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Councilmember Todd Gloria Kicks Off Georgia Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Historic 1914 Bridge in North Park to Undergo \$14 Million Investment in Repairing Critical City Infrastructure

SAN DIEGO, CA (July 19, 2016) – Councilmember Todd Gloria today kicked off the commencement of work on the Georgia Street Bridge rehabilitation project, joined by U.S. Congresswoman Susan Davis, California State Assembly Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins, and San Diego County Board of Supervisors Chairman Ron Roberts. Over the course of the next year, the 102-year old bridge will undergo a complete seismic retrofit and rehabilitation

“I am so proud the City of San Diego can finally begin work to repair and restore the historic Georgia Street Bridge, an iconic piece of infrastructure which has connected the communities of Hillcrest and North Park for over a century,” said Councilmember Gloria. **“Collaboration across various government agencies has allowed the City of San Diego to secure vital funding to preserve a treasured San Diego landmark.”**

Originally built in 1914, the bridge was classified as structurally deficient by an assessment performed by CalTrans in 2011, and another in 2014. The project is being conducted by the City of San Diego and is budgeted at \$14 million, with \$2 million coming from local TransNet proceeds and the remaining \$12 million from Federal Highway Administration grants.

The scope of the project includes:

- Reconstruction of the bridge from the arch ribs up;
- Restoration of its original appearance by opening up the railing balustrades and replacing the light posts that were removed in the 1940s, as well as other lighting upgrades;
- New soil nails and ground anchors to reinforce the retaining walls;
- Arch and column improvements;
- Roadway lowering on University Avenue between Park Boulevard and Florida Street by about two and a half feet to accommodate large trucks traveling under the bridge;
- New curbs and gutters constructed on both sides of University Avenue;
- Sidewalk replacement on the south side of University Avenue featuring a minimum width of 5 feet extended and ADA compliant curb ramps.

The rehabilitation project is expected to be completed in summer of 2017.

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