

I Street Bridge Deck Conversion for Active Transportation Project

The City of West Sacramento has been awarded a Caltrans Sustainability Grant to fund completion of a \$225,000 feasibility study to analyze converting the upper deck of the existing I Street Bridge from a vehicle crossing to a bicycle and pedestrian crossing. This project will consist of a robust community participation program and the preparation of several technical reports that together will comprise the I Street Bridge Deck Conversion for Active Transportation Feasibility Study. The resulting document will consist of four primary elements including Community Participation, Regulatory Compliance, Preliminary Engineering and Project Management. This feasibility study will describe in detail research and analysis results that appraise the overall technical and economic feasibility of the project. The study will also identify the successive steps to take toward project implementation.

The I Street Bridge Deck Conversion is an important project aimed at maintaining vital connectivity between the Washington neighborhood and Downtown Sacramento. It is envisioned that this historically significant transportation facility will feature some park-like elements to both attract visitors and speak to the history of the I Street Bridge, the two cities, and the railroad that shares it. The I Street Deck Conversion project cannot begin until the completion of the I Street Bridge Replacement Project due to the necessary removal of existing vehicle approach structures at the existing I Street Bridge. These will be removed as part of the I Street Bridge Replacement project. Staff is working to coordinate both projects in an effort to take advantage of both construction timing and funding opportunities.

