Grand Re-Opening Ceremony for Police Academy
BOE Renovated Existing Facilities & Constructed New Building

On September 15, 2016 the grand re-opening ceremony was held for the Police Academy Replacement Training Facility and Administration Building/Café and Four Shooting Ranges, in Elysian Park near Dodger Stadium.

The project scope included construction of a new Training Facility at 1891 N. Academy Drive and extensive renovation of the Administration Building located at 1880 N. Academy Drive and renovation of four shooting ranges. The historic Los Angeles Police Academy spans across approximately 24 acres, which includes six building within the Campus. The facility also serves the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC), a non-profit association and a private club which was established over 70 years ago by Los Angeles Police Officers as a training facility to promote the morale, welfare, and wellness of the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The new replacement Training Facility is a new 21,000 square foot, two-story, split level building with offices, classrooms, and storage space. ADA parking spaces were also provided. The facility replaces many temporary trailers and serves as the communication hub for all LAPD operations at the site. For the new Training Building, the goal was to build modern, technologically advanced training rooms that provide an opportunity for the most up to date police instruction. For example, the Simulation Training Room will have the VirTra V-300, which is the World’s First 300 Degree Training Platform. The V-300 provides real-life scenarios and marksmanship training for decision-making simulation and tactical firearms training. Five screens and a 300-degree immersive training environment ensures that time in the simulator translates into real world survival skills.

The renovation work encompasses improvements in a variety of disciplines on different facilities: Administration Building, Clubhouse Building, Bonus Range Building, Tactical Range, Shotgun Range Building, Combat Range Building, and Onsite Parking. The focus being mainly on improvements that eliminate or mitigate health and safety issues, as well as improvements that are Federal, State, or otherwise legally-mandated. The project is required to make improvements to comply with current codes for the American Disability Act (ADA), Secretary’s Standards for Rehabilitation per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Fire, Life & Safety. This includes installing an elevator in the Administration Building and the installation of a fire sprinkler system in the Administration Building/Café and Bonus Range. The project also required abatement of continued on page 2
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lead based paint, asbestos containing material, floor tiles, mold, and soil (at three of the Shooting Ranges) with high levels of heavy metals along with circulation improvements, general electrical, plumbing and commercial upgrade.

The project was funded by Proposition Q Public Safety Facilities Bond. The design was by RNL Design and the general contractor was Kemp Brothers Construction, Inc. Kemp Bros. Construction, Inc. worked closely with the City to phase the work on site to allow the shooting ranges to complete sequentially, so that LAPD could use them while the buildings were still in construction. The main challenge encountered by Kemp Bros. Inc. was implementing new systems that needed to tie in with antiquated existing systems that were revealed as work progressed on-site.

Congratulations go to Bond Program Alan Kawaguchi, Project Manager Joyce Mar, Fatima Guerra, Bureau of Contract Administration’s Frank Rinaldi, Pete Le Grand and Fred Milani, and everyone who contributed to this project.

Group photo taken at the ceremony.
**House Approves Funding for L.A. River Restoration**

On September 28, 2016, the House of Representatives approved the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which includes a provision to provide $376 million in federal funding to the Los Angeles River restoration project. A conference committee will reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill, after which the final version would head to the President.

Mayor Eric Garcetti released this statement: “The L.A. River is a natural treasure - a place central to our city’s history, and that holds extraordinary potential for the future of the communities surrounding it and the enjoyment of all who live in or visit Los Angeles. Today’s House approval of the Water Resources Development Act completes a historic Congressional commitment to restoring the river, placing it firmly among the highest priorities in the nation’s waterway restoration projects. Passage of WRDA clears a path for the City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to request annual funding to support our ongoing mission to revitalize a long-neglected civic and cultural resource.”

**GeoHub Named Outstanding IT Project**

On August 30, 2016, the City’s GeoHub won an Outstanding IT Project Award of 2016 at the LA Digital Government Summit, which was sponsored by Government Technology Magazine.

The Los Angeles Excellence in Technology Awards honored outstanding achievements and recognized innovative technology initiatives in the public sector. Bureau of Engineering’s Land Development and GIS Division (LDG) was involved in the project, assisting the Mayor’s office in setting up and providing the GeoHub data, as well as providing server and network support. Kirk Bishop was there to represent BOE at the award ceremony. Ann-Kristen Karling and Victor Murillo of LDG also worked on the project.

GeoHub is the City’s new public platform for exploring, visualizing, and downloading location-based Open Data. Users can also analyze and combine Open Data layers using maps, as well as develop new web and mobile applications. Check out the City’s GeoHub at [http://geohub.lacity.org/](http://geohub.lacity.org/)

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**Reusch Commended**

This letter was sent to Deputy City Engineer Ted Allen and Michael Kouyoumdjian, Valley District Office:

Date: 08/16/15

At the end of July 2016 I met with Christine Reusch to process a revocable permit for a Client of mine in the city of Sherman Oaks.

Christine went patiently and diligently through the entire process with me and made it very clear as to what was needed, and what paperwork was necessary in order for me to process the revocable permit.

I met with Christine several times throughout the process which at every appointment she was very courteous, efficient, professional, knowledgeable and very informative in regards to moving forward and expediting the permit process.

Made several calls to the field inspectors to make sure the information I made available corresponds with the available information onsite.

Was available and again, informative through numerous questions I had.

It really made the entire process easy, and as a GC, first time going through such a process it was very helpful and made the process very efficient.

As a GC with a lot of experience going through the process of issuing permits at numerous Building and Safety department locations this was a very pleasant experience.

Respectfully,

Doron Talor/President
Home Foundations
Construction & Remodeling Inc.
Welcome to the Bureau of Engineering!

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

**Deysi Alvarado**
Deysi Alvarado joined the Central District as a Civil Engineering Associate I in the Bureau of Engineering. She graduated with a Bachelor’s of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Irvine in June 2016. Deysi was involved with the American Society of Civil Engineers and was president for the 2015-2016 school year.

While attending UCI, she worked at ALCO General Engineering as an estimator where she bid projects located in Orange County. The projects’ scope of work ranged from installing water lines, storm drain, electrical conduit, and street improvements.

Deysi grew up in El Monte and is the oldest in her family. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, traveling, and trying new places to eat.

**Manan Bhalja**
Manan Bhalja has joined the Structural Engineering Division, Municipal Facilities Section, as a Structural Engineering Associate II. He received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Houston in 2008 and 2010, respectively.

Prior to joining the Bureau, Manan was employed at Technip Stone & Webster Process Technology in Claremont, CA for four years, where he was involved in the structural design of petrochemical plants and oil refineries. He also worked at KTI Corporation in Houston, TX where he designed structural systems for fired heaters (cylindrical structures) and reformers (box type structures). His experience involves steel design (equipment supports, pipe racks, steel chimneys, ductwork, and platework structures) and concrete design (pile and mat foundations, foundations for dynamically loaded equipment, underground vaults, and ductbanks). Manan is a licensed Professional Engineer in California, Texas, and Alberta (Canada).

When not working, Manan enjoys spending time with his wife and their 4 month old son. His hobbies include reading, swimming, playing basketball, and traveling. Manan’s office is located on the 7th floor of the Public Works Building and he can be reached at (213) 485-5363.

**Rochelle Dungca**
Rochelle Dungca joined the Central District as a Civil Engineering Associate I in Bureau of Engineering. She graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Cal Poly Pomona in 2013. While at Cal Poly Pomona, Rochelle was part of the Engineering and Technical Science Sorority, Phi Sigma Rho. Then was the Alumni Advisor from 2014-2015 after graduation helping out with off-campus duties.

After graduating from Cal Poly Pomona she began working at a local Civil Engineering firm, VCA Engineers preparing construction documents, reports, and design calculations for various types of projects. The projects ranged from schools within LA Unified School District, City of LA projects, to residential projects in different cities within LA County. The various projects helped Rochelle become familiar with the different types of permits and worked on a few projects dealing with B-Permit work and getting clearances for LID stormwater design.

Rochelle enjoys different motorsports by either watching or participating in races with Cal Club SCCA Autocross. She also enjoys going to different restaurants and trying out various types of food. Rochelle aspires to win the Pro Solo Nationals Competition for autocross and to attend the different motorcycle races around the world while trying out the local restaurants.

**Jackie Tran**
Jackie Tran is a new Civil Engineer Associate I to join the Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division on June 27, 2016. He was born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia but raised in Los Angeles, California. Jackie is a former United State Marine and served two combat tours to Iraq and was awarded a Purple Heart. After completion of his military service contract, he pursued his Bachelor’s Degree in Structural Engineering from University of California, San Diego. He continued to further his education at California State University, Los Angeles and graduated this year with his Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering.

Jackie enjoys basketball, bowling, ping pong, and quality family time. His motto is “There’s always a positive to every negative. So if life gives you lemons, let’s make lemonade.” Jackie looks forward to be an efficient member of public service.

**ESRP Work Commended**
This e-mail was sent to Jorge De La Toriente and Jon Delkhaste, Emergency Sewer Repair Program (ESRP), Wastewater Conveyance Construction Engineering Division and Ralph Roybal of Valverde Construction:

Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 6:12 PM
Subject: Re: HSIP 6 Curb Ramp Projects - BOE Design Status Update

Hey Gene,
I checked with all of our project managers and those new deadlines are acceptable. Since we are on the subject, I would like to take a moment and recognize you and all of your associates for not only the quantity of work that you are performing for us but the quality as well. I have worked for the City for over 25 years and have never seen this level of cooperation before. We really appreciate your efforts and if I could hand out commendations directly to you and your employees myself, I would. I am looking into it, but for now, you will just have to accept a heartfelt THANK YOU from us for your services.

Have a great weekend,
Michael Hunt

Thanks to Edwards & Masuda
In April 2016, LADOT tasked BOE to design a total of 57 intersections, 17 to be completed by the end of July. Matt Masuda, a Civil Engineer under Gene Edwards, headed this project. Matt and his team worked many weekends to successfully deliver the designs.

The following e-mail was received from Michael Hunt of LADOT:
Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 6:40 PM
Subject: Re: HSIP 6 Curb Ramp Projects - BOE Design Status Update

Hey Gene,

I wanted to take a few minutes to commend you on the job Ralph Roybal and his crew have done at my home for the past month or so. I also want to thank you, Jon, for your willingness and kindness to me when I called you regarding ‘kudos’ for this crew!

They have been professional, considerate, and extremely thoughtful through this very major job. I have never seen a crew work as skillfully and diligently as these wonderful guys have.

What impressed me most was how little time they wasted, how they worked consistently throughout the day, never broke to chat, were conscientious from early morning to late afternoon- cleaned up after themselves, left the work area pristine and safely covered over every day.

I thank you all for making what could have been a big, unsightly, annoying mess, a most pleasant experience.

I wish you all the best, and continued success-

Sincerely,

Maria Florio
Earthworks Films Inc.
Mayor Selects Petroleum Administrator

L.A. Zoo press release:

This Halloween season, Boo at the L.A. Zoo offers goblins and ghouls of all ages a chance to feed their imaginations with Fang-tastic fun and spooktacular learning throughout the entire month of October beginning Saturday, October 1 and continuing through Monday, October 31, 2016, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Boo at the L.A. Zoo 2016 features daily activities such as spooky caves and a corn stalk maze, while weekends include a “Mad Science Fire and Ice Halloween Show,” “Musical Monster Mash-Up” puppet show, a costumes-encouraged dance party, boo-tiful Halloween-themed crafts, strolling characters, pumpkin carving, special animal feedings and other family fun including a “Disney Activity Station” and costume character meet-and-greets with PJ Masks and Peppa Pig on select weekends. Activities at Boo at the L.A. Zoo, which is sponsored by 99 Cents Only Stores, are free with paid Zoo admission. Check lazoo.org/BOO for details and daily schedules.

In a twist on a more traditional Halloween haunted house, the Zoo brings back its one-of-a-kind spooky cave experience in the Winnick Family Children’s Zoo, filled with shadows and projections of slithering snakes and crawling spiders, eerie sounds and other special effects. Other daily activities include a corn stalk maze filled with hair-raising Halloween scenes, among them a haunted barn, and a “freaky frame” photo op. Guests can get up close and personal to some of the Zoo’s scary, slithery creatures at “Animals and You” encounters, with tarantulas, scorpions, snakes and more at 10:45 and 11:45 a.m. daily, plus an extra show at 12:45 p.m. on weekends.

Weekends at Boo at the L.A. Zoo feature extra entertainment and education attractions including a “Mad Science Fire and Ice Show” at 2:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday designed to have children on the edge of their seats as fire appears from thin air, ice remains unmelted, potions bubble and eerie fog envelops the stage. The mischievous magic continues with pumpkin-carving demonstrations, Halloween-themed crafts, “Swazzle’s Musical Monster Mash-Up” puppet show featuring silly songs and sing-alongs, and the GEC Street Team providing break dancers, DJs, nostalgic family stage games and prizes. Zoo residents celebrate along with everyone, so guests are encouraged to keep their eyes peeled for seasonal feedings, with plant eaters enjoying pumpkins and carnivores consuming carcasses (parental discretion advised for the latter) on select dates.

On the weekends of Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23 and 29-30, the Zoo partners with Disney to add activities and giveaways previewing the upcoming release of the animated film Moana. Stations from KIND Healthy Snacks, the L.A. Federal Credit Union, and ScholarShare add to the Halloween hap-

Boo at the Zoo - Continued

penings throughout the month. Boo at the L.A. Zoo’s Halloween bash concludes on Saturday and Sunday, October 29-30 with traditional trick-or-treat stations throughout the grounds and special costume character meet-and-greets with PJ Masks and Peppa Pig.

Admission to the Los Angeles Zoo is $20 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); $17 for seniors (ages 62+), and $15 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 additional information about Boo At The Zoo, call (323) 644-6001 or visit http://www.lazoo.org/boo/. For general information about the Zoo, call (323) 644-4200.
Commemorative Plates Honor Four L.A. River Bridges
Historic Bridges were Built by BOE in the 1920’s and 30’s

Four of the historic bridges over the Los Angeles River are commemorated on a set of porcelain plates, 8.25” in diameter (salad/dessert-size.) They are food safe and can be used in a microwave and/or a dishwasher. They are available for sale only as a full set of 4 plates, priced at $199 per set.

John Kalish started the River Bridges Plate project, wanting to honor both the bridges and Merrill Butler, BOE engineer mentioned on the back of the Fourth Street Bridge plate. His first collection of salad/dessert plates showcasing six historic Hudson River bridges came out in 2009. Kalish collaborated with photographer Daniel Stein and art director Ryan Kelly on most of the photographs and all of the details for the L.A. bridge plates. The back of the plate contains historical information about each bridge surrounded by geometric motifs taken from the specific structure.

With each set of L.A. River Bridges plates sold, a donation is made in support of the Mayor’s Fund for Los Angeles, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving life in Los Angeles. Uniquely positioned at the crossroads of local government, business, philanthropy, and non-profit sector, the fund facilitates the communication and collaboration vital to solving Los Angeles’ most complex challenges. The fund is supported by private donations and is overseen by an independent board of directors.

Retailers include the Los Angeles County Store, Museum of Contemporary Art gift shops, Art Share L.A. in the Arts District, Cafe Los Feliz as well as online at theriverbridgesplatesproject.com

Below is the wording that appears on the back of each plate.

Fourth Street Bridge
Completed in 1931, the Fourth Street Bridge was one of ten L.A. River bridges built under the supervision of Merrill Butler, the city's engineer of bridges and structures for four decades. These bridges were funded by the viaduct bond act of 1923, enacted, in part, to help beautify the city and generate civic pride.

The design motif on the back of the plate was inspired by details in the architecture of the Fourth Street Bridge itself, as can be seen in bridge photo next to the back of the plate.

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Sixth Street Bridge
The 1932 Sixth Street Bridge was the longest of all the bridges over the L.A. River and its iconic design made it the most famous. A chemical reaction caused its concrete to deteriorate over time and the bridge was condemned once engineers determined it was likely to collapse in a strong earthquake. Its replacement is scheduled for completion in 2019.

Mayor Eric Garcetti is the photographer and author of the commemorative message printed on the back of the plate.

“The Sixth Street bridge has stood as a testament to the vision and determination of the men and women who built Los Angeles, and has strengthened our city by connecting the diverse neighborhoods to the east and west of the L.A. River. As we build a modern landmark to meet the needs of our growing community, this contemporary structure will also serve as a link between our city’s history and future - and will play a pivotal role in shaping our City’s identity in the 21st century.” Mayor Eric Garcetti

Seventh Street Bridge
The original 1910 Seventh Street Bridge had a single deck and was built at grade level of adjacent railroad tracks, requiring extra caution when driving onto and off of the bridge. By the 1920’s, automobile travel had surged and bridge traffic often was jammed at a standstill. The solution was to build a new bridge at a level above the tracks and instead of razing the original bridge, the current Seventh Street Bridge, completed in 1927, was built directly on top of its predecessor, which is why it has a double decker appearance, although only the top deck is in use.

Cesar Chavez Bridge
This bridge opened in 1926 as the Macy Street Bridge, consistent with the adjoining road of the same name, and in 1995, both the street and the bridge were renamed in honor of Cesar Chavez, the celebrated farm labor organizer and civil rights activist. It's located on a section of the historic El Camino Real, the road that linked each of California’s original 21 missions.

The illustrations on the back of the plate depict cast iron bells that were placed in the early 20th Century as markers to indicate El Camino Real’s original 700-mile route.
Notice No. 18 Bldg & Safety Requests for Expediting
Notice No. 18 dated September 12, 2016, titled Department of Building and Safety (DBS) Public Counters: Requests for Expedited Services states that Bureau of Engineering (BOE) managers are advised to notify their project managers working on capital projects of a new procedure, effective September 9, 2016, for requesting expedited services at the DBS public counters. Prior to submitting the DBS form for their respective project at the DBS public counter, BOE project managers must obtain the following approvals to utilize their project funds for expedited services:
1. Written confirmation from the City Fund Administrator and/or Grantor that the project funds can be used to reimburse the DBS for expedited processing charges; and,
2. A letter signed by the Administration Division Manager to the DBS requesting acceptance of the General Accounting Encumbrance Interdepartmental Order (GAEID) and the expedited service request for a particular project (both the GAEID and the City Fund Administrator approval will be attached to the signed letter).
If you have any questions about requests for expedited DBS services, please contact Robert Kadomatsu, Administration Division Manager, at robert.kadomatsu@lacity.org.

Notice No. 19 Holiday Street Closure Restrictions
Notice No. 19 dated September 7, 2016, titled Holiday Season Street Closure Restrictions states that in accordance with the Board of Public Works policy in effect for many years, no permits shall be issued for work during the Holiday Season in certain city streets in an attempt to minimize the impacts on shoppers and retail businesses. Accordingly, permits shall be limited to emergency work on the lists of streets that were attached to this Notice between November 21, 2016 and January 2, 2017. In addition, every effort shall be made to prevent blockage of these streets for any other reason during that period.

Notice No. 20 Family Medical Leave Act
Notice No. 20 dated September 9, 2016, titled Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) states that employees who are absent for more than three consecutive days due to personal or family illness are not automatically placed on FMLA. This notice serves as a reminder to Bureau of Engineering (Bureau) supervisors of the FMLA requirements per the Employee Relations bulletin, dated February 6, 2009 http://caodocs.ci.la.ca.us/ERBulletins/ERBul-lentin-2009-02-06.pdf. The Personnel Section should be notified as soon as you are aware that your employee will be off work for more than three days (typically, colds and flus lasting up to three days are not considered serious health conditions under FMLA, and thus would not be designated as Family/Medical Leave). If you know in advance that an employee will need to be absent for a serious health condition or an immediate family member’s serious health condition, you should complete Forms 191, 193 and the Family/Medical Leave Calculator, located in the Bureau’s Forms Library.
For your information, the City provides all qualified employees with FMLA for up to four months (nine pay periods), per a twelve-month period for various reasons including:
- Childbirth/Bonding
- Adoption
- Foster care of a child
- Serious health condition of an immediate family member
- Serious personal illness
The applicable Memorandum of Understanding will identify the order in which time must be used, and additional information on FMLA. Information for exempt and non-represented employees is contained in the Administrative Code Section 4.129.
If you have any questions or require future assistance regarding FMLA, you may contact Leticia Ortiz, the Bureau’s FMLA Coordinator, at (213) 485-5069.

Notice No. 21 Rotation Program
Notice No. 21 dated September 15, 2016, titled Rotation Program states that the Bureau is preparing for the next rotation of Civil, Structural, and Environmental Engineering Associates. The rotation is scheduled to take place on January 9, 2017. It is estimated that approximately 35 people will be involved in this rotation. Participation in the Rotation Program is limited to all Associate I’s and II’s who have not completed the three rotational phases. New Associates hired after October 1, 2016, and Associates who participated in the Rotation Program earlier this year will remain in their current assignment. Associates participating in the January 2017 Rotation Program will not be included in the subsequent rotation tentatively scheduled for June 2017.
The first assignment in the Bureau is considered the first phase of rotation. All newly hired Associates are automatically enrolled into the Rotation Program which is designed to provide a broad range of experience and knowledge of the Bureau’s responsibilities to plan and construct the City’s infrastructure, to provide development permit services, and to provide excellent customer services to its clients.
Associates who have not completed all three rotational phases must attend a meeting in Sub-Basement Room 6 of the Public Works Building located at 1149 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90015 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on September 29, 2016, to discuss rotation, and consider the choices for their next phase of rotation or the end of rotation. After the meeting, Associates will fill out the Bureau of Engineering Rotation Program Preference Sheet located at: http://boedata.eng.ci.la.ca.us/forms/index.htm and return it to Leticia Ortiz. Personnel Section - Mail Stop 311, no later than Monday, October 11, 2016. The Personnel Section will compare the requests and needs to find matches, and forward a proposal to the City Engineer for approval. Associates should not deviate from the directions on the Preference Sheet.
The Associates, Group Managers, and the Senior Managers affected by the rotation should receive the Associates’ new rotational assignment well in advance of the scheduled rotation date.
If you have any questions, please call Leticia Ortiz at (213) 485-4943.

Notice No. 22 Emergency Appointment MA I
Notice No. 22 dated September 29, 2016, titled Emergency Appointment - Management Analyst I Administration Division (2 Positions)
Application Deadline: October 11, 2016, by 4:00 P.M.
* These positions are subject to Personnel Department approval of the emergency appointments.
Minimum Experience Requirements
1. One year of full-time paid professional experience as a Management Assistant or in a class which is at least at that level performing duties in budgetary and grants analysis and control, legislative analysis, administrative analysis and research, systems and procedures analysis, departmental administration, personnel administration or accounting; or
Applicants who have at least six months’ experience specified in Requirement No. 1 may substitute for one year of full-time experience as a Management Aide for the City of Los Angeles. A bachelor’s degree from a recognized four-year college or university for the balance of the one-year experience requirement; or
2. Two years of full-time paid experience as a Management Aide for the City of Los Angeles. A bachelor’s degree from a recognized four-year college or university may substitute for one year of full-time paid experience as a Management Aide; or
3. One year of full-time paid experience with the City of Los Angeles as a Chief Clerk or in a clerical class at that level; or
Mayor Announces Great Streets Challenge

Mayor's press release:
LOS ANGELES (September 21, 2016) - Everyone has ideas for how to improve their local community, and Angelenos are being invited to turn vision into action.

Mayor Eric Garcetti today launched a $2 million grant program that gives Los Angeles residents a unique opportunity to reimagine public spaces in their own neighborhoods. The Great Streets Challenge, now in its second year, empowers Angelenos to transform streets and urban corridors across Los Angeles into vibrant, walkable spaces that reflect the unique character of their communities.

“Neighborhood character is the environment we create on our streets - the places where families and neighbors spend time together, where people take their dogs out for a walk or just do their shopping,” said Mayor Garcetti. “These public spaces should celebrate the people and culture that define them. That’s what the Great Streets Challenge is about.”

Angelenos can now apply for Great Streets Challenge funding to complete an improvement project along any street or corridor in L.A. The City will award up to $13,000 to each winning applicant for community outreach, project implementation, and six to 12 months of technical assistance. Mayor Garcetti has set aside $2 million in total funding for the program this year, a $1.8 million increase over 2015.

“The Great Streets Challenge funds great grass-roots projects, helping to build the foundation for successful partnerships in communities,” said Councilmember Mike Bonin, who chairs the City Council’s Transportation Committee. “When we work together on a shared vision for our streets, we have a tremendous opportunity to create the types of positive changes that have lasting impacts on our neighborhoods.”

Last year’s Great Streets Challenge funded eight community projects with a total of $180,000 in City funds. Ninety-four individuals and organizations participated in the 2015 application process. The eight funded projects represented more than 40 community groups - including Neighborhood Councils, business improvement districts, and community-based organizations.

“The Great Streets Challenge will empower our neighborhoods to shape the future of Los Angeles,” said Councilmember David Ryu. “We want to engage the expertise and institutional knowledge of our residents to transform our streets into public spaces.”

The 2016 Great Streets Challenge builds on a series of successful neighborhood enhancement programs launched in recent months by Mayor Garcetti’s Great Streets Initiative. In August, Mayor Garcetti announced Great Streets Great Business - a program that offers businesses located along Great Streets corridors access to a $4 million loan fund, and one-on-one guidance to help them meet difficult challenges.

Applications for the Great Streets Challenge are available through November 20 at LAGreatStreets.org/2016-challenge.

Winning applicants will be selected based on the strength of their community outreach strategy, and the project’s alignment with the City’s health, mobility, and economic development goals.

About Great Streets
Mayor Eric Garcetti launched the Great Streets Initiative in October 2013 to transform streets across the city into more vibrant public spaces. A Great Street is a street that serves as the center of a neighborhood, where people can walk, meet, learn, and play on a daily basis. The Great Streets Initiative’s goals include improving safety and access, increasing economic activity, and encouraging community engagement. For more information, including a full list of the first 15 Great Streets corridors, visit www.LAGreatStreets.org.

Union Station Bus Plaza Nears Completion
Renovations to Patsouras Bus Plaza on the east side of Union Station will be completed Monday, October 10, 2016. Once open, the plaza will be restricted to buses and shuttles only. Private vehicles should use the new Union Station East Pick-up/Drop-off Facility, accessible on Vignes St.

New 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.
Seminars offered by the Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter.

Legal Seminar Mechanics Liens - Stop Notices - Bonds Best Practices on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.
- Mechanic’s Liens – Security for a Debt
- Stop Notices
- Claimants Entitled to Mechanic’s Lien and Stop Notices
- Time Limits and Procedures
- Mechanic’s Liens
- Stop Notices
- Payment Bonds
- Payment and Performance Bonds
- Mechanic’s Lien Priorities
- Stop Notice Priorities
- Concurrent Remedies
- Prompt Payment Requirements
- Interest, Profit and Attorneys Fees

Seminar Instructor: Michael Baker, Esq., Partner, Snell & Wilmer. With more than 20 years of experience dedicated to the area of construction law, Mike Baker focuses his practice on the representation of design professionals, engineers, general contractors and public and private owners.


The Ports of Long Beach & Los Angeles - Capital Program Updates on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA, 5:30 pm Registration, 6:30 pm Presentation. Learn about upcoming construction and consultant contracting opportunities.

Guest speakers: Suzanne Plezia, P.E., Director of Construction Management, Port of Long Beach; Shaun Shahrestani, Chief Harbor Engineer, Construction, Port of Los Angeles.


Fixing Your Problem Project with Velocity and Without Contractual Battles on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

We have all been there - “there” meaning your high hope for a successful, profitable and well-orchestrated project, which began with good intentions and top notch project team, have vanished. Come learn the secrets to not only conquering troubled projects, but to transforming them into an extraordinary success for all project stakeholders.

There are several truisms about behaviors that derail any project - excessive e-mails, a CYA mentality, risk avoidance, game playing and posturing, crises management, distrust, unresolved claims, job stalled or stopped, and high levels of personal stress. Detrimental obstacles rarely get better and will continue to breakdown. According to surveys, a minimum of 25% of construction projects in the U.S. are problem projects. Learn about:
- Rating your project. Why settling for just “good” or even “Business as Usual” in today’s best value selection market is not good enough.
- Identifying nine specific behaviors that when implemented can turn your problem project into a success within days, and without engaging legal resources.
- Understanding that it’s easier to take your problem project to a level of teamwork we define as ‘World Class’ rather than just ‘good’
- Realizing that your project’s circumstances are not limitations to fixing your project.
- How to create a companywide culture enabling you to prevent problem projects early and create a culture of excellence.

Seminar leaders: Neal Flesner and Paul Crotty, Ventura Consulting.

Cost before Oct. 21: $70/member, $140/non-member, after Sept. 21 $85/member, $170/member.

Strategies for MEGA CM Success - Understanding the unique challenges of civil Infrastructure Mega-Projects and how to ensure successful CM outcomes on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at the The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA, 5:00 pm Registration, 6:00 pm Presentation. Join the CMAA Emerging Leaders and PM/CM Professional, Dan Louis, for an exciting professional development workshop. This workshop will review experience from numerous local, national and overseas Mega-Projects, with an emphasis on navigating the special challenges associated with these long-term, high visibility and costly undertakings. In reviewing these challenges, strategies for successful CM approaches will be discussed, as well as time for Q&A.
- Understanding the unique issues with Civil Infrastructure Mega-Projects
- Challenges with local, national and global Mega-Projects
- Strategies for successful Construction Management
- Information Sharing/Questions & Answers Speaker: Daniel Louis, PE, GE has over 30 years of experience in Civil Infrastructure projects, from planning and engineering through construction. He has worked on numerous Mega Projects, including Los Angeles Metro, MTA/LIRR East Side Access (New York), Hong Kong West Rail, and Antamina Mine in Peru.

Cost: $40/member, $55/non-member.

Breakfast of Champions - Caltrans Capital Program Update on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentations. Guest speakers: Carrie Bowen, Director, Caltrans District 7; John Buinski, Director, District 8, Ryan Chamberlain, Director, Caltrans District 12.

Breakfast of Champions - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Capital Program Updates on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at The LA Hotel Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa, Downtown L.A., 5:30 pm Registration, 6:30 pm Presentation. Learn about:
- Strategic plans for capital programs
- Upcoming projects
- Opportunities for design/construction/ professional services

Guest speakers: L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chief Program Management Officer Rick Clarke; Metrolink Chief Executive Officer Art Leahy; L.A. World Airports Deputy Executive Director, Planning & Development Cynthia Guidry; California High-Speed Rail Authority Southern California Regional Director Michelle Boehm.

Moderator: ARCADIS US, Inc. Executive Vice President Joe Seibold, FCMAA.

Cost: Register by Nov. 11 $70/member, $140/non-member; after Nov. 11 $85/member, $170/non-member.

Breakfast of Champions - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure R - The Big Picture on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at The LA Hotel Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa, Downtown L.A., 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Guest speakers: Richard Clarke, Chief Program Management Officer; Bryan Pennington, Deputy Chief Program Management Officer; Abdullah Ansar, Senior Executive Officer, Highway Programs; Jeanet Owens, Senior Executive Officer, Regional Rail.

For additional information on these seminars please go to www.cmasc.org.

Crocker & Tebbetts Recommended
This e-mail was sent to Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto:
Date: Tue, Sep 13, 2016 at 7:07 PM
Subject: Street Vacation - Mariondale and Lillyvale Vacation

Good evening Joel,
It’s been a while, but I wanted to follow up on this street vacation with Grifols. Today we held a review of the outstanding questions and concerns with a team of executives from Grifols including their CEO, and representatives from BOE. Thein Crocker and James Tebbetts represented BOE on this and did a great job. I felt like the folks from Grifols walked away feeling very positive and with some very clear next steps, as well as a better idea of the timeline for this project. I just wanted to let you know how helpful BOE was today, and progress will be moving forward soon on this vacation I feel.

Thanks Joel,
Jasson Crockett
Office of Economic Development
Mayor’s Office
Barclay is New City Homeless Coordinator

CD 14 press release:
The Los Angeles City Council Homelessness and Poverty Committee (H&P) Chair Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Vice-Chair Councilmember José Huizar announced today the appointment of Meg Barclay as the City’s Homelessness Coordinator. The position will serve as the primary point-of-contact for homeless issues, and in coordination with the H&P Committee and the Homeless Strategy Committee, is responsible for the monitoring and oversight of the City’s implementation of the Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy (CHS).

“I am excited to welcome Meg Barclay as the City’s Homelessness Coordinator,” said Councilmember Harris-Dawson. “Ms. Barclay brings a deep commitment and passion to homeless and housing issues, as well as more than 10 years of nonprofit, city and federal government experience. I have no doubt that she will hit the ground running and bring the single-minded focus that this issue deserves.”

The City’s Homelessness Coordinator position was created by a 2014 motion authored by Councilmember Huizar and seconded by Mike Bonin (C.F. 14-1101), and as part of the CHS, which was adopted by the City Council in February 2016.

“Given the urgency of addressing homelessness in the City, I am pleased that a full-time coordinator has at long last been appointed,” said Councilmember Huizar. “Our aim was to ensure that now and in the future, the City of Los Angeles has a designated person whose sole function is addressing homelessness day in and day out. We look forward to working with Meg Barclay to coordinate homelessness efforts across the City, including collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the County of Los Angeles and our non-profit and private-sector partners.

Early in her career, Barclay served as Project Manager for Shelter Partnership, analyzing Los Angeles County’s homeless funding and contributing to the County’s Special Needs Housing Plan.

She later joined the City as a Legislative Analyst, with the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), staffing the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development.

In 2010, Barclay joined the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, D.C., where she oversaw the design, development, and implementation of a new web-based system for the assessment of community needs and strategies for more than $4 billion in federal housing and community development formula grants.

This system is currently being used by 1,200 state and local governments to develop and submit the required Consolidated Plans to HUD. Barclay currently oversees the Market Investments and Innovation unit in the City’s Economic & Workforce Development Department’s Economic Development Division.

The Homelessness Coordinator position is housed in the office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO). Barclay will assume her new role on October 3, 2016.

The City Council, under the leadership of Council President Wesson, created a homelessness ad-hoc committee in April 2015 with Huizar as chair. That committee became a permanent committee in July 2015 and is now Chaired by Harris-Dawson with Huizar as Vice-Chair. The committee called for the implementation of the Homeless Strategy Report, increased funding and coordination to address homelessness, with the support of Mayor Garcetti, and recommended a housing bond be placed on the ballot, among other actions. After receiving affirmation in Council President Wesson’s Rules, Elections, Inter-governmental Relations & Neighborhoods Committee, which Harris-Dawson and Huizar also serve on, the City Council voted in June to place a $1.2 billion homelessness housing bond on the November ballot to assist those in need.

The appointment of the Homelessness Coordinator is an additional step that demonstrates steady progress on the 64 strategies that comprise the City’s Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

Thanks to Tabirara

This e-mail was sent to Gene Edwards, Streets & Stormwater Division:

Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2016 3:39 PM
Subject: Summer Internship

Dear Mr. Edwards,

I am writing to thank Vernon Tabirara, who kindly took me on as an intern this summer. Vernon was an exceptional supervisor who gave me assignments that utilized the CAD skills and engineering principles I learned in high school. I designed a water channel, reviewed invoices, and helped with data entry.

More importantly, he made me feel welcome as a full team member. I couldn’t have asked for a better introduction to engineering as a career and to parts of Los Angeles I would never have seen otherwise. I am now starting my first year at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where I intend to pursue engineering.

My internship with Vernon has confirmed my view that engineering is a great career for women. I hope to come back some day for a visit - and possibly a job!

Sincerely,
Addie Turner

Communication Corner

by Mary Nemick
BOE Director of Communications

Greetings - When surveyed on what challenges them most in their careers, many employees say that communicating - with each other, with supervisors, with the public - is one of the hardest things to master. Most of us are taught a lot of great things in school, but how to be clear and concise and compelling in our writing and speaking isn’t usually one of them.

Each month, we will be sharing some ideas and strategies to make communication a bit easier for all of us. If you have suggestions of things you’d like to discuss, share, learn about, please email me at mary.nemick@lacity.org. Thanks!

E-Mail is Our Friend

It’s interesting to look outside our own fields to see how other industries and professions face similar challenges. For example, here are some simple tips that a professor at the Wharton School of Business created on how to improve the way we communicate by email:

Lead with your main point: If you were forced to boil down your email to one or two sentences, what would they say? Always start by writing your main point. Then elaborate as necessary.

Cut the technical jargon: Coworkers often use acronyms as shorthand when speaking to each other, but when e-mailing with the public, remember that they haven’t a clue what you mean. SPELL IT OUT.

Use short, direct sentences: You’ll likely remember this rule from grammar school: Put the subject at the beginning of your sentence. So instead of, “A new meeting date was set by the steering committee,” write, “The steering committee set a new meeting date.” Also, keep it short.

Read it aloud: When you’re getting ready to send an important communication, you’ll catch mistakes and other problems more easily if you read it aloud. If something trips you up or doesn’t make sense, rewrite until it’s clear.

Use spell check: Seems simple, but you’d be surprised how many people skip this crucial step.

Don’t overuse spell check: Don’t assume spell check is going to catch all of your mistakes. Depending on the program you’re using, you may not be alerted if you wrote “there” when you really meant “their.” Check it one more time.

Okay, these tips are good to remember, but some people might be asking if it really matters how they write an e-mail. The answer is yes, it matters. Clear, concise and accurate writing communicates competence and professionalism and makes the recipient more likely to respond in a positive and timely way. It’s all good!
Columbus Day Holiday
Monday, October 10, 2016, 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.) Check with your division time-keeper if you have any questions.

CD 7 Representation
With the resignation of Council District 7 Councilmember Felipe Fuentes on September 11, 2016, Council President Herb Wesson appointed himself temporary caretaker for CD 7, which includes Pacoima, Sunland-Tujunga and Sylmar. The primary election for CD 7 will be held in March 2017.

AIDS Walk L.A.
This year, the City of Los Angeles is encouraging its staff to participate in AIDS Walk Los Angeles and AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) Health’s walk on Sunday, October 23, 2016 in support of their work to combat HIV and AIDS in the city and the county.

AIDS Walk Los Angeles is an annual 10-kilometer/6.2-mile fundraising walk, and usually takes about 2.5 hours to complete. Since 1985, AIDS Walk Los Angeles has drawn hundreds of thousands of supporters to walk, and millions more to donate over $82 million.

Funding for AIDS Walk Los Angeles supports APLA Health’s medical care, counseling, prevention, and advocacy programs for the thousands of men, women, and families affected countywide. APLA Health’s efforts have a focus on individuals experiencing food insecurity and homelessness.

City staff may register individually, or they can register as team leaders for a City department, bureau, or office. The following are the main event details:

- Location: Grand Park (on Spring St.)
- Date: Sunday, October 23, 2016
- Program:
  - 8:30 am Sign-In
  - 9:15 am Opening Ceremony
  - 10:00 am Walk
- Registration: To register individually, please visit la.aidswalk.net or call 213.201.9255.
- To register as a team leader, please contact City Team Coordinator, Rachel Kowalski at rachelk@aidswalk.net. You may also register as a team leader through la.aidswalk.net.

Throughout the campaign, Ms. Kowalski will be the point person at AIDS Walk Los Angeles for City team leaders to assist them with recruitment needs, fundraising advice, as well as requesting hard-copy promotional materials. You may send any additional questions to Ms. Kowalski.

Engineering Vision
To lead the transformation of Los Angeles into the world’s most livable city.

Promotions
Dahlia Hanna, CE Associate II, CMD; Rymbau Rosell, Structural Engineering Associate II, HAR; Omar Braish and Uyen Lam, Structural Engineering Associate IV, MTD.

Departures
Henry Chung, Systems Analyst II, promoted to Sanitation, SYS; Roman Barajas, Sr Administrative Clerk, promoted to Sanitation, PAC; Vasil Mihailev, Sr CE Draft Tech, promoted to Bldg & Safety, WCE; Aaron Hsu, Sr CE Drafting Tech, retired, SED; Elena Maggioni, Environmental Specialist II, resigned, EMG; Kheder Alrazaa, Student Engineer IV, resigned, PAC; Chamila Ahangama Liyane, CE Drafting Tech, transferred to DWP, WCE; Jane Paratha, Environmental Engineering Associate III, transferred to Sanitation, SSD.

Internal Transfers
Kitty Siu, Structural Engineering Associate III, from SSD to BID; Anh Hoang, Environmental Engineering Associate III, from WCC to MTD; Maria Diaz, Programmer Analyst III, from PAC to LDG.

Passing of Wainer
We regret to announce that retired Chief Deputy City Engineer Richard Wainer passed away on September 18, 2016. He retired from the Bureau of Engineering in July 1987. Services were held on September 21, 2016 at Mount Sinai Hollywood Hills, 5950 Forest Lawn Drive, L.A. 90068. Our deepest sympathies go to his family.

Rideshare Week
Rideshare Week is October 3-7, 2016. Want to reduce time wasted on freeways, traffic congestion and pollution? Have a chance to ridematch.info you take the train or bus, ride a bike, carpool or vanpool. Try a new commute and register to win at ridematch.info.

BOE vs SF Softball Game
The 16th meeting of the Bureau of Engineering and the San Francisco engineers will take place on Saturday, October 8, 2016 in San Francisco at Big Rec Field in Golden Gate Park. The softball contest between L.A. and S.F. engineers began in 2001, after it was discovered that engineers from the two cities played a series of baseball games in the 1920’s.