



Public Works Department of Public Works Commission

## **Special Meeting of the PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

**Thursday, April 29, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.**  
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

### **PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED FOOTHILL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

#### **PROJECT DATA**

A pedestrian bridge is proposed which crosses over Hearst Avenue, located mid-block between La Loma and Highland Place (approximately 100 feet east of La Loma Avenue). The bridge is of a lightweight steel framed construction. The bridge has been designed to connect the Foothill Housing Project with the Dining Commons. The applicant has stated that the bridge is necessary for pedestrian and traffic safety and for the campus to meet ADA requirements for accessibility by making programs in the Dining Commons more readily available to the residents living at the La Loma portion of the housing project. The proposed structure is approximately 8 feet wide with a total span of 81 feet. The total height of the proposed structure is 32 feet tall; the bridge portion above the supporting piers will have a clearance of 21 feet above the street and will be 11 feet high. The sides of the bridge will be vinyl coated mesh and the bridge will have a gabled roof to match the shingled appearance and color of the student housing.

#### **APPLICANT**

Valerie Neumann, Project Manager, Capital Projects  
University of California, Berkeley  
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#### **PERMIT REQUIRED**

##### Encroachment Permit

In accordance with Section 16.18 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, application for a permit to install a major encroachment shall be filed in the office of the Public Works

Director. After filing of the application, an investigation shall be made of the site where the proposed encroachment would be installed.

When such application for a major encroachment permit is complete, the Public Works Director shall poll the abutting neighbors and post a notice of intent to encroach on nearby utility pole. All responses, recommendations and findings will be forwarded to the City Council.

The City Council by resolution, if it determines to authorize a major encroachment permit, may prescribe special conditions for granting a conditional revocable permit in compliance with the terms of this chapter and such other conditions as it deems necessary for the preservation or maintenance of the public health, safety and welfare.

### Public Hearing

The Public Works Commission is holding this public hearing at the request of the applicant and of the Berkeley City Council. This public hearing is NOT part of the encroachment permit application process, and the Public Works Commission will NOT make a recommendation at this time. The Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council after staff advises them that the application is complete and makes a recommendation to the Commission. The City Council does not intend to hold another public hearing at that time.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS**

The applicant intends to file an Addendum to the previously certified EIR for the Foothill Housing Project. The encroachment permit will not be issued until this has been filed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments may be made verbally at this public hearing and in writing before the hearing. Those wishing to speak at the hearing must submit a speaker card by 7:15 p.m. The Commission may limit the number of speakers and the time granted to each speaker. A maximum of three minutes may be given to each speaker, but this may be further reduced by the Commission based on the number requesting to speak.

Written comments to the Commission are encouraged and should be sent to:

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