Gardner St. Women’s Bridge Housing Opens
BOE Designed & Managed Project to Adapt Former Library

On September 10, 2019, Councilmember David Ryu cut the ribbon to formally open the Gardner Street Women’s Bridge Housing Center, 1403 N. Gardner St., in Hollywood. Other speakers at the event included Mayor Eric Garcetti; former State Senator Kevin Murray, president and CEO of the Weingart Center; Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) County Chair Sarah Dusseault; and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.

The facility includes 30 beds and is equipped with a kitchen and dining area and a garden, and residents will have access to services such as counseling and life skills development on site.

The Midcentury Modern design building was built in 1958 as the West Hollywood Branch for the Los Angeles Public Library. Then it was renamed the Will and Ariel Durant Library in 1988. In 2004 this library was replaced with a new larger library on Sunset Blvd., one of the 32 libraries funded by the Proposition DD 1998 Library Bond, whose construction program was managed by BOE. After the Gardner St. library was vacated, the Bureau of Sanitation used part of the property for an air scrubber.

Councilman Ryu said, “The Gardner Street Women’s Bridge Housing Center is more than beds and services. It is the product of a city and a community working hand in hand. It is the proof that when we listen to each other, trust one another and work together toward a common solution, we can build something that works and something that lasts.”

Mayor Garcetti said the Gardner Street Women’s Bridge Housing Center will help serve the needs of women who’ve experienced trauma by staffing licensed clinical social workers and providing life skill training and other services.

Weingart Center President Murray said, “The Weingart Center is thrilled to partner with Councilmember Ryu and the City of Los Angeles to provide critical housing and services for women. We are working to ensure that every staff member, from security to the licensed clinical social workers, are women, so that it is truly a center by women, for women.”

City Engineer Moore talked about the history of the building and how the adaptive reuse of the library was accomplished.
• Structural reinforcements to masonry walls
• Remodel of fully accessible restrooms with new showers
• New low partition walls for 30 bed units
• New laundry service area for the residents
• New dining area and remodeled kitchenette
• Areas for group gathering and individual repose
• Two case manager offices
• Complete utility (Mechanical, Elect, Plumbing) upgrades
• New fire sprinklers and fire-life safety system
• Landscape improvements along the street edges
• Enclosure of the front courtyard for privacy

Additionally, because of the historic-cultural significance of this building, efforts were taken to preserve its character-defining features and incorporate them into the new building’s function. For example, the original library’s circulation desk has been restored and remains in the original location, defining the central spatial quality. Most of the remaining original book stacks have been refinished and

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incorporated into the offices and lounge areas, which are now are being filled with donated books. The operable louvered windows and glass curtain wall have been repaired and cleaned. The steel pergola and latticework of the entry courtyard have been restored and repainted to their original white color as they were in 1958; and the cantilevered canopy entrance remains the architectural focus of the building facade.

Ryu said, “The fact we were able to salvage this building, keep its historic integrity and help meet the crisis of our time is beautiful.”

The $2.6M project was funded by Prop HHH that was approved by voters in 2016.

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) was responsible for design and project management. The Department of General Services (GSD) was responsible for construction. The construction phase which lasted 8 months, began in November 2018 and was completed in July.

Congratulations go to Allan Kawaguchi, Homeless Facilities Program Manager; Marina Quinonez, Architect; Erik Villanueva, Project Architect; Manan Bhalja, Structural Engineer; Raymond Huang, Mechanical Engineer; Son Vuong, Electrical Engineer; Jane Adrian, Landscape Architect; Jose Beristain, Geotechnical Engineer; Maria Martin, EMG Group Manager. From General Services Department: Thomas Bylard, Superintendent; Jeff Rosas, Superintendent; Charley Pallares, Supervisor; Jerry Jimenez, Supervisor. From Bureau of Contract Administration: Angela Martinez, Principal Construction Inspector, and everyone else who was involved in this project.
Mayor’s press release:
Announcement made at Third Annual State of Women & Girls Address and Expo, where Mayor Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland welcomed more than 1,000 attendees to a day-long conversation about gender equity in L.A. and beyond.

LOS ANGELES (October 2, 2019) - L.A. will form the first-ever international gender equity network for cities, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced today at the Third Annual State of Women & Girls Address and Expo, where he and First Lady of Los Angeles Amy Elaine Wakeland joined more than 1,000 female leaders and students for a day of inspiration, motivation, and education.

The network will assemble cities throughout the world committed to promoting gender equity initiatives, exchanging best practices, and using the gender equity toolkit developed in Los Angeles to build their own models for progress and action.

"Gender equity is everyone’s responsibility - and no one gets there alone," said Mayor Garcetti. "We are making extraordinary progress in Los Angeles, and the network will allow us to share our strategies with cities around the world, and lead a broader conversation about successes and challenges in the urgent work of supporting and empowering women and girls."

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something to advance the cause of equality and justice," said Wakeland. "Together, we can make real, lasting change - and build a Los Angeles where women are never excluded from our economy, and girls are never excluded from the vital work of changing the world. They should know that this city has their backs - and that women and girls truly do move L.A."

The State of Women & Girls Address and Expo is a tradition started by the Mayor and First Lady, bringing together female leaders of all ages for thoughtful conversations about the state of gender equity, advancing policies that increase opportunities for women and girls, and building a more equitable and inclusive city. The inaugural State of Women & Girls Address in 2017 was the first-ever gender equity conference led by a Mayoral administration in the City of Los Angeles.

This year’s event drew more than 1,000 women and girls - including hundreds of LAUSD students. The Mayor and First Lady honored the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering with the 2019 Gender Equity Award, in recognition of its innovative recruiting and hiring practices.

Following the Mayor and First Lady’s State of Women & Girls Address, attendees visited the #WomenMoveLA career expo - where they could receive information about job opportunities and connect with mentors. The expo also offered on-site health screenings and mindfulness demonstrations, female empowerment art displays, and a curated marketplace featuring local, women-owned businesses. Following the expo, students attended the Young Women’s Assembly session, where they gained career insights from meeting with female executives in government, technology, entertainment, and business.

Mayor Announces Formation of an International Gender Equity Network

Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub, accompanied by Deputy City Engineer Julie Sauter and head of BOE recruitment Ana Lynn Rocic, accepted the 2019 Gender Equity Award from First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland and Mayor Eric Garcetti, on behalf of the Bureau of Engineering.

BOE women leaders with PW Commissioners and BOE Deputy City Engineers.
South District Sewer Maintenance Yard Ribbon Cutting

The grand opening of the South District Sewer Maintenance Yard, 2002 Slauson Ave., L.A. 90047, was held on September 19, 2019. Speaking at the event were Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Public Works Commissioners Mike Davis and Jessica Caloza, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) Director Enrique Zaldivar and Deputy City Engineer Mahmood Karimzadeh.

This facility is the first of LASAN’s five (5) existing Sanitation Maintenance Yards scheduled for complete facility redevelopment. BOE Architectural Division has been working with LASAN since 2006 in programming all 5 yards for design and construction. In addition to the South District Sanitation Maintenance Yard, BOE is actively working on the North Hollywood Sanitation Maintenance Yard (currently in Bid & Award phase), and Hollywood Sanitation Maintenance Yard (currently in Pre-Design phase).

The construction started in July 2016, and completed in July 2019. The scope of work involved clearing of the entire site measuring approx. 47,000 square feet in size; demolition of five existing one-story garage and office buildings totaling 14,000 square feet of floor area; hazmat abatement during demolition; removal of approximately 24,000 SF of existing impervious pavement and replaced with permeable surfaces to filter and clean stormwater runoff before leaving the site. The new two-story, 8,500-SF building was located on the northern portion of the site, along Slauson Avenue, which allowed consolidation of all the facility needs into one structure. The building consolidation in turn allowed an increase in the number of service trucks that can be stationed at the site. The new building also provides a positive presence of the facility from the street and surrounding community.

In addition, the new 2-story building provides ample space for offices, locker rooms, restrooms, break room, storage and other support amenities for the facility. The second story features an open office area and conference room, with large exterior windows, which have built-in horizontal louvers that provide visual/security/daylighting controls without compromising solar heat gain through the window glazing.

Other design features of this facility include:

- Operable windows strategically placed to allow natural cross ventilation throughout the interior spaces to enhance occupants’ well-being and reduce energy consumption.
- The new site layout maximizes the operational space, for more efficient parking and better vehicular circulation appropriate for larger service trucks.
- Permeable ground pavement at staff/visitor parking areas.
- New landscaping and bio-swales create a green and sustainable environment.
- Storm water collection system discharges cleaned water to the City storm drain system.
- Energy generated by the solar panels on

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top of the new building and carport canopy offsets total electrical energy use by the facility.

- The new facility features four (4) Level-2 charging stations for electric vehicles.
- The new facility provides female locker rooms and showers to promote gender equality.

With the many sustainable aspects of the project, it is expected to achieve USGBC LEED v4 Certification - Gold level.

Funding for the project is from the Sanitation Equipment Charge.

Design is by the BOE Architectural Division with consultant IBI Group. Construction was done by contractor: Ford E.C., Inc.

Congratulations go to Neil Drucker, Interim Division Head; Architectural Division: Reza Bagherzadeh, Principal Civil Engineer; Celso Del Poso, Sr. Architect; Asatur Kemetlyan, Project Architect; Paul Young, Project Manager; Hsiao Ting, Project Architect; Jane Adrian, Landscape Architect II; Saro Dersaroian, Bldg. Electrical Engineer II; Shawn Farzan, Bldg. Mechanical Engineer II. Construction Management Division: Jose Fuentes, Division Engineer; Mariel Ohanian, Civil Engineer; Andrew Lam, Civil Engr. Associate III. Geotechnical Engineering Division: Patrick Schmidt, Division Engineer; Easton Forcier, Geotech. Engineer II; Jose Beristain, Civil Engineer. Structural Engineering Division: Sunny Patel, Division Engineer; Melvin Agagas, Sr. Structural Engineer. Bureau of Contract Administration: John Reamer, Inspector of Public Works; John Calderon, Sr. Const. Inspector and all that contributed to making this project a success.

Looking at the building facade and landscaping along Slauson Ave.

View of the Maintenance Yard parking area with new Solar Carports. Photovoltaic panels that can generate 100% of the facility’s projected annual electricity use are located on top of the new building as well as the carport canopy.

Commissioners with BOE Design Team and LA Sanitation at the South District Sewer Maintenance Yard.
The Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch (MLAB) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) presented Project and Individual Awards at its Annual Awards Dinner on August 2, 2019 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. These awards were selected from nominations made by the Younger Member Forum, Life Member Forum, Technical Groups, Committees, and individual members. All award winners will be forwarded to the Los Angeles Section of ASCE for consideration of an LA Section Award. This celebration was held in recognition of the important contributions engineers make to enhance our communities and lives.

The Bureau of Engineering was recognized with five outstanding project awards:

- **Outstanding Bridge Project**: North Spring Street Viaduct Widening and Rehabilitation
- **Outstanding Community Improvement Project**: A Bridge Home - Schrader
- **Outstanding Parks & Recreation Project**: Albion Riverside Park
- **Outstanding Roadway & Highway Project**: Century Boulevard Extension - Grape Street to Alameda Street
- **Outstanding Project**: LA DOT Bus Maintenance Facility, BOE and LA Department of Transportation

Congratulations on receiving this recognition go to everyone who worked on these projects.

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The other projects receiving awards at the ceremony are listed below:

**Outstanding Bikeways and Trails Project:** Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Project – Phase II, City of Calabasas

**Outstanding Construction Project:** Griffith Park South Water Recycling Project, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

**Outstanding Flood Management Project:** Woolsey Fire - Los Angeles County Public Works’ Post Fire Response to Debris Flow Potential, Los Angeles County Public Works

**Outstanding Historical Renovation Project:** Slauson/Overhill Facade Improvements Project, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative

**Outstanding Small Project:** Azusa Light & Water Interconnection with SGVMWD & Water Treatment Plant Site Improvements Project, Azusa Light & Water, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

**Outstanding Sustainable Engineering Project:** Metro Division 4 Permeable Concrete Pavement Pilot Project, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**Outstanding Transportation Project:** Characterizing Travel Behavior Zones in Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation

**Outstanding Urban and Land Development Project:** Safe Routes to School Plans for the Top 50 Schools with Most Need, Safe Routes to School, Los Angeles Department of Transportation

**Outstanding Water Project:** New Biological Nitrate Removal Treatment Facility & Reactivation of Well No. 2, Crescenta Valley Water District.

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**Top Photo**
Albion Riverside Park, l to r: Francisco Aragon (ASCE MLAB), Richard Fisher (BOE), Bryan Powell (BOE), Jason Fussel (Tetra Tech), Nate Schreiner (Tetra Tech), Chelsea Li (BOE)

**Middle Photo**
Century Boulevard Extension - Grape Street to Alameda Street, l to r: Francisco Aragon (ASCE MLAB), Iteris representative, Steven Chen (BOE), Jeff Hutchins, John Hogan (David Evans & Assoc.)

**Bottom Photo**
LADOT Bus Maintenance Facility, l to r: Francisco Aragon (ASCE MLAB), Project Manager Shun Yu Zhang (BOE/ARC), Karan Patel (BOE/CON), Ghazal Babapirzadeh (BOE/CON), Harry Drake (Gonzalez Goodale Architects), Zoya Dehghani (Syska Hennessy Group), Mary Wu (Gonzalez Goodale Architects), Corinne Ralph (LADOT, Chief of Transit), Mohammad Naraghi (Syska Hennessy Group), Evelinda Pena (LADOT).
Public Works Employees Recognized during National Hispanic Heritage Month

Board of Public Works statement:
The Los Angeles Board of Public Works highlighted the leadership achievements of a half-dozen Latino City employees on September 20, 2019 in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Department of Public Works employees were recognized for “breaking down barriers to reach leadership positions, promoting diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and setting an example for the next generation of the city workforce,” according to a board statement.

“While we’ve come a long way in our fight for equity and justice, we must always place importance in diversifying our workplaces and appoint leaders who reflect the communities they serve,” board Vice President Cecilia Caballo said. “I’m proud to celebrate our Latino employees who work tirelessly day in and day out to build and maintain the infrastructure of our city.”

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories and cultures of Latino Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Recognized were:
Angela Martinez, of the Bureau of Contract Administration, who is a principal construction inspector who previously provided specialized inspection work for the Los Angeles Zoo;
Pedro Garcia, a civil engineer/project manager in the Bureau of Engineering who has been instrumental in various projects;
Blanca Calderon, of the Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment, who’s a newly appointed government affairs liaison with a background in civil engineering and focus on civic engagement and government relations;
Silvia Torres, of the Bureau of Street Lighting, the first woman to be appointed as superintendent of overseeing the construction of street lighting projects;
Tina Navarro, of the Bureau of Street Services, who provides support to the executive director and assistant directors and handles calendars, correspondence and reports to the Board of Public Works and City Council; and
Grisela Grace Hernandez, of the Office of the Board Secretariat. As a senior administrative clerk, she provides support to the Board of Public Works Commission on matters related to construction and risk management.

In her opening remarks, Commissioner Aura Garcia said, “Today it is my privilege to celebrate and honor National Hispanic National Heritage Month also known here in the City as Latino Heritage Month. We take this time to recognize the achievements of a few outstanding men and women within our Department of Public Works. Each year from September 15th to October 15th we celebrate the histories, the cultures, and the stories of the many Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.

This month, students and schools will learn the stories of well known Latino heroes who have shaped America’s history, like civil rights activist Cesar Chavez, the first Latina astronaut to reach space Dr. Ellen Ochoa, and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Soto-Mayor.

“As the most diverse city in the nation, Los Angeles is a place where we celebrate our differences and believe that diversity is our advantage. As you can see, we clearly reflect that on the Board and in our audience. Here in the Department of Public Works we draw strength from that diversity in our workforce and take pride in all our employees.

“Currently, 39% of our employees throughout our five bureaus are identified as Hispanic or Latino. As one of two Latinas currently serving on the Board, I am proud to see many Latinos working for the City excelling in their careers in public service and rising through the ranks to leadership positions. The men and women who you will hear about today are part of more than 5,000 dedicated Public Works employees who deliver vital services that make our neighborhoods safer, cleaner for millions of Angelenos that live here.

“Today we are here to honor and recognize a few of the outstanding Latino men and women for their invaluable contributions to their respective departments. . .”

Commissioner Garcia made the presentation for Pedro Garcia. “Pedro Garcia from the Bureau of Engineering is someone who embodies the values of hard work, leadership

Honorees holding certificates Tina Navarro, Sylvia Torres, Blanca Calderon, Angela Martinez, and Pedro Garcia, with the Board of Public Works Commissioners and Bureau management representatives.

and perseverance. He began his career in the City of Los Angeles as a student worker in the Department of General Services.

“Joining the Bureau of Engineering in 2006, Pedro rotated through a few divisions before becoming part of the Geotechnical Engineering Division where he works today. In this division Pedro has worked on notable projects such as the White Point Landslide, the Northeast Interceptor Sewer, the Venice Dual Force Main, and also managed various bulkhead projects for the division’s Hillside Slope Stability program, where he oversees 45 projects on the Program’s master schedule. He’s currently a Civil Engineer/Project Manager I and additionally took on oversight of the Paseo del Mar permanent restoration project which will construct a 380-foot single span bridge to restore a section of Paseo del Mar that was destroyed by the White Point landslide.

“Pedro is an L.A. City native who resides in the San Fernando Valley. He is an avid cyclist and frequently bikes to work using L.A. City’s efficient and ever expanding system of bike lanes and bike paths including the L.A. River bike path. Outside of the City he dedicates time to organizations such as the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at Cal State Northridge. This is a national organization of professional engineers who serve as a role model in the Hispanic community. Pedro assists the organization’s professional chapter in the San Fernando Valley. This recognition honors Pedro’s contributions to the Bureau of Engineering and for actively serving as a role model in the Latino community. Congratulations—continued on page 9
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tions Pedro.”

Geotechnical Engineering Division head Patrick Schmidt said, “Good Morning, Patrick Schmidt, Bureau of Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering Division. I thank the Board of Public Works for recognizing Pedro in our division. Thank you Commissioner Garcia for recognizing Pedro.

“Pedro, I just want to say, in addition to what Ms. Garcia just said, Pedro is an outstanding employee for the Bureau of Engineering. He is a professional, he’s dedicated, he does everything we ask of him and he’s a real team player. We’re a small division, only 25 people, so it’s very very important for him to be a team player, as he is for us.

“I just want to say that in addition to what was just said, he does an outstanding job for us and some of the things I really admire about Pedro is that he shows up everyday with a professional attitude, he’s a good team player, he’s professional, he communicates well with me which I really appreciate, so I know what’s going on on some of the hillside projects. He has excellent work ethics, he’s dedicated to his duties, he’s really dependable employee, he takes care of so many things especially when I’m out of the office and we’re very appreciative so thank you all and thank you Pedro.”

Pedro Garcia said, “Just a few short thank yous. Thanks to the Board of Public Works for presenting me with this honor, I’d like to thank the Bureau of Engineering for considering me for this honor, my coworkers in the Geotechnical Engineering Division, many of them are here supporting me today. They make it a fun and dynamic working environment so it makes it a pleasure to come to work everyday because of them. Lastly, I’d like to thank my supervisor Patrick Schmidt for his support, guidance and encouragement throughout my career, thank you Patrick. Thank you all.”

The honorees each received a certificate with the following wording:

Certificate of Appreciation
The Board of Public Works honors
NAME
Bureau

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, the Board of Public Works is pleased to recognize your efforts and accomplishments, which have been of great benefit to the entire Department of Public Works. We thank you for your contributions and service and wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Happy National Hispanic Heritage Month!

Commissioner Cecilia Cabello said, “I would like to start first, as we celebrate Latino Heritage Month, to say how proud I am first of all of our colleagues. Commissioner Cabello, who has served as our Vice President, and in and of itself, in terms of her own work here in City Hall she has been and continues to be a role model for all women and Latina women in particular. And also I may note a graduate of Columbia, my alma mater. The same is true of Commissioner Garcia, a graduate of USC, my sister from the Trojan family. I’m so proud of the work she has done in her career here in City Hall, but also as a small business owner. And she continues to exemplify the leadership of which all women can be proud in general, and Latinas in particular.

“I think about celebrating the various cultural months I am certainly proud of the Latino Heritage Month celebration because when we look at the history, particularly of Los Angeles, Latinos helped found this City in the 1700’s. Of course their inclusion is critically important and I heard you say that we have 39% of employees who are Latino today. I always push for more inclusion because when I think about the American dream I think about all of the citizens of America having an opportunity to indulge in these taxpayer programs that should truly reflect our society.

“And I am so proud of those that were honored today in the various divisions of the Board of Public Works. Angela, from Contract Administration, your persistence in achieving the role model you had in your father has reflected in the work and our award to you today. Pedro Garcia, Bureau of Engineering, I was very impressed with the work that you have been doing in the Geotechnical Division. But equally of your involvement with the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.” He went on to commend each of the honorees.

Commissioner Jessica Caloza congratulated Commissioners Garcia and Cabello for their wonderful presentation and added, "Congratulations to everyone who was recognized today. It was wonderful to hear the words from your supervisors. Happy Latina Heritage Month!"
Mayor Names Preciado as Director of Immigrant Affairs

Mayor’s press release:
LOS ANGELES (September 23, 2019) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today announced the appointment of Nora Adriana Preciado as Director of his Office of Immigrant Affairs.

“Nora is an experienced, effective champion for immigrant families, and her energy and expertise will help us ensure Los Angeles remains a city of refuge, belonging, and opportunity for all,” said Mayor Garcetti. “In our city, what matters isn’t where you started - what’s important is how you will strengthen our communities, contribute to our economy, and enrich our culture. At a moment when too many in Washington want to separate families and demonize immigrants, Angelenos will keep showing that we’re stronger when we stand together to protect our neighbors and defend our values.”

Preciado, an immigrant, brings with her almost fifteen years of experience advocating for the rights of immigrant communities. Most recently, she served as Supervising Attorney at the National Immigration Law Center (NILC), where she spearheaded legal and legislative advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels to protect the rights of low-income immigrants and refugees.

“Immigrants have always been a vital component of the fabric of this great city. I look forward to working with families, communities, and advocates across Los Angeles to advance policies that allow all of us, regardless of where we were born, to thrive,” said Preciado.

With a long record of service in Southern California, Preciado previously taught law as an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School and defended the legal rights of immigrants as an attorney with the ACLU Foundation of Southern California.

Preciado begins her new role with the Garcetti administration on September 30. She succeeds Dr. Linda Lopez, who will serve as an advisor to the Refugee Investment Network (RIN), providing strategic advice on the Initiative for Inclusive Investment in Mexico, an effort to promote capital investments in that country and include displaced people in economic development projects.

Great California Shake Out October 17th

Remember to Drop, Cover, and Hold On for the earthquake drill on Thursday, October 17, 2019. Visit shakeout.org/dropcoverholdon to learn more. 2019 is the 12th ShakeOut, which began in Southern California in 2008.

Federal, State, and local emergency management experts and other official preparedness organizations all agree that “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” is the appropriate action to reduce injury and death during earthquakes. Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills (www.ShakeOut.org) are opportunities to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes.

You cannot tell from the initial shaking if an earthquake will suddenly become intense...so always Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately!

In most situations, you will reduce your chance of injury if you:

- DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and also allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby.

- COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand
  - If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter
  - If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows)
  - Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs

- HOLD ON until the shaking stops.
  - Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts
  - No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

If there is no table or desk near you, drop to the ground and then if possible move to an inside corner of the room. Be in a crawling position to protect your vital organs and be ready to move if necessary, and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms.

Do not move to another location or outside. Earthquakes occur without any warning and may be so violent that you cannot run or crawl. You are more likely to be injured if you try to move around during strong shaking. Also, you will never know if the initial jolt will turn out to be start of the big one...and that's why you should always Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately!

These are guidelines for most situations. To learn how to protect yourself in other situations and locations, or visit www.earthquakecountry.org/step5.
City of Los Angeles Launches Update Of Plan To Reduce Flood Risks And Insurance Costs

Department of Public Works press release: (September 19, 2019) - The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (Engineering) is taking the lead on the revision of the City of Los Angeles' 5-yearly Floodplain Management Plan (FMP). The plan is intended to reduce flood hazards and bring down insurance premiums for property owners. This effort is expected to take 10-12 months and will be completed with the support of a technical consultant.

The mission of the FMP is to improve community resilience to flood hazards and protect the health, safety, quality of life, environment, and economy of the City of Los Angeles through partnerships and integrated planning. The FMP will be implemented through the Community Rating System (CRS), a voluntary program within the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that encourages floodplain management activities that exceed minimum NFIP requirements. Flood insurance premiums for property owners are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk from actions that meet three CRS goals: 1) reduce flood losses, 2) facilitate accurate insurance ratings, and 3) promote awareness of flood insurance.

The City of Los Angeles currently has a class rating of 7 within the CRS, which translates into a 15 percent reduction in premium costs for property owners with structures located in flood hazard areas. The City is striving to improve its class rating to 6 during this revision, which would reduce flood insurance premiums an additional 5%.

Throughout this process, citizens will be asked to share local knowledge about flood hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement is being solicited via a multi-media campaign that includes public meetings, web-based information, a survey and updates on the plan progress via social and traditional media.

The plan update is being overseen by a Steering Committee, chaired by the City’s Chief Resiliency Officer and made up of stakeholders from within the planning area. This Steering Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month, with the next meeting taking place on October 10th. All Steering Committee meetings are open to the public, who are highly encouraged to provide input.

Meeting notifications and locations will be posted on Engineering's website. The website contains the approved charter and Steering Committee composition. This website and social media accounts for the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Public Works will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan and participate.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.

About L.A. City Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is comprised of 15 bureaus: Contract Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting, and Street Services, as well as the Offices of the Board, including the Offices of Community Beautification, Filming and Petroleum Administration.

More than 5,500 employees are responsible for design, construction, renovation and operation of public projects ranging from bridges to wastewater treatment plants and libraries; curbside collection and graffiti removal; and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, sewers, streetlights and street trees.

The Department is governed by the Board of Public Works (BPW), a five-member full-time executive team that is committed to delivering projects and programs that enhance quality of life, economic growth, public health and the environment to all Angelenos.

About The Bureau of Engineering

The Bureau of Engineering is the City’s lead agency for the planning, design and construction management of public buildings, infrastructure and open space projects. Projects include municipal buildings, such as police and fire stations, convention centers, and recreational and cultural facilities, as well as bridges, street and transit projects, and stormwater and wastewater systems. Open space projects include the development of parks and the restoration of wetlands. Engineering also manages permitting for construction in the public right-of-way, as well as the City’s state-of-the-art online mapping system.

For more information, visit http://bpw.lacity.org.

Mayor Announces Paid Parental Leave Proposal

Mayor’s press release:

Announcement made at Third Annual State of Women & Girls Address and Expo, where Mayor Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland welcomed more than 1,000 people to day-long conversation about gender equity in L.A. and beyond.

LOS ANGELES (October 2, 2019) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today unveiled a proposal for the City of Los Angeles to offer paid parental leave to municipal employees, which could create a new benefit for tens of thousands of full-time City workers who are ineligible for paid parental leave from the state.

“Family is everything, and parents shouldn’t have to rely only on sick or vacation days when it’s time to bond with their children,” said Mayor Garcetti. “We look at everything we do through a gender equity lens - and paid parental leave will empower women in the workplace, help moms and dads care for their kids, and support City workers in a way that helps them better serve the public.”

The Mayor’s proposal, which was presented to the City Council today and will be negotiated with employee representatives before implementation, will provide up to six weeks of fully paid parental leave for a City employee following the birth, adoption, or long-term foster care placement of a child. Under the proposal, paid parental leave would first be available to non-sworn employees - a majority of the City’s workforce - and subsequently extended to fire and police personnel.

A motion calling for paid parental leave for City employees was sponsored on the City Council by Councilmembers Nury Martinez and Paul Krekorian.

“Parents should never have to choose between making ends meet and spending time with their newborn children,” said Council President Herb Wesson. “Besides being the right thing to do, we know this extension of paid leave will keep our workers in their jobs longer, allow more women to join in the labor force, and chip away at the gender pay gap.”

Too often, women and families are forced to return to work before they have bonded with their newborn, or recovered from the effects of childbirth,” said Councilwoman Nury Martinez. “For City of L.A. employees, this policy will have a profound and positive effect on the health and long-term well-being of mothers, families and newborns. I look forward to the day we offer a similar benefit to all mothers and families throughout the City of Los Angeles - the time has come, paid parental leave for all.”

“I applaud the Mayor for taking this historic action,” said Councilmember Paul Krekorian, “the continuation of a four year effort that I began with my colleague Nury Martinez on behalf of city employees and their families.”

The Mayor announced the proposal at the Third Annual State of Women & Girls Address and Expo, where the Mayor joined First Lady of Los Angeles Amy Elaine Wakeland in welcoming more than 1,000 female leaders and LAUSD students from across the city - to participate in a day meant to inspire, educate, and motivate Angelenos of all ages to be part of the movement for gender equality.

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Notice No. 24 Project Delivery Fundamentals Training

Notice No. 24 dated October 1, 2019, titled Project Delivery Fundamentals Training – Accepting Applications for 2020 states that the BOE is preparing for the next session of the Project Delivery Fundamentals Training Program, focusing on the BOE’s Project Delivery Manual.

The BOE employees who would like to be considered for this training may now apply by completing the BOE Project Management Fundamentals Training Program Application online form, available on the BOE’s Intranet in the Forms Library Application under Training titled “Project Management/Project Delivery Fundamentals Training.” Employees who previously completed the Project Delivery Fundamentals Training Program are eligible to retake this training class. The application form must be submitted through the intranet by Friday, November 1, 2019. The BOE Training Section will notify candidates the results of the selection process by email.

The Project Delivery Fundamentals Training Program includes the following major subject areas:

• Introduction to Project Management
• Project Planning and Pre-Design
• Project Design
• Bid and Award Process
• Construction Management
• Negotiation Skills
• Managing Money
• Scheduling
• Presentations Skills
• Client Relations

The program is expected to commence on January 15, 2020. A tentative schedule is attached for your reference. The 4-month long program will generally be comprised of weekly, 4-hour long sessions. You should be able to schedule your time so that you can attend all of the sessions. An examination will be given at the end of the training program.

Taking the training program and successfully passing the exam is one of the ways to meet the qualification requirements in applying for a position as a “bonused” Project Manager.

For consideration to participate in this training program, the applicant must be a full-time BOE employee in a technical or professional classification. Other classifications will only be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Because demand for this training program often exceeds capacity, every effort will be made to combine students who have diverse experiences and backgrounds. The selection process will be comprised of select BOE Senior Managers. The applicant’s Division, Office, or Group Manager may also be consulted.

The BOE intends to continue to offer this training once a year as long as a sufficient number of people are interested in participating. Questions regarding this program should be directed to Ana Lynn Rocio of the Administration Division at (213) 485-5083 or at analynn.rocio@lacity.org.

PROJECT DELIVERY FUNDAMENTALS 2020 CLASS SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE
Public Works Building Room SB-9

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Pedrozo Commended
This e-mail was sent to the City Engineer commending Richard Pedrozo, WCMD(?):  
Date: Fri, Jun 7, 2019 at 10:42 AM  
Gary,  
Hello, my name is Wesley Espinoza. I am in the process of doing some due diligence investigation on a vacant single family lot prior to purchasing it. This is my first time making such a purchase.  
As you can imagine, for an individual attempting to take on all of the responsibilities of putting a project together, it can be challenging. Well, Richard Pedrozo has been a very, very helpful individual.  
I had gone into the city in person to try and obtain all easements affecting the vacant lot. I had assistance from DBS and BOE but at that moment, they were not able to clarify an “Emergency Sewer Repair Easement” that showed up on NavigateLA. I then contacted Richard a couple of days later asking if he can clarify the easement. Richard had been extremely helpful in investigating the matter. He found the underlying issue as follows:  
“I’m confirming with the Emergency Sewer Repair Group that the geocoding that shows up in NavLA is in error. The repair seems to indicate that the work was all performed within the sewer easement, and that there should be no such sewer that cuts across 3036 Durand Drive and 6373 Rodgerton Drive. Once my assertion is confirmed, then I will ask the correction be made and NavLA should not reflect this any longer.”  
As you can imagine, when I first saw the easement go through the property I was worried about the obstacles it may have made on my plans or for that matter, making my plans impossible to accomplish and thus making the vacant lot unbuildable.  
I am very appreciative of Richard’s assistance with my inquiry. Richard’s excellent customer service and positive attitude certainly makes the process less daunting for individuals like myself.  
Thank you for your time.  
Wesley Espinoza

Newsletter Submissions
We are always pleased to receive submissions for the Newsletter. There are a few tips that we’d like to be kept in mind. Please do not submit articles using the “table” or “column” feature of MS Word. It will not translate correctly. Instead, just use tabs. If you have photos, please send them in their native format, i.e., jpg or tif. Do not place photos in a word processing document. Also, please run your article through spell check and make sure all names are spelled correctly before submitting it. Again, thanks to all for their contributions.  
Remember - The latest letterhead is always available on the Engineering Forms Library under the category “Correspondence” on the Bureau of Engineering intranet.

Notice No. 25 Consultant Contract Rate Adjustments
Notice No. 25 dated October 8, 2019 titled “Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Policy: Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 Adjustments to Consultant Contract Rates” states that many of our active BOE consultant contracts that allow services to be paid on a cost reimbursement basis also include provisions for the consultant to request adjustments for themselves and their subconsultants. These provisions are typically found in the “Compensation, Invoicing, and Payment” Article of the contract. Generally, the language states that any adjustments are subject to approval of the Engineer and that they shall be in accordance with the established BOE policy existing at the time the adjustment is approved. It is the BOE policy to base consultant salary adjustments on the cost of living adjustment (COLA) received by BOE employees. The COLAs currently scheduled for BOE employees are shown in Table 1 below:

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Considering the range of COLAs across the BOE, an allowable adjustment of up to 2.75 percent for consultant salary rates and their subconsultants is appropriate. It is the responsibility of the consultants to apply for rate adjustments if they so desire under the terms of their contract. Consultants may apply for a salary adjustment upon issuance of this Notice. However, this adjustment may only be requested one time from the date of this Notice through June 30, 2020. Adjustments will be applied after a written request from the consultant has been approved and will be effective from the date of approval.

Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Salary Rate
Effective upon issuance of this Notice through FY 2019/20, Program Managers may approve adjustments to consultant and subconsultant hourly salary rates up to 2.75 percent; subject to the following conditions and only if no other rate adjustments were previously negotiated for this period, and where rates were not established by individual tasks:

1. The adjustment must be requested in writing by the consultant.
2. Retroactive adjustments for prior years or any period prior to when the consultant’s request is approved, are not allowed.
3. The consultant’s request must reference the applicable contract article that allows such an adjustment.
4. The consultant must provide documentation of the actual COLA that the subject employees have most recently received. Merit and other bonuses are not to be considered in determining the COLA.
5. Adjustments to billing salary rates for individual employees are limited to the lower of their actual COLAs or the 2.75 percent limit. In no case shall the billing salary rates exceed the actual salary rates paid to the employee.
6. The practice of distributing the aggregate value of the increase among employees at varying rates is not allowed.
7. For each billing salary rate increase approved by the Program Manager, a record of the adjustment must be maintained in the contract file. All other provisions of the City’s contract with the consulting firm still apply. Historical allowable hourly salary rate adjustments are provided in Table 2 for reference purposes.

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Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate
Adjustments to the Hourly Billing Rates will not be allowed under the current policy. This Notice is hereby provided to set the current BOE policy regarding these rate adjustments. It supersedes any and all previous policies.

Please contact Edick Ohanian, Division Engineer, Project Award and Control Division at (213) 847-0577 if you have any questions regarding the policy.
Construction Management Association of America, So Cal Chapter Seminars

The Construction Management Association of America Southern California Chapter is offering the following seminars. For additional information please go to www.cmaasc.org.

**Construction Materials Testing Laboratory Tour for Emerging Leaders** on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Twinning, Inc., 3310 Airport Way, Long Beach, CA 90806, 10:30 am Laboratory Tour, 11:30 am Lunch. Take a tour of one of Southern California’s largest construction engineering laboratories. This construction laboratory actively performs testing research and has unique testing capabilities. Engineers will explain and demonstrate the many tests we use to evaluate construction material quality. This event is intended for Emerging Leaders with 0-4 years of industry experience. 40 people maximum.

Register by October 9, 2019. Event is free, but registration is mandatory.

**Keys of Negotiation - Sharpen Your Soft Skills** on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the L.A. Downtown Hotel, 333 S. Figueroa St., L.A., 90071, 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 the ability to express our wills and understand the wills of other effectively. This is not possible unless we make ourselves capable to negotiate effectively. 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 anyone who is involved in the negotiation processes and interacts with clients and other project team members. More specifically, it could be helpful for junior team members, and emerging leaders or project managers.

Seminar instructor: Amin Salari, CCM, PMP, LEED AP, Kitchell.


**Prefabrication Construction - How Prefabrication Will Change Our Industry** on October 30, 2019, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

Like many other industries of 21st century, construction is being impacted by technology and innovation. The combination of the innovation, changes in technology and end users expectations makes modular construction a more viable option.

Public and private entities are utilizing modular and mass production techniques more often these days which yields a high quality product and cost savings opportunities. Saving time, cost and risk reduction are some of the main factors for this popularity.

Moderator: Kevin Pokrywa, Regional Executive, Kitchell.

Panel Speakers: Alex Contreras, Twining, Inc./Radco; Jason Haim, Perkins Eastman; Andy Moey, Project Management, Los Angeles County Public Works; Scott Root, Director of Visual Construction, Kitchell

Register by October 23 $70/member, $140/non-member. After October 23 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**CCM Application Seminar** on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 3:00 pm Meet & Greet; 3:30 Seminar, 4:30 pm Question and Answer at Psomas Office, 1500 Iowa Ave., Suite 210, Riverside, CA 92750. Led by Waleed Jouzy, CCM, DBIA, Project Director, CBRE/Feery.

Topica: Determining CCM Eligibility, CCM Application Process, CCM Exam Preparation; CCM Recertification Process.

To RSVP contact Waleed Jouzy at waleed.jouzy@cbre.com. Attendance limited to first 20 to RSVP.

**Community Colleges are making a difference in the Orange County Area** on November 5, 2019, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-Orange County, 400 N. State College Blvd., Orange, CA 92868, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

There are many advantages to attending a community college, it provides for an opportunity to reach a more diverse group of students, it creates more accessibility and is a platform for vocational training programs. None of this would be possible without Coast Community College and South Orange County Community College District. Join us to hear from the experts who are partnering with this community via the built environment.

Moderator: Jesse Urquidi, Associate Principal, Project Development Director, P2S Inc.

Panelists: W. Andrew Dunn, Ed.D. - Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administrative Services, Coast Community College District; Jerry Marchbank - Senior Director Facilities, Planning and Construction, Coast Community College District; Nawar Al Juburi, CCM, LEED G.A - Project Manager, DSA Coordinator, South Orange County Community College District.

Register by October 29 $70/member, $140/non-member. After October 29 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Prevailing Wage Law - Compliance and Critical Updates** on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. A must for owners, estimators, project managers and office administrators. Discussion topics will include:

- Critical updates and hot topics
  - Compliance 101
  - Projects covered by state and/or federal prevailing wages
  - Apprentice requirements
  - Determining the correct rate/classification * Record keeping requirements
  * Enforcement
  * Skilled and Trained Workforce
  * Coverage and Enforcement


Register by Oct. 31, 2019: $70/member, $140/non-member. After Oct. 31: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**County of Los Angeles Hospital Bond Program Update** on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker: Andrew Moey, Capital Projects Program Manager.

Cost: $89/person until 10/14/19, $129/person until 11/1/19, registration at door $149.

**OCSD, OCPW, and OCTA** on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-Orange County, 400 N. State College Blvd., Orange, CA 92868, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Orange County is the home to more than 3 million residents and provides exciting professional sports, a wide range of tourist attractions, and quality venues for visual and performing arts. Hear from Orange County Sanitation district, Orange County Public Works, and Orange County Transportation Authority on how the three public agencies are implementing its goals, structuring its projects, and developing coordinated strategies to meet the county’s population growth.

Moderator: Brandon Dekker, CANNON Design

Speakers: Rob Thompson, Assistant General Manager and Director, Orange County Sanitation District; Shane Silsby, Director, Orange County Public Works; Jim Bell, Executive Director Capital Programs, Orange County Transportation Authority.

Register by November 7, 2019: $70/member, $140/non-member. After November 7: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Effective Management of On Call Contracts** on November 20, 2019, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-Orange County, 400 N. State College Blvd., Orange, CA 92868, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

- Provide an introduction to different types of on call contracts, differences in design and construction on-calls
- Learn advantages and disadvantages of on call vs full CM
- Discuss effective implementation of a CM on call, clients expectations
- Learn common mistakes clients see from consultants with on call contracts, learn solutions to these common mistakes, better the implementation process by consultants moving forward on future on calls

Moderator: Anh Case, PE, VP of Construction Management / EXP

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Speakers: Robert So, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 7; Ghazala Khan, President, G&K & Associates; Jaimie Irahola, Caltrans Structures Senior D12; Chris Mockus, AECOM, VP Transportation

Register by November 13, 2019: $70/member, $140/non-member. After November 13: $85/member, $170/non-member.

Constructibility Review Seminar on December 11, 2019, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-Orange County, 400 N. State College Blvd., Orange, CA 92868, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

Emcee: Yashar Hooshvar, SafeWorkCM
Moderator: John Scherck, IEUA

Panel members: Rick Farr, CCM - Area Manager and Vice President, Arcadis; Arthur Serrata, PE, SE, CCM, PMP, LEED AP - Principal Construction Manager, Arcadis; Edward Durazo, CPM, QSP - Vice President and Regional Manager, TRC Companies

Register by December 5, 2019: $70/member, $140/non-member. After December 5: $85/member, $170/non-member.

Thanks to Allen
This e-mail was sent to Julie Allen, Sixth Street Viaduct Division and Karen Cormier of Tylin Corp.

Date: August 9, 2019 at 8:51:41 AM PDT
Subject: Thank You

Good Morning Julie/Karen:
I know it’s kind of late, but I did want to extend my gratitude for yet another fantastic tour you provided. Peter, our Director of Field Services (DFS) West, was very impressed. Thank you for going above and beyond, and taking time out of your busy schedules to accommodate us.

Have a great weekend,
Omar A. Elkadess
Sr. Transportation Engineer & BUILD/ATCMTD Program Coordinator
FHWA California Division – Calsouth Office

Overtime Reminder
This is reminder that per Bureau policy, employees are not allowed to earn overtime exceeding 15% of their annual salary, unless approved by their Program Manager. Overtime is a sensitive issue and care needs to be taken in its use and control.

Join Us in the World’s Largest Earthquake Drill.
www.ShakeOut.org

Construction Network Seminars
The Construction Network - Connecting Owners to AEC and CFM Industries. To RSVP: www.construction-network.net

Technology Trends in Transportation on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Panel: Phil Washington, CEO, LA Metro; Stephanie Wiggins, CEO, Metrolink; John Bulinski, Director, Caltrans D7.

Moderator: Gene Bougdnos, P.E., Area Program Manager for LA - HDR Inc.

Cost: $89 until 9/9/19; $120 until 9/27/19; $149 at the door.

Port of Long Beach Project Updates on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Hear about the Pier B. Railyard, Gerald Desmond Bridge demolition project and Clean Air Action Plan infrastructure.

Guest speaker: Duane Kenagy, P.E., Capital Programs Executive

Cost: $89 until 10/1/19; $120 until 10/11/19; $149 at the door.

Transportation Corridor Agency Project Updates on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Guest speaker: Dave Speirs, Chief Engineer.

Cost: $89 until 9/24/19; $120 until 10/11/19; $149 at the door.

Los Angeles Streetcar Project Update on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at The Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

LA Streetcar is envisioned as a state-of-the-art application of clean mobility technology that is a flagship for a broader zero-emissions electrification strategy in Los Angeles, and the cornerstone of a more livable, connected downtown for residents, commuters, and visitors. The 3.8-mile circulator knits together the Financial District, Civic Center, and Grand Park with Historic Broadway, the Fashion District, South Park, Convention Center, Staples Center, and LA Live. The project leverages the region’s rail and bus system, bridging the gaps in downtown’s existing public transportation system and driving investments in both public infrastructure and private development along the corridor.

Guest speaker: Derek Benedict, P.E., Project Director| EXP

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Reimbursement for Safety Footwear
With the recent approval of the 2018-2021 MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) for 8 and 17, the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) has received authorization from the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to process reimbursements for up to $150.00 for eligible 2018 safety footwear purchases. Eligible BOE staff will need to submit the following:

• Foot Protection Approval form with signature approval from the respective BOE/Division/Office/Group Manager.
• Petty cash reimbursement slip.
• Copy of the safety footwear sales receipt (receipt must be dated between January 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019).

Reimbursement requests with a receipt will be processed in February 2020 for eligible safety footwear purchased after March 1, 2019.

Please send all submissions to the Administration Division, Attn: Safety Shoes Reimbursement Coordinator, Mail Stop 311, no later than Friday, October 11, 2019. All documents submitted (except the copy of the receipt) must be the original document with all signatures in blue ink. Photocopies of signed documents will not be accepted. Incomplete submissions and/or documents received after the October 11th deadline will not be processed.

To read the section from MOU 8 and MOU 17 that discuss safety footwear, the entire MOUs available on the CAO’s intranet webpage at: http://cao.lacity.org/MOUs/.
Arrivals
Aaliyah Jordan, Administrative Intern II, CMD; Alejandra Wells, Management Assistant, ADM; Amy Ta, Office Engineering Technician, LGD; Elsie Hernandez, Field Engineering Aide, SUR; Joe Young Yoo, Management Analyst, ADM; Luis Torres, Field Engineering Aide, SUR; Mike Mora, Field Engineering Aide, SUR; Miranoush Davoodi Chigani, Office Engineering Technician, VAL; Primitivo Gomez, CE Assistant I, CEN; Su Kyung “Claire” No, Management Analyst, CCD.

Promotions
Benet Gardner, Civil Engineer, WCE; Emil Yousef, Sr. Civil Engineering Drafting Technician, WCE; Eric Ramos, Survey Supervisor, SUR; Jennifer Zhou, GIS Specialist, LGD; Rogelio Nunez, Field Engineering Aide, SUR.

Departures
Jerry Diego, Sr. Management Analyst, promoted from ADM to Fire Department; Laura Perez, Admin Intern II, resigned from RED; Quinn Underriner, Project Assistant, resigned from ADM; Talya Jones, Secretary, promoted from WLA to Los Angeles World Airports.

Professional Registration
Civil Engineering
Adrian Castro, CE Assistant I, VAL.

Updated Board Report Templates
The following board report and motion templates have been updated and are available on the BOE’s Intranet in the Forms Library.

Bid & Award Phase Templates:
2. Contract Award - DOT Projects [09/16/2019]
3. Motion PQOC Construction Order [09/16/2019]
4. Motion to Change Bid Date and/or Increase CE Estimate [09/16/2019]
5. Motion to Reject All Bids and Re-Advertise a project [09/16/2019]
6. Reject All Bids [09/16/2019]

Construction Phase Templates:
1. Emergency Change Orders(s) > Greater than or Equal to $150,000 [09/25/2019]
2. Change Order [09/25/2019]
3. Revise Budget and Issue Change Order [09/25/2019]
4. Revise Project Budget & Issue Supplement Agreement Change Order [09/25/2019]

Emergency Contracts:
1. Advertise & Award Project off the Emergency On-Call List [09/25/2019]

Please use the latest templates for all new Bid & Award, Construction, and Emergency Contracts Board Reports and Motions.

Mayor Nominates Villegas to Board of Public Works
Mayor’s press release:
LOS ANGELES (September 24, 2019) - Mayor Garcetti today nominated M. Teresa Villegas to the Los Angeles Board of Public Works.
Villegas, who has been a top policy advisor to several elected officials, and currently serves as community and government affairs representative for the L.A. County Department of Public Works, would replace Board Vice President Cecilia Cabello, who has stepped down. Her appointment is subject to City Council confirmation.

Prior to her current post, Villegas spent more than a decade as a legislative deputy in the offices of County Supervisors Hilda L. Solis and Gloria Molina, where she was principal advisor on issues ranging from energy and water to air quality, planning, and parks. She has been a legislative director for the Trust for Public Land, and served the City of Los Angeles as an environmental affairs commissioner from 2006-2010, and as a member of the Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee.

“Teresa’s deep experience and strong commitment to environmental justice will make her a powerful addition to the Board of Public Works,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Her leadership, ideas, and vision will be extraordinary assets in helping our administration’s work to pursue a sustainable future and give Angelenos the excellent service they deserve.”

Cecilia Cabello announced that she is resigning effective September 27, 2019 to join Pete Buttigieg’s presidential campaign.

Notice No. 23 Holiday Season Street Closure
Notice No. 23 dated September 13, 2019 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 attached to Notice No. 23 between November 25, 2019 and January 1, 2020. In addition, every effort shall be made to prevent blockage of these streets for any other reason during that period.

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

Indigenous Peoples Day
Monday, October 14, 2019, 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 timekeeper if you have any questions.

LA vs SF Softball Game
The Bureau of Engineering will be playing San Francisco engineers in the 19th annual softball game on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The teams are preparing for the big game, which will start at 10:00 am at the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex, 6201 Balboa Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406. Come out and support our BOE team!

In Memoriam
We very sorry to report that retired Senior Civil Engineer Lawrence Cuaresmas passed away suddenly of a heart attack in August 2019. He retired as Harbor District Engineer in February 2017. Services were held in his hometown of Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii. He leaves behind many friends in the Bureau. Our deepest condolences go to his family.

Corrections
Please note the following corrections to the September 11, 2019 BOE Newsletter:
Pages 3-4 - In the article about Amy So being recognized at the Board of Public Works, the name of Adrien Mendoza was misspelled in the photo captions.
Page 10 - Carlos Cueva was listed under Internal Transfers but should have been listed under Promotions as a CEA III, SWD to CEA IV, SSD.
Page 10 - Anthony Felipe was listed under Internal Transfers but should have been listed under Promotions as a CEA III, WCC to Civil Engineer, SSD.

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, October 31, 2019.

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