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Restoring the Hollenbeck Park Bridge

Rec and Parks, Public Works/Engineering and City Council break ground for restoration of landmark Hollenbeck Park bridge.

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On Feb. 26, representatives of Rec and Parks, Public Works/Engineering and City Council District 14 gathered to break ground for the restoration of the landmark Hollenbeck Park bridge.

The bridge is a Boyle Heights landmark used by thousands of Angelenos for its picturesque setting overlooking Hollenbeck Park Lake.

Through the years, countless people have posed on the bridge for photographs for special occasions, including weddings, *quinceañeras* and baptisms. It has been closed to pedestrians for five years.

For the \$450,000 Capital Improvement project, workers will painstakingly restore and replicate the historic bridge one piece at a time. At the ceremony, Councilman Jose Huizar announced that he secured an additional \$150,000 for other park improvements that are expected to coincide with the six-month bridge restoration, including landscape improvements, tree plantings and the installation of an exercise-equipment fitness zone.

"For many Angelenos, myself included, the Historic Hollenbeck Park and Bridge represent more than just land and lumber," said Huizar, who in years past took his wedding photos on the bridge. "They are a piece of our lives and a destination that holds unforgettable memories. With these improvements, we're guaranteeing that new memories will soon play out on a daily basis."



From left: Gale Minnifield and Christina Conyers.



The bridge dedication ceremony included Bill Lee, Architect, Public Works/Engineering (left); José Huizar, Councilman (center); and Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, and Club Member (right).



The Hollenbeck Bridge dedication ceremony included (center) Christina Conyers and (at left) Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, and Club Member, and Councilman José Huizar. At right is Bill Lee, Architect, Public Works/Engineering



At the bridge dedication ceremony.





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