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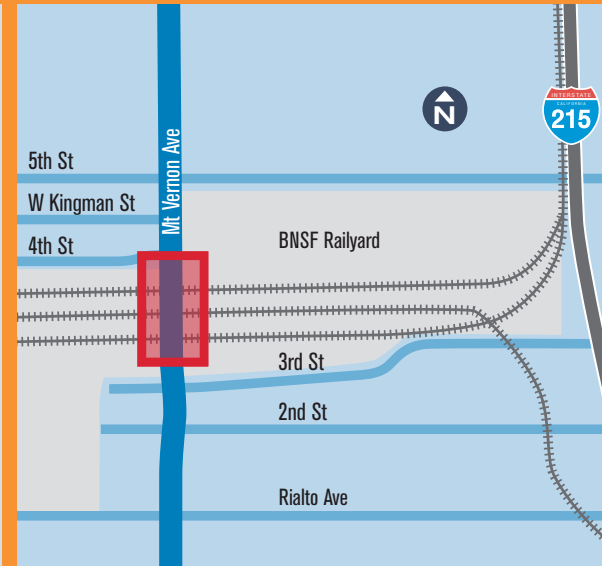
# MOUNT VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT

San Bernardino, CA

## Overview

Since opening to the public in 1934, the Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge has been an iconic structure, bridging San Bernardino communities to the north and south and serving as a vital link for residents, visitors, students and businesses. The community, like the bridge, has seen a great deal of change over the past 86 years.

Today the bridge is showing its age and is in need of desperate improvement. In the past 15 years, the bridge has been closed to traffic twice for critical repairs and has had temporary supports installed at different locations beginning in 2004. And, although it remains open to passenger cars and people walking and biking across the bridge, buses and trailer trucks are no longer permitted to use it. To ensure the safety and longevity of the bridge, the City of San Bernardino (City) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have partnered with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) to rebuild the bridge beginning in December 2020. The bridge will be disassembled and completely rebuilt – a process that will span approximately three years. Reconstruction of the new bridge will begin in 2022 and the new structure is anticipated to open in 2024.



## Project Benefits

The new Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge will include the following improvements:

- Design criteria will meet the latest structural safety and seismic standards.
- ADA compliant structure that features widened travel lanes, a center median, widened sidewalks and new bike lanes.
- Open for travel to pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and commercial vehicles.
- Features to capture the bridge's rich history.
- Ensure westside San Bernardino residents and businesses have a safe, reliable bridge that will continue to serve the community for generations to come.

## Funding

FEDERAL	\$171 Million
STATE	\$3.5 Million
CITY	\$26 Million
BNSF RAILWAY	\$29.5 Million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$230 Million</b>



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## Schedule

- FALL 2018**  
Completion and Approval of Final Environmental Document (Project Approved)
- DECEMBER 2020**  
Bridge Closed and Disassemble the Bridge
- 2022**  
Anticipated Completion of Final Design
- 2022**  
Anticipated Start of New Bridge Construction
- 2024**  
Anticipated End of Construction

## Frequently Asked Questions

### WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

In December 2020, construction will begin and the Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge will be closed to the public for approximately three years. Crews will begin the careful work of disassembling the old bridge a few weeks after it is closed. Once the bridge is disassembled, crews will begin work to clear a wider footprint for the new bridge. This includes moving buildings and a portion of the parking lot from the current configuration in the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Intermodal Yard. This will take approximately 18 months to complete. In 2022, once the area within the BNSF Railyard is cleared, crews will begin work to reconstruct the bridge, which will take approximately one year to complete. After reconstructing the roadbed to the bridge, the new Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge will open to the public in 2024.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

The Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge will be closed to all traffic (pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle) beginning December 21, 2020. While there will be no through traffic permitted across the bridge between 2nd Street and 5th Street, businesses on Mount Vernon Avenue (at 2nd Street and 5th Street) will remain open during construction and access will be maintained. The proposed detour will direct motorists at the north end of the bridge (Mount Vernon Avenue at 5th Street) to take 5th Street east (toward I-215), turn right on H Street/G Street, then turn right on Rialto Avenue, back to Mount Vernon Avenue. Motorists at the south end of the bridge (Mount Vernon Avenue at 2nd Street) will be directed south to Rialto Avenue, turn left on Rialto Avenue (toward I-215), turn left on G Street/H Street, then left on 5th Street, back to Mount Vernon Avenue. Construction activity will include heavy machinery and equipment, flashing lights and truck backup alarms, as well as earthwork, bridge work, and landscaping. Dust and other construction noise or similar disruptions may occur while construction is underway. Please be aware and use caution as workers and heavy equipment will be present. As always, safety is our first priority. To keep the public informed of construction progress and provide advance notice of disruptive activities, a regular construction alert will be sent out.

To receive more information and sign up for construction updates, visit [goSBCTA.com/mtvernonbridge](http://goSBCTA.com/mtvernonbridge) and click "GO" to subscribe.

### HOW CAN PEDESTRIANS CROSS THE RAIL YARD DURING CONSTRUCTION?

SBCTA has partnered with Omnitrans to provide a complimentary bus service to assist pedestrians, bicyclists, and the disabled, who might be impacted while the bridge is closed for construction. If you are interested in receiving more information about this service please call 877-55-SBCTA or email [info@goSBCTA.com](mailto:info@goSBCTA.com).

### HOW IS THIS PROJECT BEING FUNDED?

Funding is being provided through a combination of local, state, and federal sources, as well as funds provided by the BNSF Railway.

### WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR A CONCERN ABOUT CONSTRUCTION?

Our team is available by phone (877-55-SBCTA) or email ([info@goSBCTA.com](mailto:info@goSBCTA.com)) and committed to respond to you within 24 hours.

## We Plan.

The Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge over the BNSF Intermodal Railway Yard in the City of San Bernardino is showing its age and is in need of improvement. In December 2020 the bridge will be closed to traffic. The bridge will then be disassembled through mid-2021 and completely rebuilt – a process that will span approximately three years. Reconstruction of the new bridge will begin in 2022 and the new structure is anticipated to open in 2024.

## We Build.

The project will disassemble and replace the existing bridge. Improvements at the south end of the bridge will include retaining walls along both sides with 3rd Street closed during construction but opened to traffic permanently after construction is complete. On the north side retaining walls will also be constructed along both sides of the transition between the bridge and W. Kingman Street. Where Mount Vernon Avenue reconnects to W. 2nd Street and W. Kingman Street new curbs and gutters will be installed.

## You Move.

Once complete, the new structurally sound bridge will provide a reliable connection for westside San Bernardino communities for generations to come. It will include design features to capture the bridge's rich history and will include current roadbed design standards such as widened travel lanes, a center median, sidewalks, and new bike lanes. The new bridge will be open to everyone for travel, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and commercial vehicles.

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