A Bridge Home Shelter Opens in Watts
BOE Managed Construction of the New Shelter

On November 13, 2019 more than 200 people attended the grand opening ceremony for the new A Bridge Home emergency shelter located at 2316 East Imperial Highway, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Salvation Army Major Osei Stewart, Housing Authority General Manager Doug Guthrie, and Director of HOPICS (Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System) Veronica Lewis were speakers at the event.

Mayor Garcetti noted that this is the ninth Bridge Home facility opened in just the last twelve months, on the way to 26 shelters and more than 2,000 beds. The Bureau of Engineering managed construction of the facility in five months on land owned by the Housing Authority.

Unsheltered homeless living on the streets have long been averse to accepting transport to traditional shelters, which usually line up dozens or hundreds of cots in a single large room where there is no privacy. Those who accept shelter can bring very few belongings and no pets are allowed. There were frequently complaints of theft or hostility from other people.

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Councilmember Joe Buscaino cuts the ribbon to officially open the new A Bridge Home Shelter in Watts.

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Councilmember Joe Buscaino

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by replacing the canvas interior dividers with half-height solid office-style cubicles on three sides and half of the front, covering the bed. On one cubicle wall there is a socket for two USB jacks to charge cell phones or USB compatible small electronics. There is a wall-mounted lockable cupboard, with additional open storage under the cupboard and under the bed. There are regular electric plugs on each side of the big tent’s interior walls.

Outside the tents there is a long narrow structure that contains 7 all gender restrooms, 7 all gender showers, and a laundry. The large quad where the audience gathered for the opening ceremonies is an eating or lounging area. And there is a good-sized dog park for pets.

The Salvation Army will be providing wrap around services for case management to help people develop skills, address mental health and substance abuse issues, find jobs and permanent housing.

The Housing Authority is opening a work source center at the other end of the site that can offer job training to those that need it.

Congratulations go to the Homeless Facilities & Special Projects Division (HFD) and all their partners who worked hard to complete this project under extremely tight time constraints.

Mayor Eric Garcetti speaking - in back is the men’s sprung tent structure.

Mayor Garcetti did a live video walk through of the new shelter and interviewed both Councilmember Joe Buscaino and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.

View of the sleeping quarters in the men’s tent. Each cubicle has a USB and electric outlets, a lockable cupboard and room for some personal belongings. The tent has full heating and air conditioning and also makes maximum use of natural light.

Onsite shower facilities

Onsite dog park so residents can keep their pets.
On November 7, 2019, the Bureau of Engineering led a panel at the National Society of Women Engineers conference in Anaheim, discussing BOE's award-winning gender equity initiative, which has increased the number of women engineers in the Bureau by 107 percent over the past six years. The panel was led by City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Dr. Carol Armstrong from the Mayor's Office and BOE engineers Katherine Doherty and Natalie Moore, and moderated by Mary Nemick. More than 200 young women engineers attended the panel.

SWE's Annual Conference is always held in the fall and it is the premier event for women in engineering and technology. In 2019, the event garnered over 16,500 attendees. The engaging and informative sessions are exceptional professional and personal development tools for both working engineers and engineering students. SWE's conference includes dynamic keynote speakers, plenary sessions, more than 200 workshops and presentations and numerous networking opportunities. Moreover, SWE's conference is dedicated to helping women engineering students' transition into the corporate world by providing training, guidance, and access to career opportunities both in academia and industry.

The description of the panel discussion is from the Society of Women Engineers National Conference in Anaheim, November 7, 2019 Program:

Closing the Gender Gap: City of Los Angeles Women Engineers
Panel Discussion with City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Deputy City Mayor Barbara Romero, Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub

Named 2018 Employer of the Year by the Women in Transportation Seminar, the department is using initiatives such as a yearlong mentorship program, generous training and education funding, and a popular rotation program to transform their agency through gender equity.

Also, as the department faces a surge of retirements, they are using focus groups, surveys, and social media to find out what encourages younger profession-
On November 7, 2019, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore received the Honorable Ray LaHood Award from the WTS-LA in recognition of his efforts to create opportunities to advance and advocate for women in the transportation field. Moore received the award at the WTS-LA Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner held at the Sheraton Grand LA Downtown. Keynote speakers at the event were Metro Chief of Staff Nadine Lee; Mayor of Inglewood James T. Butts Jr.; and Southern California Association of Governments Executive Director Kome Ajise.

In addition, Moore received a congratulatory message from Mayor Eric Garcetti presented by Dr. Carol Armstrong, Mayor’s City Services Executive Officer, Jennifer Pope-McDowell, Mayor’s Associate Director - Infrastructure Services, and Board of Public Works Commissioner Jessica Caloza.

This following announcement of the award is from the WTS-LA website:

**Moore’s Respect for Diversity Leads to Equity in Engineering**

Each year, the Honorable Ray LaHood Award recognizes a man who leads by example, “seeks out opportunities to advance and advocate for women in his own organization, and actively ensures that women are able to compete for key positions of authority within that organization.” That man must directly contribute to the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in transportation. And he must have made a considerable contribution to the transportation industry. This year, WTS-LA recognizes someone who’s been doing that for his entire career. His name is Gary Lee Moore.

Leading the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (Engineering) for the past 16 years as City Engineer and General Manager, Gary transformed it into one of the most diverse departments in the nation. With more than 950 professionals, Engineering sets the standard for the recruitment, retention, and professional development of women and minority employees. This is due to Gary’s personal and professional commitment to diversity.

He instituted a comprehensive Gender Equity Program that rapidly increased the number of women working in the department’s transportation-related projects. Today, the program serves as a model for other agencies. He continually and meaningfully advocates on behalf of female managers, supporting their efforts to lead programs and high-profile projects. This is particularly true in Engineering’s transportation-focused divisions, where women manage the majority of key programs. Gary also ensures that employees have the resources and opportunity to excel. This in turn provides role models for younger women in the department.

In addition, Gary has implemented signature advancement programs for women, such as the Engineering’s mentorship program and an awards program to help employees gain recognition for their work. On a numbers level, his work is equally...
impressive. In the past five years, Engineering has hired 383 full-time employees and 154 of them - more than 40 percent - have been women. In addition, 132 employees work directly on Engineering transportation projects and 41 percent of them are women. There are also 82 women that provide support to the key transportation divisions. Finally, he also chose a woman to serve as the first female Chief Deputy City Engineer soon after he became City Engineer.

Gary's support of WTS-LA and professional associations is also exemplary. He encourages all employees to join associations and advance their education. With WTS-LA, he's served on the board for the past 14 years, providing invaluable expertise and leadership. In 2018, Engineering was named WTS-LA Employer of the Year, one of Gary's proudest accomplishments.

For these reasons and many more, WTS-LA proudly names Gary Lee Moore as the 2019 WTS-LA Honorable Ray LaHood Award winner.

For a list of all 2019 WTS-LA awardees, read here.

Note also that LABOE was the recipient of the WTS-LA 2018 Employer of the Year award. See the article from 2018.

The 2019 Winners:

- **WTS-LA Woman of the Year**: Cynthia Guidry, Long Beach Airport
- **WTS-LA Member of the Year**: Eileen Ryder, Stantec Consulting
- **WTS-LA Employer of the Year**: California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)
- **WTS-LA Rosa Parks Diversity Leader-ship**: Wajeha Bilal, Build Plus Community Marketplace
- **WTS-LA Honorable Ray LaHood Award**: Gary Lee Moore, Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering
- **WTS-LA Innovative Transportation Solution**: Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Automatic People Mover (APM)

**About WTS**

WTS International was founded in 1977 by a group of pioneering women in transportation who realized that women's careers would benefit from professional development, encouragement and recognition to support their advancement in transportation professions. Now, after more than 40 years of growth and development, WTS is an international organization with more than 6500 members (including women and men) and 79 chapters.

WTS stands for Women’s Transportation Seminar, which was how it was named when founded in 1977 when women couldn’t get subsidized for association memberships unless they were educational. But times have changed, and now joining an association is an opportunity women and men can take advantage of to work together and benefit each other in their careers.
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.

Mary Creel

Mary Creel graduated in 2016 from Loyola Marymount University. She joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCED) as a Civil Engineering Associate I on November 25, 2019. She has over 3 years of experience working at KPFF Consulting Engineers.

Aside from her “commitment to deliver excellence, empower creativity, support relationships, and nurture growth for engineering opportunities”, she has a passion for cooking and spending time with her two cats. Mary also enjoys outdoor activities, such as hiking and camping. She is very excited to be a part of this team! Mary looks forward to learning more about the projects and designs of WCED.

Gevork Gevorkyan

Gevork Gevorkyan joined the Street Improvement and Stormwater Division (SSD) on November 25, 2019 as a Civil Engineering Associate I. Gevork has earned his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from CSUN in 2013. He has his EIT and is in pursuit of his PE license.

Gevork has 6 years of experience in a private firm preparing Civil engineering plans for site development and residential land development projects. He is excited to transfer to the public sector in order to expand his knowledge and work on diverse projects that benefit the day to day in the City of LA for years to come.

In his free time, Gevork enjoys traveling, watching movies and TV shows, and hanging with friends.

Hugo Lopez

Hugo Lopez attended the California State University of Long Beach (CSULB) and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering. He was awarded the “Dedicated Leadership” from CSULB’s ASCE student chapter. Hugo used to be a tutor at the College of Engineering and formerly worked as a Student Professional Worker with the Department of Transportation. He also previously worked as a Student Engineer for the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power. Then, he promoted to the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCED) as a Civil Engineering Associate I on November 12, 2019.

Hugo shares his time bodybuilding and also helps in building homes for Corazon, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity. He owns a terrier mix dog named Oreo and used to own chickens named Scarlett & Bean. Hugo stated that he is excited to work on a variety of projects at WCED. He is enthusiastic about this opportunity and looks forward to the new skills and knowledge that he will attain.

Julie Yin

Julie Yin joined the Street and Stormwater Division (SSD) on November 25, 2019 as a Civil Engineering Associate I. She graduated from California State University, Northridge with a B.S. in Civil Engineering.

Julie was the ASCE Student Chapter President during her senior year, and helped lead the CSUN ASCE Student Chapter to winning the Region 9 Distinguished Chapter Award.

Prior to joining the Bureau of Engineering, Julie worked as a temp Project Engineer for the Golden State Water Company and a contract Assistant Civil Engineer for the City of Calabasas.

In her free time, she enjoys watching movies, trying new food and visiting new places. Julie is excited and grateful to be a part of the Bureau of Engineering family and looks forward to serving the City of Los Angeles.

Floating Holiday Reminder

Have you taken your Floating Holiday(s) yet? Floating Holidays not taken by December 31, 2019 will be lost. A Floating Holiday is only 8 hours 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 then the second instance of 4 hours will default to a No Pay condition.

Special Order No. 05-1119

Signature Authority & Formats

Special Order No. 05-1119 dated November 15, 2019, titled Signature Authority and Formats for Written Communications (Supercedes Special Order No. 07-1206)

Purpose

This Special Order establishes the signature authority, including the proper form and format, for outgoing communications from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and key internal communications.

Attached to the Special Order was a copy of the revised booklet entitled “Formal Written Communications” that can also be located on the BOE Intranet under the Tech Document Center or by the following link:

http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/formalwrittencommunication.pdf

There’s No Place for Drunk Driving During the Holiday Season

Every December we see a spike in highway fatalities in the United States during the Christmas and New Year Holiday periods. It’s up to each and every one of us to do our part to prevent these tragedies. Remember, everyone has a role to play in keeping drunk drivers off the road.

The driver.

No one is more responsible for preventing drunk driving than you, the driver. No excuses! If you drink, you can’t drive.

The family.

Many of you know family members who drink too much at holiday parties. You recognize your husband, wife, brother, sister, father or mother risks his or her life and the lives of others when he or she gets behind the wheel in an intoxicated state. Take a stand and be firm. No drinking and driving.

Friends.

We hear it repeated again and again, but it’s true! Friends don’t let friends drive drunk. Do what it takes to keep an intoxicated friend from getting behind the wheel. Take his keys away. Move his car to a place where he can’t find it. Drive him home yourself. Call a cab, if you can’t drive him home either because you don’t have a car or because you’ve had too much to drink yourself.

You.

Yes, you. You have a role to play in keeping drunk drivers off the roads. Watch out for them as you travel the highways and roads over the holidays. If you see driver conduct that suggests a motorist is driving while intoxicated, call the police and report the suspicious behavior immediately. Give location, vehicle make and model, and license plate number whenever possible.
Mayor Announces New Transportation & Electrification Targets

Mayor’s press release:
The Zero Emissions 2028 Roadmap 2.0 accelerates the deployment of zero-emission cars, buses, trucks, and charging infrastructure across the L.A. Region.

LOS ANGELES (November 26, 2019) – Mayor Eric Garcetti today joined elected officials, policy leaders, automakers, and industry partners at the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) to announce the release of the Zero Emissions 2028 Roadmap 2.0 - an ambitious blueprint to help cities accelerate progress on goals to reduce emissions.

“We can’t turn the tide on the climate crisis until we work across sectors and city limits to put the brakes on dangerous pollution and kick our zero emissions transportation future into high gear,” said Mayor Garcetti. “The Roadmap charts a course toward a cleaner transit network - and draws up a blueprint for cities worldwide to follow, so all of us can invest in the smart policies and green energy that will strengthen our families’ well-being and quality of life for generations to come.”

The Zero Emissions 2028 Roadmap 2.0 is a product of a partnership between the Office of Mayor Garcetti, L.A. County, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), automakers, labor groups, industry partners, and cities across L.A. County. For the second edition of the Roadmap, partners have committed to working collectively toward new, specific targets to achieve a 25% reduction in greenhouse gases and air pollution beyond existing commitments by 2028. These targets work to ensure:

- 30% of all light-duty passenger vehicles on the road will be electric
- 40% of all drayage and short haul trucks and 60% of medium duty delivery trucks will be electric
- A total of 84,000 public and workplace chargers are available for single occupancy vehicles, and 95,000 are available for medium and heavy duty trucks
- A 20% mode shift from single occupancy vehicles to zero emission public transportation, bikes, or other active transportation options

In addition to the new targets, the Roadmap will help guide the City of Los Angeles in its work to meet the goals of L.A.’s Green New Deal. Specifically, partners in the Roadmap will work with the City to pilot zero-emission delivery zones to help determine street and curb usage regulations; investigate and test new smart-grid technologies to prepare for the large-scale adoption of electric vehicles; create zero-emission mobility pilots for low-income communities; and work with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to identify opportunities to accelerate the installation and permitting of EV charging infrastructure.

“The bold goals laid out in the Zero Emissions Roadmap 2.0 and the commitments made by the partners in the Transportation Electrification Partnership are key to ensuring that our region addresses the challenge of transportation - the largest source of California’s GHGs and the region’s air pollution,” stated Matt Petersen, LACI President and CEO. “We can only accelerate the impact of our action by working together.”

“The Zero Emissions 2028 Roadmap 2.0 report doubles down on the bold steps we must take to accelerate clean air and climate action in Los Angeles and across the state,” said Chair of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Mary D. Nichols. “Together, we can serve as a model for California, the nation, and the world by building a state of the art transportation system that moves people and goods cleanly, efficiently and sustainably throughout the region.”

“Clean air is a critical issue for all of us, especially the communities that have shouldered the burden of our transportation system and the harmful air pollution that it creates,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. “I look forward to working with LACI and know that - with this 2028 Roadmap as a guide - together we will forge the future of transportation for the health and welfare of all those in our communities.”

For more information on the Zero Emissions 2028 Roadmap 2.0, please visit https://laincubator.org/roadmap/.
L.A. Zoo Holiday Marketplace

L.A. Zoo press release: (LOS ANGELES, CA) November 26, 2019 - This year, the L.A. Zoo introduces a “new breed” of holiday fun, with a gift bazaar featuring unique and hand-crafted items, sustainability workshops and crafts, live music, Santa photos, and even “snow flurries” on Saturdays & Sundays through December 22, 2019.

Winter Wild Weekends at the L.A. Zoo are produced in partnership with The Odd Market, which specializes in creating one-of-a-kind shopping experiences featuring the best local crafters that L.A. has to offer. Winter Wild Weekends feature hand-crafted items available for purchase, eco workshops and kids’ craft activities, live music, snow flurries twice daily, holiday treats for select animals, and, of course, photos with Santa (for an additional fee). All activities except Santa photos are free for with paid admission and for Zoo members.

Winter Wild Weekend activities (10 am to 4 pm. unless otherwise noted):
- Gift bazaar featuring expertly curated local crafters
- Two 30-minute sustainable living workshops per day
- Live music throughout the day
- Eco crafting station
- Holiday presents for the animals (see schedule online)
- Snowfall twice daily in the Holiday Village at Eucalyptus Grove, at 11:30 am and 2:30 pm.
- Photos with Santa (for an additional fee) from 11 am to 3 pm.

*Programming subject to change.

Get info and purchase admission tickets at LAZoo.org/WinterWild
Los Angeles Zoo, 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

LA Zoo Lights Return

The Zoo Lights are coming November 15, 2019 to January 5, 2020. Glowing animals welcome you on an unforgettable nighttime journey that includes the world’s largest illuminated pop-up storybook, a magical disco ball forest, giant glittering snowflakes, and a twinkling tunnel filled with dynamic swirls of color.

L.A. Zoo Lights is a not-to-be-missed holiday light experience and has glowed brighter each year since its debut in 2014. This year’s event features more light animals than ever before, spectacular new additions - both hand-crafted and high-tech - and returning favorites. The box office is open 6:00 - 9:00 pm, or you can purchase tickets online at www.lazoolights.org.
City Engineer Joins AAE-PEA for Leadership Development Forum

On November 13, 2019, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore was invited to speak at the City’s Los Angeles’ African American Engineers and Professional Employees Association (AAEPEA) Leadership Development Forum. The organization regularly meets with City leaders to discuss the challenges and opportunities of a City career. Gary was joined by Ryan Toles, Manager of Engineering’s Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division.

Emergency Response

All employees should be aware of what is stated in Mayor’s Executive Directive EP-1:
City Employee Responsibilities

In the event of an emergency during normal working hours City employees shall remain at work and may be assigned duties that can be performed safely to assist in the emergency response and recovery.

The Mayor has sole authority to order a general release of City employees. General Managers may release individual employees as instructed by the Mayor and/or in accordance with their department emergency plan.

Whenever an emergency occurs outside normal working hours, employees in public safety operations shall respond according to established departmental procedures. All other employees are directed to follow news media broadcasts and comply with instructions issued for City employees or respond in accordance with established departmental procedures.

Employees who leave their assignment without authorization when emergencies occur during working hours, or who fail to comply with instructions issued outside of normal working hours may be subject to discipline.

Pershing Square Winter Holiday Festival

December 7, 2019 | 11 am to 9 pm
SPECIAL HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY

Enjoy FREE Winter Holiday Festival Activities:

- Tons of fresh Snow for Sledding
- Photo with Santa
- Amusement rides
- Magician / Juggler & Balloon Artist
- Video Game Lounge
- Ice Skating Rink (Fee Applies)
- Food & Craft Booths

Department of Recreation & Parks announcement:
Join us December 7, 2019 at Pershing Square for a free, all-day event! Come check out all the free winter holiday activities. Show us your moves out on the ice skating rink, take a photo with Santa, and sled your way through the snow! Bring the family and invite some friends because this is one holiday event you don’t want to miss! For more information visit www.laparks.org/pershingsquare

Victorian Christmas

Department of Recreation & Parks announcement:
Enjoy the annual Victorian Christmas Celebration at the Banning Museum on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

This holiday tradition has been around for over 30 years and features Victorian period entertainment, walk through tours, crafts, refreshments, and much more! Jolly ‘Ole St. Nick will be available for photos and make sure to check out the horse-drawn trolley ride to Drum Barracks Civil War Museum. The Banning Museum is located at 401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744. Admission is free. For more information call (310) 548-2005 or go to www.thebanningmuseum.org.
Mayor Urges Neighborhood Census Action

Mayor Eric Garcetti joined members of the Koreatown community this evening to highlight the City’s Census Goodwill Ambassadors program, which empowers local residents to educate their neighbors on the importance of the Census, encourage participation in next year’s tally, and ensure a full and accurate count in 2020.

“The Census is the largest civic action in our country, and we can all carry a simple, clear, and unmistakable message: in our city, everybody counts,” said Mayor Garcetti. “With our Census Goodwill Ambassadors helping to lead the charge, we can ensure that immigrant households, communities of color, low-income Angelenos, and our most vulnerable neighbors take part in the Census - and that Los Angeles gets the resources and representation we deserve.”

Every 10 years, Census data helps to determine how many representatives L.A. will send to Congress - and how much federal funding will return to the city and county to support our education, health care, transportation, infrastructure, and other programs. A population that is undercounted, the entire region risks losing vital aid and investments in our communities.

As the largest city in the hardest-to-count county in the nation, there is $115 billion on the line in L.A., which is why Mayor Garcetti has led the effort across the state and country to secure a fair, inclusive, and comprehensive count for all Angelenos and every American.

Census 2020 is around the corner!

What is a census?

Census is held every 10 years to determine how much federal funding each state receives annually for education, healthcare, housing, and other safety net programs. The results will determine not only our representation in Congress, but how over $115 billion is spent every year on California schools, healthcare, housing, transportation, and other vital programs in our neighborhoods.

In Los Angeles, everybody belongs and everybody counts! To find out how to participate and for more information visit census. lacity.org

Flood Prevention Tips

Property Protection Tips

- Keep drainage areas (ditches, swales, small channels) free of debris accumulation.
- Ensure that drainage facilities are functioning properly. Consult an engineer to design a permanent water/flood debris control device, if needed.
- Landscape slope areas with plants suitable for fire retardant and erosion control.
- Review your insurance coverage. Homeowner’s insurance does not cover flood damage. Insurance premiums are reduced ten percent if the building is located within the City’s 100-year floodplain. Areas outside the 100-year floodplain receive a five percent discount. However, there is a 30-day waiting period for the flood insurance to become effective.

Safety Tips During a Flood

- Don’t walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number-one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.
- Don’t drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their car than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number-two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical currents can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Department of Water and Power or the City emergency management office.
- In the event of flooding, have your electricity turned off by the Department of Water and Power. Some appliances, such as televisions, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Do not use appliances or motors that have been wet unless they have been thoroughly, cleaned and dried.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in your home. Use a pole or a stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.
- Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Do not smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know that gas had been turned off and the area has ventilation.

Griffith Park Parkline Shuttle

Department of Recreation & Parks announcement:

A new Griffith Park Parkline Shuttle was launched on December 3, 2019. The free shuttle bus will take people from Travel Town to the Autry Museum, L.A. Zoo, Griffith Observatory and more.

Griffith Park Parkline Shuttle

Travel Town Autry Museum LA Zoo Griffith Observatory

Remember - The latest letterhead is always available on the Engineering Forms Library under the category “Correspondence” on the Bureau of Engineering intranet.
CMAA 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.

Constructibility Review Seminar – An alternative approach to constructibility review of a large capital project utilizing four construction management firms with a public agency on December 11, 2019 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-Orange County, 400 N. State College Blvd., Orange, CA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

Emcee: Yashar Hooshvar, SafeworkCM
Moderator: John Scherck, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Panel Members: Rick Farr, CCM, Area Manager and Vice President, Arcadis; Arthur Serrata, PE, SE, CCM, P MP, LEED AP, Principal Construction Manager, Arcadis; Edward Durazo, CPM, QSP, Vice President & Regional Manager, TRC Companies; Satish Kamath, PE, BCEE, Vice President Program Management, PARSONS

Cost: Register by Dec. 5th $70/member, $140/non-member; Register after Dec. 5 $85/member, $170/non-member.

2020 Owners’ Night on January 14, 2020 at The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA 90815, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Owners’ Night is one of the industry’s premier networking opportunities for construction services providers to meet with local public and private owners to learn about their projects and staffing needs. More than 400 professionals from design, construction, and consulting communities attend Owners’ Night.

Cost: Register by January 7, $70/member, $140/non-member; Register after January 7, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Western Winter Workshop on February 27 - March 1, 2020 at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa. This year’s Western Winter Workshop will include two and one-half days of Capital Management and Technical Presentations showcasing the very latest in capital programs, project controls and techniques. The event also provides a unique opportunity to network with key decisions makers from major Capital Project Delivery Organizations as well as Owners, Contractors, Consultants, Technology Providers and many other industry professionals. CMAA Southern California is sponsoring and managing the Capital Track which will feature top owners from our industry - don’t miss out!

- Three days of innovation, best practices and the future of construction
- Explore emerging technologies including smart cities, AI and IOT
- Over 40 Technical Presentations in Project Controls and PM/CM
- Networking and knowledge share
- Exhilarating social events like BMW racing (Sponsored by Oracle Construction & Engineering)
- Certification Credit Hours - Attendees will receive continuing education credits toward their certifications (CCE, PDU, and PDHs)
- Enhanced Hotel Accommodations - Discount hotel rates for conference guests.
- Technology Showcase - An opportunity to experience the latest and greatest in construction industry software and technology
- Group Registration Incentives for groups of five or more
- Small Business Appreciation Event in conjunction with Shots at Night social event at Indian Wells Golf Resort.

Construction Network Seminars

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

Long Beach Airport Capital Program Update on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Guest speaker: Cynthia Guidry, P.E., Director, Long Beach Airport.
Cost: $129/person until 1/17/20, registration at door $149.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Capital Program Update on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker: Michael Thomas, P.E., Capital Program Management Unit Manager, Engineering Services Group.
Cost: $89/person until 1/14/20, $129/person until 1/31/20, at the door $149/person.

Legal Seminar - Differing Site Conditions, Shifting Risk of the Unforeseen on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Differing site conditions are a frequent source of disputes between owners and contractors and can lead to significant claims for added costs and schedule delays. Therefore, it is important to understand the types of differing site conditions, the requisite notifications, and how to take advantage of contractual provisions dealing with these claims. If such a condition is encountered, the success of the pursuit or defense of any claim can often depend on vital recordkeeping.

Instructors: Mary A. Salamone, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; and Chris Spandau, P.E., HKA Global
Cost: $89/person until 1/21/20, $129/person until 2/7/20, at the door $149/person.

CMAA So Cal 2020 Project Achievement Awards

The Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Southern California Chapter is pleased to announce its 16th Annual Awards Program to recognize outstanding achievement in the practice of construction management. The Program is designed to distinguish and promote professionalism, innovation and excellence in the management of the construction process. Awards will be given to the projects that best reflect this mission. Award categories will include:

- Individual Leadership Award
- Owner Agency of the Year
- Project Achievement Awards
- Criteria for Project Achievement Awards

Competition is open to all CMAA Southern California Chapter members.Submitter of the nomination must be a current member of the Chapter or the submission will be disqualified. The award recipient may be a non-member. Nominated Public or Private Projects must have been completed between October 1, 2018 and November 1, 2019. Projects must be within the Southern California Chapter regional area, which excludes the San Diego region. Projects must contain a Construction Management or Program Management role which is performed separately and distinctly from the builder’s role. If the builder also performs the CM or PM services for the same project, then these services must be clearly described to explain how they differ from the builder’s role.

The Awards will be presented at Southern California Chapter’s Annual Awards Banquet on May 12, 2020 at the Hyatt in Long Beach. Winners are encouraged to submit to the CMAA National Project Achievement Awards Program.

Thanks to Wu

This e-mail was sent to Jim Wu, BOE West L.A. District Office. WLA / BOE coordinated with affected governing agencies: Army Corp, Regional Water Quality, Fish and Wildlife for the Getty Fire erosion plan. The proposed work is on water courses which is under BOE’s review and permitting. WLA District met with the Getty team to layout the path forward for the needed MOU’s, engineering, and other maintenance requirements with all the parties.

Date: Fri, Nov 8, 2019 at 9:14 AM
Subject: Getty Center Permits

Good Morning, Jim

I met with folks from Getty Center yesterday so they could update me on their proposed erosion control work. They said they have been incredibly helpful. I just wanted to say Thank You.

Please let me know if I can assist in any way.

Thanks so much,

Krista Kline
Deputy Chief of Staff
Councilmember Mike Bonin
Arrivals
Abel Casillas, CE Assoc I, WCE; Amir Kashfi, CE Assoc I, WCE; Amy Lam, CE Assoc I, POB; Ana Soriano Villa, CE Assoc I, SSD; Bing Neri, CE Assoc II, WCC; Brook Teferi, CE Assoc I, LGD; Eden Gascon, Management Assistant, ARC; Ella Raskin, Construction Estimator, EED; Erik Villa, CE Assoc I, SSD; Erika Garcia, Exec Admin Asst, EXE; Gerardo Rabalan, Management Analyst, PAC; German Panigua, CE Assoc I, LGD; Gavork Gevorkyan, CE Assoc I, SSD; Hugo Lopez, CE Assoc I, WCC; John Triantafyllis, CE Assoc I, VAL; Joshua Garrido, CE Assoc I, WCC; Julie Yin, CE Assoc I, SSD; Lea Torrejon, Admin Intern II, WCC; Madai Rosas Aguirre, CE Assoc I, LGD; Mary Creel, CE Assoc I, WCE; Natalie Delgado, CE Assoc I, EED; Raymond Lam, CE Assoc I, SSD; Sodbileg Erdene-Od, CE Assoc I, SSD; Tania Cirelli, Admin. Clerk, ADM, Thu Tran, CE Assoc I, HAR.

Promotions
Fabiola De Santiago, Programmer Analyst III, SYS; Gregory Nagy, Civil Engineer, SSD; Jack Cook, Engineering Designer II, EED; Julius Garcia, Management Assistant, PAC; Kirra Smith, Systems Aide, SYS; Mohammad Lahooti, CE Assoc III, WLA; Roxanne Villa, Systems Aide, SYS.

Internal Transfer
Fadi Abboud, Civil Engineer, transfer from CEN to SSD.

Departures
Mara Luevano, CE Assoc IV, from EXE to BSS; Patricia Williams, Management Analyst, promotion from RED to EWDD; Rene Carrillo, Civil Engineer, transfer from SED to BSS; Terence Cheung, CE Assoc II, from WCC to LAWA.

M.L. King Jr. Day Holiday
Monday, January 20, 2020, 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.

Pay Period 13
The Controller’s office reminder that the Pay Period 13 check date will remain Wednesday, January 1, 2020 and the income will be included in the 2020 W-2. Since the January 1, 2020 payday is a City holiday, as well as a bank holiday, funds will be available to employees’ banks the morning of January 2, 2020.

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

Council President
On December 3, 2019 Councilmember Nury Martinez was elected as City Council President. Current President Herb Wesson announced earlier that he was stepping down as president. She takes office on January 5, 2020.

2019 Blankets & Jackets Drive
Each year, our generous Public Works family at 1149 South Broadway distributes blankets and jackets to less fortunate residents in Downtown Los Angeles. This effort keeps many people warm during the holidays and throughout the year. We need everyone’s help this year.

Donation Deadline: 4:00 pm, Friday, December 20, 2019. Please donate checks, cash, new blankets and jackets by Friday, December 20th at 4:00 pm.

How to Donate:
Checks should be made payable to the Midnight Mission Homeless Shelter. Please keep the return checks for tax deduction. To make a donation of cash, checks or items, please drop them off with the following team members:

- Mary Nemick 213-485-5085
- Juliet Gagar-Richards 213-485-4928
- Paulina Lorenzo 310-732-4664
- Ali Poosti 323-342-6228
- Maryam Azarbayjani 213-276-5625

Distribution of Donations: Monday, December 23, 2019, 3:00-6:00 pm. We will distribute the goods purchased by your donations at the Midnight Mission Homeless Shelter at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 23rd. Please join us!

100 Percent Giving - There is absolutely no administration fee. All donations are spent buying blankets and jackets for the homeless.

High School Bridge Contest Mentors Meeting
This year the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) will kick off the 19th Annual Los Angeles Regional Bridge Building Contest. If you are interested in participating as a mentor, please join our Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, at 11:30 am at the Public Works Building in the Structural Engineering Division Conference Room, located on the 7th floor. Lunch will be provided. 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 BOE, it would be great to see you there! We will be discussing the 2020 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 by Monday, December 9, 2019 using the Google Form e-mailed to all employees. For more information, please contact Hui M. Huang at 213-978-2072.

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, December 26, 2019.

Xmas & New Years Holidays
Wednesday, December 25, 2019, and Wednesday, January 1, 2020 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.

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