

**Subject:** Sent by City of Santa Barbara --- Mission Canyon Bridge Studies at City Council on August 10  
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**BELOW IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING FOR MISSION CANYON --- NOTE BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTING ISSUES CAB HAS TAKEN "NEUTRAL POSITION"**

## **Mission Canyon Bridge Studies at City Council on August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING:** City Council

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 **MEETING BEGINS AT:** 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Online. Agenda and Staff Report will be posted on August 5, 2021, at the following [link](#).

**MEETING PURPOSE:** Public Works Department is requesting City Council to provide direction on the options that have been developed as part of the initial Mission Canyon Bridge Studies (Studies) and whether to continue with the Highway Bridge Program grant.

Mission Canyon Bridge, a City Landmark, spans Mission Creek and is located to the north of Mission Santa Barbara and Mission Historical Park, south of Rocky Nook Park, and east of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The bridge was designed and constructed by Rowland Hazard in 1891. A wooden sidewalk, supported on the upstream side of the bridge, was added in 1929 and the bridge was widened on the downstream side in 1930.

The Studies effort kicked off in April 2019 to study existing conditions and challenges associated with the bridge. Through the Studies, staff affirmed that the Bridge is functionally obsolete (does not meet current road design standards), is structurally vulnerable in a design earthquake (7.2 magnitude), and does not meet hydrologic standards. All bridge and roadway options to address these issues would involve performing major alterations to the Bridge. Staff is returning once again for Council direction, as the roadway and bridge options proposed are inconsistent with direction provided by the Historic Landmarks Commission and many members of the community.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** Contact Jessica Grant, Supervising Transportation Planner, at [MissionCanyonBridge@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:MissionCanyonBridge@SantaBarbaraCA.gov) or (805) 897-2542.

**STUDIES WEBPAGE:** For additional information, please go to the Studies webpage: [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/MissionCanyonBridge](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/MissionCanyonBridge)



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