Groundbreaking for LADOT Bus Maintenance & CNG Fueling Facility

On a sunny December 14, 2016 morning, the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Bus Maintenance & Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Facility Project at 462 E. Commercial Street, Los Angeles 90012. Speakers at the event included Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero, LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds, Nate Hayward of Council District 1, Inspector of Public Works John Reamer, and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.

Nate Hayward from Councilmember Huizar’s office summarized the need for a modern transit facility. “We’re setting the stage for how transportation should be in the 21st century. Ten years ago, there were 10,000 people living in downtown. Today we have over 53,000. In order to connect all the people living in downtown, we need to have a good transit system. In order to have a great DASH system, we need to have a great facility.”

Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero expressed the enthusiasm from the Mayor’s Office about how the project is achieving the objectives set forth by the Mayor. “On behalf of the Mayor, I want to congratulate us all for setting the stage for a new day in Los Angeles. The Mayor’s Back to Basics agenda is focused on improving City services for Angelenos, and it depends on replacing the aging infrastructure and building for our future. Building more facilities such as this one that are greener and more efficient is one important step in that direction.”

Echoing the sentiments of Deputy Mayor Romero, LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds remarked that “this is exactly the kind of facility that the people of Los Angeles deserve. This represents 10 years of focused effort. This is going to carry us into the future.”

City Engineer Gary Lee Moore described how the facility will make LADOT’s operations more efficient. “The new facility will allow LADOT to track and monitor its buses and integrate seamless coordination between operations and maintenance staff.” Additionally, he explained that one of the functions of the project is to provide clean renewable energy. “Along the rooftop of the maintenance and operations building, the parking structure, and parking lot, we will have a series of solar panels for clean renewable energy to the electric grid. We’ve estimated here at this facility that these panels will generate about 70% of the facility’s design electrical load.”

John Reamer of Contract Administration was encouraged by the great partnership within the City family and the contractor to build a facility and improve the transit system where “Angelenos and those visiting here are able to get where they want to go without having to wait for a long time. We’re facilitating that, helping them get from point A to point B in a rapid pace. That’s what this does today.”

The project will construct a new transit facility and maintenance yard for LADOT’s fleet of DASH and Commuter Express buses. Within the 3 acre site, the proposed construction includes a two-story 21,625 square-foot administration building with an incorporated Rendering of the proposed LADOT Bus Maintenance and CNG Fueling Facility.
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6-bay maintenance facility, CNG fueling station with fuel storage and compressors, bus wash building, surface parking lot for up to 70 DASH buses, a two-story 98-space parking structure, solar photovoltaic panels on buildings, rooftops, and parking lot, a green roof, decorative fencing, and drought-tolerant landscaping.

The purpose of the project is to increased mobility and efficiency by housing and servicing the 70 DASH buses in a central location. Air quality will be improved by the use of CNG fuel. Additionally, the facility will have electric charge stations to re-charge electric buses that will be in operation in the near future.

The new operations and maintenance facility will be the hub for LADOT’s transportation network. The building will feature meeting and training rooms, dispatch and driver support areas, and an administration suite. All bus support functions will be provided in one location from bus washing, fueling, servicing, and repairs.

The project is targeting a LEED Gold Certification rating. This will be achieved by utilizing solar panels, installing cool/green roofs on at least 75% of the roof structural to reduce heat load onto the building, maximizing interior spaces to receive natural daylighting with automatic control systems to reduce or turn off lighting when natural light is sufficient, using compressed natural gas, and using environmentally preferable building products.

The $42M project is made possible by funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Proposition A. The federal guidelines include a “Buy America” stipulation where materials for the project must be manufactured in the United States.

Construction is being performed by Sina-nian Development, Inc. for an award amount of $32,104,930. The design was completed by Gonzalez Goodale Architects under the direction of the Architectural Division. Kudos to Mahmood Karimzadeh, AIA, Municipal Facilities Program Manager and his staff from the Architectural Division, Reza Bagherzadeh, Dominic Bacani, Steve Murata, Celso De Poso, and Gary Lam; From the Geotechnical Engineering Group: Easton Forcier, Michael Mulhern, Jose Beristain, and Kevin Huynh; From the Environmental Management Group: Maria Martin and Catalina Hernandez; From the Construction Management Division: Jose Fuentes, Ethan Wong, Richard Chang, Michael Uemura, Long Hoang, Robert Shufeldt, Dahlia Hanna, and Karen Le; From the Project Award and Control Division: Rey Sison, Jonathan Carroll, and John Sosa; From Central District: Wesley Taniji. Also, the Bureau would like to thank former Architectural Division project manager Carl Nelson.
On December 6, 2016 the Bureau received awards for projects in three categories from the American Public Works Association, Southern California Chapter.

Facilities - North Hollywood Heavy Duty Shop LNG Upgrade received by: Project Manager William Ghantas, Project Architect Celso Del Poso, Steven Chen

Storm Water Quality - Broadway Neighborhood Stormwater Greenway Project received by: Project Manager John Saldin, Project Engineer Rene Carillo

Transportation - Wilshire BRT & Middle Lanes received by: Street Improvement & Stormwater Division Manager Steve Chen, Project Engineer Ali Hemmatabadi, (Project Manager Ralph Shovlin was not able to attend the awards luncheon)

Here is more information on each of the projects:

**Category Facilities: North Hollywood Heavy Duty Shop LNG Upgrade**

**Total Project Cost:** $5,592,753

**Summary:** Renovate the existing 39,600 Sq. Ft, 50-bay facility to accommodate the maintenance of the newly acquired heavy duty vehicles fueled by Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) replacing the old diesel fueled vehicles.

The work included new systems such as ventilation, gas detection, fire alarm and protection systems. The upgraded facility will assist in reducing the air pollution during the repair and tests of heavy duty cranes, 18 wheeler and other heavy duty trucks which improve the air quality in the surrounding areas.

**Unique Aspect(s) of Project:** Consistent with the Mayor’s Sustainability Plan for the City of Los Angeles; this project is part of the infrastructure required to help reduce the carbon footprint of the City. It provides the appropriate facility for safe maintenance of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). Fueled vehicles and allows the City to remove 322 diesel fueled heavy duty truck from service. As a result, the City has the infrastructure and alternative fueling capacity to support a new fleet with clean energy. It will have a profound effect on reducing air pollutants in various City areas served by the newly acquired fleet.

**Quality of Life:** At the time of the project initiation, the shop was maintaining approximately 322 vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 14,000 pounds or more. Vehicles with a GVWR of 140,000 or more are subject to AQMD Fleet Rule 1196 and must be replaced with an alternative fuel model. In addition to the 322 vehicles assigned to the shop, the facility may provide maintenance to more units out of the 1000 total heavy duty vehicles available. This will help reduce the carbon footprint and participation in improving the air quality in the City of Los Angeles.

**Storm Water Quality: Broadway Neighborhood Stormwater Greenway Project**

**Total Project Cost:** $4,600,000

**Summary:** The project consists of the installation of storm-water Best Management Practices (BMPs) in a neighborhood in South Los Angeles to remove pollutants and recharge the ground water to help meet Los Angeles River storm water pollution requirements. Three levels of storm water capture and infiltration BMPs are installed: (1) residential, parcel-based Low Impact Development (LID) measures; (2) neighborhood-scale LID measures; and (3) a sub-regional-scale facility.

**Unique Aspect(s) of Project:** The project demonstrates the integration of three levels of storm water BMPs into an older, established neighborhood to help meet Los Angeles River pollution requirements and help recharge the ground water. The project also demonstrated effective collaboration between several stakeholders to implement the project. The following are the primary stakeholders: - Twenty local residents who agreed to replace area of their front lawns with rain gardens with native plantings, infiltration trenches, and mulching. - The Paradise Baptist, who granted a permanent easement to the City for the 55,000 cubic-feet underground infiltration basin. - The Water Replenishment District of Southern California, who funded approximately $250,000 for project planning. - The Council for Watershed Health, who supported the grant application - the Los Angeles Departments of Sanitation and Engineering, who were the project managers - the Los Angeles Proposition O Program, who provided about $1.7 million of project funding.

**Quality of Life:** The project provides multiple benefits that contribute to the quality of life of the project neighborhood, including: - help improve the quality of the Los Angeles River by removing pollutants from the neighborhood storm-water runoff - help beautify residential properties with rain gardens, native landscaping, and mulching. - help reduce residents’ irrigation bills by replacing grass lawns with drought-tolerant, rain gardens, native landscaping, and mulching. - help beautify the neighborhood by installing parkway swales on Broadway with drought tolerant, native landscaping - help mitigate the on-going drought by diverting approximately 34 acre-feet of storm water runoff to the ground water, and reducing the residential irrigation use.

**Transportation: Wilshire BRT & Middle Lanes**

**Total Project Cost:** $11,858,160

**Summary:** This project removed and reconstructed sidewalk curb; constructed a westbound and eastbound concrete bus lane; modified catch basins; resurfaced the interior eastbound and westbound asphalt traffic lanes; and installed conduit for a future Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control System (ATSAC) at three major segments of Wilshire Boulevard between St. Andrews Place and San Vicente Boulevard as well as re-striped this entire stretch of Wilshire Boulevard.

**Unique Aspect(s) of Project:** This project dealt with financial, political, communicative, scheduling, and technical issues. Due to limited funding, this project consisted of two projects in one with two funding sources that needed to be separately tracked. This project extended over three City Council Districts and was adjacent to the City of Beverly Hills. Because we needed to coordinate our construction work with a vocal community, we created a web site to keep the public informed about the progress, conducted public meetings, and hand delivered notices to the continued on page 4.
Welcome to BOE!
The following information about one of our new employees illustrates that the Bureau of engineering has hired a very diverse group of talented people.

Dan Kozubal
Dan Kozubal joined the Central District as a Civil Engineering Drafting Technician in the department of Public Works. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2007.

Prior to joining the City of Los Angeles, Dan worked in the private sector for California Waters where he prepared construction and maintenance plans for water features, fountains, pools, and spas. Prior to that position, Dan worked for Sessions Consulting Engineers where he designed drainage improvements, streets, sidewalks, storm drains and sanitary lines, and performed drafting and report preparation for residential, commercial, and educational projects. Dan relocated to Southern California from the Chicago area, where he lived for his whole life. He had worked for several private firms in Illinois after graduating from college, where he performed not only civil engineering and drafting tasks, but also supported with surveying and project inspection.

Dan enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing and enjoying music, movies, and sports. His favorite teams are the Chicago White Sox, Chicago Bears, and Illinois Fighting Illini. He also enjoys traveling and taking on new adventures. Dan can be found in the B-Permits office at 201 N. Figueroa, and can be reached at (213) 482-7459.

LAFCU Scholarships
LAFCU press release:
Glendale, CA (January 24, 2017)—Continuing our commitment to members pursuing higher education, Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) is proud to announce our annual Jack C. Mathews College Scholarships for LAFCU members who will attend college or trade school in Fall 2017. Applicants will be evaluated on their academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, community service, verification of acceptance into an accredited school, and an essay with a credit union focus. Past recipients of the scholarship have gone on to pursue careers in engineering, education, business, science, and nursing.

Established by Los Angeles Charitable Association (LACA) in 2010, the scholarship is designed to help LAFCU members and their families offset the increasing cost of education in a challenging economy. It is named in honor of the late Jack C. Mathews, a former active and longtime LAFCU board member. This will be our eighth year rewarding scholarships to deserving students who strive to contribute to their communities by channeling their talents and abilities for the greater good.

LAFCU will award nine scholarships of $1,000 each. The deadline to submit an application is April 30, 2017, and the winners will be notified by May 15, 2017. LAFCU members under age 18 must ask their parent or guardian to open their membership prior to submitting an application. The application can be found at https://www.lafcu.org/pdf/scholarship_app.pdf.

Anyone who lives in Southern California can join LAFCU and take advantage of its financial services. For more information about LAFCU, visit www.LAFCU.org, call (877) MY LAFCU (695-2328), or stop by one of their branches.

Central District Holiday Party Full of Good Cheer
The holiday gathering and luncheon on December 30, 2016 by the BOE Central District was successful with mass singing for the Holiday season and wishes for the Happy New Year 2017. Cheers and Long Live for PW, BOE !!!

Photo at left, Kneeling: Jacob Bigler. Front row (l to r): Armenia Aguilar, Rochelle Dungca, Adrian Sanchez, David Perez, Daniel Kozubal, Terry Phan, George Gharibian, Jeffrey La Dou, Shahin Behdin (Central District Engineer), May Fong (Sec.), Carl Mills, Cleo Sales, Cristian Guerrero, Ravil Manapov, Miguel Perez. Back row: Deysi Alvarado-Perez, Patrick Yuan, Shay Doong, Tony Pueblos, Eda Meredith (MA), Sherrod Long, Zemaniu Gebrewold, Warren Liu, Max Pop, Wesley Tanijiri (Asst. Central District Engineer), James Kho, Sevak Isakhanyan, Arnullo Nuno.
HNTB press release:
LOS ANGELES (Jan. 26, 2017) - HNTB Corporation continued its industry leadership and involvement at the American Society of Civil Engineers Western regional conference held recently in Los Angeles by co-hosting an offsite event for ASCE attendees. The event provided an opportunity for attendees to learn about and tour the HNTB-designed Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement project, the largest bridge project in the history of Los Angeles led by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering.

At the project’s field office, ASCE member coordinator Julia Moye representing the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering and HNTB provided an informative educational briefing, followed by a field tour led by Skanska Stacy & Witbeck of the work site for more than 20 conference attendees.

The in-depth project overview featured design, engineering and construction details for the viaduct, which when completed in 2020 will be a world class structure that brings together the best in design, the highest standards in safety and a new level of mobility and connectivity for residents and visitors.

“HNTB is pleased to contribute to our industry’s professional growth by sharing project experiences, design and construction challenges, and best practices in civil engineering as it applies to a crucial city connector,” said Terence Pao, PE, HNTB project manager. “By bringing colleagues to the field for this unique opportunity, HNTB and the Bureau of Engineering continue their support and commitment to leadership and mentoring of the next generation of professional engineers.”

HNTB has long been recognized as the industry’s leader in planning, design and construction of complex long-span and movable bridges, and the firm’s bridge designers are sought-after speakers at industry conferences.

HNTB’s national construction management expertise includes the Caltrans Bridges at Devil’s Slide in California; Elizabeth River Tunnels in Virginia; the 11th Street Bridge Project in Washington, D.C.; and Seattle’s Mercer Corridor Improvements in Washington.

As a leading infrastructure solutions firm in the U.S., HNTB traces its roots to the West back to work on Pasadena’s Arroyo Seco Bridge in 1914, the firm’s first year of operation.

In California, HNTB has been involved in some of the region’s most high-profile, complex infrastructure programs that are reshaping the region. In addition to the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project, HNTB’s signature infrastructure projects include: Interstate 405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements project; Tom Bradley International Terminal Expansion for Los Angeles World Airports; Seattle’s Sound Transit University Link light-rail and tunnel project; San Francisco 49ers’ Levi’s Stadium; and “Green Build” expansion at San Diego International Airport. Currently, the firm is providing design and engineering services for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project on behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

About ASCE
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is a member organization representing over 150,000 civil engineering professionals in 177 different countries. Through the expertise of its active membership, ASCE is a leading provider of technical and professional conferences and continuing education, the world’s largest publisher of civil engineering content, and an authoritative source for codes and standards that protect the public.

About HNTB
HNTB Corporation is an employee-owned infrastructure solutions firm serving public and private owners and contractors. HNTB’s work in California dates back to its founding in 1914. Today, HNTB continues to grow in size and service offerings to clients in California from seven office locations, currently employing more than 350 full-time professionals. With more than a century of service, HNTB understands the life cycle of infrastructure and addresses clients’ most complex technical, financial and operational challenges. Professionals nationwide deliver a full range of infrastructure-related services, including award-winning planning, design, program management and construction management. For more information, visit www.hntb.com.
City Delivers for River with Purchase of ‘G2’ Parcel

Unanimous City Council vote marks major milestone in extraordinary plan to revitalize the L.A. River.

Mayor’s press release:

LOS ANGELES (January 27, 2017) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today commended the Los Angeles City Council for a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of 42 acres of property at the center of plans to revitalize the Los Angeles River. The G2 parcel is the final remnant of the 250-acre Taylor Yard owned by Union Pacific Railroad.

“This riverfront parcel is the crown jewel in our plan to enliven the Los Angeles River so that Angelenos can reclaim access to its natural wonder and rich history,” said Mayor Garcetti. “I made the acquisition of this site a top priority, because it will create much-needed public open space in the middle of the city, provide extensive habitat restoration, and serve as a key access point for local communities to connect to the river. I’m grateful to the City Council for their visionary approach and spirit of collaboration in getting this done for the people of Los Angeles.”

Taylor Yard is on the east bank of the L.A. River, north of Downtown in the community of Cypress Park. The surrounding parcels at Taylor Yard have already been developed into Rio de Los Angeles State Park, the Sonia Sotomayor Learning Academies, and the Taylor Yard Transit Village. The G2 parcel will connect Rio de Los Angeles State Park with the Bowtie parcel, another State Park site — opening up more than one mile of direct riverfront access.

Mayor Garcetti worked closely with State Senator pro Tem Kevin de León to secure Mayor Garcetti worked closely with State Senator pro Tem Kevin de León to secure Mayor Garcetti worked closely with State Senator pro Tem Kevin de León to secure Mayor Garcetti worked closely with State Senator pro Tem Kevin de León to secure Mayor Garcetti worked closely with State Senator pro Tem Kevin de León to secure Mayor Garcetti worked closely with State Senator pro Tem Kevin de León to secure Mayor Garcetti worked closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Toxic Substances Control. This a huge win for NELA and the beginning of the future for the L.A. River as we imagine it.”

Escrow is expected to close by March 1, 2017. The City will then begin planning for beneficial public site use and site remediation in coordination with the State’s Department of Toxic Substances Control.

“Today’s action is an important piece of the greater puzzle that will eventually result in a fully renewed and revitalized L.A. River winding through our city,” said Councilmember Gil Cedillo. “Acquiring the G2 parcel is the most integral part of the L.A. River Revitalization Master Plan, for it is the only direct access point to the river from the communities I represent. This a huge win for NELA and the beginning of the future for the L.A. River as we imagine it.”

Kivork is New Mayor Press Secretary

Mayor’s press release:

LOS ANGELES (December 23, 2016) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today announced his appointment of George Kivork to serve as Press Secretary for his administration, replacing outgoing spokesperson Connie Llanos.

Kivork has served for the past three years as the Mayor’s chief advocate in Washington, D.C., where he managed federal affairs for the City of Los Angeles. Kivork will now work alongside current Press Secretary Carl Marziali to communicate Mayor Garcetti’s agenda for a more prosperous, safe, livable, and well-run city.

“George has been a very effective advocate for L.A.’s goals in Washington,” said Mayor Garcetti. “His understanding of complex federal matters and citywide issues makes him an extraordinary asset to my administration, and I look forward to him joining my team at City Hall.”

During his tenure in the nation’s capital, Kivork helped secure Congressional legislation to revitalize the L.A. River, expand housing and services at the VA West Los Angeles Medical Center, support L.A.’s bid to host the 2024 Olympics, and fund construction of Metro transit lines. As the City’s chief liaison in Washington, Kivork also communicated daily with the White House, Congress, and federal agencies to address the City’s needs on issues ranging from criminal justice and housing to immigration, labor, and sustainability.

“It has been an honor to serve as the voice for L.A. in D.C., and I’m excited to return home as Press Secretary for Mayor Garcetti,” Kivork said. “I am eager to communicate the Mayor’s work to make Los Angeles a safe, unified, and prosperous city that is a model for the nation.”

Kivork brings a unique wealth of experience in media, politics, and law to his new post. He helped lead rapid media response efforts at the National Security Network from 2005 to 2007, and managed media and voter outreach to American-Muslim, and Arab as well as Central and Eastern European American communities for the presidential campaigns of Gen. Wesley Clark and John Kerry. Kivork was on the transition team of Antonio Villaraigosa when he was first elected Mayor in 2005, and has also served as counsel to the Assistant Secretary of the International Trade Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce, and practiced law at O’Melveny & Myers in Century City.

Connie Llanos, who has served as Press Secretary to Mayor Garcetti since July 2015, is stepping down from her post at the end of the year. Llanos is joining Airbnb, where she will serve as Southern California Deputy Manager.

“Connie’s tenacity and strong commitment to transparency and clarity have been great assets to my communications team,” said Mayor Garcetti. “We will miss her dedication to sharing this administration’s policies and priorities, and I wish her continued success.”

“Mayor Garcetti is spearheading progressive change to ensure Los Angeles remains a place of opportunity for all — from championing investments to better serve homeless Angelenos, immigrants and our young people, to leading America’s largest local infrastructure investment effort,” Llanos said. “It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this incredible team.”

Kivork starts his new position on January 3.
Mayor Welcomes New Lucas Museum

Mayor's press release:

LOS ANGELES (January 13, 2017) - "Art exists to inspire, to move, to educate, and to excite. Thanks to George Lucas and Mellody Hobson, millions of Angelenos and visitors will enjoy an extraordinary collection anchored in storytelling - an art that carries so much meaning in the history and legacy of Los Angeles.

L.A. is gaining a new jewel with the breathtaking Lucas Museum of Narrative Art - and its presence here means that a day at Exposition Park will soon bring unrivaled opportunities to be immersed in stories told on canvas and celluloid, be moved by the richness of African-American history and expression, be awed by the wonders of science and the natural world, take a journey to the world of space exploration, and sit in the stands for a world-class sporting event.

I believed in the vision for the Lucas Museum, and we went after it with everything we have - because I know that L.A. is the ideal place for making sure that it touches the widest possible audience. I am deeply grateful to Mellody and George, and to our educational, governmental, and cultural leaders for their extraordinary support in helping us bring the museum home. Now it's time to build the vision."

Thanks to Allen, Yew & Tanijiri

This e-mail was sent to the City Engineer:

Date: Fri, Jan 13, 2017 at 2:47 PM
Subject: Thank you for helping to bring Lucas Museum to LA!

Dear Gary,

Just want to let you know that the Mayor and many City staff of the development services department did a great job selling LA to the Lucas Team - particularly Ted Allen, Edmond Yew, and Wes Tanijiri from BOE.

Now the journey has just begun and May the Force be with the Lucas Team and the City Team to complete this project by May 4th, 2020. (I was informed this morning again by the Lucas Team that L.A. City's commitment to get this done a year faster then SF was a big deal point.)

I also want to let you know that I deeply appreciate your continuous help and support on the Lucas Museum, the LAWA-Lamp project, and other matters. THANK YOU!!!

Raymond Chan, Deputy Mayor Mayor's Office of Economic Development

Submittal of Papers

This is a reminder that employees must get the approval of their group manager and deputy/senior manager prior to submitting any abstract or paper for presentation at a professional conference.

Llewellyn is Interim CAO

Mayor's press release:

LOS ANGELES (January 13, 2017) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today announced the appointment of Rich Llewellyn as interim City Administrative Officer, as the City searches for a permanent successor to outgoing CAO Miguel Santana. Llewellyn will start in the position on February 1.

"Today, I am appointing Rich Llewellyn as interim City Administrative Officer. During such an important budget season, it's critical that we keep our momentum going with a fair and objective leader in this position who won't back down from a challenge, and who has the experience to navigate the highly complex fiscal landscape of our City - I can't think of anyone who fits that description better than Rich."

"Rich has spent decades working for numerous public officials in a variety of roles - building budgets, managing public finances, and finding creative solutions to our most difficult problems. As we conduct a search for our next permanent CAO, I know Rich will develop the budget we need, deliver on the promise of Prop. HHH, keep our bid for the 2024 Olympics on track, and continue moving us closer to the other key priorities of the City Council and this administration in the coming year." - Mayor Eric Garcetti

"We are pleased the Mayor is committed to a national search to fill the vacancy of City Administrative Officer, which the City Council will be an active participant. Rich's experience in local government and his intimate knowledge of the City's finances will be valuable as we begin the budget process." - City Council President Herb Wesson

Orcutt Ranch Fruit Pick

Grapefruit Lovers are all invited for a Do-It-Yourself fruit pick on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12, 7:00 am to 1:30 pm at Recreation & Parks Dept. Orcutt Ranch, 23600 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, CA 91304.

ReadyLA - Be Prepared

The Emergency Preparedness Department's website readyla.org has tips and detailed advice on how to prepare for many types of emergencies: earthquake, fire, floods, extreme heat, extreme cold, landslide, power blackout, tornado, hurricane, cyber security, terrorism, public health, hazardous materials, etc. Does your family have an emergency plan? Check out the information on how to create one, before there's an emergency.
Seminars offered by the Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter. For additional information on these seminars please go to www.cmaasc.org.

Emerging Leaders Professional Development - Safety First on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 5:00 pm Registration, 6:00 pm Presentation at The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach. Learn about the top ten safety violations and how to prevent violations and accidents on your projects. Start the New Year right, with a proactive approach to safety. This workshop is a great introduction on jobsite safety to new professionals and also provides a reminder to seasoned professionals.

Speaker Ernie Schulze is a safety engineer with 35 years of experience. His experience includes working as a safety engineer on large, complex projects (high rises, tunnels, bridges, roads, airports and railroads).

On site registration $75.

Breakfast of Champions - Los Angeles County DPW on Friday, February 17, 2017, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation, at City Club Los Angeles, City National Tower, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Deputy Director Massoud Eftekhar will discuss the new Consolidated Correctional Treatment Facility (CCTF) – $1.5 Billion program, and Capital Program Update for all other DPW projects.

Breakfast of Champions - Construction Industry Forecast on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation at City Club Los Angeles, City National Tower, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071. Guest speaker will be Cliff Brewis, Vice President Operations, Dodge Data & Analytics. Dodge Data & Analytics is the leading provider of data, analytics, news and intelligence serving the North American construction industry. The company's information enables building product manufacturers, general contractors and subcontractors, architects and engineers to size markets, prioritize prospects, target and build relationships, strengthen market positions and optimize sales strategies.

Legal Seminar - Construction Law Update, What You Need to Know on Thursday, February 23, 2017, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation, at Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. A review of statues and court decisions in the past year impacting the construction industry, including:

- Prevailing Wage
- Lease Leaseback
- Public Contracting
- Change Orders
- Contractor Licensing
- Construction Defects
- Project Delivery Methods
- And more . . .

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

Legal Seminar - The False Claims Act on Thursday, February 23, 2017, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation, at Marriott, 3400 Market St., Riverside, CA 92501. There is a growing rise in the number of False Claims actions filed by public agencies against contractors and others who contract with public agencies. From the Federal False Claims Act to the California False Claims Act, vendors who submit false claims for payment to public agencies are exposed to violations and harsh penalties. This seminar will discuss the use of the False Claims Act as both a sword and shield by public agencies and how these claims are litigated. Learn about:

- The growing increase in False Claims actions
- Background analysis and history of the False Claims Act
- What a false claim looks like
- How courts are interpreting the False Claims Act
- Different types of false claims and how they are established
- How to evaluate and respond to a false claim submitted by a vendor/contractor
- How to use the False Claims Act as a sword and a shield

Seminar instructor: Keith E. Smith, Esq., Partner, Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP

Cost: Register by Fri. Feb 17 $70/member, $140/non-member. After Feb 17 $85/member, $170/non-member.

Legal Seminar - Avoiding the Traps in Construction Contracts, 5 Things You Need to Know on Thursday, March 23, 2017, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation, at Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. Many construction disputes can be avoided by learning to identify the potential problem areas within construction contracts. Topics covered during the presentation will include change orders, indemnity, project scheduling, insurance and bonds, claims, and dispute resolution, among others. The difference between profit and loss on a construction project is more often due to problematic terms and conditions than it is to bad estimation. The same problematic terms and conditions come up time and again as the source of disputes. Before you issue or sign that next contract, you can improve your ability to spot these problematic clauses, understand what they mean, and learn how to address the issues they create. Learn about:

- Scope of Work
- Inclusions
- Exclusions
- Design Responsibility
- Change Orders
- Differing Site Conditions
- Schedule/Delay
- Insurance
- Indemnity
- Payment
- Default/Termination
- Attorney's Fees, Expert Fees
- Arbitration vs Litigation


Cost: Register by Fri. March 17 $70/member, $140/non-member. After March 17 $85/member, $170/non-member.

Effective Dispute Resolution Without Costly Legal Fees on Thursday, April 20, 2017, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation, at Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. This comprehensive session will reveal proven dispute resolution strategies from the inception of a project to closeout and provide case studies to help owners avoid paying costly legal fees to resolve disputes.

- Educate the audience on specific dispute resolution strategies they can apply to each phase of a project;
- How to manage disputes in the field versus through litigation; and
- Convey proven dispute avoidance training tools for project and program management personnel.

Cost: $170/non-member. After April 20 $85/member, $170/non-member.

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Ovrom to Leave Convention Center

Mayor’s press release:

LOS ANGELES (January 5, 2015) - L.A. Convention Center Executive Director Bud Ovrom will step down after three-and-a-half years of service, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced today.

Ovrom has led the Convention Center since Mayor Garcetti took office, and he’s served the City of Los Angeles for more than 13 years.

“Bud has been a tremendous asset to my administration - he has overseen several years of impressive business at the Convention Center, and helped bring us closer to the vision of a fully-renovated, world-class convention facility,” said Mayor Garcetti. “I thank Bud for his service, and his commitment to making L.A. a more prosperous City.”

Ovrom has led the Convention Center to several successful years since Mayor Garcetti took office. Under his leadership, the Convention Center is projected to have brought in more than $32 million of convention business last year - the most in its history. Prior to his time at the Convention Center, he served as Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa’s top economic advisor, then as head of the Department of Building and Safety until his appointment to the Convention Center.

“It’s been an honor to lead the Convention Center over the last three-and-a-half years, and be a part of such an incredible economic resurgence across our city,” Ovrom said. “I’m grateful to Mayor Garcetti for this opportunity, and look forward to seeing his vision for Downtown L.A. move forward.”

Ovrom will transition out of his role until he officially steps down on March 26.

How to Dispose of Unwanted Furniture

The General Services Department (GSD) requests that departments remind employees not to dump any unwanted furniture on any loading dock, or elsewhere, as it can present both a safety and a fire hazard.

The disposal of any unwanted furniture should be directed to GSD Moving Services, e-mail gsd.movingsvs@lacity.org attention: Noel Cabrera, or call 213-978-7694. This service is free of charge.

Notice No. 25 Standard Division/Group Titles

Notice No. 25 dated December 14, 2016, titled Standard Division/Group Titles and Acronyms/Abbreviations provides an updated list of the standard titles and acronyms/abbreviations of the Bureau of Engineering division or group titles. For consistency, all employees to use these titles in all correspondence, reports, charts, etc.

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Current Letterhead

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

Notice No. 01 Shaw Outstanding Employee Award

Notice No. 01 dated January 3, 2017, titled The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award states that applications are being accepted for the BOE’s Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award. This award is in memory of the dedication and excellence in leadership exemplified by the late Rory M. Shaw. The intent of this award is to acknowledge an employee who demonstrates those characteristics that made Rory such an extraordinary asset to the BOE.

The recipient of this prestigious award should meet, as closely as possible, the following criteria:

- Be a BOE employee;
- Demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty or outstanding leadership qualities;
- Made significant contributions in furthering the BOE’s mission and goals by performing his/her duties at a level of excellence far exceeding established standards;
- Developed partnerships with the Board of Public Works (Board), other City departments, bureaus, and public agencies, contractors, consultants, and/or the community at large;
- Established reputation for professional service;
- Recognized and respected by colleagues, clients, and/or supervisors;
- Demonstrated extraordinary problem-solving capability.

Past recipients of the Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award:

- Alisa Blake 2016
- Jackie Calvin 2015
- Maria Martin 2014
- Dr. Carol Armstrong 2013
- Hortensia Alonso 2012
- Paul Tseng 2011
- Steve Martinez 2010
- Gene Edwards 2009
- Vahik Vartianes 2008
- Essam Amarray 2007
- Larry Gonsalves 2006

Please review your Division/District/Group’s activities during calendar year 2016, which began January 1, 2016 and ended December 31, 2016, and nominate employees who may merit this award. Nominations must be made using the 2017 Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award Nomination Form. All nominations are due to Antoinette Barrios, Executive Division, 1149 S. Broadway Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015, Mail Stop No. 490, by Monday, January 23, 2017.

A panel comprised of BOE representatives will review the nominations received by the due date. This award will be presented at a regular Board meeting tentatively scheduled for February 22, 2017.

We want to emphasize that this award is open to all BOE employees, regardless of classification.
Arrivals
Christopher Law, CE Associate I, CMD; Mina Grais, CE Associate I, SSD; Andrew Slusser, CE Associate I, VLA; Brenda Martinez, Clerk Typist, PAC; Mallika Patel, Admin Intern II, PAC; Mayanin Amezcu De Leon, Student Engineer II, PAC; Victoria Fragoso, Database Architect, SYS; Kenneth Pham, CE Associate I, VAL; Fabiola De Santiago, Admin. Intern II, SYS; Wesley Luong, CE Associate I, HAR.

Promotions
Asatur Keymelyan, Architect Associate III, ARC; Amy Lin, CE Associate II, LDG; Faiz Malik, CE Associate II, WCE; Saro Dersarioian, Building Electrical Engineering II, ARC.

Professional Registration
Albert Tam, Structural Engineering Associate II, WCC; Teresa Monterrosa, CE Associate II, WCE; Lyndsay Naish, CE Associate I, WCE; Ibrahim Haifeez, CE Associate II, CMD; Samuel Ahn, Structural Engineering Associate II, EED; Mark Wissa, Structural Engineering Associate I, MTD.

Internal Transfer
Meghan Aldrich, from RCF to CMD.

YMCA Member Discount for City Employees
Introducing a new benefit of your LA City employment, 10% off YMCA monthly membership fees and 100% off the Y joiner fee. It's easy to get this benefit. Just follow the steps:

Joining the Y
- You are welcome to join the YMCA right away.
- Memberships are established in person at the Y that you will use the most. A list of YMCA locations is available at ymcala.org.
- Bring a government-issued photo ID and proof of employment (badge, business card, etc.) when you join the Y.
- The 10% discount will be deducted from the regular fee every month.

Current Y Members
- Current Y members are welcome to be part of the LA City Y membership program. Just bring proof of employment to the Welcome Center.

YMCA Membership Benefits for LA City Employees
- Unlimited use of state-of-the-art wellness and aquatic centers
- Free group exercise classes
- Free babysitting during workouts (family memberships if applicable)
- 3 FREE sessions of Get Started coaching
- Reduced rates on youth and adult classes
- Use of 24 YMCA locations throughout Metropolitan Los Angeles
- Unlimited usage at all Southern California YMCA locations (with exception of Long Beach, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties)

Presidents Day Holiday
Monday, February 20, 2017, is a City holiday. Remember to mark your timesheet for that day as HO 8.0. Since the holiday is only for eight hours, those of you on the 9/80 schedule must adjust your hours accordingly within the same pay period. (Non-FLSA exempt employees can only adjust their hours within their defined work week.) Check with your division timekeeper if you have any questions.

Special Order No. 05-0916 Supervisor Training
Special Order No. 05-0916 dated December 16, 2016, titled Supervisor Training Program (STP) (Supersedes Special Order No. 02-0116, dated February 8, 2016) states that as part of our ongoing commitment to employee development, the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) will be implementing the STP. The STP includes a series of online training available through the City of Los Angeles Online Training Academy. We encourage everyone, including non-supervisory employees, to take these online courses. Effective immediately, all current supervisors must complete the required STP courses listed below by February 17, 2017. Subsequently, newly appointed supervisors must complete the mandatory STP courses within one month of their appointment.

Required STP Courses:
- Supervisory Skills (1.5 hours) - This course focuses on basic supervisory skills. Modules on a variety of topics include motivation and team building, performance management, discipline, grievances, and delegation.
- Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Challenge (1.5 hours) - Learn the roles and responsibilities of City employees in preventing discrimination, understanding legal and practical consequence, know how and where to get help, and have a clear understanding of the City’s investigation process.
- Disability and Reasonable Accommodations (1.5 hours) - This course covers the roles and responsibilities of the employee and the employer during the process. Concepts covered include who qualifies, differences between temporary and permanent disability, the City’s Light Duty Policy, and essential job functions.

All online training courses are available at https://lacity.csod.com/client/lacity/default.aspx. Supervisors are also encouraged to complete additional supervisor training courses offered through the website and onsite seminars held at the Public Works Building. Upcoming onsite seminars are posted on the BOE Training Calendar. To view the calendar, type “Eng Training” under the “Other Calendars” tab on the Google calendar page.

If you have any questions regarding the STP or upcoming training opportunities, please contact the Training Section at eng.training@lacity.org.

Johnson to Head PAC
We are pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Johnson as the Division Manager for the Proposition O Bond Division (PAC). He replaces Kendrick Okuda, who is leaving to join LAWA.

Chris began his career with the BOE in 1989 as a Civil Engineering Assistant with the Geotechnical Services Section of the Construction Division, eventually promoting up to heading the Geotechnical Engineering Group.

The PAC performs project management for project phases of pre-design, design, bid & award, and construction of projects funded by Proposition O bonds that protect public health by cleaning up pollution in the City’s River, watercourses, lakes, and beaches, and help to meet Federal Clean Water Act goals.

His office is located at 1149 S. Broadway, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015, Mail Stop 538. He can be reached at (213) 485-1165.

Ohanian to Head PAC
We are pleased to announce the appointment of Edick (Eddie) Ohanian as the Division Manager for the Project Award and Control Division (PAC). Thanks go to James Zabala for acting as interim division manager of PAC after Julie Sauter’s promotion to Deputy City Engineer.

Eddie began his career with the Bureau of Sanitation in 1985 as a Civil Engineering Drafting Technician with the Hyperion Treatment Plant and worked his way up to Environmental Engineer. In 2001, Eddie transferred to the BOE’s Environmental Engineering Division (EED) where he worked as Project Manager and Assistant Division Engineer.

As the Principal Civil Engineer for PAC, Eddie is responsible for all of PAC’s activities including awarding contracts, indexing plans, and maintaining archives, UPRS, and PSCS.

His office is located at 1149 S. Broadway, 1st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015, Mail Stop 501. He can be reached at (213) 847-0577.

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, February 23, 2017.