

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CITY OF LOS ANGELES TAKES SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD ON THE SIXTH STREET VIADUCT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND RECOMMENDS SKANSKA/STACY AND WITBECK JOINT VENTURE AS PROJECT'S GENERAL CONTRACTOR****The project will employ the Construction Manager/General Contractor Method (CM/GC), the first time this method has been used on a City of Los Angeles Public Works project.**

LOS ANGELES (July 22, 2013)—City of Los Angeles officials today announced a major step forward in the replacement of the Sixth Street Viaduct, one of the city's most famous bridges. After a comprehensive review of proposals, the Bureau of Engineering (Engineering) has recommended the joint venture of Skanska/Stacy and Witbeck to construct the new \$400 million Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project. In a forward-thinking effort to achieve a high quality design and a more efficient construction process, Engineering will utilize the CMGC method to construct the new bridge. Under this method, the contractor will work hand-in-hand with Engineering and project design firm HNTB Inc. during the design phase. This is the first time this construction method has been used by Engineering and the Department of Public Works.

"Solving our infrastructure challenges requires doing more with less," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "We must refocus city government on core services like bridges and roads, but do so in new ways that save taxpayer dollars. I applaud the Bureau of Engineering and Department of Public Works for seeking innovative ways to increase efficiency."

"The bridge design by HNTB honors the history of the original, while boldly looking towards the future with major river, pedestrian, multi-modal, and community gathering features that will make it more than a means to travel, but a destination spot," said Councilmember José Huizar, who worked to bring an international design competition to the project. "I congratulate the Skanska/Stacy and Witbeck team for their successful bid and I look forward to them delivering this public project on-time and on-budget so that the residents of Los Angeles can enjoy in the near future what promises to be a bridge for the ages."

Constructed in 1932, the concrete in the existing Sixth Street Viaduct has been subject to an internal chemical reaction called Alkali Silica Reaction. This ongoing and irreversible chemical reaction has caused the viaduct's concrete to lose significant strength and has made the viaduct's replacement necessary.

"The CM/GC construction approach is a smart way to build. The contractor is right there at the table during the design phase. As a result, they can lend critical assistance to achieve the project's budget, aesthetic and sustainability goals. The result is better quality design and a smoother construction phase" explained City Engineer Gary Lee Moore. "The Skanska/Stacy and Witbeck team understands our commitment to partnership and demonstrates an exceptional ability to work collaboratively with the design team as well as the Boyle Heights and Downtown Arts District communities, and the Design Aesthetic Advisory Committee."

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The new viaduct design captures a “Ribbon of Arches” concept that refers to and amplifies the sweep and style of the viaduct’s original look. In line with the City of Los Angeles’ new emphasis on supporting all modes of transportation and encouraging sustainable design of public projects, the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project integrates bicycle and pedestrian access, open space and direct connections to the LA River as part of its unique design. Construction activities will begin in 2014.

Visit the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement project website for meeting schedules and additional project information at <http://sixthstreetviaductreplacement.org>.

About Bureau of Engineering

The Bureau of Engineering is dedicated to transforming Los Angeles into the world’s most livable city. To achieve this goal, Engineering is committed to the designing and building ecologically advanced City-funded public buildings and facilities. Engineering also oversees projects involving bridges, parks, streets, wastewater treatment plants, sewers and storm drains. By managing an efficient system for permitting all construction in the public right-of-way and managing the City’s online mapping system, Engineering supports the continued economic development of Los Angeles. Engineering has a work force of more than 700 engineers, architects, environmental specialists, geologists, landscape architects, surveyors and support staff, and an annual operating budget of \$167 million, with 400 active projects totaling \$2.9 billion.

Skanska/Stacy and Witbeck

Skanska/Stacy and Witbeck have joined forces to deliver the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project. Founded in 1884, Skanska has built bridges and major highway projects in Southern California for 90 years. Specializing in traditional and alternative project delivery methods, Skanska has worked on 40 design-build projects and has received 12 partnering awards for Southern California projects in the last six years alone. Stacy and Witbek was founded in California in 1981 and has become a leader in the field of major civil construction. The firm has been the construction manager or general contractor on 20 major civil transit projects totaling over \$2.4 billion.

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