Glassell Park Transit Median Pavilion Grand Opening
BOE Provided Design, Project & Construction Management

On September 9, 2017, Councilmember Gilbert A. Cedillo presided over the grand opening ceremony for the Glassell Park Transit Median Pavilion at the junction of San Fernando Road, Eagle Rock Boulevard, Cypress Avenue and Verdugo Road.

The idea of building a large bus shelter on a traffic island at San Fernando Road and Eagle Rock Boulevard was first proposed more than a decade ago by neighborhood activists and a group of SCI-Arc student architects. Since the concept was conceived, a new high school has been built across the street from the traffic island while a new apartment complex has been constructed nearby, increasing the number of potential bus riders. During traditional rush hours the junction is packed with workers, families and school children. City officials had backed the project but had not been able to secure sufficient funds until last year to get it built.

This project converted a dilapidated median into a transportation hub, a plaza that will include a much needed festive shade structure. The walking surface has concrete pavers, punctuated with seven new benches and trash receptacles. All of the new additions make the median fully ADA compliant.

The landscape design will conserve water with new California-friendly and drought-tolerant plants.

The two entrances to the median have bronze inlays celebrating the two communities: Glassell Park and Cypress Park, coming together at this junction.

New continental crosswalks will improve the pedestrian safety from all converging streets.

The median has five new security light poles and one added street light, located in such a way to provide the much-needed security during night time at this highly used intersection.

Construction of this project was a tough challenge. During the excavation of the shade structure footings, a 30-inch gas line, 14-inch oil line, rail road track and ties; and other utility lines, such as electrical power lines, water lines, and traffic signal control wirings were encountered.

From a statement from Councilmember Cedillo, “Nearly thirteen years ago, Glassell and Cypress Park residents initiated efforts to turn this busy and unfriendly transit median continued on page 2
into a beautiful landscaped plaza that would provide transit riders with a safe and comfortable environment while waiting for the bus.

“The project installed new security lighting, a multi-canopied shaded shelter to protect from the elements, seating for transit riders, bicycle racks, trash cans, improved accessibility through ADA curb ramps, and added continental crosswalks for pedestrians, particularly students and workers as they travel to and from school, home, work and other community destinations.

“Special thanks to community member Helen Schpak for her vision thirteen years ago, former Congressmember Xavier Becerra for providing federal funding and HCID for city project funding, and the project management and construction teams from the Bureau of Engineering, General Services Department, and Department of Transportation.”

Appreciation goes to Council District 1, especially to Sharon Lowe, for her continuous efforts in securing additional funds to ensure the successful delivery of this project. Funding consists of Federal Transit Administration Grant (FTA), Prop C Anti Gridlock Transit Improvement Fund and Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Improvement Fund (CDBG-NIF).

This project is a joint effort of City forces. The Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Street Lighting provided Design, Project and Construction Management services; the Department of General Services acted as the General Contractor through its vendors, and the Council District Office #1 is finding ways to keep the service and maintenance responsibility of this City owned median.

Congratulations go to Mahmood Karimzadeh, Architectural Division Head; Bill Lee, Senior Architect; Gus Malkoun, Project Manager; Guillermo Barragan, Landscape Architect; Easton Forcier, Eric Tan and Eric Noreen, Geotechnical Engineers; Jose R. Fuentes, Eduardo Hernandez and Hoi Van-Luc, Construction Management Division; Steven Chen and Vernon Tabirara, Street Improvement & Stormwater Division; Bureau of Street Lighting staff: Ed Ebrahimian, Director; Norma Isahakian, Hagop Tujian Hank Bao and Palani Segee, Electrical Design and Construction; Bureau of Street Services staff: Nazario Saucedo, Director; Robert Gutierrez, Landscape Architect II; Dept of Transportation Staff: Seleta Reynolds, General Manager; Carlos Rios, Senior Transportation Engineer; Maurice Camacho, Transportation Engineer; Bureau of Contract Administration Staff: John L. Reamer, Jr., Inspector of Public Works; Roosevelt Bagby, Principal Const. Inspector; General Contractor: Tony Royster, Department of General Services General Manager; Kelly Cooper, Bldg. Const & Maintenance Gen Sup II; Richard Telles, Bldg. Const & Maintenance Supervisor.
New Principal CE’s and Division Managers

Congratulations go to all the following recent appointees:

**Reza Bagherzadeh**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Reza Bagherzadeh as the Principal Civil Engineer for the Civic Administration Building Project.

Reza started his career with the Bureau of Engineering in 1983 as a Civil Engineering Assistant I with the Central District. As a Principal Civil Engineer, Reza will be responsible for the design and construction of a 750,000 square foot/27-story building for a new municipal facility housing City employees.

Reza’s office is located at 1149 S. Broadway, 8th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015. He can be reached at (213) 485-4773.

**Jon Haskett**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jon Haskett as the Division Manager for the Complete Streets Division (CSD) for the Bureau of Engineering (BOE).

Jon began his career with the BOE in 1988 as a Civil Engineering Assistant I with the Harbor District and in the course of his career has enjoyed working in a number of different offices for a number of programs.

As the Principal Civil Engineer for CSD, Jon is responsible for overseeing the design and construction of street modifications designed to reconstruct failed streets and improve traffic safety on major streets, as part of the Mayor’s Complete Streets and Vision Zero Program and Initiative.

Jon’s office is located at 1149 S. Broadway, 8th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015. He can be reached at (213) 485-5864.

**Bert Moklebust**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Bertram (Bert) Moklebust as the Division Manager for the Permit Case Management Division (PCM).

Bert began his career as a Civil Engineering Assistant II in the Wastewater Program Management Division in 1991. He has spent the last 24 years in the Valley District.

As the Principal Civil Engineer for the Permit Case Management Division of the Development Services Program, Bert is responsible for providing assistance to the development community in identifying and complying with public improvement requirements associated with complex developments and providing oversight to the Bureau’s B-permit construction permit process, a multi-departmental BOE permit process for constructing public improvements in the public right of way.

Bert’s office is located at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Room 351, Los Angeles, CA 91401, Mail Stop 496. He can be reached at (818) 374-4620.

**Ramzy Sawaya**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ramzy Sawaya as the next Division Manager for the Central District (CEN) for the Bureau of Engineering (BOE).

Ramzy began his career with BOE in 1986 as a Civil Engineering Assistant I with the Valley District. As the Principal Civil Engineer for CEN, Ramzy is responsible for regulating work in the public right-of-way, issuing a variety of construction and encroachment permits, and managing the operation of the public counters.

Ramzy’s office is located at 201 N. Figueroa Street, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**Patrick Schmidt**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Schmidt as the Division Manager for the Geotechnical Engineering Division (GED).

Patrick began his career as a staff engineer working for several geotechnical engineering consulting firms before joining the City of Los Angeles in 2001. He has been registered as a Civil Engineer for almost 28 years and as a Geotechnical Engineer for more than 23 years.

As the Division Manager for GED, Patrick is responsible for all of GED’s activities including geotechnical and engineering geology investigations, environmental site assessments, contamination remediation, and related support services for all Bureau of Engineering programs as well as other City Departments. GED also provides program management, project management, and construction management for hillside and street stabilization projects and environmental cleanup projects. In addition, GED provides emergency response to storm damage and landslides.

Patrick’s office is located at 1149 S. Broadway, 1st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015. He can be reached at (213) 847-0535.

**Robert Vega**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Vega as the Division Manager for the Sidewalk Division (SWD) which oversees the City’s new 30-year $1.4 billion Safe Sidewalks LA program.

Robert started with the Bureau of Engineering in 1980 as a Student Engineer and, upon graduating in 1984, began his career as an Civil Engineering Assistant I with the Valley District Office. Robert is now rejoining the Bureau of Engineering as he was most recently with the Bureau of Sanitation as a Senior Environmental Engineer.

Robert’s office is located at 1149 S. Broadway, 8th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015.

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**PC Power Usage**

Shutting down PCs at the end of the day could save the City $2 million a year

The Information Technology Agency (ITA) and the General Services Department (GSD) are promoting and engaging in an energy power savings measure. To create energy savings and greenhouse gas reductions, the ITA and GSD are requesting the shutting down of City personal computers (PCS) as an energy savings measure for all City departments.

Based on the 36% shutdown rate, the energy consumption estimate for 31,000 PCS produces 30 million kWh/year and costs $3.2 million/year. Shutting down all 31,000 PCS at the end of each business day is estimated at 12.5 million kWh/year and amounts to a savings of $2 million/year. When calculating greenhouse gas emissions, if the City shuts down all of its PCS after work, it will be equivalent to taking over 2,000 cars off the road.

Long-term sustainability cannot be achieved without significant changes to the way we conduct our day-to-day business operations. By each department promoting this energy saving measure, the City will be striving and reaching its transformation into the cleanest and greenest big city in the country.
Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex, Los Angeles, CA, October 7, 2017 - A beautiful, sunny southern California morning greeted players and fans at the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex for the annual softball game between the Bureau of Engineering team (BOE) and the City of San Francisco Engineering (SF) team. Excitement was in the air as each team made their final preparations for the competition.

Dominic Buenaventura started the pre-game ceremonies by introducing the umpires and players from each team. As the teams stood on the 1st and 3rd base lines, Kimberly Barton delivered a beautiful rendition of the national anthem, with loud cheers from both fans and players. Both teams were ready!

As previously reported in the BOE Newsletter, this friendly rivalry dates back to the first three games played in 1927, 1928, and 1929. After a 72 year hiatus, the rivalry was renewed and has been played annually since 2001, with the location alternating each year between the cities. Heading into this year’s game, SF was leading the series 9 games to 7. This year, BOE had the home field advantage and was looking for a repeat of last year’s victory. BOE held four practices, which left Coach Alfred Mata optimistic about this year's game, “Our defense looks solid and we hit the ball well during batting practice. Hopefully, we can continue such performance at the game.”

After holding SF scoreless in the top of the 1st inning, BOE scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning. Michael Kouyoumdjian literally got the ball rolling for BOE with a double down the 3rd base line. Mata followed with another double, scoring Kouyoumdjian for the first run of the game. Garland Jamison, a newcomer to the team, drove in Mata with a triple. Markos Perez-Bran followed with a double and scored on Scott Gibson’s single. Markos Legesse safely reached base before David Ventura singled to score Gibson. Legesse later scored the final run of the inning for SF on Dan Mac Neil’s single. BOE 6 – SF 0.

Along with solid defense, Brian Schrieber continued the excellent pitching in the 2nd inning and SF again did not score a run. In the bottom of the 2nd inning, BOE's bats were put to work again. Willis Huffman stepped up to the plate and started the action by leading off with a single. Abdullah Sadozai followed with a single and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore followed with his own single, scoring Huffman. SF made a nice play on a hard hit by Bert Moklebust, forcing Sadozai out at 3rd base. After another out was made, Kouyoumdjian cleared the bases with an inside the park home run. BOE Coach Alfred Mata receives the game trophy from SF Coach Jason Chin.

BOE's Softball Team Holds onto Trophy!
BOE Victorious 33-15 against San Francisco in Annual Softball Game

After the game, Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering and San Francisco Engineers players gathered for a group photo.

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Coach Mata presenting MVP award to Garland Jamison.

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run. Mata doubled and scored on a single by Jamison. After two innings, BOE led 11-0.

SF got on the scoreboard with one run in the top of the 3rd inning, but BOE got that run back and then some in the bottom of the 3rd. Gibson and Legesse led off the inning with singles. After a fielder’s choice by Ventura, Lyndsay Naish smashed a single and later scored the third run of the inning. Huffman and Sadozai followed with singles and scored on a base-clearing triple by Moore. BOE scored five runs, to make BOE’s lead 16-1 after three innings.

Just as in last year’s game, BOE’s biggest rally of the day occurred in the 4th inning, scoring 10 runs. Kouyoumdjian led off with his second double of the day and scored when Mata followed with a single. Jamison then made the biggest hit of the day, driving a long fly ball to deep left field, traveling over the fence for a home run. All of his teammates left the dugout to greet Jamison at home plate to congratulate him on the home run. The crowd cheered loudly! Other highlights in this inning include triples by Gibson and Ventura, as well as singles by Perez-Bran, Naish, Mac Neil, Huffman, Sadozai, Moore, and Moklebust. SF did not score, so after 4 innings, BOE led 26-1.

In the 5th inning, SF scored 3 runs, while BOE did not score. BOE led 26-4.

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SF scored another run in the 6th inning. But, BOE answered with three runs. Gibson led off with a triple that included some impressive footwork to avoid the tag at 3rd base, keeping his feet on the base as he fell to the ground. Moklebust fittingly commented on the gymnast like move, “He stuck the landing!” Legesse, Ventura, and Naish followed with consecutive singles with the final run of the inning scoring on a sacrifice fly by Mac Neil. After 6 innings, BOE was leading 29-5.

SF mounted a rally in the top of the 7th inning, scoring six runs cutting into BOE’s lead. BOE answered with four runs. Moore and Moklebust led off with singles, but were erased from the base paths due to aggressive base running and a fielder’s choice. Schriebel drew a base on balls before Kouyoumdjian hit into the fielder’s choice. Mata doubled in both Schriebel and Kouyoumdjian. Jamison then hit a hard drive to the outfield and showed his speed by touching all of the bases beating the throw home for an inside the park home run, his second home run of the day. Perez-Bran tried to keep the scoring going by hitting a triple, but was stranded at 3rd. At the end of the 7th inning, BOE was in the lead, 33-11.

In the eighth inning, SF scored 2 runs to increase their total to 13, while SF held BOE scoreless. After eight innings, the score was BOE 33 – SF 13.

In the ninth inning, SF was up to the challenge to try to rally. After scoring two runs, SF hit a long fly ball to center field for the final out, with cheers from BOE’s fans and players. Final score BOE 33 – SF 15.

After the game, both teams enjoyed lunch and trophies were presented. With stellar hitting, 4 for 5 with 2 home runs and a triple, and with solid fielding in center field, Garland Jamison was presented the MVP award for the BOE. Bleah won the MVP award for SF with his solid hitting and defense.

Coach Mata expressed his gratitude for everyone’s contributions to the event, especially Julia Moye and Jeannie Park for their continued support in planning the event. It’s truly a team effort!

In the rivalry that began in 2001, SF has 9 wins and BOE has 8 wins. The BOE team looks forward to traveling to San Francisco for the next game, scheduled for October 6, 2018.
City Engineer **Gary Lee Moore**, Deputy City Engineer **Julie Sauter** and Environmental Specialist II **Amanda Griesbach**, Environmental Management Group, attended the American Public Works Association (APWA) Conference that was held in Orlando, Florida, August 27 - August 30, 2017. Amanda said that she especially enjoyed the complete streets talk because it gave her perspective on the City’s Safe Sidewalks LA Program.

**BOE Staff Attends National APWA Conference in Orlando**

City Engineer Gary Lee Moore (center) participated in the APWA Conference as an expert panelist for Envision Sustainability Professionals.

Message from Mayor Garcetti:
The resilience of the City of Los Angeles is one of my top priorities, and emergency preparedness is a critical part of that effort. This is why the City of Los Angeles is a proud participant in the **Great California Shakeout**, the largest planned earthquake drill in the United States. Since 2008, the Shakeout has encouraged each of us to be personally prepared for disaster. This year’s drill will take place on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 10:19 am.

The Shakeout drill is based on a magnitude 7.8 earthquake scenario developed by a team of 300 experts, led by Dr. Lucy Jones, formerly of the U.S. Geological Survey and also a key partner in our City’s Resilience By Design seismic safety plan. This scenario portrays a realistic picture of the catastrophic impacts such an incident would have on our City and neighboring communities.

Last year, over 55 million people worldwide and over 21 million people in the U.S. participated in this exercise. I encourage each of our City Departments and employees to participate this year, and to register at www.ShakeOut.org/register/. The website has information on how to plan your drill and encourage a dialogue about earthquake readiness. There are many ways to take part, but City employees should participate in the drill by making sure to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” at 10:19 am on October 19, 2017.

The City’s efforts are coordinated by the Emergency Management Department (EMD) and the Department of General Services through its Building Emergency Education Program (BEEP). If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Carol Parks with EMD at (213) 484-4815. You can also follow EMD’s updates during an emergency or significant event at:

- [http://readyla.org/](http://readyla.org/)
- [http://twitter.com/readyla](http://twitter.com/readyla)
- [http://www.facebook.com/readyla](http://www.facebook.com/readyla)
- [http://emergency.lacity.org](http://emergency.lacity.org)

Finally, I encourage each of you to register with NotifyLA ([http://emergency.lacity.org/notifyla](http://emergency.lacity.org/notifyla)) to receive updates directly to your phone in an emergency.

Thank you for your support and participation.
Wenn Chyn, Bridge Improvement Division (BID), was invited to present his work in the Western Bridge Engineers’ Seminar (WBES) that was held in Portland, Oregon, on September 6-8, 2017. The WBES is a biennial cooperative effort by the FHWA and the state transportation departments of the western United States. Its purpose is to exchange information among government agencies, consultants, contractors, educators, and supplier on subjects important to the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of bridges. More than 600 professionals attended this year.

Wenn’s presentation, titled Reuse of Unreinforced 1920s Railroad Piers for a New Pedestrian Bridge, focused on the non-motorized bridge to be built over the Los Angeles River as part of the Glendale Boulevard-Hyperion Avenue Complex of Bridges improvement project. Wenn shared the planning thoughts of this endeavor with an audience of approximately 130 who participated in the Pedestrian Bridge Projects group of the Seminar.

The new bridge, also referred to as the Red Car Bridge, would fulfill the concept of a river loop park that was envisioned by the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan. It will be constructed over those concrete piers which were used to support the Red Car rail bridge before the rail system was demolished in 1950s. BID was very instrumental in securing the federal Highway Bridge Program grant to partially fund the pedestrian bridge. Working with the design consultant, BID proposed a cost-effective approach to retrofit two of the five existing piers to support the new superstructure. The audience was impressed by BID’s collaboration with the visionary river planners, the outreach to the community, and the innovative design approach.

**Travel Town Depot Day**

Celebrate Travel Town’s 65th anniversary on Depot Day, Sunday, October 15, 2017, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, at the Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park. There will be guided tours, live music, vintage vehicles, and more. The event is presented by the Travel Town Museum Foundation, which supports the restoration, operation, and interpretation of the historic railroad equipment at the City-operated Travel Town Museum.

**FoLAR Benefit Concert**

Get your ticket to an intimate concert at The Frog Spot, 2825 Benedict St., Los Angeles, on Saturday, October 14, 2017, with world music legends Ozomatli presented by 88.5 FM KCSN and hosted by DJ and music tastemaker Nic Harcourt. Help support Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR’s) work to continue to restore the River by taking part in the party! 7:00 - 10:00 pm

**Promotional Exam Bulletins**


**Welcome to BOE!**

The following information about one of our new employees illustrates that the Bureau of engineering has hired a very diverse group of talented people.

**Cindy Huynh**

Cindy Huynh joined the Street Improvement and Stormwater Division as a Civil Engineering Associate I on July 24, 2017. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree at California State University, Long Beach, where she is currently pursuing her Master’s degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in transportation. She gained most of her public service experience from interning at the City of Newport Beach last year. Although she misses the view of the beach at her previous job, she appreciates her daily commute in that it informs her work on City projects to ease congestion.

Her hobbies include eating, cooking, traveling, spending time with friends and family, and playing pool. Cindy can be found on the 8th floor of the Public Works Building.
Boo at the L.A. Zoo

September 12, 2017 - This Halloween season, BOO AT THE L.A. ZOO offers goblins and ghouls of all ages a chance to feed their imaginations with fan-tastic fun and spook-tacular learning throughout the entire month of October, beginning Sunday, October 1, through Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 10 am to 4 pm. BOO AT THE L.A. ZOO 2017 features daily activities such as an all-new “Nocturnal Adventure” maze, where guest can learn about nocturnal creatures, and the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the Zoo’s tarantulas, scorpions, snakes and more at “Animals and Boo” encounters. Weekends include a “Swazzle’s Monster Menagerie” puppet show, pumpkin carving demonstrations, special animal feedings and other family fun. On Saturday, October 28, and Sunday, October 29, the Halloween bash offers boo-tiful crafts, roaming characters and traditional trick-or-treat stations throughout the grounds. Proudly sponsored by 99 Cents Only Stores, BOO AT THE L.A. ZOO activities are free with paid Zoo admission. Check lazoo.org/BOO for details and daily schedules.

Daily activities include “Animals and Boo” encounters, which take place 10:45 and 11:45 am weekdays, with an extra show at 12:45 pm on weekends; a “Nocturnal Adventure” maze where guests will find fun facts, surprises, and trivia questions at every turn testing their animal knowledge to avoid ‘dead’ ends; and sweet-and-spooky photo ops.

Special weekend adventures kick off on Sunday, October 1, with some of the Zoo’s animal residents enjoying seasonal delights all their own. Plant eaters will relish “Creature Treats” such as pumpkins, while carnivores will devour their favorite fare - carcasses and bones - during “Fearsome Feedings.” (Parental discretion advised for the latter.) Starting Saturday, October 7, weekend days will also feature “Swazzle’s Monster Menagerie” interactive puppet show at 10:30 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm, where audience members can help select various animal features to create the ideal trick-or-treating companion for a lonely scientist, and Gene Granata of Masterpiece Pumpkins showing off his magical pumpkin-carving skills from 10 am to 4 pm. Sponsor giveaways, games, and more will add to the fun to weekend days throughout the month.

Admission to the Los Angeles Zoo is $21 for general admission (ages 13 to 61), $18 for seniors (ages 62+), and $16 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under 2. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

The Los Angeles Zoo is located at 5333 Zoo Drive in Los Angeles’ Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Free parking is available. For general information about the Zoo, call (323) 644-4200.

BOE Recognized for Giving to 2016 Combined Charitable Campaign

In September, Mayor Eric Garcetti recognized departments for their contributions to the 2016 City of Los Angeles Give to LA Combined Charitable Campaign.

The Bureau of Engineering received Certificates of Appreciation and was listed on plaques for placing second Citywide in New Payroll Deductions 2016 and third place in One Time Deduction 2016, as shown below. Thanks go to all the BOE employees whose generous donations made this possible.

The wording on the certificates reads as follows:

Certificate of Recognition
Outstanding Achievement
As Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and on behalf of its residents, it is my pleasure to congratulate your outstanding achievement and support of the 2016 City of Los Angeles’ Give to LA Combined Charitable Campaign.

Your exemplary efforts and accomplishments have been of great benefit to your community and the City of LA. Your valuable contributions have helped to further the common good of making our city a better place in which to live, work, and play.

Thank you for Giving to Los Angeles!

September 12, 2017
ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor
CMAA Project Awards Nominations Open

Southern California Chapter 2018 Project Achievement Awards
Construction Management Association of America Southern California Chapter is pleased to announce its 16th Annual Awards Program to recognize outstanding achievement in the practice of construction management. Award winners will serve as examples for CMAA to promote professionalism and excellence in the management of the construction process. The application form is available at: http://cmaasc.org/pdfs/2018_achievementapplication.pdf

Purpose
The Program is designed to recognize and promote professionalism, innovation and excellence in the management of the construction process. Awards will be given to the projects that best reflect this mission.

Criteria for Project Achievement Awards
• The competition is open to all CMAA Southern California Chapter members. The submitter of the nomination must be a current member of the Chapter or the submission will be disqualified. The award recipient may be a non-member.
• Nominated projectsmust have been completed between October 1, 2016 and November 1, 2017.
• Projects must be within the Southern California Chapter regional area, which excludes the San Diego region.
• Projects must contain a Construction Management or Program Management role which is performed separately and distinctly from the builder's role. If the builder also performed the CM or PM services for the same project (e.g. CM at Risk), then these services must be clearly described to explain how they differ from the builder's role.
• It is recommended that the submitter confirm with the Owner/Client entity that it does not object to the statements made in the submittal. CMAA S. Ca. Chapter is not responsible for verifying the accuracy of the information provided.

CMAA S. Ca. Chapter will recognize the performance of outstanding Construction Management or Program Management services for projects completed in the S. Ca. Chapter regional area in the following major Cost Categories – Public or Private Projects with Constructed Value:
1. Less than $10 million
2. $11 million to $50 million
3. $51 million to $100 million
4. $101 million to $500 million
5. More than $500 million
 Awards will be bestowed within the above Cost Categories which may be further broken down under Project Market Sector, Delivery Method, and Type Sub-Categories including but not limited to the following:
• Transportation (includes highways, transit, ports, airports, etc.)
• Public Works (includes water, wastewater, flood control, parks, utilities, etc.)
• Building projects for New Construction
• Building projects for Renovation/Modernization
• Program Management (for delivery of Program Management Services for a multi-project CIP)

The criteria for evaluating Project Achievement Award nominations focus on the following management efforts and project outcomes:
• Overall management
• Quality management
• Cost and schedule management
• Complexity
• Innovation and creativity
• Customer service and satisfaction
• Safety results

Criteria for CM Partner Awards
In addition to the project achievement awards for construction management and program management, we are presenting awards for our high-achieving CM Partners in four categories: Design and Construction Industry Partner Awards where we will recognize projects that exemplify excellent construction management related practices performed by our industry partners in design or construction, Sustainable Construction Awards for projects and programs that exceed the standard approach towards sustainable buildings and spaces, and CODE (Creating Opportunities for Diversity and Equality) Mentorship Awards where we will recognize firms that go above and beyond agency requirements in the support of women and minority owned businesses.

Two Options for Submitting for a CM Partner Award:
1. CM Partner Awards can be submitted under one of the above Project Achievement Awards Cost Categories (1 through 4). Submissions for this approach will be provided in Optional Tab 5 of the Project Achievement Award submission.
2. A project can be submitted independently for one of the CM Partner Award categories provided the project can be demonstrated to have used a Construction Management or Program Management delivery and the CM Partner Award applicant is a current member of the Chapter. Submissions for this approach will independently respond to the Project Achievement Awards application and will follow the prescribed approach detailed at the end of Nomination Form.

If one of the two above options for submission is not met, the submission will be disqualified. The project should be submitted under one or more of the following optional categories, as applicable. More than one award may be given in each category below:
• Design Quality Industry Partner Awards; for Architects or Engineers that demonstrate excellence in design document quality and/or design team performance during construction (please invite your designer to participate in the development of your submission for this award, we want to engage them in the process and recognize them for their achievement).
• Contractor Quality Industry Partner Awards; for Contractors that demonstrate excellence in construction quality and/or construction team performance during construction (please invite your contractor to participate in the development of your submission for this award, we want to engage them in the process and recognize them for their achievement).
• Sustainable Construction Awards; where the CM’s or PM’s role contributed significantly to the sustainable outcome of the project.
• CODE Mentorship Awards; where CM’s or PM’s have contributed significantly to the mentoring and growth of woman and minority owned firms (please invite your sub-consultant(s) to participate in the development of your submission for this award, we want to engage them in the process and recognize them for your mutual achievement).

Evaluation
• Each nominated project will be evaluated using the listed criteria and entry information should be provided using the Nomination Form format only.
• This is a competitive process. Only the best project in each category and sub-category will be selected. Honorable Mention awards may be presented.
• The Awards Selection Committee will be composed of members of the S. Ca. Chapter of CMAA.

Submission
• Nominations must be received by CMAA no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, November 29, 2017.
• Please enclose your entry fee of $350 per project submitted and an additional $200 for each Optional Award Category submitted or Independent CM Partner Award submission. Make check payable to CMAA S. Ca. Chapter.
• Credit card payments will be accepted for entry fees (contact the Chapter for authorization form).
• Multiple submissions from the same firm are welcome, but each submission requires its own fee.

Presentation
The Awards will be presented at S. Ca. Chapter’s Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 26, 2018, in Downtown Los Angeles. Winners from the S. Ca. Project Achievement Awards competition are encouraged to submit to the CMAA National Project Achievement Awards Program.
After 32 years of service, Shahin Behdin retires. Many friends and coworkers attended his retirement luncheon held at the Omni Hotel on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. Among those present were Deputy City Engineer Ted Allen, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, and Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto.

Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto presented a retirement certificate from the Board of Public Works to Shahin Behdin.
2017 Bureau of Engineering Division Photos

Sidewalk Repair Division
The Sidewalk Division (SWD) manages Safe Sidewalks LA. Under Safe Sidewalks LA the City has made a commitment to invest $1.4 billion over 30 years to fix thousands of miles of sidewalks around the City and make them accessible to everyone. To achieve this objective, SWD manages the Access Request Program, the Rebate Program and Report a Sidewalk Problem requests. The Access Request Program makes repairs requested by people with a mobility disability, the Rebate Program reimburses property owners for a portion of the cost of their sidewalk repair, and Report a Sidewalk Problem accepts sidewalk requests from the general public. SWD also manages sidewalk repairs in front of City owned and operated facilities; removing access barriers and bringing sidewalks into compliance with applicable accessibility requirements.


Sixth Street Viaduct Division
Sixth Street Viaduct Division (SIX) is responsible for managing all activities related to the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project.

1 to r: Laura Mojica, Gary Lam, John Koo, Julie Allen, Julia Moye, Natalie Moore, Scott Bae.
Street Improvement & Stormwater Division

The Street Improvement & Stormwater Division (SSD) consists of the Street Improvement Group and Stormwater Group. The Street Improvement Group provides design and construction management services for street capital improvement projects. This includes applying for and managing a variety of grant funds and providing recommendations and cost estimates for proposed projects. The Stormwater Group provides design and construction management services for capital improvement projects and management of emergency flood control projects to address immediate drainage and flooding issues. The Stormwater Program also oversees the City’s flood control program and coordinates the City’s activities required by the National Flood Insurance Program.


Streetcar Division

The Streetcar Division (SCD) manages delivering the Downtown L.A. Streetcar project. The DTLA Streetcar is planned as a modern, fixed-rail up to 3.8-mile streetcar system to link with regional transit using 1st Street, Broadway, 11th, Figueroa, 7th & Hill Streets to serve the Civic Center, Broadway and the Historic Core, the Fashion District, South Park, L.A. Live and the Convention Center, the Financial District, and restaurant row through the Jewelry District. A potential design alternative, which will be achieved if funding is identified, would run up onto Grand Avenue to serve the city’s prized cultural institutions. This Division works with the LA Department of Transportation; the Los Angeles Streetcar Inc., a non-profit formed by business and property owners to advance the streetcar project; the Federal Transit Administration, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and coordinates with other bureaus within the Department of Public Works, Council office, and the Streetcar Executive Committee.

Pictured: Reza Shahmirzadi
Seminars offered by the Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter. For additional information on these seminars please go to www.cmaasc.org.

Progressive Design-Build, The Owner’s Perspective on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at the Long Beach Airport Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Progressive design-build (PDB), is becoming increasingly more popular among owners. There are many attractive benefits to PDB for both owners and practitioners. In this seminar we will discuss the various nuances of PDB, and how it can be applied to a capital program to achieve more predictable results.

Learning objectives:
• What is progressive design-build? How does it work?
• Investment in projects, not procurements
• Schedule advantages
• Managing project risk as a team
• Success strategies
• Better opportunities for local subcontracting
• CM’s role in a Progressive Design-Build
• Capital budget management

Seminar leader: Brandon Dekker, Principal, gkkworks.

Presenters: Praful Kulkarni, AIA, CEO, gkk-works; Jacob Williams, Assistant Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Cost: Before Friday, Oct. 13 $70/member, $140/non-member; after Oct. 13 $85/member, $170/non-member.

Breakfast of Champions - LAUSD on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at The LA Hotel, 333 South Figueroa, Downtown LA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Speaker: Kristzina Tokes, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, Los Angeles Unified School District.

Alternate Project Delivery Under California Law – Where Are We Headed? on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. This seminar will review and explore the latest legal trends in California concerning alternate project delivery methods and the current legal landscape addressing the authority to use these various methods in public works construction and the risks to the various project participants when they commit to use an alternate delivery method that they may not be familiar with given past experience. The seminar will cover the legality and contract risks of certain delivery methods, requirements, restrictions, selection of the entity to design, build and construct the project and the current landscape and direction the construction industry is taking particularly as it concerns all manner of public works construction. Key topics will include:
• Design Build Delivery
• Job Order Contracting
• Master Agreements/Task Order Contracts
• Construction Manager At Risk
• Alternate Delivery Methods Allowed for Public Works
• Best Value Selection
• Rights, Remedies Regarding Best Value Selection
• Risk Overview and Risk Shifting Regarding Design and Construction
• Limitations of Alternate Delivery Methods

Seminar instructors: Michael J. Baker, Esq. and Jamie N. Furst, Esq., Snell & Wilmer LLP.

Cost: register by Friday, Oct. 13, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Oct. 13, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Adopting LEAN Construction Principles on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Learn about LEAN Construction and how the 4-Ps of the Toyota Way Process (Problem solving, People, Process and Philosophy) relate and are joined. Learn how the LEAN techniques can be deployed by CMs, AE firms and Owners, it’s not just for contractors!

Takeaway Toolbox
• Learn how Owners can determine if CM, AE and GCs current practices are LEAN
• Learn how Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) is the heart of LEAN
• Learn how a company made LEAN a part of their culture
• Learn how 2 people can start the LEAN journey for CM, AE and GCs

Seminar leader: Michael Vega, P.E., LAUSD, will present the background and current status of LEAN Construction and project future use of LEAN Construction to facilitate an open discussion.

Panel members:
Alix Walsh O’Brien, AIA, Facilities Asset Development Director, LAUSD, will discuss her observations on the benefits of LEAN Construction from eyes of an Owner/CM.

William Lee, VP and General Manager, Irvine, The Austin Company will discuss how Austin Company in the decade of the 2010s was a pioneer in the Quality movement, leading up to LEAN Construction.

Ken Stone, VP and Project Executive, Irvine, The Austin Company, will discuss how Austin Company in the decade of the 2010s was an early user of LEAN Construction on Austin Company construction projects.

Cost: register by Friday, Oct. 20, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Oct. 20, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Keys of Negotiation - Sharpen Your Soft Skills on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. There is no doubt that one of the most initial keys to achieve a successful business is ability to express our wills and understanding the others’ wills effectively.

This is not possible unless we make ourselves capable to negotiate efficiently. Negotiating is a trading game. There is only one way to play the game; that is to trade what we want from somebody else for what they want from us. This session will address the definition of the negotiation with emphasis on the “Principled Negotiation” or “Interest Based Negotiation”. The workshop can be useful for anybody who is involved in the negotiation processes and interacts with clients and other project team members. More specifically, it could be helpful for junior project team members, and emerging leaders or project managers.

Seminar instructor: Amin Salari, CCM, PMP, LEED AP, Principal/Project Director, ARCADIS.

Cost: register by Friday, Oct. 20, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Oct. 20, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Best Practices and Deadly Sins of Proposal Writing: Increase your odds of getting shortlisted! Generating proposals that exceed RFP criteria and set your firm apart from the crowd on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Today’s proposals are as unique as the clients they represent. Proposal requirements are becoming more restrictive and focused. To be both responsive and successful proposal development procedures need to include the use of “best practices” to ensure a quality product; allow for maximum flexibility; and avoid the deadly sins of proposal writing. This panel presentation will cover proposal do’s and don’ts from clients who will share their views on what makes a firm successfully stand out from the crowd. Find out what clients are looking for in a proposal, and what makes them cringe – and hear it directly from the people that are evaluating your proposals. You will also hear about proposal best practices from the perspective of a large construction management firm; and you will leave this workshop with information you can use in your next submittal.

Seminar leader: Lynne Cooper, Pursuit Specialist, Infrastructure/Buildings, West Region, ARCADIS.

Panel members: Mike Sarullo, Division Engineer, Environmental Engineering Division, City of Los Angeles BoE; Darrin Lambrigger, PE, CCM, Acting Director, Construction Management Division, Port of Long Beach; Greg Campbell, Chief Airports Engineer, Planning and Development Group, Los Angeles World Airports; Ivan Page, Executive Officer, Vendor/Contract Management, LA METRO.

Cost: register by Friday, Nov. 3, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Nov. 3, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Best Practices in Managing Change Requests, Change Orders, Claims on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at the Riverside Marriott,
Project Manager I - Geotechnical Engineering Division

The Bureau has one Project Manager (PM) I opportunity available in the Geotechnical Engineering Division (GED). Eligible candidates are invited to apply for this opportunity.

This is a critical position in the GED that provides project management and personnel oversight. The PM I will be responsible for managing Special Gas Tax funded Hillside Slope Stability Program and related capital improvement projects that are more complex and more politically sensitive in nature. In addition, the PM I will personally supervise and direct the activities of engineering personnel that oversee the management of design consultants and/or manage in-house design and preparation of plans, specs, and estimates for projects. The PM I will attend meetings and coordinate project activities with the Bureau of Street Services, Council Offices, the City Administrative Officer, and other interested parties. This position will prepare project Board reports, Oversight Committee reports, status reports and Uniform Project Reporting System updates. The PM I will assist with bid and award activities, monitor project revenue and expenditures, review consultant billings and track and resolve funding issues. This position will serve as the Program Control Engineer and serves as back-up to the Program Manager.

Project Manager Salary bonuses can only be applied to positions in the following bargaining units:
- Professional Engineering and Scientific Unit (MOU #8)
- Supervisory Professional Engineering and Scientific Unit (MOU #17)
- Management Employees Unit (MOU #36)

Project Manager I Minimum Experience Requirements:
- BS in Engineering, Architecture or Construction Management AND 4 years of progressively responsible professional experience in Engineering, Architecture or Construction Management. (CA registration as Engineer or Architect may be substituted for two years experience); OR
- Graduation from a recognized 4 year college or university AND 6 years of progressively responsible professional experience in Engineering, Architecture, or Construction Management; OR
- No degree with 8 years of progressively responsible professional experience in Engineering, Architecture, or Construction Management.

In addition to the minimum experience requirements described above, the successful candidate either must have completed the Bureau’s Project Delivery Fundamentals Training (PDFT), or complete the PDFT within one year of appointment, or obtain a certificate in project management from the Project Management Institute, or complete either the UC Riverside or UC Irvine Project Management Programs with a certificate in project management.

The basic requirements for a PM salary bonus remain as stated in the 10/17/01 Engineering Newsletter. All BOE employees interested in applying must submit a resume together with a Supplemental Statement to Vicki Estelle, Geotechnical Engineering Division, Mail Stop 495, Phone (213) 847-0536, Fax (213) 847-0541, or via e-mail at vicki.estelle@lacity.org by October 20, 2017.

The Supplemental Statement should not exceed two pages, 12-point type, single spaced, and must contain the following information:
1. Describe how your background and experiences have prepared you for this position.
2. Provide example(s) of projects that you completed successfully. Define your use of the term “successful.”
3. Describe a specific instance in which you formed a team to solve a problem. Be specific about the situation, what you did, and the outcome.
4. Describe a difficult client problem you resolved. Be specific about the situation.
5. Describe any working relationships or contacts that you have had with Commissioners from the Board of Public Works.

The most qualified candidates will be selected and interviewed for the position. Associate IV applicants should note that they will not be able to maintain their Associate IV status in this bonus PM I position. They would be required to revert to their previous civil service classification. This is because the technical skills which qualified them for the Associate IV classification will not be utilized in this project manager role. For questions or additional information, contact Vicki Estelle.

City Hall X Toastmasters In-vite Women City Employees

Join Us to Gain Confidence and Find Your Voice!

Club Mission
City Hall X Toastmasters provides a welcoming and encouraging space for women who work in or are affiliated with City of Los Angeles government. Our mission is to provide leadership opportunities and develop public speaking skills while facilitating a strong network to empower and propel the careers of women in City of Los Angeles government and work toward parity and equal representation at all levels.

Meetings Information and Contacts
City Hall X Toastmasters meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in City Hall 4th Floor Media Room promptly from noon - 1pm. Guests are welcome. Bring a friend!

Subscribe to our calendar and mailing list: Mandy Morales, VP of Education, mandy.morales@lacity.org

Membership inquiries: Araceli Garcia, VP of Membership, araceli.garcia@lacity.org

Connect with us on Facebook @City-HallXToastmasters and visit the City Hall X Toastmasters Webpage: https://cityhallxtoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org

Current Letterhead
The latest version of the Bureau of Engineering letterhead template is always available from the Engineering Forms Library under the category Correspondence on the BOE intranet.
**Arrivals**

Hakop Chilingaryan, Management Analyst, SWD; Talecia Arbor, Admin Clerk, EED; Amanda Rogers, Secretary, ADM; Bria Goodall, Admin Intern II, WCC; Paul Hutto, Daniel Rosenberg, William Henderson, Field Engineering Aide, SUR; Christopher Adams, Environmental Specialist II, EMG; Rudy Terriquez, CE Associate I, VAL; Adria Zulueta, Student Engineer IV, GEO.

**Promotions**

Jack Cook, Engineering Designer I, EED; Tieng Terrah Heng, Programmer Analyst IV, SYS; Erik Beasley, CE Associate II, BID; Tanat Sadidikit, CE Associate III, WCE; Patrick Schmidt, Geotechnical Engineer III, GED; Melissa Lam, Architectural Associate II, ARC.

**Departures**

Shahin Behdin, Prin. Civil Engineer, retired, CEN; Eda Meredith, Management Analyst, retired, CEN; Miguel Morgan, Student Engineer III, resigned, ARC; Kimberly Barton, Secretary, promoted to LAPD, CMD; Gordon Tat, CE Associate I, transfer to DWP, BID; Lilliana Chavez, Title Examiner, promoted to DWP, REG; Justin Zhang, CE Associate II, promoted to Sanitation, SSD; Melissa Taguchi, Admin Intern, resigned, WCC.

**Professional Registration**

Hok Chi Chiu, Structural Engineering Associate III, CEN, received Structural License.

**In Memoriam**

Our deepest condolences go to Valley District Engineer Mati Laan, whose father, Bruno Laan, passed away this past weekend. Services will be held at 12:30 pm, Saturday, October 28, 2017, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills Mortuary. Mati shared this special remembrance:

“My father was a friend and an inspiration to many. He came from the small country of Estonia and immigrated to the US after World War II. From dishwasher in New York, he worked his way through school earning a BS degree from Tufts University, and a Masters Degree in Engineering from MIT. My father spoke 4 languages, and was a Structural Engineer and a manager with Fluor Corporation where he traveled the world with projects in Iran, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Java, and Alaska. He retired from Fluor after a 33 year career there. He lived a full life and passed away at the age of 91.

**Veterans Day Holiday**

Because November 11th falls on a Saturday, Friday, November 10, 2017, is a City holiday. Remember to mark your timesheet for that day as HO 8.0. Since the holiday is only for eight hours, those of you on the 9/80 schedule must adjust your hours accordingly within the same pay period. (Non-FLSA exempt employees can only adjust their hours within their defined work week.)

**Notice No. 21 Standard Division Titles**

Notice No. 21 dated October 3, 2017, titled *Standard Division/Group Titles and Abbreviations* provided a list of the standard titles and abbreviations of Bureau of Engineering divisions or group titles. For consistency, employees are to use these titles in all correspondence, reports, charts, etc.

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**AGENTS Brown Bag**

BOE’s sustainability advocacy group AGENTS will be hosting its third brown bag lunch of the year on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Noon in the newly renovated SB6 conference room in the Public Works Building (PWB). After doing the rounds at our District Offices, Civil Engineer Thein Crocker, PE, of the Land Development and GIS Division, will bring to PWB divisions her presentation on street vacations. Please join us over lunch, and we’ll provide coffee and popcorn.

**Disability Mentoring Day**

Message from Mayor Garcetti:

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and the City of Los Angeles is honored to be the local coordinator for Disability Mentoring Day (DMD 2017) occurring on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

The City’s own Department on Disability (DOD) is coordinating this entire effort. DMD 2017 provides an opportunity for students and job seekers with disabilities to gain insight into career options by spending part of their day in the workplace “shadowing” a City employee through a normal work day. Every year young people with disabilities get the opportunity to experience the workforce in ways that illuminate and inspire them to reach higher goals.

I strongly encourage you to solicit interest among your staff to be Mentors for a day, during regular work hours, on October 18, 2017. Your direction is vital to the success of this worthy event. Each City Departmental ADA Coordinator has received the information packet via email regarding DMD 2017, which includes the application, fact sheet, and agenda.

Please complete an application form for each mentor and return it to Lourdes Sinibaldi from DOD either by fax at (213) 202-2715 or via email at lourdes.sinibaldi@lacity.org no later than Friday, October 13, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Lourdes Sinibaldi at the email address listed above. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of students with disabilities. I look forward to making DMD 2017 a very successful event!

**We’d Like to Hear from You**

If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them to BOENewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for the next issue is Thursday, November 2, 2017.