



Edward J. Schwartz Federal Building Front Street Structural Enhancements Fact Sheet



Location

880 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92101

General Contractor

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Construction Manager

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Project Overview

In order to improve structural safety for the public traveling underneath the Edward J. Schwartz Federal Building and for the tenants occupying the building above the Front Street roadway, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is undertaking a construction project at Front and E streets to reinforce the underpass structure. Construction will begin in January 2020 and will close Front Street between Broadway and West F Streets for approximately 16 months. The pedestrian walkways in the underpass will be closed for approximately 21 months.

Improvements include reinforcement of existing columns, beams, and framing supporting the building at the Front Street underpass with new steel beams and column support structures and precast concrete paneling. The existing cement plaster ceiling, precast paneling, metal guardrails, and masonry planters will be demolished. New full height walls will separate the through lanes of Front Street from the pedestrian walkways on either side of the roadway. Utilities, sidewalks, curbs, and ramps will be temporarily removed and replaced. The enhancement project will also provide updated and more efficient lighting through the underpass on Front Street.

Public Impact

- **Front Street between Broadway and F Streets will be closed to all traffic.** Detours for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers will be in effect.
- The easternmost lane of Front Street will remain open for access to the parking garage for 101 West Broadway and for Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Buses to turn on E St. No thru traffic.
- To ensure public safety, pedestrian traffic at the underpass will be closed for approximately 21 months.

GSA is working to complete the necessary construction as quickly as possible to minimize traffic impacts, while maintaining a safe work environment

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