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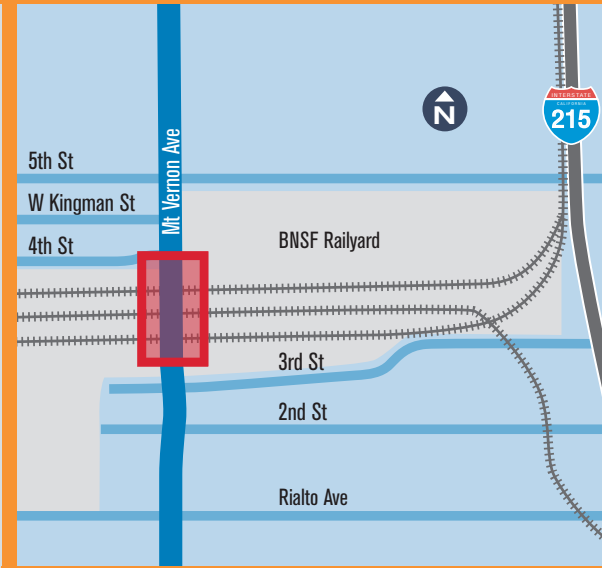
# MT. VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT

San Bernardino, CA

## Overview

Since opening to the public in 1934, the Mt. 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.

To ensure the safety and longevity of the bridge, the City of San Bernardino (City) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) partnered with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) to rebuild the bridge. The bridge closed in December 2020 and disassembly was completed in April 2021. BNSF railroad is currently at work making the necessary improvements within the railyard, which once complete will allow SBCTA crews to begin construction of the new bridge. Reconstruction of the new bridge began in 2023 and the new structure is anticipated to open in 2025.



## Project Benefits

The new Mt. 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	\$172.6 Million
STATE	\$3.5 Million
CITY	\$39.2 Million
BNSF RAILWAY	\$29.5 Million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$244.8 Million</b>



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## Schedule

- FALL 2018**  
Completion and Approval of Final Environmental Document (Project Approved)
- DECEMBER 2020**  
Bridge Closed
- APRIL 2021**  
Bridge Disassembly Complete
- 2022**  
Completion of Final Design
- 2023**  
Start of New Bridge Construction
- 2025**  
Anticipated End of Construction

## Frequently Asked Questions

### WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

The bridge closed to all motorist, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic in December 2020. Bridge disassembly was completed in April 2021. Crews worked to clear a wider footprint for the new bridge. This included moving buildings and a portion of the parking lot from the current configuration in the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Intermodal Yard. In 2023, crews began work to reconstruct the bridge, which will take approximately a year and a half to complete. After reconstructing the roadbed to the bridge, the new Mt. Vernon Avenue Bridge is anticipated to open to the public in 2025.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Construction activity will include heavy machinery and equipment, flashing lights and truck backup alarms, as well as earthwork, bridge work, and landscaping. Dust, construction noise, and other 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 top priority.

During construction, businesses on Mt. Vernon Avenue at 2nd Street and on Mt. Vernon Avenue at 5th Street will remain open and access will be maintained. To receive more information and sign up for construction updates, visit [goSBCTA.com/mtvernonbridge](http://goSBCTA.com/mtvernonbridge) and click "GO" to subscribe.

### ARE THERE DETOURS IN PLACE FOR MOTORISTS AND/OR PEDESTRIANS DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Detailed maps highlighting the motorist and pedestrian detour routes can be found at [goSBCTA.com/mtvernonbridge](http://goSBCTA.com/mtvernonbridge). SBCTA partnered with Omnitrans to provide a complimentary bus service to assist pedestrians, bicyclists, and the disabled during construction.

To access the complimentary bus service:

**Step 1: CHOOSE** where to begin your trip – at the north end of the bridge, go to the bus stop at 5th Street/Mt. Vernon Avenue (Route 3/4 or Route 14); from the south end of the bridge, go to the bus stop at 2nd Street/MetroLink Way (Route 1).

**Step 2: SAY** "Bridge Detour" to the bus driver when you board for the complimentary fare.

**Step 3: TRANSFER** at the Transit Center and continue to Route 1 (exit at 2nd Street/MetroLink Way) or Route 3/4 and Route 14 (exit at 5th Street/Mt. Vernon Avenue).

### 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 Mt. Vernon Avenue Bridge over the BNSF Intermodal Railway Yard in the City of San Bernardino was showing its age and in need of improvement. In December 2020 the bridge closed to traffic and disassembly was completed in April 2021. Reconstruction of the new bridge began in 2023 and the new structure is anticipated to open in 2025.

## We Build.

At the south end, the new bridge will include retaining walls along both sides of Mt. Vernon Avenue. During construction 3rd Street will be closed, but it will reopen to traffic permanently when the project is complete. At the north end, retaining walls will be constructed along both sides of the transition between the bridge and W. Kingman Street. New curbs and gutters will be installed on Mt. Vernon Avenue at 2nd Street and on Mt. Vernon Avenue at W. Kingman Street.

## 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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