

A4431 California Building from Cabrillo Bridge, Panama-California Exposition, San Diego, 1915.



Cabrillo Bridge Lamps

There are 31 original cast-iron double lamps on the Cabrillo Bridge. These double lamps were created for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition which makes them more than hundred years old. They are the only remaining original lamp-posts out of several hundred installed in park for the 1915 Exposition—a unique and historic treasure in Balboa Park's National Historic Landmark District.

Many of the lamps are rusted. A few missing finials must be replaced. Wiring will be replaced if needed. Tests have shown the lamps have lead paint, so environmental precautions must be taken when removing loose paint and rust. The lamps will be primed and repainted with a high-quality finish. The globes will be replaced to more closely match the originals and fitted with energy-efficient, long-life LED lights.

The need for this restoration stands out all the more now that the parapets have been repainted along the bridge sidewalks, the Caltrans/City rehabilitation and seismic retrofit is nearly complete, and the dramatic lighting of the arches from below celebrates the Exposition's centennial.

The Committee of One Hundred plans to help the City fund this restoration, with a projected cost of more than \$100,000.

