Grand Opening Held for New Via Dolce Park

BOE Provided PM, CM & Design Services, Completed Ahead of Schedule

On Saturday August 4, 2018, Councilmember Mike Bonin led the celebration of the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Via Dolce Park, 3507 Via Dolce, in the Marina Del Rey area. The well-attended event included many City officials, media, and representatives from the community members. Italian Gelato ice cream topped off the celebration and was most welcomed, especially by the children, on this warm day.

The City developed an existing 6,300 sf vacant lot into a pocket park along the Venice Grand Canal. The project includes native plant landscaping, hardscape area, and playground. Existing native vegetation are remaining and an existing path along the canal was improved, under the direction of the California Coastal Commission and Council District 11.

The Park elements included:
- Children’s play area (play equipment including wall climber, crunch bar, spiral slide, wave climber, tree climber, rumble and roll zip slide, platform, covers for shade, language panel, etc.)
- Three (3) shade structures with resilient surfacing under the play area;
- Picnic area with a picnic table;
- ADA compliant seating area with five benches.
- Bike rack.
- Trash receptacles.
- 36-inch high redwood split rail fence.

Councilmember Mike Bonin addressed the crowd.

Jane Adrian described features of the new park.
A fence required by California Coastal Commission was installed around the play area, to prevent children from running out of the park into the street, and to prevent any public or animal access to the native plantings.

- Trees for shading.
- Park signage (i.e., facility name, park rules, etc., botanical signs and Grand Canal way-finding signs).
- The planting will be native vegetation and irrigated with a solar controller and a temporary irrigation system.
- Educational Elements for the children with a decorative Main Entrance Gate and with identification signage.

This project is a joint effort of the BOE and the Department of Recreation & Parks. The BOE provided the Project Management, Construction Management and the Design Services. The project was completed six months ahead of schedule.

Kudos to Architectural Division Head Mahmood Karimzadeh and his staff: Bill Lee, Senior Architect; Gus Malkoun, Project Manager; Jane Adrian, Landscape Architect II; and Lorena Matos, Landscape Architect Associate II.

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One of the animal signs at the park.
Ribbon Cutting for Safety Upgrades on Alhambra Ave. in El Sereno

On August 4, 2018, Councilmember José Huizar was joined by the El Sereno community leaders and City staff at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the long awaited Alhambra Avenue Sidewalk and Bulkhead project. The improvement project will provide a safe accessible route for pedestrians traveling to and from the City of Los Angeles and City of Alhambra along the dangerous stretch of the S curve of Alhambra Avenue.

The $1.2 million project, officially called the Alhambra Avenue Safety Improvements, was the subject of three 2017 community workshops attended by hundreds of residents. El Sereno residents have long been plagued by cut-through traffic and the looming threat of the 710 expansion, and therefore embraced calming down car traffic.

The Bureau of Engineering’s Street Improvement and Stormwater Division was responsible for the sidewalk and curb ramp design while Structural Engineering Division provided the design for the bulkhead.

The project is located on the eastern edge of the City of Los Angeles, at its border with the city of Alhambra. The improvements extend 1.5 miles on Alhambra Avenue from Valley Boulevard to the City limit east of Lowell Avenue. Project components included:

- A new sidewalk on the north side of the Alhambra Avenue adjacent to the El Sereno Arroyo Playground – this includes a retaining wall that will serve as a future art wall welcoming people to El Sereno.
- A new crosswalk with flashing lights at Alhambra Avenue and Hollister Avenue
- New road diet bike lanes from Valley Boulevard to the city limit - this stretch was re-striped adding a new center turn lane and reducing two through-lanes in each direction to one.

At the ceremony, Councilmember Huizar presented Certificates of Recognition to Vecinos, the community group that advocated for the safety improvements, and to the Bureaus of Engineering, Street Services and Street Lighting for their efforts in making the project a reality. Congratulations go to Steven Chen, Street and Stormwater Division Manager; Gene Edwards, Street Program Manager; Vernon Tabirara, Project Manager; Michael Castillo, Design Engineer; Shirish Mistry, Senior Structural Engineer; Steve Martinez, Structural Engineer, and everyone else who contributed to making this project a success.

Before: Alhambra Ave. approaching Lowell Ave. There was just a dirt path below a crumbling dirt slope and the community was concerned about the crash prone S-curve.

After: The project added safety measures such as a new signal at Lowell, a new sidewalk and retaining wall, and extended curbside crash barriers.

Councilmember José Huizar led the ribbon cutting for the Alhambra Avenue Project.

Councilmember Huizar and community members walking on the redesigned Alhambra Ave. adjacent to the El Sereno Arroyo Playground.

On behalf of the Bureau of Engineering, Gene Edwards accepted a Certificate of Recognition from Councilmember Huizar.
Mayor Opens L.A.’s First ‘A Bridge Home’ Site in El Pueblo

The temporary bridge housing facility will offer unprecedented resources for homeless Angelenos seeking to rebuild their lives.

Mayor’s press release:

LOS ANGELES (September 5, 2018) - Taking a step forward in the City’s fight to end homelessness, Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember José Huizar were joined by City Council President Herb J. Wesson, Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Marqueece Harris-Dawson, LAHSA Executive Director Peter Lynn, service providers, and outreach workers today at the official opening of the first “A Bridge Home” temporary bridge housing site.

Located near the El Pueblo Historical Monument, the housing located at 711 N. Alameda St. is the first of a series of projects planned for construction across Los Angeles to bring homeless people indoors. To date, dozens of sites across the city are being explored by the City Council.

A Bridge Home sites will offer immediate beds, showers, mental health services, restrooms, storage facilities, and pet accommodations, as well as around-the-clock, on-site care for Angelenos who are sleeping on the street now and awaiting supportive housing or other long-term care. The initiative is a critical piece of the L.A. region’s overall efforts to build a comprehensive system to bring homeless Angelenos indoors.

“We are here to help people in desperate need get themselves on a bridge that goes in one direction - toward housing and healing,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Angelenos have freed up more resources than ever before to help our homeless neighbors recover from the trauma and poverty that forces them onto the streets. Today, we have one message for the men and women who will soon move into this facility: Welcome home.”

This site will be occupied by people from existing, high-density encampments in the immediate surrounding area. New residents of the site were identified through unprecedented outreach efforts by specialized teams who walked the streets of the El Pueblo neighborhood every day for the previous three months - to identify homeless Angelenos already living in the community, and prepare them to move indoors.

“In Council District 14, we have and will continue to work with our partners on creative solutions to end the despair of homelessness,” said Councilmember Huizar, co-author of Measure HHH, and a leading voice on the City Council in addressing homelessness.

“Given that we are blocks from Skid Row, the largest homeless encampment in the nation, it is fitting that the City’s first Bridge Home site be located in Downtown. Let homelessness end here for these residents, and let’s open our City’s collective arms and share that hope with the thousands more who will follow.”

The site at El Pueblo is run by The People Concern, a social services agency that has operated in and around the Downtown L.A. area for more than 50 years. The facility is furnished with on-site mental healthcare, substance abuse support, connections to permanent housing, career services, and 24/7 security, and staffed by case managers from The People Concern at all times. It will stand for three years - enough time for the City to build supportive housing for the Angelenos living in it.

“A Bridge Home is the community working together to bring services to those who need it most and empower individuals to rebuild their lives,” said John Maceri, CEO of The People Concern.

After the new bridge housing opens its doors next week, and the first 45 residents move in, City Sanitation teams will work to restore spaces previously occupied by encampments into clean and accessible public passageways.

The site was designed pro bono by Gensler, and includes a community garden, a pet relief area, offices for support staff, and an outdoor community space where meals will be served three times a day.

As architects it was important for us, as part of the Downtown community, to step up and help make this crucial project become a reality,” said Rob Jernigan, Co-Regional Managing Principal at Gensler. “We’re all affected by homelessness and as Angelenos we are proud to play a small role in helping our fellow citizens battling this issue.”

In total, the Mayor’s budget includes more than $450 million in supportive housing, bridge housing, services, and facilities to help homeless Angelenos find their way under a roof and off the streets. That represents a 147% increase over last year.

The Mayor also fought for - and won funding from the State’s budget surplus to help cities across California find, build, and expand housing for their homeless populations. Thanks to that effort, Los Angeles County alone will receive $166 million from the State to bring our unhoused neighbors indoors.

In April, Mayor Garcetti and the City Council declared an emergency shelter crisis and took advantage of a new State law that enables cities to construct bridge housing - faster than ever before - on any land owned or leased by the City.

In May, Mayor Garcetti signed an Executive Directive requiring City departments to fast-track temporary shelter projects from application to construction, allowing those that meet legal and environmental standards to open their doors in as little as 32 weeks. The City will guide these projects from start to finish.

With Mayor Garcetti’s support, Councilmember Huizar is pushing forward with a plan to identify other emergency locations in Downtown L.A. to house approximately 2,000 unsheltered Skid Row residents in City-owned buildings or available private properties - such as the old Children’s Museum located at the Civic Center near City Hall, and a private lot on Paloma Street, in partnership with L.A. County.
Notice No. 23 Standard Division Titles

Notice No. 23 dated September 11, 2018, titled Standard Division/Group Titles and Abbreviations provides a list of the standard titles and abbreviations of Bureau of Engineering divisions or group titles. For consistency, please use these titles in all correspondence, reports, charts, etc.

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CERT Training Available

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is a volunteer disaster assistance program presented by the L.A.F.D. to everyone in the City of Los Angeles for free. This is a level 1 training that gives you the skills to be prepared in the event of an emergency in order help yourself and assist your family and your neighborhood.

The initial training is for a seven-week period, 2.5 hours and one day per week, and taught year-round. CERT classes are offered Monday-Friday and classes are available for morning, afternoon and evenings. They also can be held anywhere in the City of Los Angeles. CERT members are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operation. There are approximately 14 course topics that you become skilled in being prepared to know and use in the event of an emergency.

You will also learn what supplies that you need to have now in your home, how much food, water and what safety items to have on hand in the event of an emergency. It's important to know that if a disaster occurs, no one may be coming to rescue you. Not the police, fire, or paramedics because they will be deployed to first to major incidents. You must be prepared to take care of yourself.

For more information, and to schedule your training, visit: https://www.lafd.org/join/volunteer/cert

Dugout Loop High Speed Transportation Project Public Meeting

The Boring Company (TBC), an Elon Musk venture, is proposing the construction of the Dugout Loop High Speed Transportation Project (Project). The proposed Project includes the construction and operation of a 3.6-mile subterranean, zero-emissions, high-speed transportation system from Dodger Stadium to the neighborhoods of Los Feliz, East Hollywood, or Rampart Village in the City of Los Angeles. The Bureau of Engineering is working with TBC engineers, geologists, and planners to facilitate the environmental review process and secure City permits and approval. The project and Environmental Impact Report will need to be approved and certified by City Council.

On August 28, 2018 TBC and BOE staff presented the project to the public at Dodger Stadium and filed a Notice of Preparation/Initial Study NOP/IS with plans to prepare an Environmental Impact Report to analyze the impacts of the project. Dr. Jan Green Rebstock, Environmental Supervisor II, of the Bureau’s Environmental Management Group along with Michael Thompson, Principal Geologist, of TBC led the presentation and then gathered public comments, officially opening a 30 day comment period for the NOP/IS. TBC targets being operational and transporting 1400 fans to Dodger Stadium from East Hollywood beginning in the 2020 Major League Baseball Season. Mayor Eric Garcetti tweeted his support for the project when it was officially announced at the end of August.
Mayor Names Hagekhalil as Bureau of Street Services Director

Mayor's press release: LOS ANGELES (August 27, 2018) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today announced the appointment of Adel Hagekhalil as Director of the Bureau of Street Services (BSS).

“Adel is a proven leader with a unique vision for using that power to make our communities safer and more livable,” said Mayor Garcetti. “His extensive experience in infrastructure assessment, planning, modeling, upgrading, and funding will be an extraordinary asset for Los Angeles.”

As Director of BSS, Hagekhalil will take a lead role in the City’s unprecedented street and sidewalk reconstruction and repair program. That effort will be backed by billions of dollars in new transportation funding generated by Measure M and the State Transportation Funding (SB 1), which have put the City in a position to fund and execute transportation and mobility improvement projects on an unprecedented scale.

“As the Chair of the Public Works Committee, I look forward to working with Adel who has a true understanding of the importance of the needs of basic City services while continuously pushing for improvements and innovation around our street infrastructure,” said Councilmember Bob Blumenfield. “Making our roads safe to drive on is very important to all Angelenos and making them world class is key as we prepare for the 2028 Olympics.”

With over 29 years in public service, Hagekhalil served most recently as an Assistant Director for the Bureau of Sanitation, where for the past 10 years he has been responsible for wastewater collection system management, stormwater and watershed protection program, water quality compliance, and facilities and advance planning. He led the City’s effort in green infrastructure and multi-benefit projects and the development of the One Water LA 2040 Plan.

“I am humbled by the Mayor’s faith in my ability to manage such a critical component of the City’s infrastructure,” said Hagekhalil, “and I am excited to work with the talented men and women of Street Services, as we continue the momentum they have created to quality and equitable services across our communities based on innovation, integration, and collaboration.”

Hagekhalil takes the helm of a bureau that is making renewed investments and focused on implementing the Mayor’s Sustainability Plan - by increasing and improving L.A.’s urban tree canopy, expanding the use of cool pavement, and incorporating the use of recycled materials into street repair.

Hagekhalil is a registered civil engineer with the State of California and a national Board Certified Environmental Engineer, and has a undergraduate and graduate degrees in civil engineering.

Mayor Appoints 1st Director of Military & Veterans Affairs

Mayor’s press release: LOS ANGELES (August 29, 2018) - Mayor Eric Garcetti has appointed Captain Lawrence Vasquez as the City of Los Angeles’ first Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, a key post that will further the Mayor’s strong commitment to creating opportunities for military personnel and veterans.

“The women and men of the armed forces should know that they have our unwavering support while they are serving, and when they make the transition to civilian life,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Larry’s leadership, experience, integrity, and drive will make a difference for the veterans and active-duty personnel who call Los Angeles home.”

As Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, Capt. Vasquez will work with regional military leadership - including the Governor’s Military Council; the National Guard; and the Army Corps of Engineers; on key infrastructure projects taking place throughout the city.

In addition, Capt. Vasquez will act as the chief liaison to the Mayor’s Military Veteran Advisory Council and will spearhead work on issues important to the city’s veteran community - with a focus on housing, employment, and mental health services. Building upon the success of the 10,000 Strong veterans hiring initiative, Captain Vasquez will also guide the development of the city’s next generation of veteran employment strategies.

“It is an honor to serve as the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs for the City of Los Angeles,” said Lawrence Vasquez. “Mayor Garcetti has been an incredible leader for the women and men who wear our country’s uniform, and I look forward to deepening our relationship with active duty military in the region while also making sure veterans share in the wealth of opportunities this city creates.”

Before joining the Mayor’s Office, Capt. Vasquez served as Chief of Staff, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia. In this role, Vasquez managed a large regional staff with oversight of 8 Navy facilities, 5,300 personnel, and a $700 million budget across three continents. Previously, Vasquez has held multiple Commanding Officer positions including at Naval Base Ventura County, a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Farah, Afghanistan, and

State of the L.A. River Watershed Symposium

From the Council for Watershed Health website:

In September 2018, the Council for Watershed Health and LA Sanitation will host the State of the Watershed Symposium and convene elected officials, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, academics, agency scientists and land managers to identify actionable next steps for creating a healthy and resilient watershed. The symposium will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018, 8:00 am - 6:45 pm, at the Autry Museum of the American West, Los Angeles.

At the 2013 Symposium, Mayor Garcetti welcomed more than 200 participants to learn about the health of the LA River watershed and shared his vision for a revitalized LA River. The 2018 Symposium will reflect on what we’ve accomplished, the important work that remains, and focus on fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders in achieving shared goals.

Council for Watershed Health (CWH), LA Sanitation and the City of Burbank have monitored the LA River for 10 years. CWH will share the comprehensive story of the river’s condition, which includes water quality, habitat assessment and aquatic health. Understanding long-term monitoring data and the historical context that has shaped the River and hydrology as we see it today is foundational to making decisions that enhance ecological and community health. Panel discussions will create an opportunity for lively dialogue focused on identifying gaps in research, data and regional efforts. The Symposium will conclude with actionable next steps that serve as the jumping-off point for efforts in the region. We are standing at a point in time of great opportunity with unprecedented investment in LA River revitalization. Join us for a bold conversation as we synthesize the past, present and future of the Los Angeles River.

Cost is $45. For more information on the program agenda and to register, go to watershedhealth.org
2018 Bureau of Engineering Division Photos

Environmental Engineering Division

The Environmental Engineering Division (EED) is responsible for delivering Wastewater Capital Improvement projects at the Hyperion Treatment Water Reclamation Plant, Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant, Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and the Los Angeles/Glen- dale Water Reclamation Plant. EED also delivers wastewater pump plant projects and biotrickling odor control projects. EED core functions are to perform project management, design, and construction management services as well as completing research, engineering studies and technical reports.

Real Estate Division

Provides all necessary real property acquisition services for all Public Works infrastructure projects. The Division has a Caltrans Level-3 pre-qualification making it the only real property group in the City that can certify federally funded right-of-way projects. Services provided include pre-design consultation, right-of-way project management, appraisal, negotiation, acquisition, relocation assistance, property management, title examination, consultant oversight, escrow and right-of-way instruction; processes dedications, vacations, quitclaims, and irrevocable offers to dedicate property to the City.

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Proposition O Clean Water Division

In 2004, City of Los Angeles voters approved Proposition O and authorized $500 million in bonds to implement projects to protect public health by cleaning up pollution in the City’s River, watercourses, lakes, and beaches, and to meet Federal Clean Water Act goals. The BOE Proposition O Clean Water Division performs project management for project phases of pre-design, design, bid & award, and construction. As of 2017, the Proposition O Clean Water Division has implemented 44 clean water projects, of which 27 projects have completed construction. Proposition O Clean Water Division highlights include completion of the award-winning Echo Park Rehabilitation project in 2013, and construction of the Machado Lake Rehabilitation project scheduled for completion in 2017.

Sixth Street Viaduct Division

Sixth Street Viaduct Division (SIX) is responsible for managing all activities related to the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project.
Sidewalk Repair Division

The Sidewalk Division (SWD) manages Safe Sidewalks LA. Under Safe Sidewalks LA the City has made a commitment to invest $1.4 billion over 30 years to fix thousands of miles of sidewalks around the City and make them accessible to everyone. To achieve this objective, SWD manages the Access Request Program, the Rebate Program and Report a Sidewalk Problem requests. The Access Request Program makes repairs requested by people with a mobility disability, the Rebate Program reimburses property owners for a portion of the cost of their sidewalk repair, and Report a Sidewalk Problem accepts sidewalk requests from the general public. SWD also manages sidewalk repairs in front of City owned and operated facilities; removing access barriers and bringing sidewalks into compliance with applicable accessibility requirements.

Structural Engineering Division

Provides design and construction support services for the various programs in the Bureau. Prepares structural plans and specifications for wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities, municipal buildings, railroad and vehicular grade separations, pumping plants, pedestrian and vehicular bridges, tunnels, retaining structures, and various subterranean structures. This Division is involved in reviewing Overload Permits and Private Development B-Permit plans for structures adjacent to and in the Public Right-of-Way. SED is also the first responder during emergencies that affect our City bridges.
Street Improvement & Stormwater Division

The Street Improvement & Stormwater Division (SSD) consists of the Street Improvement Group and Stormwater Group. The Street Improvement Group provides design and construction management services for street capital improvement projects. This includes applying for and managing a variety of grant funds and providing recommendations and cost estimates for proposed projects. The Stormwater Group provides design and construction management services for capital improvement projects and management of emergency flood control projects to address immediate drainage and flooding issues. The Stormwater Program also oversees the City’s flood control program and coordinates the City’s activities required by the National Flood Insurance Program.

Systems Division

The Systems Division enables business for the Bureau of Engineering by developing and maintaining business software, managing and supporting a complex data network, and by providing technical support for over 1000 technology devices. Systems Division also manages IT projects with other business entities and maintains a Cyber Intrusion Response Team (CIRT) to thwart cyber threats.
Survey Division

The Survey Division provides land surveying services for Public Works projects and other City Departments upon request. With staff located at each Engineering District office, Piper Technical Center and Figueroa Plaza, the Division delivers preliminary, construction, boundary and control surveys utilizing state-of-the-art technology. The Division establishes and maintains the City-wide horizontal and vertical control network utilized by both the public and private sectors for all real property and construction surveys, checks and approves final subdivision maps for boundary, title, lot closures and areas, as well as provides Right-of-way engineering services for the Bureau and other Departments. The Division also prepares and/or checks and approves legal descriptions used for street and utility dedications, property acquisitions and sale of surplus property for most City Departments.

Streetcar Division

The Streetcar Division (SCD) manages delivering the Downtown L.A. Streetcar project. The DTLA Streetcar is planned as a modern, fixed-rail up to 3.8-mile streetcar system to link with regional transit using 1st Street, Broadway, 11th, Figueroa, 7th & Hill Streets to serve the Civic Center, Broadway and the Historic Core, the Fashion District, South Park, L.A. Live and the Convention Center, the Financial District, and restaurant row through the Jewelry District. A potential design alternative, which will be achieved if funding is identified, would run up onto Grand Avenue to serve the city's prized cultural institutions. This Division works with the LA Department of Transportation; the Los Angeles Streetcar Inc., a non-profit formed by business and property owners to advance the streetcar project; the Federal Transit Administration, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and coordinates with other bureaus within the Department of Public Works, Council office, and the Streetcar Executive Committee.

Reza Shahmirzadi
Valley District Office

District Offices are the guardians of the public right-of-way. They prepare requirements for dedication and improvements associated with developments, and are responsible for the review of design drawings, and the issuance of permits for all improvements initiated by an applicant within the public right-of-way, including major and minor street and sidewalk improvements, and the construction and installation of sewers, storm drains, and utilities.


Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division

The Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division (WCC) is responsible for the construction management of the new construction and rehabilitation of the City's extensive sewage collection and conveyance systems. The construction projects include large sewer tunnels, pumping stations, Secondary Sewer Renewal Program (SSRP) and other sewer related facilities. WCC is also responsible for responding to sewer related emergencies and manages Emergency Sewer Repair Program (ESRP) and Super Expedited Wastewater Emergency Rehabilitation for Sewers (SEWERS) Program. Typical operations include coordination with the contractors, inspectors, public and private agencies, community outreach, field engineering and project schedule and cost monitoring and control.

Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division

The Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCE) is responsible for the design of new sewers, the rehabilitation and replacement of existing sewers, odor control facilities and pumping stations; review for all construction that affects the major sewers; and for recommending the approval of materials for use in the City’s public right of way.


West Los Angeles District Office

This district office can design public improvements within its geographical boundaries. They design streets, sewers, and storm drains. They perform plan check and maintain a public counter to issue permits for major and minor street construction, sewers, utilities, and excavations for private development work.

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CMAA 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.

California P3 Projects on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

California P3 Projects
LAX Automated People Mover - UC Merced 2020 Campus Expansion - Long Beach Civic Center - Carlsbad Seawater Desalination Plant - Rialto Water System - Long Beach Courthouse - Santa Paula Water Concession - SR 125 South Highway - 91 Express Lanes

Session 1
- Project Selection: Which Projects are Right
- SR 125 South Highway - 91 Express Lanes
- Courthouse - Santa Paula Water Concession Plant - Rialto Water System - Long Beach
- 2020 Campus Expansion - Long Beach Civic Center
- LAX Automated People Mover - UC Merced

Session 2
- What is funded in a P3 by the private sector
- Darrin Lambrigger, PE, Director and General Manager, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, September 20, 2018, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Dynamax Operations West, Inc. v. Superior Court of Los Angeles. On April 30, the California Supreme Court issued a massive decision that replaces the Borello test for wage and hour claims with a new standard – the “ABC Test” – which creates a more difficult burden for businesses to overcome the presumption that a worker is an independent contractor. Your current 1099, independent personnel serving your project will now be reclassified as employees impacting negotiated rates and the available skilled workforce.

Session 3
- Pre-RFQ market sounding efforts / Industry Reviews
- Michael J. Baker, Esq., Partner, Snell & Wilmer; Brian J. Mills, Esq., Partner, Snell & Wilmer.

Construction Network Seminars

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

The Vermont Corridor Project on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. The Vermont Corridor Project, a $450 million mixed use complex featuring government offices, retail space, and market rate and affordable housing is slated for three sites near the intersection of 6th Street and Vermont Ave., entails three County-owned properties. Guest Speaker: Andrew Parker, P.E., Vice President, Trammell Crow Co.

Cost: Register by Sept. 6 - $70/members, $140/non-members. After Sept. 6 - $85/member, $170/non-member.

The Ports of Long Beach & Los Angeles - Capital Program Updates on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at The LA Hotel Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa, Los Angeles, 5:30 pm Registration, 6:30 pm Dinner & Presentation. Learn about upcoming construction and consultant contracting opportunities. Guest Speakers: Darrin Lambrigger, PE, Director of Construction Management Port of Long Beach; Shaun Shahrestani, PE, Chief Harbor Engineer, Construction Division, Port of Los Angeles.


Legal Seminar: The Dynamex Decision – How it Affects Your Project on Thursday, October 4, 2018, at Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Dynamex Operations West, Inc. v. Superior Court of Los Angeles. On April 30, the California Supreme Court issued a massive decision that replaces the Borello test for wage and hour claims with a new standard – the “ABC Test” – which creates a more difficult burden for businesses to overcome the presumption that a worker is an independent contractor. Your current 1099, independent personnel serving your project will now be reclassified as employees impacting negotiated rates and the available skilled workforce.

Seminar Instructors: Michael J. Baker, Esq., Partner, Snell & Wilmer; Brian J. Mills, Esq., Partner, Snell & Wilmer.

Cost: Register by Sept. 6 - $70/members, $140/non-members. After Sept. 6 - $85/member, $170/non-member.

City of Los Angeles - LA Sanitation & Environment on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest Speaker: Abdollah Ansari, Senior Executive Officer, Program Management – Highway Program.

Cost: $89/person until 9/25/18, $129/person until registration closes 10/12/18. After that cost is $149 at the door.

City of Santa Monica Capital Program Overview on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speakers: Rebecca Abano, City Architect; Rick Valte, City Engineer.

Cost: $89/person until 10/10/18, $129/person until registration closes 10/26/18. After that cost is $149 at the door.

LA County Safe Clean Water Program on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Every year, L.A. County loses over 100 billion gallons of water – enough to meet the annual needs of more than 2 million people. We live in a water-scarce area and rely heavily on imported water from other regions. Extreme weather conditions and the five-year drought have severely impacted communities across the county. And because so much of our region is paved over, too much precious rainfall is lost to the ocean before we can capture it for use. When we experience heavy rains, our original system captures only a fraction of rainfall. As extreme weather becomes the new normal, we need to rethink where we get our water and decrease our reliance on the Sierra Nevada snow pack and the water we pay to bring into L.A. County.

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors approved the Safe Clean Water Program and funding measure at a public hearing on Tuesday, July 17m 2018. Approval by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors places this measure on the ballot for consideration by voters on November 6, 2018. By modernizing our 80-plus-year-old stormwater systems, we can better protect public health and our environment, and maximize a cleaner, locally controlled water supply.


Cost: $89/person until 10/12/18, $129/person until registration closes 10/26/18. After that cost is $149 at the door.

LA Metro - Highway Programs on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest Speaker: Enrique C. Zaldivar, PE, Director and General Manager.

Cost $89/person until 9/25/18, $129/person until registration closes 10/12/18. After that cost is $149 at the door.

City of Los Angeles Civic Center Master Plan on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Civic Center Master Plan: Parker Center demolition and replacement with 27-story tower, new tower on the site of the L.A. Mall, City Hall East Building will become a public courtyard.

Guest speakers: Reza Bagherzadeh, Program Manager/Principal Civil Engineer; Paul Young, Project Manager, Architect.

Cost: $89/person until 10/16/18, $129/person until registration closes 11/2/18. After that, cost is $149 at the door.
BOE Celebrates 2nd Annual Dodger Day

The Second Annual BOE Dodger Night on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 was a great success. Bureau of Engineering employees had a good time at Dodger Stadium watching the Dodgers win over the San Francisco Giants 4-3.
Arrivals
Alexandria En, CE Assoc I, CEN; Kevin Avila, CE Assoc I, CEN; Ismael Carbalaj Perez, Admin Intern II, SIX; Mohammad Lahooti, CE Assoc II, WLA; Elissa Park, Admin Intern II, SED; Bajracharya Apeksha, Jadesola Ogundeji, CE Assoc I, VAL; John Schweisinger, GIS Specialist, LGD; Miriya Gutierrez, Admin Intern II, ADMI; Maricel Chavez, Management Analyst, SWD.

Promotions
Donald Cox, Jared Ross, Michael Jorgenson, Peter Miera, Gordon Trim, Adam Mercer, David Regalado, Daniel Bauer, Daniel Rosenberg, Paul Hutto, Shawn Stevens, Patrick Unren, Rose Chin, Raul Rodriguez, Monte Tucker, Land Surveying Asst., SED; Laura Villanueva, Sr. Admin, Clerk, retired, ARC; Tony Lee, Architect, retired, ARC; Ron Ferguson, Systems Analyst, retired, SYS; Vincent Sam, GIS Specialist, retired, LGD; Rong Chao Bi, CE Assoc II, resigned, WCE; Vraila Magdalini, Student Arch III, resigned, ARCH; Melanie Chen, Student Engr I, resigned, EED; Blanca Espinosa, Student Engr III, resigned, WCC; Raina Schuler, Student Engr III, WCE; Marilyn Galeano, Student Engr II, resigned, WCE; Carolina Fernandez, Student Engr III, resigned, CEN; William Trinh, Student Engr II, resigned, CEN; Cayley Ho, Admin Intern II, resigned, SSD; Anna Gavalyn, Admin Intern II, resigned, BID; Wadgy Fares, Land Surveying Asst., promotion to DWVP, SUR.

Internal Transfer
Christine Sotelo, Civil Engineer, from CEN to PCM.

Associate Rotations
Banaishop Barati, Struct Eng Assoc I, from SED to HAR; Arnulfo Nuno, CE Assoc I, from SED to BID; Dahlia Hanna, CE Assoc I, from SED to BID; Thuy Nguyen, CE Assoc I, from BPD to BID; Adrian Hwang, CE Assoc I, from SSD to BPD; Nathan Ho, CE Assoc I, from EED to BPD; Adolfo Gutierrez, CE Assoc II, from BID to CEN; Erik Beasley, CE Assoc II, from BID to CEN; Karon Patel, CE Assoc II, from CMD to CEN; Jeanette Vong, CE Assoc I, from WCE to CEN; Zubaad Mizen, CE Assoc II, from SSD to CMD; Andrew Lam, CE Assoc II, from CMD to SSD; Andres Acosta, CE Assoc II, from SSD to CMD; Matthew Quintanilla, CE Assoc I, from CEN to EED; Ahbhaman Hennadige, CE Assoc II, from WCE to EED; Carla Valladares, CE Assoc II, from CEN to SED; Armen Dermenjian, CE Assoc II, from BPD to SED; Sevak Isakhanian, CE Assoc II, from WCC to SWD; Hugo Rico, CE Assoc II, from WCC to SSD; Andrew Slusser, CE Assoc I, from WCE to SSD; Fatima Guerra, CE Assoc I, from CEN to SSD; Andrew Kin, CE Assoc II, from WCE to SSD; Minh Diep, CE Assoc I, from PCM to WCC; Wesley Luong, CE Assoc I, from HAR to WCC; Kenneth Pham, CE Assoc I, from VAL to WCC; Kevin, Gibson, CE Assoc I, from WCC to WCE; Christopher Tomes, CE Assoc I, from VAL to WCE; David Archer, CE Assoc II, from WCC to WCE.

Professional Registration
Civil: Fadi Bader, CE Assoc II, SSD.

Notice No. 22 Family & Medical Leave Act
Notice No. 22 dated August 23, 2018, titled Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) states that employees who are absent for more than three consecutive days due to personal or family illness are not automatically placed on FMLA.

This notice serves as a reminder to Bureau of Engineering (Bureau) supervisors of the FMLA requirements per the Employee Relations bulletin, dated February 6, 2009 http://caodocs.ci.la.ca.us/ERBulletins/ERBulletin-2009-02-06.pdf.

The Personnel Section should be notified as soon as you are aware that your employee will be off work for more than three days (typically, colds and flus lasting up to three days are not considered serious health conditions under FMLA, and thus would not be designated as Family/Medical Leave). If you know in advance that an employee will need to be absent for a serious health condition or an immediate family member’s serious health condition, you should complete Forms 191, 193 and the Family/Medical Leave Calculator, located in the Bureau’s Forms Library.

For your information, the City provides all qualified employees with FMLA for up to four months (nine pay periods), per a twelve-month period for various reasons including:
- Childbirth/Bonding
- Adoption
- Foster care of a child
- Serious health condition of an immediate family member
- Serious personal illness

The applicable Memorandum of Understanding will identify the order in which time must be used, and additional information on FMLA. Information for exempt and non-represented employees is contained in the Administrative Code Section 4.129.

If you have any questions or require future assistance regarding FMLA, you may contact Erika Hillard, the Bureau’s FMLA Coordinator, at (213) 485-5118.

Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday
Monday, October 8, 2018, 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 time-keeper if you have any questions.

Passing of Feingold
We regret to report that former BOE employee Mort Feingold passed away last month. He retired in 1983 and was also involved with Project Restore. Our deepest condolences go to his wife Georgia, son Jason and family.

Lifeguard Testing
Know someone who’d like to be a lifeguard? The Department of Recreation & Parks is holding testing 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Saturday, September 15, 2018 and Sunday, October 7, 2018. Testing will be held at the Expo Center - LA64 Foundation/John C. Argue Swim Stadium, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90037. In order to be considered for a position, all candidates must apply online at bit.ly/19lacitylifeguard. For more information call 323-906-7953, or visit your local Los Angeles City swimming pool and speak to a Lieutenant Lifeguard.

You should know...
If you ever need to dial 9-1-1, the most important thing you can do is know where you are. Do you know the address of your local supermarket? How about your dry cleaner? In Los Angeles, there are many like sounding places. There is a 2nd Street in Santa Monica; a 2nd Street in downtown LA; a 2nd Street in San Pedro - so be as specific as you can. Without reliable information from you, the 9-1-1 dispatcher and safety officer will have a difficult time getting resources to you in a timely fashion.

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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, October 4, 2018.