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Launch of “Zero Waste LA”

Program to Expand Recycling to All Businesses and Residents Throughout the City



Charting new territory and further establishing itself as an international sustainability leader, the City of Los Angeles has adopted a massive and ambitious new public-private partnership program to expand recycling services to every business and resident within the City.

Under the new system, 65,000 currently unregulated and multifamily customers will now benefit from recycling and stable pricing afforded under the City’s residential waste and recycling collection system.

The \$3.5 billion “Zero Waste LA” program will launch this summer with the overarching goal of reducing waste going to landfills by one million tons annually by the year 2025. Zero Waste LA will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions by expanding recycling services and opportunities, mandating clean fuel low emission vehicles, and more efficient truck routing.

City of Los Angeles Celebrates African-American Heritage Month



Legendary entertainer Johnny Mathis (center) with Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Curren Price.

The City of Los Angeles kicked off a series of celebrations for African-American Heritage Month with a ceremony at City Hall on February 1.

Legendary entertainer Johnny Mathis was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Others honorees included, Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Michelle King, Los Angeles Police Commission President Matthew Johnson and United States Court District Judge, Honorable André Birotte, Jr.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held on the South Lawn of City Hall with speakers, food and music. The kickoff event was co-hosted by the City of Los Angeles and members of Our Authors Study Club Los Angeles Chapter of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History.

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BPW Newsletter

This is a regular newsletter of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works to keep you informed about how the City is working for you.

New Riverside Drive Bridge and Roundabout Opens

The new Riverside Drive Bridge, located in Council District One, opened on January 30, with an enthusiastic crowd attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The project includes the replacement of the old bridge, as well as multiple street and traffic improvements. The bridge also features the first, Class 1 (protected from traffic) bike lane on a City bridge, as well as the City's first modern traffic roundabout.



The new bridge is 1,200 feet long and includes three viewpoints off the north side. In addition, there is a 12-foot wide bike path, eight-foot sidewalk and a two-lane traffic roundabout on the east side of the bridge.

The bridge is also an important link to the Los Angeles River bike path, continuing the city's commitment to expand river access.

Expansion of Advanced Water Purification Facility Up and Running at Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant

LA Sanitation continues to bring innovative technology and infrastructure to its facilities with the expansion of the Advanced Water Purification Facility at Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant. The expansion doubles the capacity of the Microfiltration and Reverse Osmosis processes to 12 million gallons per day and will replace the current disinfection process with a new Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP).



From left to right: Board of Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto; LA Sanitation Director and General Manager Enrique C. Zaldivar; Mayor Eric Garcetti; Department of Water and Power Chief Operating Officer Marty Adams; Public Works Inspector John L. Reamer Jr.; and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.

SmartPole Streetlights Improve Cell Phone Coverage Throughout Los Angeles



The Bureau of Street Lighting is the first in the nation to install SmartPole streetlights, equipped with energy-efficient LED lighting and the ability for cellular/wireless antenna attachments. One hundred of these innovative streetlights were installed across Los Angeles in the first year and 500 additional poles are being installed over the next four years.

The SmartPoles deliver enhanced, reliable wireless broadband coverage to businesses, visitors, and residents by integrating small cell technology into standard city street lights—improving the wireless network for Angelenos' smart phones in dense urban areas.

By leasing the valuable digital real estate on top of city light poles, this project will self-fund, resulting in no additional cost to tax payers.

SmartPole streetlights, like this one on Santa Monica Blvd., is another innovative project from Public Works.

Street Improvement Projects Continue Throughout the City



The Bureau of Street Services continues to deliver quality of life and safety-driven neighborhood projects. The latest completed projects are in Studio City and Glassell Park, with another one under construction in Downtown LA's Fashion District.

A three-quarter mile stretch of Fletcher Drive in Glassell Park (see photo above) is enhanced with safety and beautification improvements including two new landscaped medians, sidewalk rehabilitation, additional access ramps and the planting of 140 new street trees.

A stretch of Archwood Avenue near two schools in Studio City has added 1,600 linear feet of brand new sidewalks and access ramps which enable students and residents to walk safely, unimpeded. In addition, new trees are planted.

A project along Los Angeles Street in the Fashion District of downtown Los Angeles will soon see improved sidewalks, additional street trees, access ramps and landscaped bump-outs.

Upcoming Events

LA Sanitation Earth Day

Exposition Park
700 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles
Saturday, April 22, 2017
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

LA Sanitation Open Houses

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
East Valley District Yard
11050 Pendleton St., Sun Valley
Saturday, April 29, 2017

West Valley District Yard
8840 Van Alden Ave., Northridge
Saturday, May 6, 2017

North Central District Yard
452 N. San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles
Saturday, May 20, 2017

South Los Angeles District Yard
786 So. Mission Rd., Los Angeles
Saturday, June 3, 2017



For more information, go to www.lacitysan.org

Board of Public Works Announces Creation of Ad Hoc Small Business Advisory Committee



To support the Mayor's commitment to transparent contracting opportunities, significant job creation and the ability for all to benefit from a recovering economy, the Board of Public Works created an Ad Hoc Small Business Advisory Committee.

Board of Public Works Vice President Heather Marie Repenning and President Pro Tempore Mike Davis chair the committee. The committee is comprised of current and previous city contractors and subcontractors, in construction and consulting. They have reviewed the Department of Public Works' contracting policies and practices and will submit a report that will include feedback provided at a series of four public hearings scheduled this year.

Making LA Safer and Accessible Through the Sidewalk Repair Program

The City of Los Angeles sidewalk repair program, SAFE Sidewalks LA, launched in December 2016 and repairs are being made on sidewalks to improve accessibility and quality of life.

You too can make a request. Please go to: www.sidewalks.lacity.org or call 3-1-1 for the following options:

*Access Request Program: Allows for repairs requested by/ for people with a mobility disability who encounter physical barriers such as broken sidewalks, missing/broken curb ramps or other barriers in the public right of way.

*Rebate Program: A rebate is given for eligible property owners who pay for their own sidewalk repairs. Owners can receive up to \$2,000 for a residential lot or \$4,000 for a commercial lot.

*The general public can report a sidewalk in need of repair.



Public Works Responds During Powerful Winter Storms



Bureau of Street Services crew responds to one of many mudslides that occurred during the winter storms.

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Mayor and City Council Offices, the Emergency Management Department and multiple City agencies, responded to various wet-weather related issues during January and February, when a series of significant winter storms hit Southern California.

The storms triggered a massive sink-hole in Studio City, hillside mudslides, downed trees, gaping potholes and clogged storm drains. Public Works crews worked around the clock to resolve issues and make repairs during and after the storms had passed.



Leading the way since 1906, the Board of Public Works oversees all infrastructure challenges to maintain a high quality of life for the four million people of Los Angeles. Responsible for 468 square miles of infrastructure, the Board delivers projects and programs that enhance quality of life, economic growth, public health and the environment. For more information, please visit: www.bpw.lacity.org.



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