



## FORD THEATRES PROJECT

The Ford Theatres Project was initiated to rehabilitate and improve the current historic John Anson Ford Theatres while protecting its historic integrity and status and to add new facilities and amenities within the current boundaries of the property. The Project will enhance onsite programs and spaces to support a broad cross section of artists and art organizations and ensure the future of the site as an active and relevant historic community resource.

Improvements will be done primarily within the areas of the site already developed, which include two parking lots and a motel building used as offices. In addition, a hiking trail is proposed that would provide public access to the rest of the County park, which will remain undeveloped.

A final environmental impact report (EIR) for the Project has been completed and was certified by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on October 7, 2014. The EIR concludes that the Project will not have any adverse environmental impacts and can be reviewed [here](#). **Total funding provided by the County to the Ford Theatre Foundation for the Ford Theatres Project as of September 13, 2016 is \$72,226,750.**

Proposed project components:

### FUNDED -SUMMARY

- Amphitheatre Rehabilitation and Improvements — Rehabilitation of the historic Amphitheatre will include completion of hillside stabilization, stage reconstruction, disabled access and code compliance improvements, improved theatrical systems, infrastructure improvements and related upgrades.
- The Ford Terrace (on existing parking turn-around) — will include a two-story structure with one level of office space and a lower level concessions area and a raised plaza deck above a service level and the repurposing of the 87-seat [Inside] the Ford space as a self serve food marketplace area.

### NOT YET FUNDED

- The Ford Plaza (on existing one level parking lot adjacent to Cahuenga Blvd. East)— set atop a new three level parking structure that includes ADA parking, would feature a restaurant, 299-seat theatre, box office, conference room and offices, visitor amenities and conversion of the existing box office to a museum/gallery. The Plaza will create additional usable public/garden space on its upper deck from an area that is currently used only for parking.
- The Transit Center (on existing one level parking lot and site of motel building) — would consist of a bus/van loading and unloading zone, a three-level parking structure, and a rehearsal and event space.
- Hiking Trail— an approximate 0.75 mile formal ridgeline trail with trail terminations at the north and south parking structures within the Transit Center and the Ford Plaza. The trail would have views of the Hollywood Reservoir, Hollywood sign and Griffith Observatory.

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## WORK FUNDED – ELEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED BY SUMMER 2017

- Slope stabilization on upstage hillside and hillside improvements, including new retaining walls, drainage systems, and drought tolerant native landscaping.
- Installation of an under stage drainage system to eliminate water infiltration into the amphitheatre.
- Replacement of existing stage with new two-level wood stage aligned with, and centered on, the amphitheatre seating, providing an improved performance surface for artists and enhanced site lines for audiences.
- Installation of new theatrical and AV infrastructure, including projection screen, lighting/sound proscenium truss, and lighting towers, oriented to new stage reconfiguration.
- Expansion of, and enhancements to, artist support spaces, including ADA compliant performer restrooms and dressing rooms.
- Renovation of stage left and stage right buildings and towers including new roofing; concrete stripping, patching and coating; new windows and doors; and new infrastructure for power, heating and air conditioning.
- Construction of a new sound wall along the rear of the amphitheatre, which will include a new projection booth and control room and new, upgraded lighting platform to replace existing lighting positions.
- Construction of a new picnic terrace, which includes a raised deck above a loading dock and vehicle turnaround, and a two-story structure comprised of a lower level concessions kitchen and upper level office space that will complete the acoustical envelope for the theatre.
- Repurposing of the 87-seat [Inside] the Ford as a self-serve food marketplace.

## PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WORK COMPLETED AS OF SEPTEMBER 2014

- Removed old seats and installed new seats with cup holders.
- Repaired concrete deck underneath the seats that was leaking.
- Added two new disabled seating areas.
- Installed new aisle lighting.
- Removed old paint on the walls within the amphitheatre.
- Installed ADA approved automatic door openers.