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City of Los Angeles Announces Opening Date for the Sixth Street Viaduct
Largest bridge project in history of Los Angeles to hold two-day community celebration on Saturday July 9th and Sunday July 10th

LOS ANGELES (June 15, 2022) -- Today, Councilmember Kevin de León (CD14) announced the opening date for the long-anticipated new $588 million Sixth Street Viaduct, the schedule for a two-day community celebration, and the date for an open media event.

“After more than six years of being closed, we are thrilled to reopen the newly built Sixth Street Viaduct and usher in a new era for Los Angeles,” said Councilmember Kevin de León. “Once again, this bridge will take its place as one of Los Angeles’ most iconic landmarks connecting the Arts District and Boyle Heights. This celebration will be a tribute to the years of dedicated work that went into creating one of the most inspiring public works projects in our City’s history.”

The community celebration will take place across two days, Saturday July 9th and Sunday July 10th. The press event, which will only be open to members of the media, will take place on Friday, July 8th. Additional details for the press event will be provided closer to the date.

“The 6th Street Viaduct isn’t just a connection between our communities – it’s a new landmark that represents the tenacity, beauty, and promise that defines Los Angeles,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “I couldn’t be more excited to celebrate with my fellow Angelenos who have been waiting for this day for six years and are ready to experience the benefits of this historic project.”
“This viaduct has been a labor of love and determination for so many of us in the City, our partners and particularly the Bureau of Engineering,” said Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer. “We worked closely with the community to create a multi-modal space that not only creates a new bridge for vehicles, but also brings exciting new walking and biking options with breathtaking views. Our team is very proud to deliver this iconic landmark to Los Angeles for everyone’s enjoyment for generations to come.”

Saturday July 9th Event Details

On Saturday July 9th, the viaduct will open to pedestrians at 2:00 p.m. There will be musical performances, food, 100 Years of Cars and other festivities. Headlining band is Ozomatli, along with other well-known artists. The celebration will end at 9:00 p.m. with fireworks and the lighting of the 20 arches.

All visitors will need a free ticket to enter the event. Free tickets can be reserved at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-opening-of-the-sixth-street-viaduct-tickets-360641286797

Access to the celebration will be from the eastside of the viaduct in Boyle Heights at Boyle Avenue and Whittier Blvd.

Tickets, musical lineup, parking information and more is available at:

https://www.sixthstreetviaduct.org/grand_opening_2

Sunday July 10th Event Details

On Sunday July 10th, the viaduct will be open to bikes and pedestrians from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pedestrians are asked to stay on the sidewalks and bikes will have use of all lanes.

Sixth Street Viaduct

The $588 million viaduct is the largest bridge project in the history of Los Angeles, and was built to replace the original 1932 structure that was found to be seismically-deficient and irreparable.

Following extensive community engagement the design of the bridge, known as the “Ribbon of Light”, was selected by the Bureau of Engineering through an international design contest. The design was developed by HNTB and architect Michael Maltzan. The contractor is Skanska Stacy and Witbeck. The project, which began in 2016 with the demolition of the original Sixth Street bridge, is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the California Department of Transportation, and the City of Los Angeles.
In addition to 10 sets of LED-lit arches that can change color, the new viaduct also has:

- Sidewalks on each side of the viaduct, varying from 8’ to 14’ in width.
- 10’ wide Class IV protected bike lanes along each side of the viaduct.
- The east ramp in Boyle Heights is a 3.5 level helical structure connected by paths to both the north and south sides of the viaduct.
- The helical ramp is 790’ long, 12’ wide, and 45’ tall.
- A 510’ long west ramp from the north side of the bridge to the ground near Mateo Street.
- Five sets of stairs connecting the viaduct to the ground underneath.

Starting in 2023, the Bureau of Engineering will construct a new 12-acre park underneath the structure that will provide access to the Los Angeles River, public art, recreational programming and much more. The $40 million park, of which $8.5 million comes from state Prop 68 dollars, will also be home to the Len Hill Arts Plaza, made possible via a donation by the Leonard Hill Foundation.

The project created hundreds of jobs, adding to the economy of central Los Angeles and its neighbors.