The information shared, including a video of the webinar, is available online at www.MissionCanyonBridge.com.

We have received a variety of comments both before and after the webinar. If you haven't already sent in your thoughts, we encourage you to send in your feedback through the website or info@missioncanyonbridge.com. A summary of the comments received to date is below.

Next Steps

As discussed at the webinar, the Mission Canyon Bridge Studies team is working to set up a review with the California Office of Historic Preservation. We will review the same information shared at the webinar and ask for their feedback on the bridge options. After that, we will have a Concept Review with the City's Historic Landmarks Commission during the first quarter of 2021. We will send out the hearing date in the new year. Happy Holidays!

Summary of Comments

Structure:

- Doing nothing other than internal repair is not a good choice and delays what will have to be done later
- Prefer the double arch bridge
- 50 foot arch is better for water flow
- Historical structures are important to me, keeping them should not be done at the expense of pedestrian and bike traffic
- I would support improving the structural integrity of the bridge while keeping the current general aesthetic
- It is well worth changes to save lives and prevent serious injury
- Use practical improvements while keeping the ascetic and historical aspects
- Overkill to propose lighting on or near the bridge. No one should walk to the Natural History Museum after dark.
- The bridge should be saved.
- I've lived here 40 years and do not have problem with current bridge. Not dangerous if you are not speeding or looking at your phone.
- Preserve the beautiful stonework and historical part of town but a crosswalk and bike lane are worth looking at
- It's pretty but scary intersection. Please replace with pretty but safer bridge.
- Structural integrity is not declining just maintain structure
- Make historical structure
- Widen for more room to traveling public
- Fine the way it is/leave alone

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- Update to reflect today's transportation needs
- Save the bridge
- Maintain Chumash monitoring throughout studies (*Please note, Native American coordination is part of the studies process [though no archeological digs will occur]. Chumash members were at the kick-off and have graciously agreed to participate throughout the process.*)
- Preserve natural façade/keep historic look
- Add bike lanes
- Thank you for your effort to update the bridge
- Fix the bridge ASAP - Safety should be first priority
- The Mission Bridge does not only belong to the City of S.B.

Creek:

- Study fish passage and improvements
- Consider climate change as part of the studies.
- Create a swimming hole on the downside of the bridge
- Expand the biological survey to include removal of fish migration barrier
- Keep the rope swing and swimming pool area below the bridge
- Restore riparian area surrounding bridge
- Don't add inappropriate structures or features/stay natural
- Strategically placed boulders would help during large storms
- The last debris flow was more than 10,000 years ago in a different climate age so stop using it as a scare tactic

Roadway:

- We prefer the 2-path option.
- I feel strongly a continuous west side path from the Mission to the Natural History Museum is necessary
- The 2-path option is the safest for all users.
- Have you considered making it a single vehicle lane, the east side lane, one-way out of the city? the other lane could be for pedestrians and cyclist
- An open roadway will encourage speeders and racing through at night
- Cars drive too fast on Mission Canyon
- If the bridge is replaced, speed needs to be mitigated and the feel needs to stay intact
- Do not straighten roadway will increase speeding
- Reduce speed limit
- Try painting new illusion crosswalks to reduce speed
- Add bike lanes

Pedestrian Improvements:

- Safe walking and biking paths are the most important to me
- I hope for a pathway for cyclists and pedestrians to pass without being on the road

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- Adding pedestrian walkways and bike lanes on both sides of the roadway will do a great deal for safety
- Pathways on both sides
- Safer walking and biking paths
- Make more pedestrian friendly/safer
- Leave it alone
- Better sidewalks
- Walkways on both sides of the street
- Warning sign is ugly and makes pedestrians uncomfortable
- Move the walkway off the bridge

Other:

- Very nice options presented - excellent research and presentation
- We are going to get one chance in our lifetimes let's do it right!
- I prefer keeping the water trough where it is if possible
- Safety improvements at APS & Los Olivos
- So glad you are doing this
- Keep the Landmark listing
- Thank you for taking Vision Zero priorities into consideration when planning.
- Great presentation with thoughtful options
- The city needs to direct far more future funding to infrastructure and hardscape projects and less to soft but unaccountable projects and programs
- The entire Mission Ridge is an earthquake fault and hasn't moved in 11,000 years
- Increase community tile or stone art pieces
- Opposed to all studies
- Roundabout at APS & Los Olivos
- Block access to large pipes so kids don't walk across them
- Complete this project as quickly as possible