



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Central Avenue Bridge Replacement Project?

The City of Montclair is partnering with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the County of San Bernardino to replace the Central Avenue Bridge over Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and State Street, which runs parallel to the railroad track on the south side.

Why is the project being considered?

The existing bridge, constructed in 1967, is approaching the end of its service life and requires additional travel lanes. The replacement bridge will support current and future capacity needs by adding an additional lane of traffic in both directions, addressing safety concerns, and improving commute and travel times along this important street.

How can I stay informed or get involved?

The first public meeting occurred in spring of 2021. Additional outreach and engagement activities will follow. Check out the project webpage at CentralAveBridge.com to learn more.

Who is involved in the project?

The City of Montclair, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the County of San Bernardino, and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).

What is the anticipated timeline for the project?

- Feasibility study: Prior to 2021
- Environmental review: Fall 2021
- Engineering phase: Fall 2021 through Fall 2022
- Construction phase: Starting Winter 2023

When does construction begin?

Construction is expected to start in Winter 2023.

Will there be bike lanes?

Yes, Class II bike lanes will be added to both sides of the bridge on the new structure.

Will sidewalks be added for both north and south bound travel?

Yes, sidewalks will be added to the bridge to allow for easy pedestrian access to schools, businesses, and homes.

What are the long-term benefits for the project?

- **Reducing traffic congestion** - The existing bridge is ready for retirement and replacing the bridge will improve traffic flow and reduce travel times.
- **Increasing road safety and response times for emergency responders** - Congestion caused numerous accidents along this section of Central Ave. as well as impaired response times for first responders.
- **Improving safety for bicyclists and pedestrians** - A new bridge will provide bicycle lanes and sidewalks for both sides of the bridge. This will make accessing work, home and other important destinations easier and safer for you and your children.
- **Improving safety when entering and exiting businesses** - Improved access means better business!

What is the estimated cost of the project and how will it be funded?

The estimated project cost is approximately \$30.2M. The project is primarily funded through federal sources (the Highway Bridge Program, with Caltrans Local Assistance oversight), along with state and local funding.

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