Celebration of Safe Sidewalks LA Program
Program Managed by BOE Repaired Sidewalk in Sherman Oaks

Safe Sidewalks LA program has already completed repairs in 71 locations identified by Angelenos with mobility-related disabilities.

Mayor’s press release:
LOS ANGELES (March 2, 2017) - The City of L.A. is undertaking a record $31 million annual investment to repair City sidewalks so they are no longer hazardous to children, older Angelenos, and people with disabilities.

To target resources where they are needed most, Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City Council launched Safe Sidewalks LA in December 2016. The program, which is managed by the Bureau of Engineering, prioritizes requests by Angelenos with mobility-related disabilities, and takes into account proximity to transportation corridors and transit stops. The Mayor showcased a recently repaired sidewalk in Sherman Oaks today, along with Councilmember David Ryu, Councilmember Paul Krekorian, City leaders, and residents.

“We made a historic commitment to make these repairs, because safe sidewalks that are easy to traverse are at the heart of getting back to basics,” said Mayor Garcetti. “I’m encouraging Angelenos to take advantage of these programs so that everyone, regardless of their ability, can move around in their neighborhoods. When we repair our sidewalks, we improve the safety and quality of life in our communities, raise property values, and boost our sense of neighborhood pride.”

In 2015, the City made a $1.4 billion commitment to repair the city’s sidewalks over the next 30 years. To date, more than 33 miles of sidewalk have been fixed.

“Safe Sidewalks LA is the culmination of many hard years of work and public input,” said City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. “We now have an operational program that allows Angelenos to get their sidewalks fixed outside their homes and businesses. This is already changing the pedestrian experience in our great city and improving safety in our neighborhoods.”

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The City has repaired sidewalks at 71 locations since the launch of Safe Sidewalks LA. For every one street tree removed to repair a damaged sidewalk, two trees are planted in its place.

“Safe sidewalks are critical for the preservation of our neighborhoods. However, for nearly four decades, the City has been stuck with a broken policy for sidewalk repairs. The Safe Sidewalk LA program tackles this long-standing issue by addressing it with common sense solutions,” said Councilmember David Ryu. “This is an exciting step forward in our City’s work toward enhancing the quality of life for all Angelenos.”

Angelenos with mobility-related disabilities can submit an Access Request, which is then reviewed by the Department on Disability.

“The Access Request Program, which prioritizes repair requests from people with mobility disabilities and our seniors, makes the City more livable and equitable by providing safe, navigable public sidewalks and walkways that are accessible for everyone,” said Stephen David Simon, Executive Director of the Department on Disability.

Residents can also take advantage of a cost-share option and rebates offered to property owners who initiate and pay for their own repairs. Through the rebate program, residential property owners are eligible for a one-time rebate of up to $2,000, and commercial or industrial property owners are eligible for a one-time rebate of up to $4,000.

Angelenos can learn more about these programs, or report a sidewalk problem, by visiting www.sidewalks.lacity.org or by calling 3-1-1.
On Monday February 27, 2017, as part of African-American Heritage Month, the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel celebrated “A Legacy of Tom Bradley”. The celebration was held in the City Hall Rotunda and included the swearing in of the new Executive Board Members of the LAABP and presentations of the LAABP Trailblazer Awards.

Ryan Toles, Senior Civil Engineer in the Environmental Engineering Division of the Bureau of Engineering, was a recipient of a Trailblazer Award. Ryan was presented by City Engineer, Gary Lee Moore. Cora Jackson-Fossett served as Master of Ceremonies and the Introductory speaker was Council President Herb Wesson.

A poster of Ryan’s biography was displayed for the prior month on the bridge between City Hall and City Hall East.
The American Society of Civil Engineers and Council District 1 hosted the 4th Annual Engineers Week Extravaganza from February 21st through February 24th. Engineers Week exposed students to engineering concepts and to engineering professionals in order to generate interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The event also recognized the impact and contribution of engineers in Los Angeles. The week was packed with daytime activities for elementary to high school students and evening events such as technical talks, a panel discussion, and dinner receptions for college students and engineering professionals.

The week kicked off on Tuesday with Elementary School Day. 100 students toured City Hall and competed in the annual Egg Drop competition. During the Science Fair portion, Civil Engineering Associates Marcelino Asencio, Markos Legesse and Ibrahim Hafeez incorporated a bean bag toss into their conversation with students about the Sixth Street Viaduct and Los Angeles River Revitalization Projects. They explained the role of engineers in the community and what they do at work so that students could imagine themselves as engineers. At the end of the day, Board of Public Works Commissioner Luz Rivas emphasized the importance of education and engineering.

The inaugural Women Leading Innovation Panel Discussion was held at City Hall on Wednesday night. The evening began with a dinner reception followed by a live electric cello looping performance by Dolce Wang, Disney Imagineer and musician, and culminated in a panel discussion. Council District 1 and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore welcomed attendees and Board of Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto introduced the event. Joanne Zhang, Council Liaison, moderated the panel of five influential women in various engineering disciplines from Northrop Grumman, Disney Imagineering, Metro’s Office of Extraordinary Innovation, Bureau of Engineering and Board of Public Works. The audience consisted of college students, private and public industry engineers, and local innovation leaders.

The panelists discussed how to handle barriers to innovation, career challenges and transitions as well as the importance of curiosity and the value of asking the right questions to solve problems and ultimately how to develop a diverse and creative workforce to lead innovation. Julie Allen, Sixth Street Viaduct Division Manager, shared the challenges of managing the first project in California using the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) delivery method and the importance of having her family’s support. Board of Public Works Commissioner Luz Rivas, shared her multidisciplinary background as an electrical engineer, educator, and founder of DIY Girls, a non-profit dedicated to increasing girls’ interest and success in science and technology that led to her appointment to the Board of Public Works and discussed the value of a diverse workforce.

On Thursday, Engineers led middle and high school students on a tour of the Los Angeles Zoo as part of Girl’s Day. While walking through the exhibits, students and volunteers were able to exchange stories and get to know each other. Architectural Associate Ingrid Reyes presented on the design and construction of the LAIR (Living Amphibians, Invertebrates, and Reptiles) and the Rainforest of the Americas exhibits. Students asked Ingrid if animal behavior and environment was studied to create the design, how engineering was applied, why the exhibits change in temperature, and how they “dream big” and overcome obstacles in their field.
Reflecting on the event, Ingrid said “volunteering during Girl’s Day represents how Public Works and the Bureau of Engineering are extremely rewarding as I was able to see the dynamic interaction and flow created between the students and me as I presented various design elements for both The LAIR and The Rainforest of the Americas. The girls’ engagement was such that I could see a ‘spark’ in their eyes. It was rewarding to know that this positive experience may help them in the future to build on their interests and strengths for shaping their futures.”

At lunch, Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero was the keynote speaker. She connected with the students over shared background and said in her mentoring talk that she “realized that sometimes we have to become educators to ourselves first then pass on knowledge to future generations whether that may be professionally, socially, or ethically.”

On Friday, over 130 students from various local high schools attended High School Day at the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). The event featured engineering presentations by MWD and SpaceX, a group activity to build balloon powered race cars, and a scholarship essay competition.

The essay contest awarded 500 dollars in scholarships. Going along with the Engineers Week theme to “Dream Big!”, students were asked to imagine an engineering innovation and tools to shape Los Angeles in the next ten years. Milan Au of Rosemead High School won the contest with her essay “Fresh Air n’ Good Health.” The essay described using an electric road charger in between the road and the vehicle’s floor board to provide constant electrical energy to charge a moving electric vehicle. The invention would allow electric cars to travel longer distances and decrease the reliance on gas-powered cars. The energy could be generated by windmills installed along the road as an alternative to coal and gas power plants.

Civil Engineering Associates Carla Valdanes, Justin Ramirez, and Kevin Huynh along with other local organizations and universities displayed signature projects and provided activities to promote science, technology and engineering careers. They challenged high school students to excel in math and science classes and provided tips on college entrance.

Ninth Street Elementary School invited Engineering to participate in their Engineers Week activities. Deputy City Engineer Ted Allen coordinated with Kye Kim, a teacher at the elementary school to bring a unique talk and activity to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders on Thursday. Karen Keal, Yoobin Kim, and Justin Ramirez from the Structural Engineering Division and Joanne Zhang talked about how they became interested in engineering and the exciting projects they worked on. The students were full of enthusiasm and all hands were in the air throughout the talk. After the presentation, they held competitions for students to build a bridge that could support the most pennies using only two sheets of paper and two paper clips. The activity is designed to develop engineering intuition and stimulate creativity. The teams of two loaded their bridges with pennies and those watching were on

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the edge of their seats counting out loud. The strongest bridge held 426 pennies!

This year’s Engineers Week challenged students and professionals to think more broadly about problem solving and the impact that is possible through engineering. There was a free dinner reception almost every night of the week and for one week, engineers were treated like celebrities.

If you are interested in joining the next Engineers Week Planning Committee, please e-mail George.Huang@lacity.org before May 1, 2017.

The 2017 Los Angeles Engineers Week Extravaganza was made possible through the volunteer efforts of the Engineers Week Committee (only BOE staff listed): Julia Moye (Senior Civil Engineer, SIX), George Huang (Civil Engineer, SSD), Zixuan Chen (CEA II, BID), Colleen Charles (CEA II, MTD), Joanne Zhang (Council Liaison, EXE), Meghan Aldrich (Civil Engineer, CMD), Katrina Forbes (CEA II, EED), and support from the Board of Public Works, Office of the Mayor, Council District 1 and ASCE MLAB.

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Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero (center) was the keynote speaker on Girls Day.

Elementary School students enjoyed taking a tour of City Hall.

Justin Ramirez (CEA II, SED) and Karen Keal (SEA II, SED) participated in Ninth Street Elementary School’s Engineering Week activities. Here the students are seeing how many pennies their bridges, made just with paper and paper clips, can support.

1 to r: George Huang (Civil Engineer, SSD), Michael Van Wagoner (CEA I, POB), Gerry Hernandez (Civil Engineer, BID), Ryan Toles (Senior Civil Engineer, EED) at the Engineers Week Reception.
On March 28 & 30, 2017, a second round of community meetings sponsored by Councilmember José Huizar and the Bureau of Engineering regarding the design and vision for the Sixth Street Park, Arts, River, and Connectivity Improvements (PARC) was held at the Puente Learning Center in Boyle Heights and Sci-Arc, Keck Auditorium in the Arts District.

Guided by input from previous community meetings and results from a survey, the Sixth Street PARC design team presented three different designs for community review and comment. Neighborhood residents and interested stakeholders came to provide input and ideas for the design and amenities they want to see incorporated into the Sixth Street PARC.

The Sixth Street PARC project is being led by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering. It is located under and adjacent to the new Sixth Street Viaduct, connecting Boyle Heights, the Arts District and the Los Angeles River. Sixth Street PARC construction will be coordinated with viaduct construction, which is expected to be completed at the end of 2020.
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.

Esmeralda Acosta Bou

Esmeralda Acosta Bou joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCED) on March 20, 2017 as a Civil Engineering Drafting Technician (CEDT). She was born in Los Angeles and she currently resides in Chino. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA).

Her previous employment includes working for the Parsons Transportation Group for five years. There she worked on the Exposition Light Rail Phase 1 and Goldline Foothill Extension Phase 2A projects. An important achievement of hers is completing large-scale design-build metro projects on time.

Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with family. She is very happy to have the opportunity to work for the City of Los Angeles and looks forward to lending her skills to the Bureau of Engineering and the WCED.

Jason Vargas

Jason Vargas is the newest member of the Real Estate Division and began his employment with the City on February 21, 2017 as a Real Estate Officer II. He will be working as a member of the appraisal team.

Jason attended the University of Southern California and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Real Estate. His employment with the Bureau of Engineering marks the beginning of his career in public service.

Prior to joining the City, Jason worked in the private sector as a full service commercial real estate professional for over 17 years. During his time in private practice he gained extensive experience in real property sales, leasing, management, development, and valuation. This invaluable experience will serve him well as a member of the Real Estate Division as he embarks on what he hopes will be a very long career with the City of Los Angeles. Jason resides in the City of El Monte with his wife and two children, a twin boy and girl.

Vote to Help Your Favorite L.A. Park

Rec & Parks Dept. press release:
One of three Los Angeles parks has the chance to receive $20,000 through Meet Me At The Park Campaign

LOS ANGELES (March 29, 2017) - This Earth Month, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company, including Disney Citizenship, Disney/ABC Television Group and ESPN, to revitalize parks across the U.S. for the third year, including a park right here in the City of Los Angeles. Through Meet Me At The Park, an initiative that gives back to these places that shape so much of our lives, one of three local parks will receive a $20,000 grant and Los Angeles residents get to choose which one.

Our local parks make Los Angeles a better place to live. Parks are essential to our community’s health and wellbeing as they provide safe places to get active, enjoy nature, preserve the environment and bring people together. That’s why from April 1 to April 30 Los Angeles residents will have the opportunity to help one of three park projects receive $20,000 in grant funding to make improvements. The projects are:

• Silver Lake Park Playground Improvements: To ensure the safety and quality of experience, the Silver Lake Park Playground needs new surfacing. The many youth and their families that frequently visit this facility will benefit from a safe and accessible surface on their community’s beloved playground. A new surface will encourage community pride and ownership, thus bringing overall community improvement and a better quality of life.
You can vote for this project starting April 1 by texting silverlake to 35350.*

• South Los Angeles Wetlands Park Native Plant Restoration: This 9-acre nature park is a popular location for residents to exercise, enjoy nature, and find respite from the urban environment of the city. Due to the park’s abundant use, much of the landscaping has depreciated and is in need of restoration. You can vote for this project starting April 1 by texting wetlands to 35350.*

• Historic Griffith Park Baseball Diamond Improvements: Baseball is one of America’s favorite pastimes and the Department of Recreation and Parks wants to carry on this tradition to unite our communities at the historic Griffith Park. Winning this grant will enhance the baseball facility at one of the largest urban parks in North America. The Griffith Park baseball facility would receive a baseball diamond makeover with new infield dirt, new bases and anchors, and mound improvements. These improvements will help build youth and community self-esteem, create opportunities to bond with neighbors, and build a stronger community in the process. You can vote for this project starting April 1 by texting Griffith to 35350.*

By visiting NRPA.org/BeInspired, park supporters can vote daily for their favorite park project. At the end of April, the park project with the most votes will receive grant funding. New this year, everyone who votes will be entered into a drawing for a tablet outfitted for the outdoors.

“The Department of Recreation and Parks is excited to participate in the Meet Me At The Park campaign again this year and give Angelenos the voice and opportunity to vote on the park project that they want to see come to life,” said Michael Shull, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks.

“Through our Park Proud LA message, we are consistently encouraging and motivating communities to take pride in their City parks and this campaign aligns with this goal by giving people an opportunity to vote on the projects that mean the most to them.”

During April, a public service announcement (PSA) supporting the Meet Me at the Park campaign will be shared with audiences across Disney, including ABC Television Network, ABC-owned and affiliate stations, Freeform, Disney Channel, Disney XD, Disney Junior, the ABC app and other digital platforms. The PSA will also be available to view on the voting site at www.nrpa.org/beinspired. Additionally, Radio Disney will support the campaign with an on-air radio spot.

Last year, Los Angeles voted for Toberman Recreation Center to win $20,000 for improvements to the baseball diamond. With that funding, the community is now able to enjoy a new backstop, an upgrade to the infield dirt on the baseball diamond, and a brand new batting cage. Nationally, more than $600,000 has been awarded to help fund local park improvement projects as part of the Meet Me At The Park campaign.

Show how parks revitalize your community and vote to improve local parks right here in Los Angeles. Encourage your friends to vote too by taking a selfie in your favorite park and using the hashtags #MeetMeAtThePark, #Parkies and #BeInspired.

For more information and to vote, visit NRPA.org/BeInspired.

* Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to 35350 to opt out and to discontinue further participation in the Promotion. Text HELP for information. If you enter via text messaging, you will receive four (4) text messages in response to your entry from an automated system. Consent is not required to buy goods and services. To view the Sponsor’s Mobile Privacy Policy, visit http://www.nrpa.org/About-National-Recreation-and-Park-Association/the-line-print. To view Mobile Terms and Conditions, visit http://www.helloworld.com/terms.
The Bureau of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Luncheon was held March 9, 2017 at the Tom Bradley Room, City Hall Tower. City Engineer Gary Lee Moore highlighted the activities of each division/group and current projects and programs. As always, the annual luncheon provides an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, as current and retired BOE employees got together.
The new DASH Observatory bus service, operated by LADOT Transit, will run seven days a week, including Mondays when the Observatory is closed. Hours of operation will be daily from 12:00 noon - 10:00 pm weekdays and 10:00 am - 10:00 pm weekend days. The DASH Observatory buses will run every 20 minutes, with stops in Griffith Park at the Greek Theatre, Griffith Observatory, and Mt. Hollywood Drive, as well as along Hillhurst Avenue in Los Feliz Village. The Metro Red Line Vermont/Sunset Station will offer the new daily bus connection, which enables riders from across the region to travel to the Observatory and Greek Theatre easily by public transit.

“Griffith Park is the crown jewel of the City’s park system, but it is being loved to death. This plan provides Angelenos and tourists with alternative transportation options which will improve overall traffic circulation, increase park access, and provide safeguards for negatively impacted neighborhood near Griffith Park and the Hollywood Sign,” said Councilmember David Ryu.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has actively been working to improve traffic flow with some physical and directional changes already implemented on the roads around the Observatory.

“Step by step, we are making changes to improve access and the visitor experience in and around Griffith Park,” said Michael Shull, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks. “All of these changes are part of a larger initiative to manage the ever-growing popularity of the Greek Theatre, Griffith Observatory, and Griffith Park hiking trails.”

The new bus service has been a collaborative effort between Councilmember David Ryu, LADOT, Metro, and the Department of Recreation and Parks. LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds said, “We continue to strive for ways to thank people for riding LADOT Transit and put our riders first. DASH service to Griffith Park Observatory is another example of giving riders a fast, hassle-free, and affordable way to visit some of the City’s best places.”

“By connecting this shuttle service to Metro’s Red Line Station at Sunset and Vermont, it will open the door to additional opportunities for riders to experience all the amenities offered at Griffith Park and the Observatory,” said Metro Board Chair John Fasana. “Metro is always looking for ways to bridge the first/last mile gap that enhances our service to the communities we serve. LADOT’s expanded shuttle service now bridges that gap and will benefit users of both systems to get where they need to go.”

The expanded service schedule is being funded from revenues generated by new paid parking stations in the Observatory parking lot and along its main access road. The pay stations will also operate the same hours as the Observatory (including Mondays). The charge for parking will be $4.00 per hour (with no time limit), and charges take effect on March 21.

“The new DASH Observatory Shuttle will help visitors from around the world take advantage of the Park’s numerous recreational and educational attractions, including viewing the iconic Hollywood Sign. At the same time, the shuttle is an important step in lessening the auto traffic burdening the neighborhoods adjoining the Sign,” said Chris Baumgart, chairman of the Hollywood Sign Trust. “This is an example of the City of Los Angeles listening to the community, and we congratulate the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and Councilmember David Ryu, Fourth Council District, on making this happen.”
Spotlight on Azarbayjani’s Life of Service

The following article about Maryam Azarbayjani, Civil Engineering Associate II, was published in the Midnight Mission Quarterly Newsletter. Maryam initiated the annual Blanket and Jacket Drive event at the Midnight Mission Homeless Shelter. Through this effort each December, the Public Works family donate and distribute hundreds of blankets and jackets to homeless people.

A Life of Service: Maryam Azarbayjani

Dr. Maryam Azarbayjani has dedicated her life to helping people, through her career as an engineer for the City of Los Angeles, a professor preparing young adults for the workforce and as a champion for those who are less fortunate. The Midnight Mission became friends with Maryam over 13 years ago when she started holding coat drives during winter. Each year, she collects monetary donations, organizes volunteers and buys the thousands of clothing items she gives away. In 2007, Maryam created an education program for high school drop-outs and adjudicated juveniles, on which she collaborated with the Sheriffs Department. In 2011, Maryam proposed a similar program to TMM to help our program participants. With strong support from our board and staff, Maryam soon began teaching basic reading, writing and math at TMM. She helps them study for their GED and assists them in our Microsoft IT Academy, which was generously donated to us by another friend, Mahmoud Ghaffari. She brings her students from Cal State LA, USC and Cal State Dominguez Hills to help weekly. “We should spread education like fire, because education is one of the keys to success”, says Maryam about her work. Maryam’s involvement has deepened with our annual Nowruz Celebration, which brings hundreds of our Iranian-American friends to Skid Row to share their food, music and culture with the homeless community. Maryam donates loaves of bread to TMM several times a week and passes out pastries to those who are hungry. Every Valentines Day, she gives cards and candy to our homeless guests to remind them that someone is thinking of them. In 2014, a hospital “dumped” a female patient outside our building. Gale weighed less than 90 pounds, and was confined to a wheelchair, dressed only in a hospital gown. TMM staff quickly brought her inside, where Maryam met Gale. She took her student volunteers to Target to buy towels, pajamas, slippers, a blanket and pillows. When she got back, Maryam gave Gale a bath, talking to her sweetly, stroking her hair and showing her that someone cared. Maryam is a quiet, humble force for good. Her life is dedicated to service and that is why she is one of the most joyful people that we know.

Final Acquisition of Land Considered ‘Crown Jewel’ in Vision to Revitalize L.A. River

Escrow closes on purchase of G2 property north of Downtown, property that is key to habitat restoration and opening new access for surrounding communities

Mayor’s press release:

LOS ANGELES (March 3, 2017) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today led a celebration of the close of escrow on nearly 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.

“We’ve always considered G2 to be the crown jewel in our vision to revitalize the L.A. River, and that’s why I have been committed to fighting for the resources to finally return this land to the people of Los Angeles and the wildlife that call it home,” said Mayor Garcetti. “We’ve got it done, and now this vast site can transform how Angelenos connect with the natural world - because it will allow for habitat restoration, and open more than a mile of direct access to the river for local communities that have been cut off from it for too long.”

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 Senate President pro Tem Kevin de Leon to secure the $25 million in state funding for the purchase of the G2 parcel, which will greatly enhance Angelenos’ enjoyment of the river by opening up a mile of direct public access.”

On January 27, the City Council voted to approve the purchase, with an allocation of nearly $60 million.

“My colleagues and I were relentless in making sure the City negotiated a fiscally responsible purchase and sales agreement to acquire the Taylor Yard G2 site,” said Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell. “Today, Angelenos now own the largest available piece of property along our Los Angeles River. Parcel G2 is a keystone for habitat restoration identified in our Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, and I commend the Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer, the City Attorney’s office, the Bureau of Engineering, my staff, and the Mayor’s office for the tremendous lift to acquire this asset for all of Los Angeles to enjoy.”

The G2 parcel is prioritized in both the City’s Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration project, which was approved by the U.S. Congress in 2016. Because of its size and location along a soft-bottomed stretch of the river, G2 can help restore riparian habitat, while also providing expansive new public views into Downtown and to the iconic Griffith Observatory and Hollywood Sign landmarks.

“It has been a process to secure the G2 site in Council District 1, but we have finally done it,” said Councilmember Gil Cedillo. “G2 is the most integral part of the L.A. River Revitalization Master Plan for Northeast L.A., for it is the only direct access point to the river from the communities in our district. It is the beginning of the future for the L.A. River as we imagine it.”

The City will now begin planning for beneficial public site use and site remediation in coordination with the State’s Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Newsletter Submissions

We are always pleased to receive submissions for the Newsletter. There are a few tips that we’d like to be kept in mind. Please do not submit articles using the “table” or “column” feature of MS Word. It will not translate correctly. Instead, just use tabs. If you have photos, please send them in their native format, i.e., jpg or tif. Do not place photos in a word processing document. Also, please run your article through spell check and make sure all names are spelled correctly before submitting it. Again, thanks to all for their contributions.
Mayor’s Executive Directive 19 - Planning & Developing Housing & Transportation

Date: March 9, 2017

Angelenos have sent us a clear message—they want to live in a city with more affordable housing, a more robust public transit system, and more support to get those of us experiencing homelessness off our streets and into homes. We must improve our planning process to achieve these goals, and my administration is already making progress.

We are expanding City oversight of the environmental review of projects; tightening our General Plan Amendment process and making it more transparent; and speeding up our updating of the City’s Community Plans. I funded that accelerated process in this year’s budget, and the City Council has allocated additional resources that will enable us to update all 35 Community Plans in six years.

These efforts should complement policies like the adoption of an Affordable Housing Linkage Fee on new developments, which will give us around $100 million dollars every year in additional funds to build affordable housing for our residents.

While we have made significant progress to advance our agenda, there is much more work to do. We have an opportunity to build on that progress with the instructions I am issuing in this Executive Directive.

We will improve the updating of our General Plan and Community Plans by fostering greater collaboration among City Departments and by formalizing the programs and timelines for updating Plans.

We will unite City Departments in partnering with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to invest the $860 million a year generated by Measure M in transportation and affordable housing projects as quickly and efficiently as possible.

We will enhance public confidence in our planning process by ensuring that all discussions with Planning Commissioners regarding projects under their consideration are public discussions. Planning Commissioners are volunteers who make critical decisions as they represent our City’s diverse communities. Their proceedings must be fully transparent to maintain the public trust.

To that end, I am prohibiting Planning Commissioners from having private meetings or other communications that concern quasi-judicial proceedings, which are matters in which a decision maker is required to hold a hearing and make a decision by applying the law to particular facts. This ban on private meetings includes communications with anyone, participant in the proceeding or not. To the extent that it is consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Cal. Gov’t Code ss 54940-63, and the Governmental Ethics Ordinance, Los Angeles Mun. Code ss 49.5.1-20l, and is otherwise legally permissible, Commissioners may consult with other Commissioners and with City employees to aid them in carrying out their adjudicative responsibilities. This order does not apply to the contracting process, for which ex parte communications are already prohibited by law. Los Angeles Mun. Code s 49.5.11(A).

The reforms in this Executive Directive will make our planning process more effective, fairer, and transparent, and they bring us closer to realizing our vision of a more inclusive and more prosperous Los Angeles.

Accordingly, I hereby order the following:

Updating the General Plan and Community Plans

• Within thirty days of the effective date of this Executive Directive, the Director of Planning shall develop a schedule and program for the immediate systematic public review and update of all elements of the General Plan, with a periodic review process to occur every five years thereafter. This program shall include the review and possible updating of the thirty-five Community Plans.

• Each General Manager or Head of Department/Office shall ensure departmental cooperation in the development of the General Plan.

• The General Manager of the Personnel Department shall prioritize hiring city planners so as to accelerate the updating of the General Plan and Community Plans.

• In determining the schedule for updating Community Plans, the Director of Planning shall prioritize the implementation of Measure M and Proposition HHH while considering existing criteria.

• In updating the General Plan and Community Plans, the Director of Planning shall ensure planning around transit so as to effectuate the voters’ intent in adopting Measure M and shall plan for housing people experiencing homelessness so as to effectuate the voters’ intent in adopting Proposition HHH.

Coordinating Planning with the Mayor's Planning Task Force

• Each General Manager or Head of Department/Office shall designate a Planning Liaison for the Department/Office, notifying the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development of that person’s name and contact information (including when there is a subsequent personnel change).

• I hereby create the Mayor’s Planning Task Force, which the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (or his designee) and the Director of Planning shall co-chair, and which shall include, in addition to members from and designated by my Office, the departmental Planning Liaisons.

• Each General Manager of Head of Department/Office shall ensure departmental Planning Liaison representation at Mayor’s Planning Task Force meetings when the

Deputy Mayor for Economic Development so directs; all Planning Liaisons may not be required at all meetings.

• The Mayor’s Planning Task Force shall:
  - ensure interdepartmental coordination and cooperation in the development and implementation of the General Plan and Community Plans; and
  - ensure that plans to address the growth and development of Los Angeles are aligned with plans for developing and improving the City’s infrastructure.

Delivering Transportation Infrastructure

• Each General Manager or Head of Department/Office from the following Departments/Office shall designate a Transportation Infrastructure Liaison, notifying my Director of Transportation of that person’s name and contact information (including when there is a subsequent personnel change or contact change):
  - Board of Public Works
  - Contract Administration
  - Engineering
  - Street Lighting
  - Street Services
  - Transportation
  - Water and Power

• I hereby create the Mayor’s Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee, which shall include members from and designated by my Office, the departmental Transportation Infrastructure Liaisons.

• I invite the Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and appropriate Metro staff members to participate in the Mayor’s Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee.

• Each applicable General Manager or Head of Department/Office shall ensure departmental Transportation Infrastructure Liaison representation at Mayor’s Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee meetings as my Director of Transportation directs.

• The Mayor’s Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee shall:
  - review and make decisions on transportation infrastructure projects;
  - adopt a schedule that progressively reduces the review time for each iteration of a design submittal from Metro;
  - establish protocols for the City’s cursory reviews of Metro projects;
  - establish a process similar to the Approved as Noted process to allow transportation infrastructure projects to proceed while designed are modified to comment;
  - identify a Project Manager for each Metro project to represent all City agencies on the assigned project;
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- create a bench of design consultants for as-needed supplemental design reviews;
- execute a process to exempt Metro projects from peak-hour and weekend work restrictions;
- provide for the co-locating of project-based City employees with Metro and its contractors and consultants at Metro’s Integrated Project Management Office (IPMO);
- empower middle management to make traffic control decisions; and
- provide direction for Metro to conduct a comprehensive utility review and investigation within the planning phase of any transportation infrastructure project.

Each General Manager or Head of Department/Office shall issue waivers, when legally permissible, for permitting requirements for Metro projects in a process similar to that used for projects managed solely by the City.

Prohibiting Planning Commissioners’ Ex Parte Communications

- Each member of the City Planning Commission, the Area Planning Commissions, and the Cultural Heritage Commission (hereinafter “Planning Commissioner”) shall accord to every person who has an interest in a quasi-judicial proceeding the full right to be heard according to the law.
- No Planning Commissioner shall initiate, permit, or consider private, ex parte communications concerning a pending quasi-judicial proceeding unless the commissioner is recused from the proceeding.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, when circumstances require it, a Planning Commissioner may permit otherwise unauthorized ex parte communication for scheduling, administrative, or emergency purposes, but only if the communication does not address substantive matters and no one will gain a procedural, substantive, or tactical advantage as a result of the communication.

Great L.A. River Clean Up
Friends of the LA River (FOLAR) is holding the 28th Annual Great Los Angeles River Clean-Up: La Gran Limpieza (Clean-Up). The 2017 CleanUp will be held at 14 sites along the entire length of the LA River on the last three Saturdays of Earth Month (April 15, 22, and 29) 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Registration is open to all volunteers at www.folar.org/cleanup. The CleanUp takes place at 14 hand-picked sites. The CleanUp focuses primarily on the soft-bottomed and green sections of the LA River which are, in themselves, incredibly diverse. Volunteers will be entertained by local bands and groups and receive a FOLAR reusable tote bag and a custom-designed t-shirt.

New Head of Convention & Tourism Dept.
Mayor’s press release:
LOS ANGELES (March 9, 2017) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today appointed Port executive Doane Liu as the new Executive Director of the Department of Convention and Tourism Development. He will replace Bud Ovrom, who has served in the position for four years.

Liu currently serves as Deputy Executive Director and Chief of Staff at the Port of Los Angeles, where he helps to oversee the agency’s daily operations and manages the Bureau of External Affairs. Prior to joining the Port in 2015, Liu served as Mayor Garcetti’s Deputy Mayor for City Services, where he was a member of the team that worked on the City’s bid for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

“I am committed to making Los Angeles even more competitive as a convention and tourist destination, and we need a strong, experienced leader to get that job done,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Doane has proven again and again that he can lead effectively, and think creatively to overcome difficult challenges. I can’t think of a better leader for our Department of Convention and Tourism Development during such an exciting time for the Convention Center.”

Liu has helped manage the Port of Los Angeles through an unprecedented period of investment and growth. During his tenure, the Port has invested billions of dollars to expand its capacity, upgrade its technology and create better access to the L.A. Waterfront for the community. Last year, the Port broke its all-time cargo volume record, shipping more than 8.8 million twenty-foot-equivalent units, and set records for the number of visitors to the L.A. Waterfront.

Before he joined the Port, Liu spent more than 15 years working in local and federal government, as Deputy Mayor under both Mayor Garcetti and Mayor Jim Hahn, Chief of Staff to Councilmember Joe Buscaino and Councilwoman Janice Hahn, and as an aide to Congresswoman Jane Harman. He also worked in the financial sector as a government banking and real estate specialist.

Liu will manage the Department of Convention and Tourism Development, including the L.A. Convention Center, working to build on its record-breaking success in 2016, and prepare the Convention Center to serve as a key venue in the 2024 Games.

“The City of Los Angeles has limitless potential for growth as a convention and tourist destination, and I’m honored to be able to lead it forward,” Liu said. “I’m grateful to Mayor Garcetti for this opportunity, and I look forward to helping realize his vision of modernizing the L.A. Convention Center and his goal of promoting hotel development and adding thousands of new hotel rooms within walking distance of the Convention Center.”

Liu will begin his new position effective March 27, 2017.

First Annual BOE Dodger Night! Thursday, July 6th
OK, maybe it’s not the first EVER, but it’s been a long time since Engineering employees and friends have gone to a ball game together. Let’s make this an annual tradition. Please join us! Here’s what you need to know:

When:
- Thursday July 6, 2017. Game starts at 7:10 pm. Should be over by 9 pm.

What:
- We have reserved a block of seats at Dodger stadium so we can sit together and watch the Dodgers crush the Arizona Diamondbacks.
- It’s Dave Roberts Bobble-head night!

How:
- Tickets are $28 each, not including parking or refreshments.
- Please deliver a check payable to “Bureau of Engineering Association Fund” to Karan Patel or Justin Ramirez in Structural Engineering on the 7th floor at the PW Building by MAY 5th
- If you do not work in the PW Building, please send your check by interdepartmental mail. We’ll get your tickets to you.

Transportation/Parking
- Dodger Shuttle: If you drive to work, we have arranged for parking at City Hall that night. You can park there and walk or DASH it to Union Station and take the free shuttle to the game. It’s free and easy and brings us back to Union Station at the end of the night.
- Park at Stadium: Stadium parking is $10 in advance and $15 at the gate.

Pre-Gathering
- We will be gathering before the game at Justice Tavern, across the street from City Hall at 120 S. Los Angeles Street. It’s an easy walk or DASH ride from there to Union Station. Happy hour prices.

Who:
- Anyone! Friends and family are welcome. Our City Engineer and a number of managers are also planning to attend.

Questions?
For more information, please contact Carla Valladares at carla.valladares@lacity.org.

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.
Mayor’s Executive Directive No. 20 Standing with Immigrants: A City of Safety, Refuge, and Opportunity for All

Issue Date: March 21, 2017

Since our City’s founding, Los Angeles has always been a city of immigrants. The very first Angelenos - Los Pobladores - arrived here 236 years ago, a small band of settlers who traced their ancestry from all over the world, including the native people of this region, and who saw opportunity where the mountains meet the sea. In the centuries since, we have grown into the most diverse city on the face of the earth – a city that champions inclusiveness and tolerance, and welcomes everyone who seeks to realize their dreams and build their families here, regardless of national origin or immigration status.

Today, more than 1.5 million residents of our city are foreign-born, and nearly two of every three Angelenos are either immigrants or children of immigrants. Our immigrants are the engine of the Los Angeles economy, representing 47 percent of the employed workforce in our city and more than half of the self-employed workforce – entrepreneurship that generated $3.5 billion in income in 2014 alone. Even more so, our immigrants have woven the social, cultural, and civic fabric of Los Angeles, from our educational institutions to our artistic stages, from the halls of government to community activism, from our vibrant culinary scene to our fields of play.

I have a longstanding commitment to immigrants in Los Angeles. As a City Councilmember, I proposed establishing an Office of Immigrant Affairs, prompting Mayor James K. Hahn’s decision to create the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs. Upon becoming Mayor, I immediately re-established this Office to advance the economic, cultural, social, and political well-being of our immigrant communities with initiative that support immigrant integration through the coordination of City services, outreach, and advocacy. My vision is to ensure all Angelenos, regardless of immigration status, are connected to community resources, have access to critical government services, are engaged in civic life, and are informed about critical immigration law and policy.

My most solemn responsibility as Mayor is to keep all of our city’s people safe, and I strongly support the Police Department’s long-standing policies with respect to immigration enforcement, which are rooted in the principle that all of Los Angeles is safer when the Police Department maintains a relationship of trust, respect, and cooperation with all city residents. When people feel confident that they can come forward as victim of or witness to a crime, irrespective of immigration status, the Police Department’s ability to protect and serve all is enhanced. The Police Department maintains the following policies, all of which are consistent with federal and state laws and court decisions:

- Special Order 40 – Since 1979, when the chief of Police issued Special Order 40, the Police Department has maintained a policy that prohibits police officers from initiating any action to determine a person’s immigration status and from arresting anyone due to the person’s civil immigration status.
- ICE detainer policy – Since 2014, in light of multiple court decisions finding compliance with certain United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer requests to be unconstitutional, the Police Department has not honored any ICE request to hold an individual otherwise eligible for release from custody absent a judicial determination of probable cause for that detainer or a valid warrant from a judicial officer.
- Policy against partnering with ICE to enforce civil immigration law – Because civil immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility and it is vital to public safety for the Police Department to build public trust in all communities in Los Angeles, the Police Department has never participated and will not participate in the voluntary program authorized by section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s 1357 (2012), or any other similar program. Section 287(g) permits designated local law enforcement officers to perform civil immigration enforcement. All residents of Los Angeles must feel safe and supported when accessing the vast array of City facilities, programs, and services available to them. The City will not assist or cooperate with any effort by federal immigration agents to use public facilities or resources for the purposes of enforcing federal civil immigration law.
- Moreover, to ensure that they will avail themselves of City services, programs, and resources, all Angelenos must have confidence that doing so will not place themselves or their families in peril due to their immigration status being unnecessarily solicited or their personal data being left unprotected.

Accordingly, I hereby order the following:

Keeping immigrant Angelenos safe:
- The Chief of Police shall reaffirm and maintain the Police Department’s existing policies and procedures with respect to immigration enforcement, including the policy that originated in Special Order 40, the ICE detainer policy, and the policy against partnering with ICE to perform civil immigration enforcement.
- The Fire Chief, the Chief of Airport Police, and the Chief of Port Police shall issue policies and procedures consistent with the Police Department’s existing policies and procedures with respect to immigration enforcement, including the policy that originated in Special Order 40, the ICE detainer policy, and the policy against partnering with ICE to perform civil immigration enforcement.
- No person acting in his or her capacity as a City employee shall assist or cooperate with, any federal agent or agency in any action where the primary purpose is federal civil immigration enforcement.
- No City employee shall grant any federal immigration agent access to any City facility not open to the general public unless such access is legally required.
- All General Managers, Heads of Departments/Offices, and Commissions of City Government shall report to my Chief of Immigrant Affairs and the Chief of Police any efforts by federal immigration enforcement officials from ICE, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to enforce federal civil immigration laws with the cooperation, support, or use of City resources or facilities.

Providing equal access to City services to all Angelenos of any immigration status:
- All General Managers, Heads of Departments/Offices, and Commissions of City Government shall:
  - ensure equal access to facilities, services, and programs without regard to anyone’s citizenship or immigration status;
  - foster a welcoming atmosphere for all regardless of immigration status.

Protecting the security of immigrant Angelenos’ data information:
- No City employee shall collect information from individuals that is not necessary to perform the employee’s duties. In particular, no City employee shall collect information regarding a person’s citizenship or immigration status unless legally required to do so or mandated by policy to protect victims and witnesses of crimes.
- I hereby deem any information in the City’s possession that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s citizenship or immigration status, either on its own or when combined with other information, to be Personally Identifiable Information (PII). All City employees shall treat PII as Confidential Information as allowed by law and shall handle, maintain, and secure such information according to the standards for Confidential Information that the Information Technology Policy Committee established in the Information Handling Guidelines, Policy No. IT-017, effective May 19, 2016, as updated, which are available from the Information Technology Agency.
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Engaging and empower immigrant Angelenos:

• All General Managers, Heads of Departments/Offices, and Commissions of City Government shall:
  - make available at public facilities printed copies of the Community Resource Guide for Immigrant Angelenos that my Office of Immigrant Affairs prepared;
  - ensure that all City websites link to the Community Resource Guide for Immigrant Angelenos from the websites’ homepages;
  - inform their staffs of the policies and practices outlined in this Executive Directive and of the availability of the Community Resource Guide for Immigrant Angelenos, and encourage their staffs to share this information with their families and networks; and
  - encourage employees to take part in volunteer and civic engagement opportunities to protect our city’s immigrant populations and to strengthen our status that are posted at https://www.lamayor.org/immigrants.

Coordinating City actions for immigrants:

• Each General Manager or Head of Department/Office shall designate an Immigrant Affairs Liaison for the Department/Office, notifying my Chief of Immigrant Affairs of that person’s name and contact information (including when there is a subsequent personnel change or change to that person’s contact information).

• The Immigrant Affairs Liaisons shall work closely with my Chief of Immigrant Affairs and her staff to ensure departmental support in advancing and advocating for the full and active civic, social, political, and economic participation of immigrant Angelenos of any status.

Elton Commended

This e-mail was sent to Deputy City Engineer Julie Sauter:

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 10:07 AM
Subject: Re: Amber Elton

I am writing to you to express my pleasant experience with Ms. Elton, who walked me step by step thru the process of applying for a sidewalk rebate & the repair program.

Ms. Elton was always courteous, attentive and responsive to my calls. I was challenged in finding the proper links and filling out the necessary paperwork to proceed on making a safer and better sidewalk on the property.

Ms. Elton’s assistance and follow-up to my questions made it possible for me to get on track and make the improvements necessary to correct the problems that had existed for many years before I took over the property recently.

I recommend her to anyone needing help to successfully submit the required forms.

Most sincerely,
Marcia Susser

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Notice No. 03 Emergency Appointment
Architect/Sr Architect

Notice No. 03 dated March 23, 2017, titled Emergency Appointment - Architect or Senior Architect, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) - Sidewalk Division (1 Position)

Application Deadline: April 3, 2017, by 10:00 am.

*This position is subject to Personnel Department approval of the emergency appointment.

Minimum Experience Requirements:

1. Two years of full-time paid professional architecture experience with the City of Los Angeles (City) at least at the level of Architectural Associate II and;
2. A valid Architect license issued by the California Architects Board.

Desired Requirements:

1. Certification as a Certified Access Specialist (CASp).
2. Minimum of three years of providing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) services related to accessible facilities.

Note:
Candidates must meet the eligibility requirements at the time of filing.

Summary of Duties:

The incumbent will represent the City and serve as the ADA Coordinator for the Pedestrian Right-of-Way in relation to the settlement agreement for all Sidewalk Repair Program (SRP) ADA standards, compliance issues, requirements, policies, procedures and practices affecting pedestrian accessibility.

The incumbent will be responsible for conducting annual SRP Access Improvement reviews, preparing detailed, written semi-annual reports on SRP compliance efforts, program improvements, program schedules, exemptions, Access Requests, grievances and complaints, itemized program expenditures, related new construction projects, and maintaining any checklists used or SRP data collected for use in verifying SRP compliance.

The incumbent will be responsible for ensuring the adoption and maintenance of written SRP policies and procedures as outlined in the settlement agreement for persons with Mobility Disabilities and for establishing SRP policies, procedures, and supervisory authorities required for the stoppage of work, when not in compliance with the settlement agreement.

The incumbent will be responsible for conducting site visits, plan reviews, and resolving design and construction issues regarding SRP construction-related accessibility standards to ensure ADA compliance.

The incumbent will be responsible for receiving and responding to Settlement Class members’ reasonable inquiries and complaints concerning physical access barriers on SRP projects.

The incumbent will be responsible for ensuring all ADA requirements are adhered to and information is disseminated to appropriate City personnel regarding all SRP-related access requirements, including changes and updates to the requirements.

The incumbent will be responsible for preparing and training SRP staff, on an on-going basis, to carry out the activities and obligations of the ADA Coordinator for the Pedestrian Right-of-Way.

The incumbent will be responsible for maintaining Certified Access Specialist (CASp) certification.

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

• Excellent knowledge in evaluating or assisting public entities in evaluating accessibility of sites under current city, state, and federal ADA standards.

• Excellent knowledge of the BOE specifications, City codes and technical reports, quality control and quality assurance, and interacting with elected officials and the public.

• Excellent working knowledge of all ADA requirements.

• Excellent oral and written communication skills.

• Excellent skills in the preparation of detailed reports.

• Strong supervisory skills.

• Knowledge of the City’s Equal Employment Opportunity Policies and the supervisor’s responsibilities under these policies.

• Ability to review complex drawings and specifications.

• Ability to analyze and evaluate data.

• Ability to communicate and coordinate well with other City offices and SRP stakeholders to successfully meet SRP mandates.

Method of Evaluating Candidates:

2. Interview with SRP staff.

How to Apply:
Candidates interested in applying for this position must submit a Departmental Application and resume to the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway - 8th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90015, Attention: Jerry Diego at Sidewalk Division, Mail Stop 492, Email: Jerry.Diego@lacity.org by the application deadline.

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

Please note that the deadline has already passed.
Construction Management Association of America, So Cal Chapter Seminars

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

Quality Management in Design & Construction - Creating the “Right Size” Quality Program on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. The right size Quality Program can have a substantial impact on the success of delivering a project. This seminar will review the levels of quality and open up a discussion on what is cost of quality and what is the right level to invest in a quality program. In addition, we will review CCO case study results in both the design and construction.

Learning Objectives:
- Climbing the Quality Ladder
- Cost of Quality
- Design & Construction Case Studies
- Features of an Adequate Quality Program

Seminar leader: Don Archer, PE, Principal, PQM, Inc.

Panelists: Camelia Davis, Senior Director of Quality Management, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Steven King, PE, Project Manager, Orange County Transportation Authority; Ken Fredrickson, PE, CCM, DBIA, Director of Special Projects, Berg & Associates.

Cost: Register by Friday, April 7: $70/member, $140/non-member. After April 7: $85/member, $170/non-member.

Effective Dispute Resolution Without Costly Legal Fees on Thursday, April 20, 2017, 8:00 am 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.

Seminar leaders: John P. Dacey, Esq., Senior Shareholder, Bergman Dacey Goldsmith, PLC; Tom Hall, Interim Chief Facilities Executive, Los Angeles Community College District; Kelly Cauvel, Esq., Of Counsel, Bergman Dacey Goldsmith, PLC.

Cost: Register by Fri, April 14 $70/member, $140/non-member. After April 14 $85/member, $170/non-member.

Introduction to Time Management & Scheduling – Controlling Time = Project Success on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Managing and controlling the time as one of the three main elements of every project is a major task for project and construction managers, if not the most important one. This workshop will cover the basics of time management, definitions, scheduling techniques and CPM scheduling. It will make junior CM professionals more familiar with scheduling concepts and assist them to have better understanding of construction phase schedule and time management. Learn about:
- What is Time Management?
- Scheduling definitions and basics
- Scheduling techniques & CPM
- Basics of schedule review and analysis

Seminar instructors: Amin Salari, CCM, PMP, LEED AP, Vice President of Operations, Lundgren Management and Ram Ramdass, Senior Scheduler, Turner Construction.

Cost: Register by April 21 $70/member, $140/non-member. After April 21 $85/member, $170/non-member.

Breakfast of Champions - Foothill Gold Line on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar, at City Club Los Angeles, City National Tower, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071. Guest Speaker: Habib F. Balian, Chief Executive Officer, Foothill Gold Line.

LAWA Capital Program Update on Thursday, May 11, 2017, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar, at The LA Hotel Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa, Downtown L.A. Guest speaker is Cynthia Guidry, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Planning & Development Group. Learn about:
- Midfield Satellite Concourse
- Terminal Renovations
- Improving the Guest Experience.

Cost: Register by Friday, May 5: $70/member, $140/non-member. After May 5: $85/member, $170/non-member.

Leveraging Streamlined Program/Project Controls on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. The demand of a construction professional’s time is being spread across more projects than ever before. The outlook is ominous, given that the supply of competent professionals isn’t meeting our industry’s booming demand. The focus and efficiency of out collective efforts will need to improve in order to meet these resource constraints. This seminar will show how you can leverage dashboards, key performance indicators, smart schedules, and simple project management techniques to face our industry’s new reality. Presenters will outline the basics of these components, demonstrate their practicality and every day value, and provide real world examples of how you can apply them to your projects, regardless of your role or the types of projects with which you are involved.

This seminar promises to provide the tools and techniques that will save you time, money, and frustration. Learning Objectives:
- Streamline program/project controls
- Importance of dashboards and key performance indicators
- Provide tools and techniques to save you time, money and frustration

Presenters: Wendy Cohen, CCM, Vice President, KITCHELL and John Armstrong, PMP, CCM, PMI-SP, PSP, Director of Project Controls, KITCHELL.

Cost: Register by Friday, May 12: $70/member, $140/non-member. After May 12: $85/member, $170/non-member.

Breakfast of Champions – California State University Capital Program Updates on Thursday, May 18, 2017, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. Guest speakers: Jay Jefferson, Construction Manager, Capital Planning, Design & Construction, California State University Office of the Chancellor; Barbara Queen, Director, Planning, Design & Construction, California State University, Los Angeles; Sarah Singh, CCM, PMP, Director of Construction management, Capital Programs & Facilities Management, California State University, Fullerton; Mark Zakhour, Sr. Manager of Construction Services, Design and Construction Services, CSU Long Beach.

Millennials in Construction – Complaining isn’t Progressing on Thursday, June 8, 2017, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. This session will explore the challenges and opportunities of working with the millennial workforce. We spend more time around the water cooler discussing “the problem.” This session will explore integration in the workforce across several generations. Learn about:
- Identify the common perceptions of millennials
- Challenges of previous generation’s integration
- Opportunities for millennials to challenge status quo
- Learn how we can change our approach to millennials

Representing the Millennial: Emily Edelstone, Assistant Project Manager, McCarthy (Recent USC graduate).

Representing Generation X: Scotty Galloway, President, dress gray consulting.

Representing the Baby Boomer: John Morrill, Director, USC Facilities, Formerly with LAUSD and United States Airforce.

Cost: Register by Friday, June 2: $70/member, $140/non-member. After June 2: $85/member, $170/non-member.

California Mechanics’ Lien Law, Use of Stop Payment Notices & Bond Claims on Thursday, July 20, 2017, 8:00 am Registration,
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8:30 am Seminar, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815. This seminar will explore the requirements for establishing and enforcing statutory mechanics’ lien rights, stop payment notice rights, and bond claims in California. The key topics will include:

- Procedural requirements for Mechanics’ Liens
- Procedural requirements for Stop Payment Notices
- Possible claimants for Mechanics’ Liens and Stop Payment Notices
- Statutory time limits for Mechanics’ Liens, Stop Payment Notices and payment bonds
- Procedural requirements for payment and performance bond claims
- Priorities for recovery of Mechanics’ Liens and Stop Payment Notices
- Lien releases
- Release bonds

Seminar Instructors: Omel A. Nieves & Kathlynn Smith, Hunt Ortmann

2.0 hours California Continuing Legal Education Credit sponsored by Hunt Ortmann.

Cost: Register by Friday, July 14: $70/member, $140/non-member. After July 14: $85/member, $170/non-member.

Special Order No. 01-0317 Working Shift Requirements

Special Order No. 01-0317 dated March 28, 2017, titled Working Shift Requirements (Supersedes Special Order No. 02-0514) states that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) participates in the continuing efforts of the City to meet policy and mandatory requirements regarding commuter trip reduction, traffic congestion air quality improvements and other related problems. However, staffing reduction and workloads nowrequire the review of allowable working hours for the BOE employees.

A. Core Hours

To continue to provide additional flexibility in staffing and commuting, core hours for all employees will continue to be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All day-shift employees will be required to be at work during these periods. The earliest start of any day-shift employee will be 6:30 a.m. and the latest finish 6:00 p.m.

Within these constraints, managers and supervisors are free to set a permanent bi-weekly work shift schedule to fit employee commuting needs, provided that service requirements of the BOE are first considered, and the permanent work schedule is in compliance with the Fair Labor Standard Act policies and procedures.

B. Alternate Work Schedules

The standard work shift for the BOE is the 9/80 schedule in order to comply with City policy on alternative work schedules. An employee may request and be granted a 5/40 work schedule by the BOE Management only upon a claim of hardship. The claim may be based upon child care or children’s scheduling, ride share (especially with spouse), educational considerations, etc.

C. Office and Public Counter Coverage

Supervisors and managers are required to balance days off in order to provide functional coverage for the full work week or pay period. In some cases, this may mean assigning days off to keep them scattered and not always being able to accommodate employee preferences. In other cases, employees with similar schedules may be grouped. Design staff without public contact, or survey crews may be assigned the same schedule (day off and “short day”), in order to maximize team interaction and work effort. Flexibility in starting and ending times, and lunch schedules, has helped accommodate both employee needs and the BOE’s extended public office hours. Teams and crews should keep the same schedules (common day and core hours) whenever possible, however, the burden of ensuring that scheduling flexibility does not impact work output continues to rest with the immediate supervisors at each level.

Communication Corner

Beware of Phishy Links

By Mary Nemick
BOE Director of Communications

While we all know by now that Nigerian princes are not really trying to send us millions of dollars via email, are we as cyber-safety conscious as we should be when we scroll through our email in-box everyday?

The City’s Information Technology Agency (ITA) decided to find out.

The Experiment

In February, ITA sent a fake email to all city employees. It notified the recipient of an unspecified package that had supposedly been delivered to the post office and needed to be picked up. It then provided a link to print the shipping receipt for the package, along with a link to track the package.

The goal of the experiment was to see how many city employees would click these links. If the email had been an actual “phishing” scam, clicking on the link might have tricked people into providing personal information or introduced a virus into the system.

Then ITA provided the number of employees in each department that clicked on the links. Because the number of City employees who opened the email and clicked on the links was high, including Engineering employees, ITA has provided some tips to help us recognize these phishing emails before the damage is done.

How to Recognize Potentially Harmful Emails:

It’s a good idea to take a close look at emails from unfamiliar addresses. For example:

- Check the address of the sender. If the formatting of the address is off (for example, info@bank.website.com instead of info@bank.com), you should avoid clicking any links.
- Make sure it’s from a company where you actually have an account.
- Avoid emails that seem vague and general, referring to you as “user” rather than your name.
- Avoid emails that ask you to input sensitive information such as account logins or credit card numbers. In these cases, it’s best to go to the website (such as your bank website) through the search bar rather than clicking the link provided. You should also call the company through a known phone number to confirm whether or not it’s really them. Don’t use any numbers provided in the suspicious email.

Remember, cyber-safety is a group effort. Make sure those around you are also being conscious of these types of emails and links. And report anything suspicious to your supervisor. Together we can keep our information safe and our system running smoothly.

Thanks to Chen & Felipe

This e-mail was sent to Steven Chen, head of the Streets & Stormwater Division:

Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2017 at 12:30 PM

Subject: Los Feliz Boulevard Flooding Resolved

Dear Mr. Chen,

This letter is written to express our deep gratitude for your help resolving our decades-long struggle to fix the flooding on our intersection of Los Feliz Boulevard and Nella Vista. For nearly 20 years, we have watched with baited breath as heavy rains flood our intersection, driveway, garage, and elevator.

We understand the City of Los Angeles has a much larger caseload than it has the resources to promptly address it, which makes it all the more meaningful that our problem was finally resolved.

With all the rain this year, we did not get flooded once. This season would have been unbearable and truly anxiety-inducing, and yet the problem was solved just in time to spare us. Praise is in order for Anthony Felipe and his team for such a wonderful job.

Thank you so very much for your time, attention, and excellent work on this project! Sincerely,

Manoosh Amirchian

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In February, ITA sent a fake email to all city employees. It notified the recipient of an unspecified package that had supposedly been delivered to the post office and needed to be picked up. It then provided a link to print the shipping receipt for the package, along with a link to track the package.

The goal of the experiment was to see how many city employees would click these links. If the email had been an actual “phishing” scam, clicking on the link might have tricked people into providing personal information or introduced a virus into the system.

Then ITA provided the number of employees in each department that clicked on the links. Because the number of City employees who opened the email and clicked on the links was high, including Engineering employees, ITA has provided some tips to help us recognize these phishing emails before the damage is done.

How to Recognize Potentially Harmful Emails:

It’s a good idea to take a close look at emails from unfamiliar addresses. For example:

- Check the address of the sender. If the formatting of the address is off (for example, info@bank.website.com instead of info@bank.com), you should avoid clicking any links.
- Make sure it’s from a company where you actually have an account.
- Avoid emails that seem vague and general, referring to you as “user” rather than your name.
- Avoid emails that ask you to input sensitive information such as account logins or credit card numbers. In these cases, it’s best to go to the website (such as your bank website) through the search bar rather than clicking the link provided. You should also call the company through a known phone number to confirm whether or not it’s really them. Don’t use any numbers provided in the suspicious email.

Remember, cyber-safety is a group effort. Make sure those around you are also being conscious of these types of emails and links. And report anything suspicious to your supervisor. Together we can keep our information safe and our system running smoothly.
Arrivals
Hok-Chi Chiu, Structural Engineering Associate III, CEN; Alice Hovsepian, Architectural Engineering Associate I, ARC; Juan-Diego Ashton, Civil Engineering Associate I, SSD; Ariel Kim, Architectural Associate I, ARC; Esmeralda Bou, Civil Engineering Drafting Technician, WCE; Dean Yanagimoto, Building Electrical Engineer I, EED; Kaitlin Mills, Admin Intern II, WCE; Ronillo Mulawin, Admin Intern II, CMD; Linda Ton, Admin Intern II, EED; Ula Chun, Admin Intern II, WCC.

Promotions
Robert Nielsen, Engineer of Surveys, SUR; Albert Tam, Structural Engineering Associate III, WCC; Robert Castillo, Real Estate Officer I, RED; Arsen Voskerchyan, Senior Civil Engineer, SBD; Gary Lam, Senior Civil Engineer, SIX; Pedro Garcia, Civil Engineering Associate III, GEO; Julia Moyer, Senior Civil Engineer, SIX; Hassan Pouri, CE Associate III, EED; Luz Rabelo, CE Associate II, WLA; Nathan Neumann, Programmer Analyst V, LGD; Jim Burman, Senior Civil Engineer, HAR; Lindsay Naish, CE Associate II, POD.

Departures
Carl Nelson, Senior Civil Engineer, retired, SBD; Keisha Rudolph, Senior Clerk Typist, transfer to Personnel Department, SED; James Zabala, Senior Management Analyst II, retired, PAC; Raphael Rosas, Admin Intern II, promoted to Bldg & Safety, EED; James Bentley, Systems Analyst II, retired, SYS.

Internal Transfer
Al Bazzi, Senior Civil Engineer, from SIX to EED.

LA Zoo Big Bunny Fling
Big Bunny’s Spring Fling at the Los Angeles Zoo will be Friday, April 14 through Sunday, April 16, 2017, from 11 am to 4 pm. Youngsters can examine eggs of different animals, and enjoy seed-planting crafts, face painting, musical entertainment by Kiddle Karoo’s Easter Show, costumed princess and fairy characters, and a Ranch Talk to learn about and interact with the Zoo’s sheep. Bubblemania is a “hands on” bubble-making experience featuring bubble wands that look like flowers, butterflies, dinosaurs, dolphins and more. An “EGG-ucation Station” will give inquisitive guests a chance to see a bunny’s sensory and grooming habits, as well as learn about care for real bunnies, which are available for viewing at 10:45 am, 11:45 am and 12:45 pm. All events are free with paid Zoo admission, except “Big Bunny” photos. Zoo admission is $20 (ages 13 to 61); $17 for seniors (ages 62+), and $15 for children (ages 2 to 12). The Los Angeles Zoo is located in Griffith Park at 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free parking is available. For additional information, contact (323) 644-4200 or visit www.lazoo.org/

APWA So Cal Young Professionals Social April 29
APWA Southern California Young Professionals has secured 25 seats at the Coca Cola Right Field Pavilion at Dodger Stadium on April 29, 2017, for the 6:10 pm game - Phillies vs Dodgers. These tickets do include an All-You-Can-Eat Buffet that is baseball themed complete with Dodger Dogs, Nachos, Peanuts, and unlimited soft drinks! As a bonus, they have also secured Dodger Dollars for you to use on either beverages or additional food. In addition, this is a 5-star game and all attendees will get a bobble head – player TBD.

APWA is asking those who wish to attend to register on the website and pay a $20 fully-reimbursable deposit. Shortly after the event, APWA will reimburse you for the deposit. The plan is to have everyone park at Union Station around 5:00-5:15 pm and collectively take the free shuttle to the game. You can park at the stadium but you must purchase your parking before: $10 for general and $20 for preferred. If you purchase your parking on the day of the event, the price rises to $20 for general and $30 for preferred.

To register for this event, please go to http://southerncal.apwa.net/EventDetails/11176

Register before April 8, 2017 to secure your seat!

About Southern California Young Professionals:
A person is eligible to be a part of the APWA SoCal YP group if they are:
1) Under 35.
2) Working for a Public Works, Municipality, Government Agency, and/or a Private Company that works closely with Public Works.
3) A student in a field of study directly related to Public Works, Engineering, and/or Public administration.
4) A member of APWA.

For all events, please go to the following links:
http://southerncal.apwa.net/EventDetails/11175 - the young professionals tab of the Southern CA APWA website, or Facebook at http://facebook.com/apwa.socal.YP

Earth Day Griffith Park Tree Planting
On Saturday, April 22, 2017, the Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) is organizing a volunteer tree planting to replace the loss of shade trees due to the drought. In honor of Earth Day they will be planting 150 trees. Please wear comfortable hiking shoes and get ready to get dirty! FoGP will provide water, gloves and tools, but if you have gloves please bring them. Don’t forget your sunscreen. Meet at Section 9 Parking Lot above Fern Dell.

Passing of Kumamoto
We are sorry to report that retired Assistant Building Construction Engineer (classification was later changed to Senior Construction Engineer) Art Kumamoto has passed away. He retired in November 1986 from the former Hyperion Construction Division as an assistant division engineer. Our sincere condolences go to his family. The following obituary appeared in the March 26, 2017 L.A. Times:

Arthur Toshio Kumamoto

Arthur passed away peacefully at his home on March 18, 2017. He is survived by his wife Betty, his two daughters Shirley and Alane, and three grandchildren, Nathan, Mariko, and Ellen.

“Art” was born in Sacramento, CA on October 14, 1922. His parents were farmers in the central valley. They moved to Los Angeles when Art was a child, where he eventually graduated from Dorsey High School. The war intervened, and his family was sent to the internment camp in Granada, Colorado, known as Amache. He was drafted into the Army in 1945 and sent to the language academy to learn Japanese and serve in Japan. As the war ended he began working for the Army Corps of Engineers as a lieutenant, surveying and mapping in Asia.

He married Betty Moriwaki in Tokyo. His first daughter was born in Tokyo and he and the family returned to the U.S. in 1958.

After returning to the states, he earned a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California. After that, he went to work for the City of Los Angeles in civil engineering and had two more daughters in the early 1960’s. He worked for the City of Los Angeles as a civil engineer until he retired in the late 1980’s.

Though retired, Art was ever the engineer, and worked on many projects on his home, his kid’s homes and on his cars. He was generous and always willing to lend a hand.

Funeral service will be held on Sat. April 1, 3:00 pm at Fukui Chapel, 707 E. Temple St. LA, CA.

Newsletter Date Change
Please note that the publication date for the May BOE Newsletter will be the first Wednesday of the month, instead of the first payday of the month.

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 27, 2017.


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