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REYES, PUBLIC WORKS OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND ON AVE. 19 BRIDGE— *Replacement of Los Angeles River bridge is part of long-term Citywide program to improve approximately 80 bridges*

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes joined Public Works officials today to break ground on the new Ave. 19 Bridge in the Los Angeles community of Lincoln Heights.

“The community has worked hard on the design of the historic Ave. 19 Bridge, which links the original suburbs of Cypress Park and Lincoln Heights, to downtown Los Angeles,” Reyes said. “The new bridge was designed not just with today in mind. It is being built to accommodate future plans to revitalize the Los Angeles River.”

The Ave. 19 Bridge replacement is one of about 80 bridges Citywide that stitch the Los Angeles River that are being replaced or repaired as part of the City’s Bridge Improvement Program.

The Ave. 19 Bridge is being replaced because it doesn’t meet earthquake performance standards. The new bridge, a design based on input gathered at community workshops, features nostalgic lighting, Art Deco-style arches and a lookout point for pedestrians.

“The new bridge will meet earthquake performance criteria and will exceed national rating requirements,” said City Engineer Gary Moore. “It will be safer for area residents and the 1,400 cars that travel each direction of the bridge during rush hour.”

Construction of the Ave. 19 Bridge is expected to take 20 months with one lane in each direction remaining open for traffic until project completion.

The \$10 million Ave. 19 replacement bridge is funded by the City of Los Angeles’ Seismic Bond and a Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation grant.

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