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Chapala Street Bridge Replacement: Construction Has Begun

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Construction on the Chapala Street Bridge Replacement project has begun. The City of Santa Barbara has selected Granite Construction as the general contractor. During construction, the intersection of Chapala and West Yanonali Streets (near the Amtrak Train Station) will be closed.

“The Chapala Street Bridge, originally built in 1909, has been deemed structurally deficient by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), so we are very pleased to begin replacing it this summer. In addition to the new bridge we will be improving street lighting, on-street landscaping, and sidewalks,” said Adam Hendel, supervising civil engineer at the City of Santa Barbara.

Bridge construction will continue through the winter of 2014. The majority of construction will occur weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and some weekend construction may occur as needed. Since the bridge makes up the intersection of Chapala and West Yanonali Streets, the intersection will be closed during construction. Turnaround pockets will be available near the construction site to accommodate local traffic.

The new bridge will meet current structural and earthquake safety guidelines, is designed to complement the surrounding neighborhood, and allows greater visibility of Mission Creek. The majority of funding for the \$3.2 million bridge project was obtained through a federal grant from the Highway Bridge Program with the remainder coming from City funds.

The City of Santa Barbara will also replace two additional downstream bridges in upcoming projects as part of the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project.

For additional information, including project fact sheets in English and Spanish, please visit www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/ChapalaBridge or call the project helpline at (805) 319-5666.

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