Long Awaited Arts District Park Opens
Former Parking Lot is Now a Community Gathering Place

On November 5, 2016, Councilmember José Huizar led the ribbon cutting that marked the official opening of the long awaited Arts District Park, 501 S. Hewitt Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. The area has been marked by an increasing number of residents who have been wanting more public green space. Also speaking at the event were Recreation & Parks (RAP) Commissioner Pilar Diaz, RAP Assistant General Manager Ramon Baraja, Public Works Commissioner Heather Repenning and Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub.

“It’s a fabulous win for the community. These public amenities go a long way. In an area like this, where the Arts District is transitioning to residential and you have thousands of more people visiting, it makes it more livable.” said Huizar. “New green space has been sorely needed in the Arts District for so long . . . I am pleased that this momentous day is finally here.”

The new half-acre urban park features both active and passive spaces. It is a multi-purpose park with a play area for the kids, plenty of benches and lawn areas for relaxing and eating, trees to provide shade, and a canopy structure that functions not only as a shade component, but also a space for gathering as well as hosting performances and all kinds of community events. The vibrant colors and the contemporary design of the park complement the vibrancy, diversity and culture of the Arts District community.

Huizar mentioned how the park was originally to be funded by the Community Redevelopment Agency, but that source dried up when the governor abolished CRAs across the state. Huizar’s office worked with the Department of Recreation and Parks to secure Quimby fees, which are paid by developers for site acquisition and park creation.

Another unexpected delay occurred when contaminated soil was found on the site. The soil had to be cleaned before work was able to resume.

Regarding development of the park plans, Huizar said, “This was a community driven design process.” BOE staff worked diligently and very closely with the community, as well as the project’s major stakeholders including the Department of Recreation and Parks, Mayor’s Office, Council District 14 office, LA River Artists & Business Association, Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, ArtShare, and Barker Block Lofts HOA, to develop and implement the design and construction of the new park. A series of community meetings and design work shops were held to come up with a design that satisfied the interests and priorities of various community groups.

Weintraub said the park was also designed with sustainability in mind, with a particular emphasis on conserving water amid the ongoing drought. The paved portions of the park are...
relatively shallow and are designed to collect rainwater and allow it permeate the surface. Additionally, 10%-15% of the water needed for irrigation is captured from the La Kretz campus and is stored in a cistern.

Weintraub pointed out, “This is the first park where we’re using gray water,” and that there will be no run-off.

Design was by John Friedman Alice Kimm Architects (JFAK) and BOE Architectural Division. The bulk of the construction was done by California Landscape and Design.

Congratulations go to Mahmood Karimzadeh, Program Manager, and his staff from the Architectural Division, Reza Bagherzadeh, Paul Tseng, Gary Lam, Rick Fisher, and Saro Dersarioian; Chris Johnson, Easton Forcier, Jose Beristain and Karynna Carlos from the Geotechnical Engineering Group; Jose Fuentes, Daniel Tse and Victor Parra from the Construction Management Division; Bureau of Contract Administration: John Reamer, Jr., Roosevelt Bagby, and Keekab Ahn and everyone who contributed to this project.
LAFCU Named “Top Credit Union in Los Angeles”

LAFCU press release:
Los Angeles, CA (August 17, 2016) – Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) was named one of this year's Top Credit Unions in Los Angeles by AdvisoryHQ, an online ranking media for the bank and credit union industry. Unlike conventional methodologies used by Forbes and Bankrate.com, the firm utilizes its own “Bank and Credit Union Selection Methodology” to evaluate the quality of services and overall value provided by Southern California financial firms, and not their financial ratios, metrics and fees.

The ranking media focused on firms located in California, specifically in Los Angeles and surrounding areas. LAFCU was one of nine financial institutions named in the high selection ranking, and the full results were published in August in the firm’s online news magazine named “AdvisoryHQ News.”

Established in 1936 by 13 LA City employees, LAFCU was highly praised by the ranking firm for its commitment to service and growing membership; variety of checking and savings options such as Holiday Accounts and Second Chance Checking; quick and convenient online loan application process; and added benefits such as investment help, youth and business accounts, financial literacy programs and annual scholarships for high school and college students.

LAFCU offers low-rates on various loans (vehicle, real estate, and business) and Visa® credit cards, competitive savings accounts, online and mobile account access, and myriad financial services. Anyone who lives in Southern California is eligible to join LAFCU and take advantage of their beneficial services. For details, visit www.LAFCU.org

Thanks to Lewis & Phan
This e-mail was sent to Cheryl Lewis, Real Estate Division and Quyen Phan, Land Development & GIS Division:
Date: Fri, Sep 23, 2016 at 6:19 PM,
Subject: Brezza - Road Dedication
Cheryl and Quyen,
Thank you both for your miraculous turnaround time on something which was truly important to KB HOME. I cannot thank you enough as I have never had anyone process paperwork as quickly as you both did in 18 years of dealing with subdivision entitlements and processing. Your dedication and customer service is truly commendable. Should you ever need anything from me please feel free to let me know.

Thank you again.
Ron Mertzel
Vice President, Forward Planning
KB Home

Weintraub Honored at 2016 Annual Women of L.A. City Hall

The Fourth Annual 2016 Women of Los Angeles City Hall event was held on October 18, 2016 at Vibiana to honor and celebrate all of the incredible women at Los Angeles City Hall. Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub was honored for her role in bringing change to Los Angeles. First Lady of Los Angeles Amy Wakeland was recognized for her role in helping Mayor Garcetti's administration achieve gender equity on City Commissions.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Hope Street Family Center, a community benefits resource of California Hospital Medical Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Hope Street Family Center seeks to educate children, strengthen families and transform the community. Hope Street Family Center provides in-home and on-site educational, health wellness, behavioral health, developmental, and social services that support children and families.
Sister River Partnership Between Pasig River & L.A. River

On October 22, 2016 a signing event celebrating a new “Sister River” partnership between the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) of Manila, Philippines, and the Los Angeles Board of Public Works was held at Marsh Park. The signing of the sister rivers agreement coincided with both Filipino American History Month and Architecture Month in Los Angeles.

PRRC Executive Director Ramil Tan discussed the neglected and polluted state of the waterway the Philippine government had tasked him with restoring. Despite lack of funding from the government, in the past year, the commission managed to establish Environmental Preservation Areas protecting more than 1,700 linear meters of the Pasig River. The PRRC revitalized more than twice the amount of land the government had set as the commission’s goal for 2015 by directing public agencies and securing funding via private partnerships.

Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto predicted a future of mutual learning and growth. “By that international agreement we have learning, we have exchanges, we have ideas, we have cooperation.”

Groups representing the Pasig River and the Los Angeles River celebrate the signing of the Sister River partnership.

Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub at podium, with panelists at a discussion held before the signing.

Symbolic mixing of the waters of the Pasig and Los Angeles Rivers. Philippine dancers entertained everyone at the event.
Notice No. 23 dated October 17, 2016, titled *Project Delivery Fundamentals Training – Accepting Applications for 2017* states that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is preparing for the next session of Project Delivery Fundamentals training, focusing on the BOE’s Project Delivery Manual. Employees who would like to be considered for this training may now apply by completing the BOE Project Management Training Program Application online form, available on the BOE’s Intranet in the Forms Library Application under Training titled “Project Management/Project Delivery Fundamentals”. Employees who previously completed the Project Delivery Fundamentals training program are eligible to re-take this training class. The application form must be submitted through the Intranet by Friday, November 11, 2016. 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 Management
- Utilizing Consultants
- Construction Management
- Negotiation Skills
- Managing Money
- Scheduling
- Presentation Skills
- Client Relations

The program is expected to commence on January 18, 2017. A tentative schedule is attached for your reference. The four month long program will generally be comprised of weekly, four-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, a BOE employee must be 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

#### 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE

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<td>J. Lantry R. Abello M. Nermick</td>
<td>2/8/17 8:30 to 12:30</td>
<td>Survey Division. Project monitoring and control. Public Outreach. (Ref. PDM Chapters 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 &amp; 17)</td>
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<td>Project Design I</td>
<td>S. Patel M. Martin U. Jimenez P. Schmidt TBD</td>
<td>2/15/17 8:30 to 12:30</td>
<td>Starting the design, role of the Project Manager, role of the Project Engineer, role of the AFC support team. (Ref. PDM Chapters 7, 8, 9, 11 &amp; 17)</td>
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<td>Project Design II Bid and Award</td>
<td>S. Patel B. Lee D. Irvine E. Armstrong</td>
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<td>Plan development and sustainability issues. Project design, QA/QC during design. Master Specifications. Permits and approvals. Preparing bid documents and addenda. Bid and award, processing the bid documents, awarding the construction contract. (Ref. PDM Chapters 8-14)</td>
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<td>K. Okuda R. Kadomatsu</td>
<td>3/22/17 8:30 to 12:30</td>
<td>Budgeting templates, labor charges, cost control, cost to complete, use of expenditure plans and cash flow, to determine financial feasibility of projects. Project construction cost estimate. (Ref. PDM Chapters 3 &amp; 5)</td>
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<td>A. Kawaguchi</td>
<td>3/29/17 8:30 to 12:30</td>
<td>Use Microsoft Project 2007 to create and update a project schedule. Meet in the Computer Training Center on the 7th Floor. (Ref. PDM Chapters 5 &amp; 18)</td>
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<td>A. Kawaguchi</td>
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<td>Effective client communications. Communications with City Council and Board of Public Works. Panel discussion. Uniform Project Reporting System (UPRS). (Ref. PDM Chapters 1 &amp; 3-5)</td>
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<td>Examination</td>
<td>ADM Staff</td>
<td>5/17/17 8:30 to 12:30</td>
<td>Exam will cover all class materials, including the Project Delivery Manual. Exam will be a multiple-choice, “open-book” format - students can bring their own reference materials.</td>
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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.

**Marilyn Chavarria**

Marilyn Chavarria joined the Architectural Division as an Architectural Associate I on September 19, 2016. Previously, she worked for Sander Architects in Marina Del Rey, for about a year and a half, where she learned to incorporate pre-fabricated steel frames to a building systems for residential, commercial and industrial projects.

She graduated from Woodbury University, 2015, where she had a great opportunity to study abroad in New Zealand and Tahiti and be honored in a couple of steel competitions.

In her free time she enjoys sketching, listening to various genres of music, playing a couple of instruments, and spending time with her family.

**Gunwoo Choi**

Gunwoo Choi joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCED) as a Civil Engineering Associate I in the Bureau of Engineering on October 3, 2016. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Design at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and is expected to earn his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering with structural emphasis from California State University, Los Angeles this coming December.

Prior to joining the Bureau, he once worked at a private company for the Metrolink project. He assisted in project management for building double-deck coaches, which are currently running and providing services to people in Southern California. After obtaining an Engineer-in-Training (EIT) Certificate, he had been working for the Design Standards and Investigation Group (DSIG) in WCED as a Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles (TFLA) intern until he got hired by the Bureau.

He is currently living in Koreatown and enjoys spending time with friends, hiking, camping, and watching movies and TV shows in his free time. He is very excited to work for the City of Los Angeles and hopes to become a great asset in public works.

**Amanda Griesbach**

Amanda Griesbach, a new Environmental Specialist II in the Environmental Management Group, joined BOE in September from the Bureau of Sanitation’s Watershed Protection Division and the Solid Resources Commercial Franchise Division.

Prior to City employment, Amanda served as a Beach Water Quality Manager for the environmental non-profit Heal the Bay. She was accountable for tracking and analyzing bacteriological beach water quality information for all coastal beaches in California, Oregon and Washington. She was also responsible for translating and disseminating data to the public in an easy to understand format, as well as ensuring mitigation measures were implemented for beaches with elevated bacteria levels. During her almost 6 years at Heal the Bay, she worked with various federal, state and local officials to strengthen public health policies for recreational waters. She also strongly advocated for using multifaceted approaches to improve water quality, protect public health, and ensure local water conservation efforts.

Amanda has her Bachelor’s degree in Biology from the University of Minnesota and a Master’s degree in Microbiology from the University of Wisconsin. In her free time Amanda loves to travel, read and practice yoga.

**Billy Ho**

Billy Ho is a new Environmental Specialist II with the Environmental Management Group, Bureau of Engineering. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology / Environmental Studies from UCLA, and a Misters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning with an emphasis on Transportation Planning from University of Michigan.

Prior to joining the Bureau, Billy worked as an Associate Environmental Planner with Caltrans District 7 for five years, and was actively involved in the High Desert Corridor and Northwest 138 Corridor Improvement projects. He was also a Planning Fellow with Amigos de los Rios and worked with under-served communities in developing urban pocket parks along the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers for the Emerald Necklace Program. He has extensive experience with ArcGIS, Google Earth, and LandVision programs.

In his spare time, Billy enjoys weight training, distance running, and road cycling. He is an avid do-it-yourself automotive repair guru on weekends, and loves to bake for holidays and special occasions.

**Talmage Maxwell Jordan**

Talmage “Maxwell” Jordan has joined the Environmental Management Group as an Environmental Specialist II. He received his Bachelor’s of Science in Environmental Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2010. He is a dedicated supporter of the UCLA Bruins, a member of the John Wooden Athletic Fund, and has held season tickets at the Rose Bowl for the past decade.

Prior to joining BOE, Talmage worked throughout Southern California and nationally as a Project Manager in the environmental consulting industry. Talmage spent the past three years with EMG, an environmental and engineering consulting firm based in Baltimore. Talmage’s experience involves preparing environmental due diligence documents such as Phase I Environmental Site Assessments and contextualizing various contaminated sites including leaking underground storage tank sites, sites contaminated with heavy metals, and other various chemical release sites. During his time in the private sector, Talmage lead regulatory agency research efforts for due diligence projects at various environmental, water quality, and public health agencies on behalf of his clients.

Talmage is a lifelong Angeleno and an avid outdoors-man. He enjoys cycling, canoeing, and snowboarding. Like most Angelenos, he is ready for the Lakers return to prominence and dreams of the day the Dodgers bring home a seventh World Series Title. Talmage can be reached at (213) 485-5754.

**Peggy Nguyen**

Peggy Nguyen joined the Environmental Management Group as an Environmental Supervisor I in August 2016. She has served the City as an environmental project manager since 2006 at the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Airports, and the Bureau of Sanitation. Her experience includes asbestos, lead, and mold abatement and monitoring project management, environmental permitting, natural lands restoration project design and implementation, CEQA/NEPA environmental review, legislative analysis, coastal development permits, land use planning, environmental
Notice No. 24 Emergency Appt Bldg Mech Eng I

Notice No. 24 dated October 19, 2016, titled “Emergency Appointment Building Mechanical Engineer I – Bureau of Engineering (BOE) – Environmental Engineering Division (1 Position)

Application Deadline: October 31, 2016

This position is subject to City Administrative Officer and Personnel Department approval.

Minimum Experience Requirements:
This position is open to all employees currently employed with the City of Los Angeles. Candidates must meet the latest bulletin requirements for Building Mechanical Engineer at the time of filing.
1. Registration as a Mechanical Engineer with the California State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
2. Two years of full-time paid professional engineering experience in a position at least at the level of Mechanical Engineering Associate II with the City of Los Angeles.

Summary of Duties:
The Building Mechanical Engineer will act as a section leader in the Environmental Engineering Division. As such, the incumbent will oversee and perform complex design and research tasks for wastewater treatment plant mechanical systems with specialization in process piping, pumping systems, process blowers and compressor equipment, odor control, chemical feed systems, detailed mechanical design including hydraulic drop calculations, thermal expansion, stress calculations, and support types. The section leader will also oversee development of construction specifications and prepares standards for process piping and mechanical equipment.

The incumbent supervises the checking of plans for feasibility and conformance to good engineering practices and code requirements; directs the enforcement of legal provisions related to mechanical equipment and installation of such systems; may be responsible for directing the operation of a section engaged in mechanical research and/or inspection related to mechanical equipment and materials testing; and does related work.

The Building Mechanical Engineer will conduct training for other employees and will interface with other City agencies and regulatory agencies.

Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities:
The Bureau is looking for candidates who possess the following skills, knowledge, and ability including but not limited to:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Good skills in optimizing systems and procedures.
- Good personal computer skills.
- Good knowledge of the principles of mechanical engineering.
- Good knowledge of BOE specifications.

This position is subject to City Administrative Officer and Personnel Department approval.

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Method of Evaluating Candidates:
1. Review of departmental application and resume
(Intranet http://per.ci.la.ca.us/Forms/DeptApp.pdf)
2. Provide a written statement (two page maximum, Arial, 12 point font) detailing your qualifications for and interest in this position.
3. Interview with the management staff of the Environmental Engineering Division.
4. Review of personnel folder.

If available, at least six of the most qualified candidates will be scheduled to interview for the one position. Should more than six apply, an initial screening of the application packages may be conducted to establish a candidate pool. All applicants will be notified whether or not they have been scheduled for interview.

How to Apply:
Candidates interested in applying for this position should contact Ivellite Cook at (310) 648-6123. A Departmental Application, resume, and written statement must be submitted to Hyperion Treatment Plant, 12000 Vista del Mar, Ste. 200, Playa del Rey, CA 90293, Attention: Ivellite Cook, Mail Stop 623, Email: ivellite.cook@facity.org, or Fax No. (310) 648-6155 by the application deadline.

(Note: Should you be granted an interview and require a special accommodation for the interview, please so indicate when you respond to this Notice.)

Please note that the deadline has already passed.
BOE Brings Home the Trophy!
BOE Prevails 31-29 against San Francisco Engineers in Annual Softball Game

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA, October 8, 2016 – On a sunny Saturday morning in San Francisco, Golden Gate Park was busy with visitors at play and taking in the sights. Players from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering team (BOE) and the City of San Francisco Engineering (SF) team players along with family and friends arrived at Big Rec Field. In this scenic setting, they prepared for the annual competition in this friendly rivalry.

This competition first started with 3 contests in the 1920s, but since reviving the games in 2001, SF had won 9 games, while LA BOE had won 6 games. After practicing on the four preceding Saturdays, the LA BOE team was eager to get on the field to put an end to SF’s three game winning streak.

In the 1st inning, Alfred Mata got things rolling for BOE with a two-out double. He then scored on a double by Markos Perez-Bran, who later scored on a single by David Ventura. After SF responded with 6 runs in the bottom of the 1st inning, both teams were held scoreless in the 2nd inning and BOE found itself trailing 6-2.

The scoring quickly resumed in the 3rd inning. Michael Kouyoumdjian started the inning with a double and scored on a single by Mata. After two fly outs, Ventura stepped into the batter’s box and hit a double, driving in Mata. Bert Moklebust followed with a single and later scored on a single by Abdullah Sadozai. SF responded by also scoring 4 runs to take a 10-6 lead.

The 4th inning saw BOE’s biggest rally of the day, scoring 7 runs. Kouyoumdjian and Mata led off the inning with walks. After a sacrifice fly, Schrieber doubled in both runners and then scored on Moklebust’s single. Willis Huffman and Gary Lee Moore each walked to load the bases, setting the stage for Sadozai who doubled to drive in both runners. BOE held SF to 1 run, so after 7 innings, BOE led 16-12.

The hitting continued for BOE in the 6th inning, highlighted with triples by Kouyoumdjian and Perez-Bran. Kouyoumdjian drove in Legesse, who reached base on a single. After driving in Kouyoumdjian and Mata, Perez-Bran scored on Schrieber’s sacrifice fly. In the bottom half of the inning, Brian Schrieber’s pitching and the BOE defense came through again, holding SF scoreless. The inning ended with BOE leading 20 to 12.

BOE extended its lead in the 5th inning, by capitalizing on 3 SF errors to score 3 runs and holding SF to 1 run with solid pitching and fielding. BOE 16-12.

As the 9th and final inning started, BOE was looking to close out the game and met the challenge by scoring 5 runs to take a 31-19 lead into the bottom of the 9th inning. Knowing a big rally was needed to overcome BOE’s lead, SF answered the call. As batter after batter reached base and scored runs, SF’s fans bubbled with excitement over the possibility of a comeback win. BOE’s fans and players were steadfast in their confidence, but as SF closed the 12 run lead to 2 runs, it seemed very possible that SF might pull out the win. Finally, with two outs and two runners on base, SF hit a long fly ball to left field. Kouyoumdjian settled under it and secured the final out, with cheers from BOE’s fans and players. Final score BOE 31 – SF 29.

As with all that BOE does, teamwork was key to this victory. Only ten players made the weekend trip to SF for the game, each

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contributing to the successful outcome. All players batted 8 times in this 9 inning game and all contributed defensively on the field.

After the game, both teams and their fans enjoyed lunch, hosted by the SF team, in the shade of the park trees, followed by trophy presentations. With clutch hitting and solid fielding in center field, Markos Perez-Bran was presented the MVP award for the BOE. Equally impressive, Marissa Chin won the MVP award for SF.

In the rivalry that began in 2001, SF has 9 wins and BOE has 7 wins. The BOE team looks forward to hosting the next game in Los Angeles, scheduled for October 7, 2017.

BOE players and their supporters before the game.

Adbullah Sadozai and Markos Legesse scoring.

Gary Lee Moore catching a fly ball.

Brian Schrieber pitching.

Michael Kouyoumdjian at bat.

Markos Perez-Bran receiving MVP Award from BOE team captain Alfred Mata.

Trophy Presentation - Alfred Mata and SF team captain Rick Thall.

Team MVPs Markos Perez-Bran & Marissa Chin
Special Order No. 06-1016 dated November 7, 2016, titled Specialized Training and Education Incentive Reimbursement Program (Supersedes SO02-0115, dated January 30, 2015.)

General Statement
It is the policy of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to support the professional growth of its employees through a variety of methods, including the following:

- Assisting employees eager to pursue a graduate or undergraduate degree or a specialized certificate with payment of tuition, if the field and level of the degree or certificate pursued are in line with the enhancement of their careers.
- Funding their participation in specialized training courses, seminars, and workshops deemed necessary to keep up with developments in their field(s) of specialization.
- Assisting employees in the engineering series with payment for their Professional License Review course.

Eligibility
Employees must be employees of the BOE at the time of course enrollment/registration and reimbursement. Also, employees must have not given notice of intent to leave the BOE or City service.

Requests for reimbursement will be approved only once for the same course(s).

Tuition
Courses must be taken for credit on the employee’s own time from a recognized trade school, community college, virtual university, or any accredited college listed in the Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education Directory, published by the American Council on Education.

Courses must be considered relevant to employee’s duties or career goals. Such courses may be in pursuance of a certificate, baccalaureate, or advanced degree. Courses or a degree that would logically lead to employment outside of the City of Los Angeles will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Employee must not be eligible for any type of educational assistance by either the Federal Government or the State of California or other benefits such as veterans’ education benefits, grants, or scholarships.

Specialized Training
If the location of training, seminar, or workshop is beyond a 50-mile radius from either the residence or the regular work place of the employee, it will be considered as business travel. Travel requests are approved through a separate process.

Requests for specialized training or participation in professional seminars or workshops by BOE employees covered by Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. 36 will be handled in accordance with provisions of Article 49 of said MOU.

Specialized Training/Certificate Reimbursement

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*Education assistance benefits beyond certain limits established by the Internal Revenue Service may be subject to income tax.

**Applies to Review Course completion dates of October 14, 2016 and after only. Review Course completion dates prior to October 14, 2016 will receive a 50 percent reimbursement, up to $1,000.

City Controller Releases PropertyPanel.LA, Comprehensive Map of City Owned Properties

City Controller’s press release:
Los Angeles (October 27, 2016) - City Controller Ron Galperin released PropertyPanel.LA, the most comprehensive map ever produced of properties owned by the City of Los Angeles and issued a call for L.A. to appoint a Chief Asset Manager to oversee its extensive portfolio of real estate holdings.

The Controller’s goal in releasing the information is to enable the City to capitalize on its real estate holdings, which include police and fire stations, pools and parks—but also a wide-ranging collection of commercial, residential and industrial buildings, as well as vacant land.

“Now everyone can know what we all own a piece of,” said Controller Galperin. “The extent of the holdings revealed by this map shows that we as a City have the opportunity to engage in widespread economic and community development, as well as to generate revenue for much-needed City services.”

Galperin noted properties owned by the City serve many community needs and benefits. However, there are also many properties that are underutilized, and which could better serve the public as public space, revenue-producing income property, low-income housing…and much more. He added that some properties might benefit from being re-purposed by the City, while others could generate more value for Angelenos by being leased, sold or developed by the City, or in public/private partnerships.

“PropertyPanel.LA is intended as an informational tool, as a resource, and as a call to action for the City to undertake a more organized, professional and strategic approach to our valuable shared public assets,” said Controller Galperin.

The map released today was created using data from the Los Angeles County Assessor and the City’s General Services Department. It shows that the City’s approximately 9,000 parcels include land at and around its airports and the Port of L.A., as well as properties owned by the Dept. of Water & Power, the nation’s largest municipally owned utility. Galperin noted that in addition to what’s mapped, the City has holdings in other California counties.

His office plans to map those holdings in continued on page 11
PC Power Usage

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

In an effort to ensure environmentally sustainable practices throughout the City, the Information Technology Agency (ITA) and the General Services Department (GSD) are promoting and engaging in an energy power savings measure. This measure highlights the potential impact of power energy savings for City employees. To create energy savings and greenhouse gas reductions, the ITA and GSD are requesting the shutting down of City personal computers (PCS) as an energy savings measure for all City departments.

A conservative estimate of an existing 36% shutdown rate from Energy Star (ES) partners and Lawrence Berkeley National Labs (LBNL) was utilized to calculate the power energy savings for the City’s 31,000 PCS. Based on the 36% shutdown rate, the energy consumption estimate for 31,000 PCS produces 30 million kWh/year and costs $3.2 million/year. Shutting down all 31,000 PCS at the end of each business day is estimated at 12.5 million kWh/year and amounts to a savings of $2 million/year. An employee neglecting to shut down their PC at the end of the business day equates to leaving a half dozen compact fluorescent lights on all night or all weekend. When calculating greenhouse gas emissions, if the City shuts down all of its PCS after work, it will be equivalent to taking over 2,000 cars off the road.

Long-term sustainability cannot be achieved without significant changes to the way we conduct our day-to-day business operations. By each department promoting this energy saving measure, the City will be striving and reaching its transformation into the cleanest and greenest big city in the country.

Update of Quimby Park Development Fees

Councilmember Jose Huizar press release: (September 7, 2016) - The Los Angeles City Council voted 14-0 to approve a new ordinance spearheaded by Councilmember Huizar updating the City’s archaic development fees program for the first time in more than three decades in order to increase funding for parks and open space in park-poor Los Angeles, and address inequities in distribution of those funds, particularly in low-income communities.

Prior to the vote, Huizar was joined by Parks For All advocates, Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, as well Recreation and Parks (RAP) GM Michael Shull and Commission President Sylvia Patsoauras, calling on the Council to approve the new ordinance, which Huizar estimates could add as much as $30 million annually to the City’s new parks and park improvement program. Currently, about $22 million a year is generated through the old program.

“It’s been 31 years since we’ve updated our parks development fees in park-poor Los Angeles,” said Councilmember Huizar. “Reform is needed to increase funding for parks Citywide, adjust standards so that more green space gets built, and create incentives for developers to build parks on-site. As the 2nd largest City in the U.S., Los Angeles should be leading the nation in prioritizing greenspace so that all children and families have access to good, safe, quality parks.”

Councilmember Huizar restarted the discussion on Quimby reform to update the City’s development fees program and increase park space Citywide through a motion he introduced and as the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee where he helped shape the City’s recommendations. Councilmember O’Farrell Chairs the City’s Arts, Parks & River Committee and is an ardent supporter of the proposal, which would be the first update for the program in more than three decades.

“I want to thank my council colleague José Huizar, the City Planning Department, and our Recreation and Parks Department for their work on this historic update to fund more park projects, as well as improve the public spaces already enjoyed by Angelenos,” said Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell. “This update secures more funds from local development, provides greater flexibility, and supports the increase of affordable housing stock in our great city. This critical update not only improves the parks of today, but also helps us build the parks of tomorrow!”

“The new Quimby ordinance will enhance the Department’s ability to fund and acquire much-needed land and facilities to greater serve park visitors and communities throughout the City’s Council Districts,” said Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks. “Recreation and Parks supports the newly enhanced Quimby ordinance and the much-needed updates to its fee schedule, expanded radius uses and the development of a system that is more transparent and serves the needs of park users Citywide.”

The Parks For All coalition, made up of 68 community organizations and issues experts, have teamed up with Huizar to advocate for the much-needed changes.

“Today is historic for all Angelenos, especially for the 2.5 million residents who are park-poor and suffer the serious health, social, and environmental consequences,” said Alina Bokde, Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust. “No matter where you live, the color of your skin, or how much money you make, all Angelenos deserve to have safe, quality public parks in their neighborhoods. Even with Quimby reform, there is still much work to do to ensure that LA’s park system no longer lingers toward the bottom of national rankings and instead becomes a world-class park system for all.”

Fees levied on residential developments, collectively known as “Quimby fees,” were established in 1971 as a way to mitigate negative impacts on communities and add park space for residents as new development is built. It was last updated in 1985. The proposed reforms promise more funding for parks, updated credits for developers who build recreational facilities on-site, and specific exemptions for affordable housing development. It also adds “by-right” apartment development to the already established condominium development funding, which is consistent with cities throughout the region. Through the years, lack of apartment development Quimby fees has meant hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for City parks were lost.

The City Council’s action follows decades of demand for Quimby reform, three years of study and public debate, and is an important first step to addressing the chronic underfunding of the City’s park system. Los Angeles is in desperate need of more parks and green space, particularly in neighborhoods like South Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, Koreatown, and many parts of the San Fernando Valley. According to the nationally-recognized ParkScore rankings, the Los Angeles city park system currently ranks 65th among the 100 largest U.S. cities, placing it far behind nearby communities, including Long Beach, San Diego, and Irvine. The proposed reforms are critical to investing in parks and ensuring park access for all.
Transfer of Ontario Airport to Local Control

Mayor's press release:
ONTARIO, Calif. (November 2, 2016) - Mayor Eric Garcetti joined federal, state and local leaders from across Southern California today to announce that ownership of Ontario International Airport (ONT) has officially transferred from Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to the Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA).

The announcement comes after years of negotiation between the Cities of Los Angeles and Ontario, and collaboration with elected and community leaders across the region. Mayor Garcetti announced the ownership transfer alongside Sen. Dianne Feinstein, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta, OIAA President and Ontario Councilmember Alan D. Wapner, and a distinguished group of state and local leaders.

Mayor Garcetti - who has made regional collaboration a top priority for his administration - celebrated the milestone as a significant step forward for regional air travel, improving air quality, and connectivity across Southern California.

“Southern California is more than just a group of cities and communities — we are one region, and there’s no limit to what we can accomplish when we work together,” said Mayor Garcetti. “I have supported this transfer of Ontario International Airport to local control since I came into office, because nothing is more important than doing what’s right for the travelers, workers, and neighborhoods residents who want improved air travel, better connectivity, and local oversight. I’m pleased by the cooperation and partnership that brought us to this day, and proud to celebrate this incredible milestone.”

The transfer process began on August 6, 2015, with the announcement that the cities of Los Angeles and Ontario had agreed to a settlement of litigation over management of ONT. The settlement included terms to allow the transfer of ownership of ONT to the OIAA subject to approvals by the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners, Los Angeles City Council, Ontario City Council, the OIAA, and the Federal Aviation Administration. Final approvals by all parties were obtained early this year. Since then, all stakeholders have worked cooperatively in collaboration with the FAA to complete the transaction.

Alan D. Wapner, OIAA president and Ontario city council member, heralded the transfer as a major step forward in regional cooperation that will help ensure Southern California has the sufficient airport capacity to meet the growing demand for air service.

“The OIAA is honored and proud to assume control and operation of ONT on behalf of the coalition of counties and cities that supported local control for ONT over a number of years,” said Wapner. “We are grateful to Mayor Garcetti and OIAA CEO Deborah Flint for their commitment to airport regionalization that has made this historic day a reality.”

“Transferring Ontario International Airport was a historic process requiring tremendous cooperation, teamwork and collaboration,” said LAWA Executive Director Deborah Flint. “I’m proud of the work that was done by ONT staff, the OIAA and FAA officials, and am grateful to all of the airport staff, airlines, tenants, local businesses, community leaders, and travelers who have supported ONT while under LAWA’s care for nearly 50 years.”

OIAA CEO Kelly J. Fredericks said, “Although a relative newcomer to the ONT transfer process, I have been afforded a front row and behind the scenes view of the efforts made to make this historic transaction take place. Never in my career have I seen such collaboration and cooperation by so many people, all with a single goal of returning ONT to local control.”

Thanks to Behdin
This letter was sent regarding Central District Engineer Shahdin Behdin:

October 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Behdin:
I wanted to personally thank you for your help on the Marmion Way housing development project, located at 3500 Marmion Way, in Los Angeles. Your professional assistance and guidance in the permit process is greatly appreciated as I know your time is valuable and your schedule very busy.

On behalf of Palm Communities, I would also like to thank the City of Los Angeles for its support as we move forward with construction on this property.

Thank you again for all your assistance.
Best regards,
Dan Horn, President
Palm Communities

Save Energy at Work
All employees are reminded that they should do the following:

Before You Leave Work
• Unplug electronic devices when they are not in use. Or plug everything into a power strip and switch it off after shutting down equipment.
• Close drapes and shades to limit the amount of heat that comes in during the Summer and to minimize heat from escaping in the Winter.
• Turn off all printers, copiers, fax machines, kitchen equipment and lights.
• Shut down computers when possible. Be sure to turn off monitors, too.
• Set thermostats as low as safely possible.

For more ways to save energy go to www.FlexYourPower.org and subscribe to e-Newswire - California’s energy efficiency news source.
Communication Corner

by Mary Nemick
BOE Director of Communications

Holiday Communication Etiquette
With the holidays coming up, I want to share some communication tips that will help people as they head off to see family and friends or just take some well-deserved time off. I found this article interesting. Hope you agree!

Four Tips from BRAINSTORM blog

1. Keep your calendar up to date
   This is rule number one! Don’t disappoint and frustrate your colleagues by having a calendar that isn’t accurate. The last thing anyone needs is to schedule you for a meeting, thinking that you’re available when you are not. ALWAYS make sure that your calendar clearly communicates your availability. (For City employees that means that you MUST mark your RDO on your calendar).

2. Send a calendar appointment to immediate team members
   Of your entire organization, your absence matters the most to your immediate team. Don’t blindside them with your absence and trust me, a reminder at the water cooler has proven to not be enough. The best way to tell (and remind) your team that you’ll be out is to get it on your calendar.

3. Set up automatic replies (aka Out of Office messages)
   If you leave the office you MUST set up automatic replies to let people know that you are not actively at the helm of your email. This standard practice can be easy to forget so here’s your reminder – Do it! How? Just go to settings on your email account and scroll down to Vacation Responder. You can set the dates you want it to be sent and write a personal message.

4. Make your automatic replies helpful and descriptive
   I’m going to take a wild guess here and say that you’re probably not a top secret government agent who’s “vacation” is actually a mission to ward off nuclear disaster. Odds are you’re headed to your grandma’s cabin in the Appalachians or something else that requires a whole lot less secrecy. This being the case, what’s with the brevity and secrecy of so many out of office messages?!

Here are some tips for actually being helpful in your automatic replies:
- Let folks know the purpose of your absence. You don’t have to be very detailed if you don’t want to be, but it’s helpful to let people know if you’re on vacation or if you’re at a conference.
- Provide a specific time period of your absence. Try something like “On vacation from Tuesday December 11th till Sunday December 16th. Back in the Office on Monday December 17th.”

Water Reduction Ideas

What does a 20% reduction in water use look like? The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day. Find the right combination for you to reduce by 20%, or 39 gallons a day, here are some ideas:
- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving can save 10 gallons per person/day
- Take 5 minute showers instead of 10 minute showers saves 12.5 gallons (with a water efficient shower-head)
- Install a high-efficiency toilet (1.28 gallon/flush) saves 19 gallons per person/day
For more tips on reducing water use, visit saveourwater.com.

Amateur Radio License Training

The Emergency Management Department and David Malin, Emergency Manager II with the Port of LA, will be hosting a 13-week long class on Amateur Radio License Training at the Emergency Management Department. The intent is to improve the City’s ability to communicate using amateur radios in the event of a mass communications failure. Questions can be sent to David Malin at dmalin@portla.org. Classes will begin on Thursday, December 1, 2016, 12:30pm-3:30pm at the Emergency Operations Center. The class will be held once a week on Thursdays for thirteen weeks. Seating is limited.

If you are interested in participating in Technician Level Amateur Radio Class, please email dmalin@portla.org. It’s up to you to work out the details with your supervisor and let you participate in the class during working hours. But this initiative is supported by the City, the Emergency Management Department and the Mayor’s Office in part for our own Continuity of Operations as well as our Community Readiness.

The class normally will meet once a week for couple of hours until we go through all the reading material. Everyone is responsible to purchase their own book and pay an administration fee for the Federal Communications Commission, proctor exam. The process will be explained in more detail at the first class.

The book can be purchased online or at Ham Radio Outlet in Burbank. Usually it costs around $25 plus shipping. The book that will be used is called: 2014 Gordon West Technician Manual. Covers Question Pool Effective July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018 for examination.

Don’t buy an older version of this book. It’s up to you to work out the details with your supervisor and let you participate in the class during working hours. But this initiative is supported by the City, the Emergency Management Department and the Mayor’s Office in part for our own Continuity of Operations as well as our Community Readiness.

The class requires that you study and read the book. Everyone who has completed the class has successfully passed the Technician Level Amateur Radio Exam. Remember as a Disaster Service Worker you can be requested to work out of class. We always need communications in a disaster! Amateur Radio Operators have proven to be a vital asset during major disasters.
Mentors Wanted for High School Bridge Contest
This year will be the 16th Annual Los Angeles Regional Bridge Building Contest. Come join our kick-off meeting for prospective mentors on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 11:30 am at the Public Works Building in the Structural Engineering Division Conference Room, located on the 7th floor. No structural engineering or tiny wooden bridge building expertise required!

Join us whether you are a returning veteran or a curious newcomer. For those of you who are new to the Bureau, it would be great to see you there! We will be discussing the 2017 Bridge Building Contest rules and mentor commitments. Mentors must be able to commit 2 to 3 hours per week. Please seek supervisor approval before you RSVP. We will try our best to match all mentors to a school but not all mentors will be guaranteed a match. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, November 16. For more information, contact Armando Medina at 213-978-2072 or RSVP via e-mail at armando.medina@lacity.org.

Veterans Day Holiday
Friday, November 11, 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 timekeeper if you have any questions.

Earthquake Safety Reminder
The “Great California Shake Out” takes place every year on October 20th at 10:20 am. This year’s participation was estimated to exceed 4.6 million citizens. With only a fraction of the State’s citizens participating, it seems that Californians may not be taking emergency preparedness as seriously as they should be. How lucky we would all be, if the “Big One” were that predictable (10/20 @ 10:20 AM). Unfortunately, Mother Nature is not governed by our desires or our schedules. As we all know, Life can bring changes which necessitates revisions. Life Safety or Emergencies on the other hand requires planning and provisions. You may find the short list of information and provisions below to be beneficial.

- A daily supply of Food, Water, Survival Gear, First Aid Kit and Sanitary provisions.
- Create a personal disaster plan for Before, During and After (Be prepared for fires after, limited or no electrical power, and no basic services).
- Designate an out of area contact for family members to contact as a hub.
- Create a list of important numbers and keep the list in an area accessible to all family members.
- Create a safe place outside of your home to meet with the family.
- Have an Alternate location to live in the event that your home cannot be occupied. With regards to the last item above, the same holds true for the workplace. If we experienced the “Big One”, the Bureau of Engineering would exercise the “COOP” otherwise known as the Bureau of Engineering’s Continuity of Operations Plan. All Division/Office/Group Managers and Assistant Managers should be familiar with the COOP. Specifically, Division/Office/Group Managers and Assistant Managers should be familiar with Section IX, Appendices, Appendix D, that identifies all Primary and Alternate facilities and locations utilized by the Bureau of Engineering.

Managers, per the COOP, do you know where you and your staff are supposed to report to after an emergency?

Please see the following link for a pdf of the Bureau’s COOP and the answers to this question http://boe.ci.la.ca.us/DistInfo/emergency_plan/ContinuityOfOperations.pdf.

Thanksgiving Holidays
Thursday - Friday, November 24-25, 2016, are City holidays. Remember to mark your timesheet for each day as HO 8.0. Since a 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.) There is a chance for confusion when two holidays fall within the same pay period. Check with your division timekeeper if you have any questions.

Floating Holiday Reminder
Have you taken your Floating Holiday yet? Floating Holidays not taken by December 31, 2016 will be lost. A Floating Holiday is only 8 hours so if you are on the 9/80 schedule you must make up the time by: Working an extra hour in the same pay period; using vacation time; or, for 9/80 employees, making the Floating Holiday your short day. (Note: Non-FLSA exempt employees can only adjust their hours within their defined work week.)

A Floating Holiday is only 8 hours and must be taken in a full 8 hour increment. For example, if an employee tries to charge 4 hours on two separate occasions, the first instance removes the entire Floating Holiday credit and the second instance of 4 hours will default to a No Pay condition.

L.A. Zoo Lights
L.A. Zoo Lights returns November 18, 2016 and promises to shine more brilliantly than ever as they “ZooLAbrate” their 50th year. Explore a wonderland of dazzling animal-inspired light displays, seasonal sights and delights, and magical Golden Anniversary touches. Demand for this special edition of L.A. Zoo Lights will be high, so purchase now to secure your preferred date.

Early bird online only special: November 18-23, 2016 and December 1: $9/adults/children, children under 2 are Free.

Regular price: Dec 5-8, 12-15, Jan 2-8: $14/adults (13+), $11/children (2-12).

Premium: Nov 25-27, Dec 2-4, 9-11, Dec 16-Jan 1: $18/adults (13+), $14/children (2-12)

We’d Like to Hear from You
If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them directly to BOENewsletter@gmail.com. Also cc: Myrna Braithwaite (myrna.braithwaite@lacity.org) Administration Division. Deadline for the next issue is Thursday, December 2, 2016.