



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1) What is the Park Avenue Bridge Project?

The City of Newport Beach Public Works Department will complete the planned replacement of the 85-year-old Park Avenue Bridge over the Grand Canal from Marine Avenue to Abalone Avenue. The new bridge will maintain access between the two Balboa Islands as today. Improvements of the project:

- Replacement Bridge will look similar to the existing bridge.
- Traffic lanes will be 1-foot wider.
- Sidewalks will be 2-foot wider.
- Staircase and ramps will be constructed at all four corners for direct access from the Canal Promenade.
- Existing bridge monument sign will be refurbished and reinstalled at its current location.

2) What is the project schedule?

The project is scheduled to begin late March 2016 and anticipated to be complete early 2017.*

3) What is the construction project cost and how is it funded?

The construction cost bid is \$6.3M. Project funding is provided through a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Bridge Program.

4) What are the contractors working hours?

The John S. Meek Company (Meek) is allowed to work between 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. At times, Meek may request additional working hours from the City.

5) Will the community experience any construction impacts?

The community can expect to see equipment vehicles and may experience noise, minor vibration, dust, traffic delays, parking restrictions and the long-term closure of Park Avenue Bridge until the project is complete.

6) What steps will be taken to reduce impacts of the construction?

The project team will work to minimize impacts on businesses, residents and property owners, as well as other project stakeholders. Mitigation measures include maintaining driveway/garage access to residents, installation of a temporary bridge with asphalt overlay, crossing guards during peak hours to assist with vehicle circulation and traffic flow.

7) Will Park Avenue Bridge remain open during construction?

The bridge will be closed following the installation of a full-width temporary steel bridge across the Grand Canal at Balboa Avenue. The temporary bridge will provide uninterrupted access between Balboa Island and Little Balboa Island for vehicles and pedestrians. A signed detour will be in placed and crossing guard will direct traffic at the Marine Avenue/Balboa Avenue intersection during peak hours to optimize the traffic flow.

Long-Term Closure of Park Avenue Bridge will be implemented in late April 2016 through the completion of the project.

*Project schedule is subject to change based upon field conditions and uncontrollable factors such as weather.



8) When will the temporary steel bridge be installed and how long will it take?

The temporary steel bridge will be installed within the first several weeks from the start of construction. Following the installation, the Park Avenue Bridge will be closed to traffic throughout the project.

9) How many lanes and sidewalks will the temporary steel bridge provide?

The temporary steel bridge will have one lane in each direction and a sidewalk on only one side, ramps and stairway access for pedestrians.

10) Will the temporary steel bridge provide access through the Grand Canal?

The bottom of the temporary steel bridge will be lower than the existing top of Grand Canal seawall coupling, therefore boats and other Grand Canal users will not be able to pass under the temporary steel bridge during most normal-to-high tides.

11) Since the temporary bridge is made out of steel, will this generate additional noise?

The temporary steel bridge's riding surface will have an asphalt overlay to minimize operational noises to the extent possible.

12) How many community meetings will be hosted?

The Project Team will host a variety of neighborhood meetings.

13) Will there be additional parking impacts due to the construction of the bridge?

The plans and specifications include strict parking guidelines for the contractor's team. The contractor's team will park on the mainland and walk to the construction site. In addition, they will be prohibited to stage materials on both Islands (except approved designated areas).

14) Will the community experience any utility outages?

The Park Avenue Bridge currently has utilities that service the residents of Little Balboa Island. The contractor will install a temporary utility crossing to house the temporary utilities lines across the Grand Canal at Park Avenue. Short outages can be expected during the "switch-over" work.

15) Who can I contact if I have additional questions during construction?

The project team will have a designated Representative available to answer questions or concerns during construction. In addition, weekly construction alerts will be emailed and notifications will be hand delivered.

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