Shirley Lau Receives the BOE 2020 Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award

At the February 26, 2020 Board of Public Works meeting, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore presented the 2020 Bureau of Engineering Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award to Principal Civil Engineer Shirley Lau of the Bridge Improvement Division.

Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award
“Going Beyond Expectations”
This award is given in memory of Bureau of Engineering employee Rory M. Shaw who went above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. He lost his life in the storms of 2005 in the performance of his duties. This award recognizes a Bureau of Engineering employee who, like Rory, has demonstrated exceptional dedication to duty, high commitment to excellence, and has made significant contributions in furthering the Bureau’s mission and goals.

The City Engineer spoke of how the memory of Rory Shaw continues to inspire the Bureau and how Rory’s mother Shirley Shaw would come out from Michigan without missing a presentation since 2006, but unfortunately she could not make it this year.

Moore said, “Rory was an incredible person, what we try to capture in the nomination form really says about Rory: the qualifications to receive this award is you must have demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty or outstanding leadership qualities, you must have made significant contributions in furthering the Bureau of Engineering’s mission and goals by performing her duties at a higher level of excellence far exceeding established standards; must have developed partnerships with the Board of Public Works, other City departments, bureaus, public agencies, contractors, consultants, and the community at large; established a reputation for professional service; recognized and respected by colleagues, clients and supervisors; and demonstrated extraordinary problem solving capability.”

Moore said, “Through the years we’ve been able to recognize outstanding people who reflect Rory. And I’m happy to say that many of them are here today,” and introduced the prior award winners that were in the audience.

He then presented Shirley Lau with the award and read some excerpts from her nomination form, “While dealing with the Federal Highway Administration, Caltrans and Metro early in her career, Shirley established excellent working relationships founded on mutual trust and respect, at the Federal, State and regional levels. Such relationships have become true assets for her to help resolve unusual problems, difficult issues and complete challenging projects for the City. Shirley is also an outstanding communicator, continued on page 2
That's because of her ability to read every one of those paragraphs and find an area where we can get funding.”

Moore said, “You heard of the mentorship program. On top of leading a division that delivers tens of millions of dollars in projects per year, Shirley also took on the leadership role for running our mentorship program in the Bureau of Engineering. Believe me, that is a challenge. Getting everybody coordinated, getting all the mentors, the protégés together and organized, making sure the pairings work, she does that. And once again she does that under the radar, very quietly, and it works perfectly.”

Board of Public Works President Kevin James said, “Let me just say that it’s just been a great pleasure working with you on a number of different things and a number of different capacities over the last six, almost seven, years now. You’re a terrific selection this year. The work that you’ve brought to the Board of Public Works, and we can all attest to what Gary said - making us think we understand something and feel good about it - because I guess you can say that’s the true definition of a great briefing, and we get those with you. A very well deserved thank you, we always look forward to more great things to come from you.”

Commissioner Jessica Caloza then spoke, “Hi Shirley. I think this is an amazing choice for the Rory Shaw Award this year. On behalf of the Board, the City, the Bureau of Engineering, we thank you for your service to the City, and you make us look good. Plain and simple, you make us look good to each other within the City family, you make us look good to our contractors and the relationships that you have with them, and most importantly you make us look good to the community. The type of projects you lead and deliver are not easy, right? Getting the funding is just half the battle. Delivering the project with competing interests and all the input that you get in the Bridge Program is a whole other story. And somehow, consistently, you’re able to make it look easy and I feel like, especially my first few months joining the Board, I felt like I was either at a groundbreaking or a ribbon cutting for a bridge every other week. So I saw you quite frequently. And it’s one of the most common things I talk to people about is your program. There’s so much there that’s positive out there in the City. Again, your dedication, your professionalism, there’s so much to compliment you on, and I know you’re kind of cringing a little bit because we’re complimenting you so much, but I hope you take in this moment and really just enjoy it. You’re such a humble person and this is really important, to show everybody what a bright star you are. And not just in the Bureau of Engineering, but in the City as a whole. I’m so proud of you and I’m just fortunate and lucky that I get to work with you all the time. Congratulations, Shirley.”

Commissioner Mike Davis said, “Well Shirley I thought you had already won this award, I see you so often. And you are such a great representative. I’m so proud to have the gender diversity, as you know, gender diversity is one of the things that I love to talk about and achieve. I think that in many ways you represent all that is good about not only the Bureau of Engineering but also about the Department of Public Works. I’m very proud of the leadership in the Bureau of Engineering and the seriousness to which you all take leadership and training because it’s critically important in the entire City of Los Angeles. continued on page 3
And Shirley, I’m just so proud of you. Again, every time I see you, you represent the Bureau and the Department well and I know that you will provide the kind of leadership that women can forward to moving forward. Again, congratulations. I’m one of your biggest fans.”

Commissioner Aura Garcia noted, “This is my third year here and Ms. Shaw has always been here, she’s thoroughly missed today. I just have to say that having that award is a big deal. Those folks that have come before you, I believe when they came up I said, ‘Of course they should get it, they deserve it.’ You are no less than that, of course you should get it. You are absolutely a great example of the embodiment of engineering, but the embodiment of a City public servant and just the way you do it, the way you carry yourself and the way you deliver it. Like Gary just said that you make us all understand everything you’re saying first of all. You make it just very nonchalant about things, but you’re doing big things, your bridges, everything that you have going on is huge, but you come on like it’s nothing. So I’m just want to say congratulations because that’s a gift, that you can walk around with such big complex projects and definitely have a great attitude about it. Thank you for doing that and thank you for your time here and I look forward to tomorrow’s meeting now.”

Commissioner M. Teresa Villegas said, “I am the newest commissioner here but I’ve had the pleasure of seeing your presentations. I echo my colleagues’ sentiments as well. I feel that you obviously exude great leadership within your organization. You have attested to it through mentoring new folks that are coming up the ranks, I think that’s a big deal in terms of leadership. You also have great communication skills obviously, both embodiments of great leadership. So I also congratulate you and look forward to continuing our working relationship. Thank you.”

It was then time for Shirley to speak, “Yes, I’m generally kind of a behind the scenes person and this is totally stressing me out now. Thank you, thank you all for such kind words, it’s truly an honor to receive this Rory Shaw Award. I’m really humbled by this recognition, to be among one of the fifteen recipients of this prestigious award. I never knew Rory, but I heard many stories from Gary and others in the Bureau of Engineering. I do know of his legacy and definitely I strive towards that kind of dedication in my own work. It’s truly been a privilege for me to serve the City of L.A. for the past 26 years. And I’ve been blessed to work on a variety of improvements.

“I started in 1993 in the Valley District Office and I was there when the 1994 Northridge Earthquake hit. As a young engineer, I was telling Gary earlier this morning, we had to report to work so I was on the 405 all by myself with no other cars driving to the Valley District Office. We went in and walls were broken and I think the bathroom didn’t have a wall. A lot of things were going on then, but less than a year into the City, I really understood what needed to be done in the aftermath of an earthquake, how we as public servants need to react and what we needed to do.

“So in the years to come I’ve also worked on other projects, sewers, storm drains, streets and bikeways. Bikeways is an interesting thing, in 1997 I actually worked on the L.A. River bike path that we had to construct the underpass, under the Glendale Boulevard Bridge and we cut open the L.A. River channel. And never in my mind back then would I think that twenty years from now I’d be working on the bridges right above that underpass. So that’s what we’re going to do starting next year.

“In the past six years with the BOE Bridge Program I know our projects are so often in the spotlight. These projects have given me the opportunity to work very, very closely with the residents in the communities. I’m really grateful that we get to go to many community meetings, we hear out what are their concerns. And because when we actually finish a project these same residents come forward and tell me how much they appreciate what we built. And so several Saturdays ago Commissioner Caloza and I went to a small one but yet very significant one, the Red Car Pedestrian Bridge grand opening. A lady from the senior citizen center kept thanking me, she was following me around. She said, ‘Hey, now I can take my daily walks with my friends. We have 15 of us, we go walking daily and now we can cross this bridge and go to Atwater Village and do some shopping.’ I’m like great, just hearing what a difference even a smaller project makes in the community motivates all of us. And for me, I will definitely continue to strive to improve our City’s infrastructure in the Bridge Program and get more funding.

“First off I want to thank the Board of Public Works. You’ve always been so supportive of our Bridge Program and our bridge projects. I know oftentimes what I’m trying to explain is difficult but you all have the patience to hear me out. I want to thank Gary for his leadership and guidance and having a lot of faith in me. Sometimes he gives me assignments that in my mind “this is impossible” but he has the faith to say Shirley, just do it, and we actually get it done. I also want to thank Deborah and the rest of the BOE Executive Team here for their continuous support and trusting me with everything I do.

“I’d also like to thank my family, they actually know about every single one of my bridge projects. I force them to listen to everything that goes on at work, and why not. I feel like it’s good conversations. They know about me coming to Board, they know about all our bridges, and so I’d like to thank them for having the patience to listen to me all the time.

“Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow colleagues in the Bureau of Engineering and my team the Bridge Improvement Division, if you could stand . . . These are the men and women that are out there at the project sites working in the L.A. River right next to the UP Railway near a freeway. They’re there when we need to demolish a bridge in the middle of the night. They’re there when problems arise as we’re drilling a hundred feet down into the L.A. River and we hit some buried man-made objects. There are a lot of challenges constructing in this urban environment, there are vehicles so we have to keep the roads open. They’re there helping to move our projects forward and trying to minimize impacts to our community. So I want to thank them for their continuous support. They always have my back and without them I would not be receiving this honor today, so I want to thank them as well. Thank you so much.”
Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Bonin Celebrate Opening of ‘Pacific Sunset’ A Bridge Home Shelter in Venice

Newest bridge shelter now offering temporary housing to 154 people living on the streets

Mayor’s press release:
LOS ANGELES (February 25, 2020) - Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Mike Bonin today celebrated the opening of the Pacific Sunset A Bridge Home shelter in Venice, which will provide 100 beds for homeless adults and 54 beds for transitional age youth. The Mayor and Councilmember were joined at the ceremony by representatives from People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) and Safe Place for Youth (SPY), as well as numerous community leaders.

“The homeless and housing crisis is a citywide challenge that requires citywide solutions,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Today's opening is a reminder that people across Los Angeles are saying ‘yes’ to the housing, healing, and hope our unhoused neighbors need and deserve.”

The Pacific Sunset shelter is the tenth A Bridge Home facility to open, bringing the total number of beds made available by the program to 673. The city remains on-track to stand up a total of 26 A Bridge Home shelters, filled with about 2,000 beds, by July 1. This shelter features 100 beds for single adults - 66 men and 34 women - and 54 beds for transitional age youth - 36 men and 18 women. Pacific Sunset is the first A Bridge Home shelter to be partially dedicated to serving young people experiencing homelessness.

“Today we finally begin to welcome people indoors,” said Councilmember Mike Bonin.

“A roof and a bed will replace a tent and a sidewalk for many of our unhoused neighbors who have been sleeping in encampments in Venice. This is a big and important step in our long march to confront our homelessness crisis,”

The A Bridge Home program, championed by Mayor Garcetti and other city and county leaders, is designed to provide individuals in homeless encampments on nearby sidewalks with temporary, safe, secure housing and services acting as a bridge to permanent housing. The initiative is a critical piece of the L.A. region's overall efforts to build a comprehensive system to bring homeless Angelenos indoors. With the opening of this facility, city sanitation teams will work to clean and restore spaces previously occupied by encampments.

Services for adults at Pacific Sunset will be operated by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), while youth services will be coordinated by Safe Place for Youth (SPY) - both organizations have strong ties to the Venice community. PATH helped house more than 100 people who were living in their vehicles in Venice and recently partnered with Los Angeles World Airports to serve and successfully house people living in large encampments near LAX. The organization operates transitional housing in West L.A. and provides permanent supportive housing at a building in Del Rey. SPY also has deep ties to the surrounding community and was founded in Venice and focuses its services in the area. SPY jointly operates bridge housing for youth at locations in Mar Vista and Westwood.

“Bridge housing is an important first step in the process of moving our most vulnerable into permanent supportive housing. We are grateful for the partnership of Safe Place for Youth, local organizations and the support of Councilmember Bonin and Venice community members for helping us move people living on the streets into a safe home,” said Jennifer

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Hark-Dietz, Executive Director of PATH.

“I am filled with gratitude as we begin to welcome home the first residents of the Sunset Bridge site,” said Alison Hurst, Executive Director of Safe Place for Youth. “Since founding SPY almost a decade ago, our team of dedicated community volunteers and passionate staff have advocated strongly for an increase in youth specific services in Venice. Together with our partners at PATH we get to witness the resilient spirit of the 154 guests that will walk through our door and watch them thrive as they find safety off the streets.”

Pacific Sunset was designed based on community input, and Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Bonin worked to ensure Venice residents were included during all stages of the process. Once the first 154 individuals are settled in the facility, community organizations and neighbors will begin working with PATH and SPY to host classes, courses and other opportunities to help people transition off the street. Already, local organizations including St. Joseph Center, Chamber of Hope, Venice Family Clinic, SHARE!, LA:RISE, Chrysalis, A Window Between Worlds, and Pals N Pets have agreed to offer services at Pacific Sunset. The shelter also features murals by local artists Patrick Marston, Michael Brunt, and Francisco Letelier, and will include a community garden that will be maintained by residents, with the assistance of the local organization Community Healing Gardens.

“To be successful, Pacific Sunset must be of and by Venice, and not just in it,” said Councilmember Bonin. “That’s why I’m so grateful to our community partners and to all the neighbors who supported and pushed hard for this project, demanding solutions and insisting that Venice says yes to them.”

“This is a proud day for the Venice community. We’ve shown the city and the world how everyday citizens can step up and champion innovative and empathetic solutions that reduce homelessness and save lives,” added Will Hawkins, a Venetian who helped champion Pacific Sunset when it was considered by the Venice Neighborhood Council’s Homelessness Committee and who now leads the non-profit organization Chamber of Hope.

Since taking office, Mayor Garcetti has acted with unprecedented urgency to confront the homelessness and housing crisis - from expanding the homelessness budget to 25 times what it was four years ago, to fighting for and securing additional state funds that have gone toward projects like the Pacific Sunset A Bridge Home shelter. Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Bonin also helped lead the coalition to pass Proposition HHH, a $1.2 billion bond designed to leverage financing to more than triple L.A.’s annual production of supportive housing and support the addition of 10,000 units for homeless Angelenos across the city.

**Project Information:**

The Pacific Sunset A Bridge Home is located at 100 Sunset Avenue. The 130,505 square foot site is owned by Metro and is currently the largest site in the program and can serve a total of 154 people. It also has the most services and case managers, with a total of 13 offices. It is also the only site that has included parking. Features include a membrane structure that can hold 100 occupants, 5 residential trailers for underage youth, administration trailer with offices and a food preparation area, two hygiene trailers with laundry facility, pet area, dining canopy with lighting an heating, storage area for 100 personal storage bins. The design was by Gonzalez Goodale Architects. Congratulations go to Homeless Facilities program manager Allan Kawaguchi, Marina Quinonez, Arnulfo Chamu, Eileen Shoetzow, Easton Forcier, Jose Beristain, Construction Division head Jose Fuentes, Mariet Ohanian, and staff from the Survey Division, and everyone who contributed to the project.
Homeless Services Navigation Center Opens in North Hollywood Valley Hosts First Navigation Center to Open in the City


Krekorian said, “This is the grand opening of the very first homeless services navigation center in the City of Los Angeles. We’re so excited to welcome you and to welcome this center to North Hollywood. This is going to be a game changer in breaking the cycle of homelessness. Because as much housing as we’re building and as much shelters as we’re building we really need to be able to provide people with the kind of services that will help get them out that loop of homelessness. So this has storage for their goods, it has hygiene, it will have social service and a day labor center here so that people will have an opportunity to get an appointment as well. So pretty much every need that a homeless person would have can be met at this facility.”

Garcetti pointed out that two more navigation centers will be coming soon in the City and thanked people for passing Measure HHH that’s funding this and many other projects.

The Navigation Center features include:
- Three buildings: Administration, Storage, and Hygiene Trailer with a deck and ADA accessibility.
- A central courtyard with two metal shade structures used for sorting items and for gathering near existing pomegranate trees.
- A Day Laborer Training Center with classroom setting, a small kitchenette and an office providing waiting areas with gathering spaces for easy pick up of day labor workers.
- The site will have four LID planters with ample plantings, permeable pavers, permeable asphalt and other landscaping to add visual appeal that ties the site together.
- New driveway approaches have been constructed with Omega Type fencing around the perimeter enclosing a new parking lot for the users that will open in the morning and close in the afternoon.
- Site amenities include bike racks, concrete bollard seating at the entrance and a garden area.

The site is leased from DWP and there were construction challenges as there is a high power transmission site which required intense day to day coordination with heavy construction equipment and all on-site activities. The design was by Gonzalez Goodale Architects.

Kudos go to Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub, Homeless Facilities Division head Allan Kawaguchi and his staff Mercedes Andalon and Thelma Casteltort, Project Manager and CM Wendy Delgado-Crespo, from Geotech Easton Forcier, Jose Beristain, Nikki Zulueta, and everyone else involved to this project.
On March 5, 2020 Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr., Mayor Eric Garcetti and L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis led the celebration for the opening of A Bridge Home facility at 2817 S. Hope Street, L.A. 90007, joined by many people in the community.

Councilmember Price said, “Today is a monumental day for our community as we celebrate the completion of the first A Bridge Home shelter in District 9 called “Bringing Hope to Hope Street.” It is the twelfth to open in Los Angeles as part of Mayor Eric Garcetti’s homeless shelter program. The structure in South LA will temporarily house 100 homeless men and women from the community and help them transition into permanent supportive housing. Volunteers of America - Los Angeles will provide case management on-site, as well as assistance finding housing, jobs and other services.

The “Bringing Hope to Hope Street” facility includes a pet area and outdoor eating area, a community room, bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities, storage space and 24-hour security. Moreover, individuals moving in will have access to job training opportunities, life skills, and haircuts. The site will also offer pet care, including vaccinations, spaying, neutering and grooming services.

St. John’s Well Child and Family Center will serve as a medical home for the residents moving in. The organization will provide a full range of medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services through its mobile clinic or at 18 sites throughout South LA.

The site is owned by the County of Los Angeles and this project is the Bureau of Engineering’s first homeless facility collaboration with the County. A 9,900-square-foot membrane structure, 24 x 40-ft administration trailer with offices and a food prep area, a 12 x 90-ft hygiene trailer with laundry facility, a pet area, a dining canopy with lighting and heating, and storage are for 100 storage bins had to fit on the site. Construction began on September 9, 2019.

The design consultant was Perkins and Will.

Congratulations go to Homeless Facilities Division head Allan Kawaguchi, Architect and Project Manager Marina Quinonez; Construction Division head Jose Fuentes, and Construction Manager Javier Gonzalez; from the Geotechnical Engineering Division Patrick Schmidt, Easton Forcier, Jose Beristain, and Nikki Zulueta; and Acting Survey Division Manager Bill Knight and Mark Kindig and his crew of surveyors; plus everyone else who participated in making this project a success.
February 19, 2020 was a busy day in Council District 15 as Councilmember Joe Buscaino presided over the groundbreakings for two A Bridge Home projects, in San Pedro and in Wilmington. First up was the one in San Pedro located at 407 N. Beacon St., San Pedro, is on a site owned by Caltrans.

Buscaino said, “The Mayor’s Bridge Home program was designed to help the most need by providing temporary emergency housing. A Bridge Home has an on-site provider that will ensure individuals have access to mental health services, substance abuse counseling, medical health provider, job readiness training and social integration opportunities. Each of these sites have designated on-site private security, the community surrounding the facility will have enhanced Sanitation clean ups five days a week and a two person LAPD unit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So that was the contract we signed as a community, we said yes to solutions, but we also said yes to enforcing the laws on the books and cleaning our streets. I’ll make it a priority to visit this site, bring supporters to see firsthand the difference it’s making and ensure we’re solving homelessness together. We’ve seen this in Watts, we know that it works and we are moving on San Pedro and in Wilmington.”

Buscaino added, “I want to thank the City family that took this challenge and made it a priority, to Gary Lee Moore, our City Engineer and his entire team at the Bureau of Engineering, Rich Llewellyn from the CAO’s Office . . .Tony Royster and his team from GSD, thank you Tony, we appreciate your efforts. I also want to thank April Brodie with the Mayor’s Office who spearheaded these efforts across the entire City. And to our partners at Caltrans, you will soon hear from Jeffrey Newman. But let me say with over 30 versions of the lease, today is definitely a victory. Knowing that the lease conditions here will be replicated across the State to address homelessness has made the time worth the wait.” Noting that it took act of the State Assembly and State Senate side to make this happen he wants to encourage the Governor to treat homelessness as if it were an emergency, since the Governor acknowledged the seriousness of the issue in his State of the State Address held that morning.

Mayor Eric Garcetti was unable to make the San Pedro groundbreaking because he was asked to attend the Governor’s Address in Sacramento, but came straight back so he could make the event in Wilmington held at 826 Eubank Ave., Wilmington, on a site owned by the Port of Los Angeles.

Noting how important an issue homelessness...
ness is, the Mayor said, “And voters have made it very clear too, it’s not just the polls that say this is the number one issue. We didn’t just pass one, we passed the two largest measures in local history in the United States of America, one for housing which, contrary to what you hear, together with all our funding sources will produce more than 10,000 units, we’re looking at 13,000 new bedrooms that will be produced by the tax dollars that you said yes to. And of course as I mentioned, Measure H.”

“The hundred beds that will be here at Eubank at every Bridge Home in the City of Los Angeles - A year ago we had zero of these. Today we have nine, by July 1st we’re going to have 26 . . . In fact we’ve approved more supportive housing in Los Angeles in the last three years than the previous thirty. Let that sink in. The last three years more supportive housing for folks experiencing homelessness that need services and a place to call home than the previous three decades. Together this year alone we’ll have 30 projects open up, 1,300 units by the start of next year. That includes six supportive housing developments here in CD 15, again reflective of this Council Office’s work.”

City Engineer Moore said, “I had no idea when I went to engineering school that we’d get to build this type of housing. And when the Mayor came to me and asked would I be interested, I jumped at the chance. . . A week ago Monday, February 10th, we turned the site over to Ford E.C. . . Look at us now, nine days later the slab for the new membrane structure where a hundred people are going to be able to come off the street, are going to be right here. Next week the membrane structure shows up. . . And then right behind me you see they’ve dug out some footings there. That’s going to be where the dining canopy, lighting and heating will be. And in the back of the site this where the hygiene trailer will be, where there will be seven showers, seven toilets, washers and dryers.”

Both the San Pedro and Wilmington locations will feature a 9,900 square ft membrane structure that will house 100 people, an administration trailer with offices and a food prep area, and a hygiene trailer with laundry facility, a pet area, a dining canopy with lighting and heating, and a storage area for 100 personal storage bins.

For both facilities Perkins&Will did the design and Ford E.C. is the general contractor.

Congratulations for reaching this important milestone go to Homeless Facilities Division head Allan Kawaguchi, Joyce L. Mar, Richard Puczkowski, Marina Quinonez; Arnulfo Chamu, Eileen Shoetzow, Construction Division head Jose Fuentes, Mariet Ohanian; from the Geotechnical Engineering Division Patrick Schmidt, Easton Forcier, Jose Beristain, and Nikki Zulueta; and the Survey Division staff, and all who were involved.
Bridge Housing in Los Feliz Breaks Ground

Councilmember Ryu press release:

LOS ANGELES (February 26, 2020) - Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember David Ryu broke ground on the latest bridge housing project in Council District Four today, alongside City, County and Los Feliz neighborhood leaders. The temporary structure at 3210 Riverside Drive will house 100 men and women currently experiencing homelessness, and connect them with mental health and counseling services when it opens in June.

“The Los Feliz Bridge Home will bring those currently living on the street or the banks of the Los Angeles River into housing and real, life-changing care,” Councilmember Ryu said. “It is just one of four bridge housing centers open or underway in this district, making Council District Four one of the top districts for bridge housing. We will continue this progress the same way we got to today - by working together, neighbor with neighbor, on the solutions we know make a real difference in this crisis.”

“Angelenos are coming together to confront the moral and humanitarian challenge of our time - the homeless and housing crisis,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “The A Bridge Home program is saving lives by getting our homeless neighbors off the streets, and the upcoming Los Feliz site is the latest milestone in our work to provide housing, healing, and hope.”

The facility will include 100 beds for both men and women, common areas, storage areas, a pet area, and offices for residents to meet with counselors and social workers. The $5.6 million project is funded primarily through state grants, and will be operated by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH).

The groundbreaking was supported by neighborhood groups including the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, The Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA), The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, The Griffith Park Advisory Board, the Friends of Griffith Park, the Griffith Park Adult Community Club, and more. Councilmember Ryu built support for the project over a series of small group meetings with the neighborhood, and will continue to hold small group meetings with neighbors throughout construction.

“A neighborhood isn’t defined by its topography or wealth, but by the character of the people who live there,” said Jon Deutsch, President of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council. “Together, as one neighborhood, we can confront this terrible crisis and ensure that everyone in Los Feliz has a roof over their heads.”

“LFIA, which represents all residents of Los Feliz, was proud to be an early supporter of the Bridge Home site on Riverside,” Amy Gustincic, President of the Los Feliz Improvement Association, said. “The residents of Los continued on page 11
Welcome to BOE!
The following information about some of our new employees illustrates that the Bureau of engineering has hired a very diverse group of talented people.

Gregory C. Merideth Jr.
Gregory C. Merideth Jr joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCED) as a Civil Engineering Drafting Technician on February 18, 2020.

Greg was born in Twenty-Nine Palms on the Marine Corps Military base, Camp Pendleton, in San Bernardino County where his father was and is a Marine and his mother in the Navy. He has worked in Supply Chain and Material Services but is currently working towards his Civil Engineering Bachelor's Degree.

Greg has worked for other City departments, such as the General Services Department, LADWP Aqueduct and Fleet Services, and the Fire Department where he was a Warehouse and Toolroom Worker, Tool Room Keeper and Storekeeper.

Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family, especially going to the Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm theme parks. He also enjoys camping with his family in the Sequoia National Park. Greg is excited to be part of WCED and says working in drafting/engineering is a dream come true.

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Feliz recognize that people experiencing homelessness are part of our community and we appreciate the work that Councilmember Ryu’s office has done to bring this project to fruition.”

Councilmember Ryu has eight homeless housing or safe parking projects open or underway in Council District Four, for a total of 590 units of homeless housing. When the Los Feliz Bridge Housing center opens this summer, it will bring the total of new homeless housing units opened by Councilmember Ryu to 272.

LA Conservancy 2020 Preservation Award to Gardner Street Women’s Bridge Housing Center

From LA Conservancy website:
2020 Preservation Awards luncheon on Friday, April 24 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel
2020 Preservation Award - Chair’s Award
In the middle of a homelessness crisis, this project serves as a noteworthy example of how underused historic buildings can serve an essential new purpose.

In 2018, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti introduced “A Bridge Home,” a $20 million program to open emergency homeless shelters in all 15 City Council districts. Known as “bridge” shelters, these emergency shelters are intended to give Angelinos experiencing homelessness a safe but temporary place to stay while they find more permanent housing.

In September 2019, L.A.’s seventh bridge shelter opened in a former library in Hollywood. Constructed of brick and stucco with a steel and wood roof, this Mid-Century Modern library opened in March 1959. It was first known as the West Hollywood Branch Library and was later renamed the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library. In 2005, a larger Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library opened a half-mile to the east, replacing this branch.

The 4,000 square-foot library, which had served the community for decades, sat largely unused for years, awaiting a new purpose. That purpose can in November 2017, when Councilmember David Ryu introduced a motion proposing this site for bridge housing. The project was approved in May 2018, with funding provided by Measure HHH, a property tax increase approved by voters in 2016.

Now known as the Gardner Street Women’s Bridge Housing Center, the former library provides temporary housing for thirty women. The site’s amenities include beds, bathrooms and showers, a kitchen, a dining area, a common area with couches and books, a courtyard, and a garden. The location also provides on-site services to the residents, including mental health counseling, classes and programs, job and life skills training, and more.

City of Los Angeles crews completed the work to convert this former library into housing while keeping key historic details intact. On the interior, they preserved the original circulation desk and central clock, and shelves originally used for books were repurposed as residents’ storage. On the exterior, the City preserved the building’s Mid-Century features, including its honeycomb breeze screen wall and matching trellis.

Upon the center’s opening, Councilmember Ryu said to the Los Angeles Times, “The fact we were able to salvage this building, keep its historic integrity and help meet the crisis of our time is beautiful.”

We couldn’t agree more. In the middle of a housing and homelessness crisis, this project serves as an example of how underused historic buildings can serve an essential new purpose.

The Conservancy recognized the Gardner Street Women’s Bridge Housing Center with the Chair’s Preservation Award in 2020.

Key Information
Architect: Honnold & Rex
Year of Completion: 1959
Street Address: 1403 North Gardner Street
Los Angeles, CA 90046
Community: Los Angeles
Property Type: Library
Architectural Style: Mid-Century Modern
Original Name: West Hollywood Branch Library; Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library

For more about the Gardner Street Women’s Bridge Housing Center see the 10/9/19 BOE Newsletter article on the grand opening.
On February 21, 2020, the Board of Public Works presented both the 2020 President’s Award for Excellence in Board Presentations and retirement recognition to Principal Civil Engineer Mike Sarullo, Environmental Engineering Division.

Board of Public Works President Kevin James starting by saying, “Once a year or so we at the Board of Public Works like to recognize with an award that was created a few years ago one of our many outstanding Department of Public Works employees for their sheer excellence when it comes to Board presentations. It’s called the President’s Award. . . when I reached out to Michael to let him know and obviously I talked to our City Engineer Gary Lee Moore as well, I had no idea and the Board had no idea, that Michael Sarullo was going to be retiring and within in a month of the time we were hoping to do this today, so we put them both on the same day. So you’ll hear a bit about Michael. I get the pleasure of presenting the recognition for being here as opposed to leaving, so that’s easier for me. . . I think that the description that we include in all of the certificates is the best way to describe the purpose of the recognition today.” He then read the certificate:

To Michael Sarullo
2020 President’s Award for Excellence in Board Presentations
In recognition of your outstanding presentations to the Board of Public Works
Your preparation, knowledge of the subject matter, speaking style, ability to answer questions from Commissioners, ability to perform under pressure, ability to solve issues and respond to questions relating to construction services and water reclamation plant matters and excellence in Public Works in a public setting all warrant recognition by our Board.

President James presented a crystal microphone to Sarullo calling him the American Idol of Public Works and the other Commissioners added their compliments on his ability to make technical issues understandable and on his depth of knowledge.

Sarullo said, “Thank you, this is an honor to receive this award. I have to admit it was completely unexpected. There’s a lot of good presenters that come to Board, but to be recognized for my efforts is much appreciated and it’s an honor. I’ve been coming to Board, as you indicated, for a long time and I still get nervous, it’s still intimidating. And to not get nervous, I think, is dangerous because you won’t prepare and you’ll be caught off guard. So I think it’s a good thing to come here and actually have a little butterflies and be a little nervous because it’s going to help you prepare that much better. We do take these presentations seriously. We know that decisions are being made, important decisions are being made, about budgets and schedules and the Board has the ultimate authority to make those decisions. So we take it very serious because we want to provide you the most informative information that we can so you can make the best decision before you. We practice these presentations, we do mock presentations in our division and make sure that whoever we send to Board is well prepared. We sort of play a role play where I’ll be a Commissioner, I’ll be President James, or if I want to be really tough I’ll be Commissioner Caloza, and then I actually quiz them as if I’m a Commissioner, “Well what about this, and what about this, and what about this?” So I think all those practice hours that we put in doing these things really helps groom and prepare the staff to come in and prepare and do well. So that’s kind of the secret to success I think for what we’ve done. It’s just a culture that we have and we keep passing it on, down and down, and it’s going to continue. I hope that after I’m gone whoever steps up here and speaks at the microphone is going to do a great job and I’m confident that they will. And again, thank you so much for this award, it’s an honor.”

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Commissioner Jessica Caloza started the second part of the presentation, “I am both excited and sad today to do this presentation to really recognize Mike Sarullo and all his contributions and work to the City of Los Angeles and especially to the Bureau of Engineering. In the short amount of time that I’ve gotten to know Mike, like I said earlier, I’ve learned so much about environmental engineering, about wastewater and I really have a new appreciation for the work and depth of knowledge that you guys really dedicate your careers to. So I’m going to read a little bit about Mike’s background.

“Mike received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the Michigan State University. He’s retiring with nearly 31 years of City service, 25 years in the field of wastewater treatment, plant processes and systems. He also has experience as a project manager and construction manager working in the Fire and Animal Facilities Bond Program, Sidewalk Program and spent three years at the Department of Airports. He currently serves as the Division Manager of the Bureau of Engineering’s Environmental Engineering Division responsible for implementing wastewater and reclamation projects at the City’s four wastewater treatment plants. His division averages a delivery of $75 million of wastewater treatment plant projects annually. Mike also has extensive experience developing and managing the Wastewater On Call consultant list which includes writing Requests for Qualifications or RFQ’s, developing contract terms, preparing scopes of work and negotiating proposals. Mike is passionate about sustainability and resiliency and led the verification of three wastewater projects to platinum certification and one silver certification and counting. He was a speaker at Harvard University about L.A.’s approach to structure sustainability. Mike has also written several abstract papers and presented other various technical topics at several large wastewater conferences. Mike has served as a mentor to young engineers for several years as part of the Bureau of Engineering’s Mentorship Program and was an instructor as part of BOE’s Project Delivery Manual Training course. He has also led several strategic plan initiatives over the past several years.

She closed by saying, “I know that’s not even enough to capture what you’ve done and accomplished over the last 31 years of service, but I will add one funny story to this. You are so dedicated to what you do and to public service that there was one day, I think it was in my first few months of being on the Commission, and as scheduled, Mike calls me for my briefing on one of these items coming before Board. Mind you, he had just gotten a flat tire on the side of the road yet continued to brief me anyway because he was so dedicated to making sure I was so prepared to go into Board knowing the full knowledge of what this item was. Even though I offered to reschedule, he refused. I think that just shows a little bit about Mike, his dedication to his craft, his professionalism, especially under pressure. . . I really thank you for your 31 years of service.”

City Engineer Gary Lee Moore said, “It’s a very emotional day for me. I was Mike’s first supervisor, I’d only been working for the City for about three years when Mike joined us. And to make the transition from Michigan to the City of Los Angeles was not easy. It was immediate friendship with Mike, his attention to detail, his attention to care, we bonded. We competed over dotting the i and crossing the t, it was a fun competition. How can we do it better? And Mike has never stopped doing that, he’s never stopped making it better, he’s never stopped wanting to be an innovator. Any time in the Bureau that we have something that we want to try we know, let’s call Mike, let’s reach out to Mike. Mike, we want to try this new delivery method, Mike, let’s figure it out together. Mike would say, ‘Absolutely.’ . . . Really, Mike exemplifies leadership. He’s never afraid to give and as we said during the President’s Award, the mentoring that he does, he’s always willing to give, he’s never worried about holding back. . . He has delivered almost a billion dollars worth of projects for the Bureau of Sanitation. . . I know people retire, but the next person won’t be Mike. . . I’m just so proud of what you accomplished for us, how much you meant to all of us. I’m really going to miss you and I’m really looking forward to hearing what you’ll do next, and whatever that is I know you’ll excel off the charts. Congratulations.”

Deputy City Engineer Ken Redd noted, “There’s a lot been said about Mike. Gary was his first supervisor, I’ve had the privilege of being his last supervisor. I was also his wife’s first supervisor. I’d like to take credit for having those two meet, but I didn’t, they did that on their own. . . It’s been a privilege to be his supervisor. Sometimes I kind of thought it was the other way around and he supervised me. But he’s always been there for the last fifteen years, ten years as a division manager and five years before that as a Senior when I was down at EED, and he’s always made the Bureau look good. All the things that have been said are true.

“So I just want to share one thing, Mike, I have a little gift for you here. This comes not just from me but from the Bureau, especially from your colleagues and other division managers in the Wastewater and Cleanwater Infrastructure Program. We have little monu-

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came out to campus and interview me and it was for a big Hyperion Wastewater upgrade thing and they were making job offers on the spot. I’m sitting there thinking this is a big move, I’m going to actually pack up and leave family, friends, but then I looked out the window and I realized you know, I’m kind of tired of this weather, the snow. The big thing about when you grow up in a place like Michigan you’re so envious when the Rose Parade comes on TV. And I tell you, that stuck in my brain and still today, when you see that Rose Parade and awesome weather and wherever you’re living you look outside and say this isn’t right, this is not fair. And that kind of solidified my decision in part to move to L.A. A lot of folks came out at that time but not many stayed. We had a big mass hiring at that time, but a lot of the friends that I came out with, roommates, they all kind of went back and somehow I was able to stick it out, it’s not for everybody. Change like that is kind of drastic for people. But I’m glad I did, I’m glad I stayed.

“I worked multiple BOE offices, but Wastewater has really been my passion, you get involved in Wastewater, it’s such a robust program with so many innovative and creative things to do. It’s really a fun place to work. When you start working in Wastewater it has a tendency to kind of draw you in and you can’t escape, it’s like a black hole. I’m happy to have spent all this time in Wastewater. “But I really want to thank Gary and Ken for really empowering me and letting me run the division that way that I want to run it. And that means we work hard and we deliver, for sure. But we also have a lot of fun. When I started back in the 80’s we had a lot of young engineers, and as Gary mentioned, we used to play volleyball. And now that stuff is coming back now. We have a lot of younger staff so we have a lot of fun, we celebrate birthdays, we have potlucks, we have happy hours, we play volleyball, we do a lot of stuff together and that all adds to the morale and motivation of staff.

“Really it’s staff that gets credit for me standing here today. These are the guys and gals that deliver our program and all I do, I just put forth a positive work environment and they deliver. It’s that simple. Create an environment that’s positive and they’re going to deliver for you, they’re going to want to work hard for you. And that’s what’s really happening, it’s a really simple formula. I am going to miss all of the friendships I’ve created, the morning break room coffee breaks that we have, the daily smiles and just working day to day with these folks, it’s been amazing. But this is an amazing staff that I have. And again I’m going to take a little time off and eventually probably get back into something.

“I’m passionate about sustainability as was mentioned. I just think that there’s so much opportunity to do more things with sustainability and for me that’s not hard, I enjoy it. It’s something that’s deep inside me so I want to contribute in some way with sustainability, that’s how I see myself best serving the residents of Los Angeles.

“And lastly, I want to thank the Board again for your support. I always try to come up here and speak very candidly about the issues. Honesty is the best policy. I never try to hide anything or to sweep anything under the rug or try not to tell the whole story. I was very candid in the briefings and the reports about really what’s going on and I think helps strengthen the bond and trust that we have with the Board of Public Works. Thank you and farewell to everybody.

“I just want to introduce my wife who is here. I couldn’t get her to drag the kids out of school, she wouldn’t let me. She’s a little jealous that I’m retiring and she’s not, she’ll never admit it though. Farewell to everybody, I hope to see you around and best of luck.”

After he made his closing remarks, Sarullo received a standing ovation.

President James said, “I’m going to take a minute. I got to talk a bit about the role that you played in our administration, since we’ve been here, a moment ago. My recollection, when I got your e-mail about retirement I just deleted it and I thought that it would make all that go away. It didn’t necessarily happen because here we are. But I do want to say that you’ve left a legacy with BOE and today the “E” stands for excellence. I know it’s something that you all work for everyday in your service to our residents and tens of millions of people that pass through our city every single year, actually every single day when you think of all people that are passing through. Your imprint is here, you contributed to the constant improvements in the Department of Public Works, and you’ve been a real leader in the process. We are going to miss you, I’m going to miss you and I’m going to miss the great work product that you deliver.

“Congratulations to you and thank you on behalf of our administration and behalf of our Mayor. Thank you for an incredible excellent service to the City of Los Angeles which is a place on the planet that we choose to live, those of us having the luxury of making a choice like that. You made it, you moved here from Michigan. I made it, I moved here from the Midwest as well and it’s such a valuable choice to be able to make in our lives and you’ve had the ability to make it a better place for those that after you. So thank you for that, congratulations. Definitely stay in touch. And now sir, the floor is yours.”

Sarullo said, “Well thank you again for recognizing me with this award and for my retirement. It was obviously a difficult decision, I love the division I’m running, I love the job, but there’s always a time in life when you feel like its time to try something new. Change is good especially if you force the change upon yourself, versus somebody casting it upon you. I’ve decided that was what I wanted to do.

“I got recruited back in March of 1988 and I still remember it was a March morning they received a standing ovation after he spoke.
BOE Alumni Luncheon
The Bureau of Engineering Distinguished Alumni luncheon previously scheduled for March 17, 2020 has been canceled.

Rebstock Thanked
This letter was sent to Jan Green Rebstock of the Environmental Group:
February 11, 2020
Dear Ms. Rebstock,
Thank you for being instrumental in making the Adopt-A-Lot location in North Hills safe and operational. Our opening event was one to remember! It was an incredible experience for residents, visitors, and especially the families for such a monumental event in our community.

The lot in North Hills will operate as a pocket park, featuring a community garden space, shaded seating, meditative space, and a children’s play area. With your partnership we were able to bring this program to life, and lead the effort in the City to look at creative ways to empower communities to activate undevelopable City lots in their areas and turn them into recreational amenities for the community.

Thank you again for your support in making the Adopt-A-Lot a success This project would not have been possible without your help.

Sincerely,
Monica Rodriguez
Councilwoman, 7th District

Lin Commended
This e-mail was sent to Mary Marcus, Valley District Office:
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 1:51 PM
Subject: Regarding Great Service from Jon Lin Hi Mary,
Just wanted to take a few minutes to thank you for Mr. Jon Lin. He was very helpful today at the counter and answered all my questions professionally.

Jon was able to help me to get a permit for our project address at 5536 Hazeltine Ave. Permit No. A2020-000229 V

Thank you again for the great and fast service I was able to receive today from Mr. Lin. I have been coming to the Department of Van Nuys Building and Safety for more than 15 years and when I need to get clearances or permits from Public Works they’re very polite and professional.

Good job, Public Works keep up the team work.

Sincerely,
Juan Granados
CR Drafting

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

“Built by Women” exhibit in Los Angeles
(February 25, 2020) - The Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation (BWAF) and the Architecture and Design Museum in Los Angeles (A+D) have announced the latest iteration of the Built by Women exhibition, a program designed to celebrate “the breadth of achievement by women at the building industry’s highest levels in cities across the nation.”

The exhibition, which features the work of 56 women-led architecture, landscape, engineering, and construction projects from the L.A. area, goes on view on May 15th at the A+D Museum and is timed to coincide with this summer’s American Institute of Architects (AIA) Conference on Architecture, which is slated to take place in Los Angeles May 14-16th.

The exhibition is curated BWAF’s all-female jury, a group made up of: Carrie Byles, FAIA, LEED AP, a partner at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Andrea Cochran, FASLA, president of Andrea Cochran Landscape Architecture; ErLeen Hatfield, P.E., AIA, managing partner of the Hatfield Group; Judith Sheine, professor of architecture at the University of Oregon; Deborah Weintraub, AIA, LEED AP, chief deputy engineer for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering; Claire Weisz, FAIA, founder of WXY architecture + urban design; Kim Yao, AIA, 2020 AIA New York president and principal, Architecture Research Office (ARO); and Joan Blumenfeld, FAIA, FIIDA, LEED AP, and a principal at Perkins&Will.

Describing the power and potential of the exhibition, Claire Weisz of WXY writes via press release, “Los Angeles has always been a hotbed of American design and this jury demonstrated how women there are leading the way. The Built by Women program helps elevate and honor these important works, and we all hope this initiative helps make the record difficult if not impossible to erase.”

Echoing that sentiment, Cynthia Phieter Kraaucer, AIA, executive director of BWAF adds, “A project of the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation, Built by Women has been created to recognize the significant but often overlooked work of historical and contemporary women architects, landscape architects, urban designers, engineers, contractors and developers. It also matches strong role female models and mentors with current professionals and students to promote paths of advancement.”

The full list of exhibited projects includes works from Bestor Architecture, Ehrlich Yanei Rhee Chaney, Levin Associates Architects, Design, Bitches, RCH Studios, HDR, and several others.

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

Public Works Women at Work
At the Public Works Women at Work event on 2:00 pm, Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Deputy City Engineer Julie Sauter and Benet Gardner will be speaking on the subject of work life balance. Public Works Commissioners Aura Garcia and Jessica Caloza will host the meeting in the Public Works Building room SB-7. RSVP at https://forms.gle/XYmpa6x-aueEkhZp8 by March 20, 2020.

Thanks to Permit Case Management Division
This e-mail was sent to the City Engineer regarding the work done by the Permit Case Management Division:
Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 9:43 AM
Subject: Cieltio Lindo (1st & Soto) and 7th & Witmer - MANY THANKS
Gary,
I want to share our sincere appreciation to your team and you, who, over the holiday season, invested in making sure that Cieltio Lindo (1st & Soto) and 7th & Witmer met their TCO deadlines. I see your case processing system as a model for how other departments can provide services to affordable housing developers. Your staff is committed and responsive and your system is proactive in providing support. In particular, we appreciate that BOE staff takes the initiative to clarify with developers and their contractors outstanding issues and is flexible with the timing of sign-off vis a vis TCO.

Please pass on this expression of thanks to anyone you know who helped these projects reach their goal.

Amy Anderson
Chief Housing Officer, City Homelessness Initiatives
Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
On January 30, 2020 Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell at the State of Hollywood Breakfast meeting to launch the Concept Plan of the “Hollywood Walk of Fame” project. The meeting was attended by hundreds of community members and the media. At the meeting, Councilmember O’Farrell unveiled the two renderings of the project that were prepared by the consultant Gensler, showing the initial concept design.

The Hollywood Walk of Fame comprises more than 2,600 bronze and terrazzo star plaques embedded and lining the sidewalks of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street. The stars honor the achievements of celebrities in the entertainment industry. It is a Historic Cultural Monument that attracts millions of tourists and visitors worldwide each year. It runs 1.3 miles east to west on Hollywood Boulevard, from Gower Street to La Brea Avenue, plus a short segment of Marshfield Way that runs diagonally between Hollywood and La Brea; and 0.4 miles north to south on Vine Street between Yucca Street and Sunset Boulevard. The Hollywood Walk of Fame is in Council District 13.

The first eight stars to the Walk of Fame were installed on August 15, 1958 near the intersection of Hollywood and Highland as part of a demonstration project meant to generate excitement over what the Walk could look like. Construction on the Walk began in earnest on February 8, 1960 with the installation of the star of Stanley Kramer near the intersection of Hollywood and Gower.

Over time, the Walk of Fame became a permanent fixture not just of the area’s sidewalks, but of the entertainment industry and the Hollywood mystique in general. Today, each year approximately two dozen stars are added to the Walk of Fame in five possible categories: 1) Motion Pictures; 2) Television; 3) Recording; 4) Radio; and 5) Live Performance.

Over the years, various areas of the Walk of Fame have fallen into disrepair. Due to the Walk’s overall size, complicated jurisdictional issues, and the escalating costs associated with the terrazzo, there have been inconsistent repairs throughout the years. Even relatively minor maintenance or repairs to individual stars can prove to be costly endeavors. Large-scale repairs of a block or more at a time have been extremely complicated, expensive and in many cases begin to show deterioration within a few years. As a result, the Walk of Fame as a whole is inconsistent and piecemealed and often does not match the expectations visitors have for the Walk or for Hollywood in general.

The goal is to move the Hollywood Walk of Fame, forward into the 21st Century.

Gensler is the prime consultant of the project, which is managed by the Architectural Division, Steven Fierce, Principal Architect; Neil Drucker, Assistant Division Manager; Bill Lee, Senior Architect; Gus Malkoun, Project Manager.

The Los Angeles Times quotes Councilmember O’Farrell as saying, “The boulevard hasn’t reached its full potential - not by a long shot. We’re very optimistic that we can see real changes on this historic boulevard within a number of years.”

On the next page are two renderings that show a sidewalk view and an aerial view.
Mayor Strengthens Readiness Against Coronavirus

Mayor's press release:
LOS ANGELES (March 4, 2020) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today declared a local emergency to strengthen preparation against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a move to help the city respond more quickly and effectively to cases of the illness.

“The step we’re taking today is about preparation, not panic,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “There is extraordinary work being done alongside our partners in county and federal government to keep Angelenos safe, aware, and informed. This declaration is about making sure we are positioned to respond to any changes in the situation, and are doing everything we can to protect our communities.”

In signing the local declaration, the Mayor formalized coordination with public health agencies, smoothed the way for quicker acquisition of supplies, and eased access to state and federal funds should they become necessary in the response to COVID-19.

All City departments have been ordered to update Continuity of Operations plans that ensure delivery of vital services in the case of an emergency.

“Solid planning is the best response, and the Mayor’s declaration clears the way for the resources, coordination, and authority needed to approach a potential health emergency with strength and confidence,” said Aram Sahakian, General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department. “We will continue working closely with our partners to help protect vulnerable populations, ensure stability in City operations, and keep the public informed.”

For more information visit LAMayor.org/Coronavirus.

Notice No. 05 Standard E-Mail Signature Block
Notice No. 05 dated February 19, 2020 titled BOE Standardized E-Mail Signature Block - Update states that in an effort to raise awareness regarding the upcoming Primary Nominating Election on March 3, 2020, and the various new features voters will experience, the City is asking all employees to change their email signature to help disseminate this critical information to as many people as possible.

The instructions that the BOE employees should reference are attached (Attachment No. 1), as well as a flyer (Attachment No. 2). BOE Managers should ensure the flyer is displayed in public areas and have copies available at all public counters.

For additional information, please visit lavote.net.

Please note the election date has passed.
Construction Network Seminars

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

K-12 School Districts Bond Program Updates on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Guest speakers: Alan Reising, Business Services Administrator, Long Beach USD; Luis Velez, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations, Hawthorne School District.

Moderator: Joe Dixon, Founder, Dixon Smart School House


LA Metro P3 Projects on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Featured speaker is Colin F. Peppard, Senior Director, Office of Extraordinary Innovation.


City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Project Updates on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Featured speakers: Deputy City Engineer Alfred Mata, Deputy City Engineer Julie Sauter, Deputy City Engineer Kenneth Redd, Deputy City Engineer Mahmood Karimzadeh.


Community College Districts - Capital Construction/Bond Program Updates on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Speakers: Joel Peterson, Director of Facilities, Glendale Community College District; Ynez Delgado Canela, Local Business Outreach Administrator, Measure CC; San Bernardino Community College District; Troy Ament, Executive Director, Construction & Facilities, Chaffey College; Nawar Al Juburi, CCM, LEED GA, Project Manager, DSA Coordinator, South Orange County Community College District.

Moderator: Marty Glaske, Sr. Vice President, Client Development, GAFCON


OC Public Works Capital Program Update on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speakers: Edward Frondoso, P.E., Deputy Director, Construction and Fiona Man, P.E., Program Manager, Infrastructure Programs.


Caltrans D7 Project Updates on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Speakers: John Bulinski, District Director; Mark Archuleta, Acting Chief Deputy Director; Robert So, Acting Deputy District Director, Construction; John Yang, I-5 Construction Manager


Los Angeles Community College District Project Updates on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker: Dr. Rueben Smith, Chief Facilities Executive, LAxCCD.


Hollywood Burbank Airport Capital Program Update on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker: Patrick Lammerding, Deputy Executive Director of Planning & Development, Hollywood Burbank Airport.


California Prevailing Wage Law - How to protect yourself against fines, penalties and interest on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

A must for owners, estimators, project managers and office administrators who are involved in public works projects. Topics:

• New statute AB 5 – The practical end of prevailing wages
• Determining the correct rate/classification
• Apprentice requirements
• Compliance 101
• Know the difference between prevailing wage and Davis Bacon requirements
• Projects covered by state and/or federal prevailing wages
• Apprentice requirements
• Determining the correct rate/classification
• Recordkeeping requirements, including CPR
• Enforcement and Penalties

Instructor: Larry Lubka, Esq., Lubka & White LLP


Water District Capital Project Updates on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Riverside Marriott, 3400 Market St., Riverside, CA 92501.

Guest speakers: Bruce A. Mitzel, P.E., Director, Field Engineering, Eastern Municipal Water District; Dan Ruiz, Engineering Manager, Coachella Valley Water District.


L.A. County Department of Public Works Capital Program Update on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 Presentation. Guest speakers: Vincent Yu, Assistant Deputy Director; Joseph Nicchitta, Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs; Michael Owh, General Manager, Internal Services Department.

Cost is $89/person until 4/28/20, $129 until 5/15/20, at the door $149.

LA Metro Construction - Outlook on Upcoming Metro Capital Projects on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 Presentation. Guest speaker: Timothy Lindholm, Senior Executive Officer, Program Management & Capital Projects.

Cost is $89/person until 5/5/20, $129 until 5/22/20, at the door $149.

Legal Seminar: Design-Build Delivery - Best Practices for Success on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 Presentation.

In today’s construction market, the overwhelming majority of construction projects use some form of alternative delivery. Design-Build is a delivery method that has surged in popularity over the last two decades on both public and private projects. However, this is by no means a fail-proof means of delivery. This informative seminar will help to ensure a greater likelihood of project success. Learn the following:

• Pros and cons of design-build compared to other delivery methods
• Understanding and managing risks and liabilities unique to design-build
• Benefits of teaming agreements
• Implementation of best practices during planning, design and construction
• Managing design deficiencies, differing site conditions, schedule delays and constructive changes
• Discussion of published case law and actual project experiences
• Tips for successful design-build project and much more...

Presented by: Mary Salamone, Esq., Parner - Procopio; William Reifsteck II, FDBIA CRIS,
Construction Management Association of America, So Cal Chapter Seminars

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

**Alternate Project Delivery** on March 24, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. This is an examination of alternative delivery methods from multiple perspectives, including an Owner’s, Prime Contractor’s, Construction Manager’s, and Construction Lawyer’s. The do’s and don’ts, what to avoid, what to take advantage of and practical advice on how to use these tools to their maximum effect. This will be a panel discussion, so we will hear first hand accounts from those who live, breathe, and earn a living based on their immersion and executions of these methods. The audience will also be able to join the discussion, so we will draw upon the collective knowledge in the room.

Moderator: Anthony Niccoli, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
Panel Members: John Scherck, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Kevin Laut, California State University, Office of the Chancellor; Daniel Dumke, Sundt Construction; Ryan Aukerman, Griffith Company; Bert Somers, Ferrovial; Julien Jeannel, Kiewit.
Register by March 17, 2020: $70/member, $140/non-member. After March 17: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Riverside County Draft Relief Plan** on March 25, 2020 at the Riverside Convention Center, 3637 Fifth St., Riverside, CA 92501. Hear about Riverside County Transportation Commission’s draft Traffic Relief Plan. The Commission is accepting feedback through June 10. On June 10, they will review the feedback received and make a decision about whether to place a half-cent sales tax measure on the November 2020 budget.

Speaker: Michael Blomquist, Toll Program Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission.
Register by March 18, 2020: $70/member, $140/non-member. After March 18: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Inland Empire Community Colleges** on March 26, 2020 at Embassy Suites Ontario Airport, 3663 E. Guasti Road, Ontario, 91761, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Inland Empire Community College have come a long way in the advancement of student admissions and achievements. None of this would be possible without the support of the community, bond program funding and a robust construction program. Hear from the experts from RCCD, SBCCD, College of the Desert, Chaffey College, and CSUSB.

Moderator: Brand Dekker, Cannon Design Speakers: Hussain Agah, Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning and Development, Riverside Community College District; Farrah Farzaneh, Director, Facilities Planning and Construction, San Bernardino Community College District; Mac McGinnis, Program Manager MAAS, College of the Desert; Troy Ament, Executive Director of Facilities and Construction/EOC, Chaffey College; Jennifer Sorensen, Associate Vice President, Facilities Planning and Management, California State University San Bernardino.
Register by March 19, 2020: $70/member, $140/non-member. After March 19: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Prevaling Wage Law - Compliance and Critical Updates** on March 31, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. A must for owners, estimators, project managers and office administrators. Topics will include:
- Critical updates and hot topics
- AB5: What you need to know to avoid pitfalls!
- Compliance 101
- Projects covered by state/federal prevailing wage requirements, including expansion to pre-construction activities
- Apprentice requirements
- Determining the correct rate/classification
- Record keeping requirements
- Enforcement
- Skilled and Trained Workforce
- Coverage and Enforcement
- Debarment

Seminar instructors: Thomas W. Kovacich, Esq., Partner; Anthony P. Niccoli, Esq Partner; Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
Cost: Register by March 24, 2020 $70/member, $140/non-member. After March 24, $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Caltrans District Program Updates and SB1** on April 7, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Figueroa St., L.A. 90017, 5:30 pm Registration, 6:00 pm Dinner & Presentation. Hear from the leadership of Caltrans District 7, District 8, and District 12 about SB 1 funding and upcoming projects.
Speakers: John Bullinski, Caltrans District 7 Director; Mike Beauchamp, Caltrans District 8 Director; Adnan Maiah, Inland Empire Program Risk Manager; Anthony Niccoli Esq., Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
Cost: Register by March 31, 2020 $70/member, $140/non-member. After March 31, $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Risk Management and Successful Project Delivery** on April 7, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Projects fail because they are unable to adequately manage uncertainty and expectations. The plans are either too optimistic (i.e., the budget and schedule are based on the wrong assumptions), or external events and risks impact the plan’s objectives, often giving rise to construction claims and disputes. Effective risk management aims to promote successful project delivery claims avoidance through the identification, assessment and response to these uncertainties. Hear from industry experts on how they are managing risks on their projects in today’s project delivery environment.
Moderator: Andrew Dick, Arcadis
Panel members: David Davies, LA Metro Program Risk Manager; Anthony Niccoli Esq., Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; Mumbie Fredson-Cole, Caltrans District 7 Risk Manager; John Scherck, Inland Empire Utilities Agency.
Register by March 31, 2020: $70/member, $140/non-member. After March 31: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Inland Empire Capital Program Updates** on April 8, 2020 at Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Building B, Koopman Conference Room, Kimball Ave., Chino, CA 91710, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Hear from public agencies and local municipalities in the Inland Empire and how they are structuring and implementing delivery of their capital programs and developing strategies to meet the regions growth and development.
Emcee: Edgar Zelaya, KKCS
Moderator: John Scherck, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Speakers: Dennis Mejia, Utilities Engineering Manager, Ontario Municipal Utilities Company; Christopher Magdolsku, City Engineer, City of Chino; Eddie Rhee, Senior Engineer, Jurupa Community Services District; Eduardo Espinoza, Director of Engineering, Cucamonga Valley Water District; Jason Welday, Director of Engineering, City of Rancho Cucamonga; Jerry Burke, Manager of Engineering, Inland Empire Utilities Agency.
Register by April 21, 2020: $70/member, $140/non-member. After April 21: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Const Network Seminars** cont’d from page 18
Director, Preconstruction - Webcor Builders
Cost is $89/person until 5/19/20, $129 until 6/5/20, at the door $149.

**Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit - Linking Union Station & Dodger Stadium** on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 Presentation. The proposed 1.25 aerial gondola system would transport 5,000+ passengers per hour per direction with a less than 5-min ride from Union Station to Dodger Stadium.

Featured speakers: David Grannis, Consultant, Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies; Holly Rockwell, Senior Executive Officer, Real Estate, Transit Oriented Communities and Transportation Demand Management, LA Metro.
Cost is $89/person until 6/2/20, $129 until 6/19/20, at the door $149.
Arrivals

Promotions
Erik Munoz, Civil Eng. Assoc. III, EXE; Cesar Bregaudit, Sr. Survey Supervisor, SUR; Zohra Akhter, Architect, CBD; Emil Kyupelyan, Civil Eng. Assoc. II, CEN; Amado Carino, Structural Engrg. Assoc. III, WCE; Daniel Siow, Civil Eng. Assoc. III, WCE; Laura Trevino, Office Services Assistant, PAC.

Departures
Diana Crowder, Sr. Admin. Clerk, retired, MTD; Romulo Samonte, Structural Eng. Assoc. III, retired, WCE; James Varalaya, Systems Analyst, retired, SYS; Jaime Jiminez, Survey Party Chief I, retired, SUR; Thanh Mai, Civil Eng. Assoc. III, retired, WCE; Raffi Massabki, Civil Engineer, retired, WCE; Michael Sarullo, Pr Civil Engineer, retired, EED; Kent Welling, Civil Engineer, retired, WCE; Sarah Amigo, Sr. Admin. Clerk, transfer to DOT, WCE; Sandra Ascencio, Sr. Admin. Clerk, transfer to DOT, LDG; Mohammadreza Bakhshi Torkamani, Field Eng. Aide, promoted to DWP, SUR; Emil Youssef, Sr. CEDT, promoted to DWP, WCE; Gervok Gevorkyan, Civil Eng. Assoc. I, resigned, SSD; Erwin Mosqueda, CEDT, promoted to DWP, SSD; Johnny Thi, CEDT, transfer to DWP, SSD; Oscar Castro, Project Assistant, promoted to DWP, ADM; Guowen Joe Hu, Programmer Analyst III, resigned, LGD; Amanda Rogers, Management Assistant, resigned, ADM; Ashley Mikell-Norman, Management Aide, promoted to Personnel Dept., ADM.

Professional Registration
Natalie Moore, Civil Eng. Assoc. IV, PE License, SIX; Adrian Hwang, Civil Eng. Assoc. II, PE License, HFD; Erik Munoz, Environmental Eng. Assoc. III, PE License, EXE; Mary Creel, Civil Eng. Assoc. I, ICC Certification/PE License, CEN; Erwin Mosqueda, CEDT, promoted to DWP, SSD; Johnny Thi, CEDT, transfer to DWP, SSD; Oscar Castro, Project Assistant, promoted to DWP, ADM; Guowen Joe Hu, Programmer Analyst III, resigned, LGD; Amanda Rogers, Management Assistant, resigned, ADM; Ashley Mikell-Norman, Management Aide, promoted to Personnel Dept., ADM.

Notice No. 04 Standard Division/Group Titles
Notice No. 04 dated February 11, 2020 titled Standard Division/Group Titles and Abbreviations states that the following is a list of the standard titles and abbreviations of Bureau of Engineering divisions or group titles. For consistency, please instruct your employees to use these titles in all correspondence, reports, charts, etc.

**Abbreviation No.**
- Executive Division
  - EXE
  - 30
- Public Buildings & Open Spaces Program (PBO)
  - Architectural Division
    - ARC
    - 55
  - Bridge Improvement Division
    - BID
    - 37
  - Construction Management Division
    - CMD
    - 48
  - Homeless Facilities & Special Projects Division
    - HFD
    - 65
  - LA Convention Center Division
    - LAC
    - 71
  - LA RiverWorks
    - LAR
    - 42
  - Streetcar Division
    - SCD
    - 60
- Clean Water Infrastructure Program (CWI)
  - Environmental Engineering Division
    - EED
    - 45
  - Project Award & Control Division
    - PAC
    - 41
  - Clean Water Division
    - CWD
    - 40
  - Survey Division
    - SUR
    - 63
  - Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division
    - WCC
    - 44
  - Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division
    - WCE
    - 43
- Development Services & Permits Program (DSP)
  - Central District
    - CEN
    - 50
  - Harbor District
    - HAR
    - 86
  - Land Development and GIS Division
    - LGD
    - 80
  - Landslide Access Modernization Project (LAMP) Division
    - LMP
    - 75
  - Permit Case Management Division
    - PCM
    - 49
  - Systems Division
    - SYS
    - 35
  - Valley District
    - VAL
    - 81
  - West Los Angeles District
    - WLA
    - 85
- Civic Center Development Program (CCP)
  - Civic Center Development Division
    - CCD
    - 74
- Mobility & Engineering Services Program (MOB)
  - Environmental Management Group
    - EMG
    - 56
  - Geotechnical Engineering Division
    - GED
    - 46
  - Metro Transit Division
    - MTD
    - 59
  - Real Estate Division
    - RED
    - 77
  - Sixth Street Viaduct Division
    - SIX
    - 36
  - Street Improvement & Stormwater Division
    - SSD
    - 51/66
  - Structural Engineering Division
    -SED
    - 54
- Sidewalk & Complete Streets Program (SCS)
  - Complete Streets Division
    - CSD
    - 68
  - Sidewalk Division
    - SWD
    - 67
- Finance & Administration Program (FAP)
  - Administration Division
    -ADM
    - 73

Cesar Chavez Holiday
Monday, March 30, 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.

Notice No. 06 Bldg Requests for PW Bldg
Notice No. 06 dated March 9, 2020 titled BOE Building Requests for 1149 S. Broadway states that effective immediately, all BOE requests for building maintenance in the Public Works Building should be emailed to eng.buildingrequest@lacity.org. This email address was set up for tracking purposes and to ensure efficiency in processing requests by allowing all designated Office Services staff in the Administration Division to receive and view requests.

To ensure that your request to CBRE Building Management is submitted in a timely manner, be sure to provide the following information and please be as detailed as possible.

**Type of Request:**
- Location:
- Suite/Floor/Room Number:
- Contact Name:
- Contact Number:

Remember that the US Census starts in March!

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, April 2, 2020.