

Contact: Tonya Durrell**213-978-0333**Tonya.Durrell@lacity.org**THREE FIRMS TO PRESENT SIXTH STREET VIADUCT DESIGN CONCEPTS AT PUBLIC BRIEFINGS SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 17 and 18**

LOS ANGELES (August 30, 2012)-- The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering will host a series of community presentations to introduce design concepts offered by three firms competing for the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project contract. The three finalists are AECOM, HNTB and Parsons Brinckerhoff.

PRESENTATIONS:

September 12—Puente Learning Center, 501 S. Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles--6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

September 13—Para Los Niño's, 1617 E. Seventh Street, Los Angeles---6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

September 17—SCI-Arc (Keck Hall), 350 S. Merrick Street, Los Angeles----6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

September 18—Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center, 1600 E. Fourth Street, Los Angeles—6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

“We encourage all community members to come out to these presentations to observe, first-hand, the designs and models these teams have created. Feedback from the community is always an essential part of the design process,” commented Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer.

Earlier this year Mayor Villaraigosa and Councilmember Huizar directed the Bureau of Engineering to solicit design proposals from bridge design teams throughout the world by conducting an international bridge design competition. Nine firms submitted proposals, six were interviewed and three went on to become finalists to presents their concepts to the community. The final winner of the competition will be contracted to prepare plans and specifications to construct the new Sixth Street Viaduct in 2015.

Members of the Sixth Street Viaduct Design Aesthetic Advisory Committee (DAAC) appointed by Mayor Villaraigosa and Councilmember Huizar will also attend the presentations to weigh in on the design concepts.

Constructed in 1932, the existing Sixth Street Viaduct concrete elements have suffered cracking and deterioration over the past 80 years due to an internal chemical reaction called Alkali Silica Reaction (ASR). This ongoing and irreversible chemical reaction means the viaduct's concrete has lost significant strength, the structure subject to failure in the event of a major earthquake.

To learn more about the project, please visit our website: sixthstreetviaductreplacement.org

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