

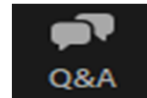
# **Fenton Parkway Bridge Project Public Review Meeting**

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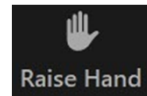
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# Outline of Presentation

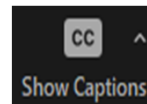
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# EIR - Public Review Phase

**Purpose:** To circulate the Environmental Impact Report for public comment

**Step #1:** Release the Notice of Availability (NOA) – April 12, 2024

**Step #2:** Conduct a public meeting – May 1, 2024

**Step #3:** Receive all comments from interested parties by May 28, 2024

## **Purpose of this public meeting:**

- Summarize the impacts disclosed in the Draft EIR;
- Summarize the alternatives analyzed;
- Answer any questions from interested parties to help commentors prepare comment letters or emails

# CEQA Process

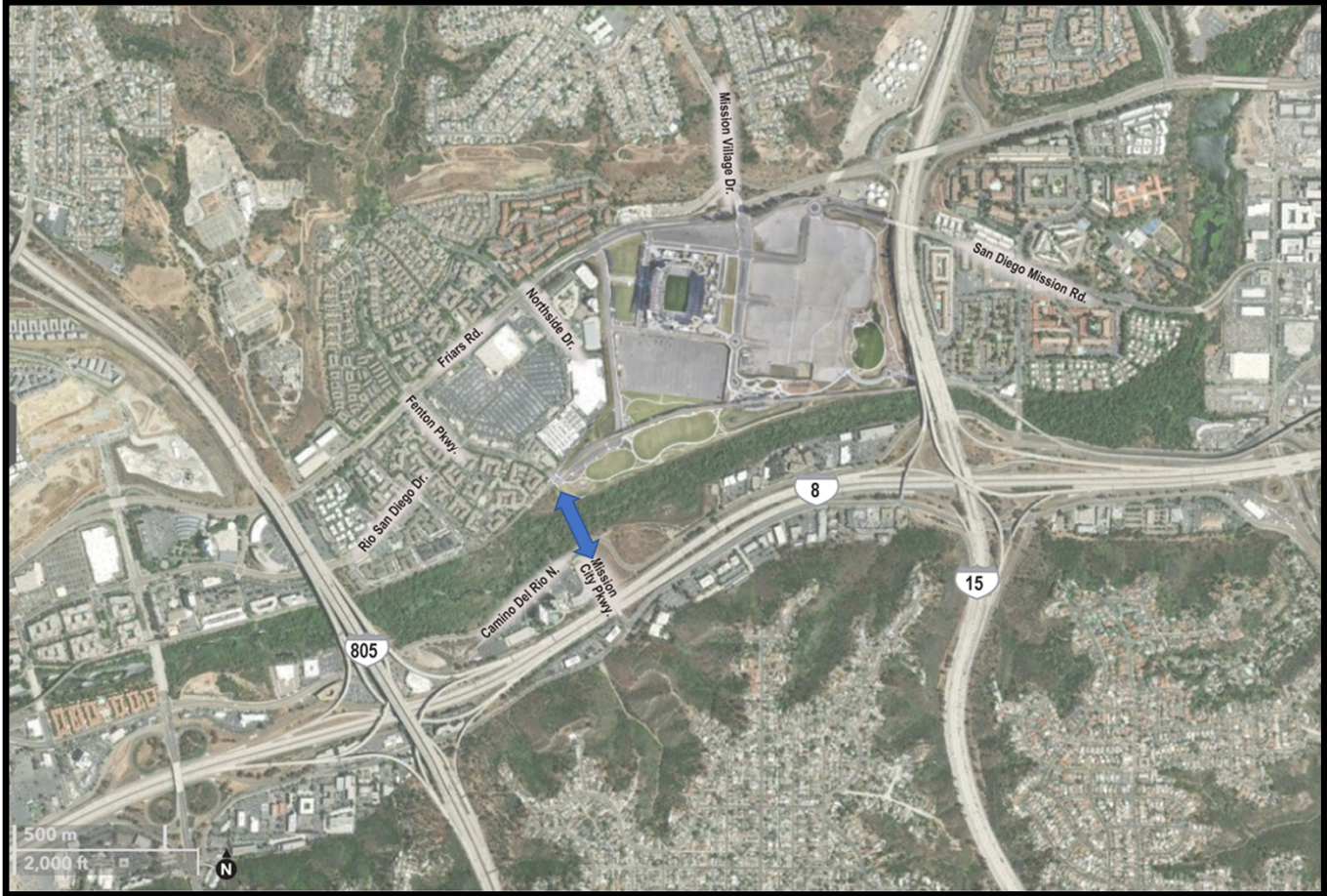
1. **Scoping – Release of the Notice of Preparation (NOP)** – May 22, 2023, to June 20, 2023
2. **Public Scoping Meeting** – Conducted on June 5, 2023
3. **Draft EIR – Released Notice of Availability (NOA)** – April 12, 2024 to May 28, 2024
4. **Final EIR** – To be released after public review
5. **Approval/Certification by California State University**

## *Important Characteristics of this CEQA process:*

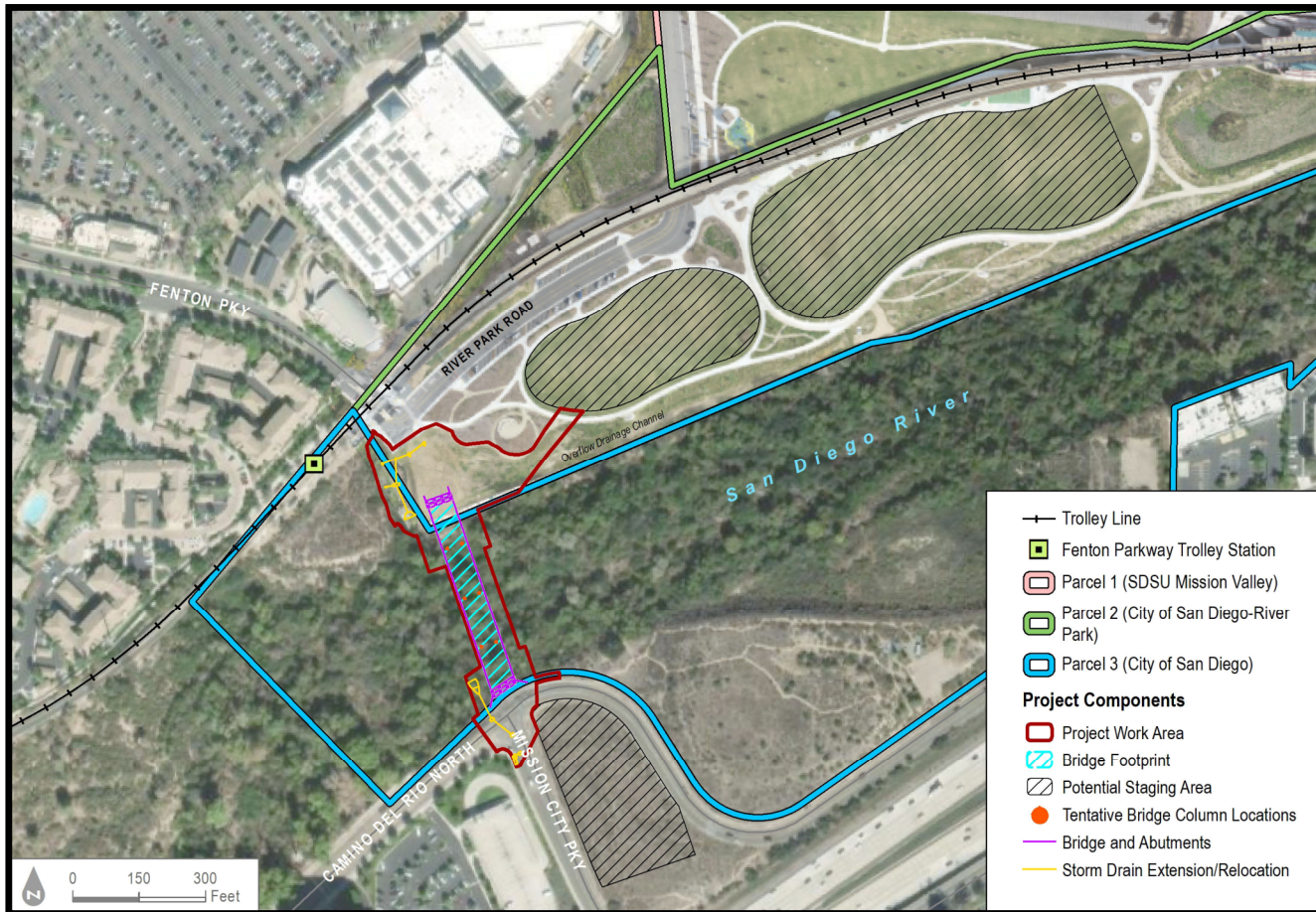
**Lead Agency:** California State University

**Responsible Agencies:** City of San Diego, other state agencies with permitting authority over resources affected by the project (California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, etc.)

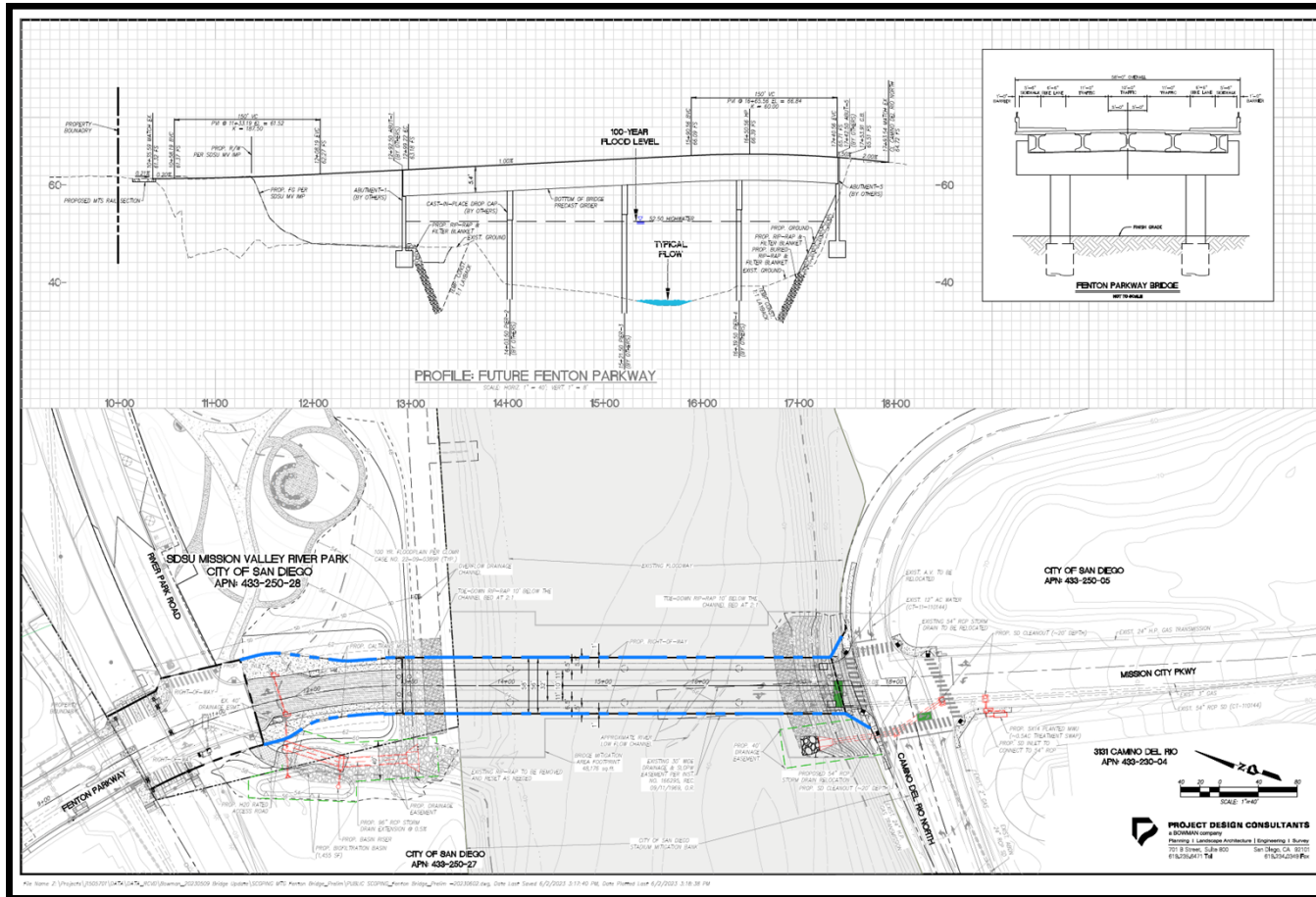
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# Visual Simulations



View looking south.



View looking north.



# Environmental Impacts

## Significant and Unavoidable Impacts

Biological Resources & Noise –  
Temporary Indirect Noise Impacts to  
Sensitive Species

## Less than Significant Impacts with Mitigation

Geology and Soils  
Cultural Resources  
Wildfire  
Air Quality  
Tribal Cultural Resources  
Biological Resources

## No Impact and Less than Significant Impacts

Recreation  
Aesthetics  
Agriculture and Forestry Resources  
Population and Housing  
Mineral Resources  
Public Services  
Energy  
Hazards and Hazardous Materials  
Utilities and Service Systems  
Hydrology and Water Quality  
Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
Land Use and Planning  
Transportation



# Alternatives Analyzed

## No Project (No Build) Alternative

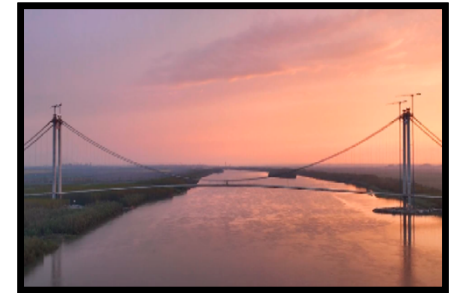
- Assumes the project would not be constructed.
- Most impacts would be reduced or eliminated.
- Inconsistent with Mission Valley Community Plan.

## Pedestrian/Bicycle Only Bridge Alternative

- Would not enhance vehicular or emergency access.
- Narrower bridge design.
- Reduced evacuation capacity.
- Would not avoid impacts to biological resources.

## Suspension Bridge Alternative

- Avoid piers in the river bottom.
- Large towers would suspend the bridge deck and large foundations would be anchored with back-stays.
- Would have greater impacts to biological resources and the City's Stadium Wetland Mitigation Site.



## Tied-Arch Bridge Alternative

- Avoid piers in the river bottom.
- Tall arches supported by large abutment foundations.
- Would have greater impacts to biological resources and the City's Stadium Wetland Mitigation Site.



# Next Steps: Draft EIR

- **Draft EIR is available for review:**
  - <https://bfa.sdsu.edu/campus/facilities/planning/eir>
  - Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego 92108
- **Submittal of public comments by May 28, 2024**
  - All comments need to be written and submitted to SDSU
  - Verbal comments during this public meeting will not be recorded
  - To provide comments:

# Next Steps: Final EIR/Project Approval

- **FEIR will be completed in June/July 2024**
- **Final EIR will include:**
  - Responses to all public comments received;
  - Edits to Draft EIR text as necessary
- **CSU Board of Trustees approval and certification process:**
  - Approval of the Project and Certification of the Final EIR will be heard before the CSU Board of Trustees (scheduled for July 2024)
  - Board of Trustees meeting is open to the public
  - Materials posted 10 days prior to Board of Trustees meeting
  - Board of Trustees meeting allows speaker opportunities

# Questions/Commentary

## To provide comments:

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