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## L.A. River Revitalization Plan Moves One Step Closer to Reality

Mayor Eric Garcetti's lobbying efforts on behalf of the L.A. River revitalization plan resulted in a huge victory this May when Assistant Army Secretary Jo-Ellen Darcy recommended approval of a much more ambitious \$1 billion proposal known as Alternative 20 rather than a less costly \$453 million plan the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers originally indicated they would be backing.

"It's a once-in-a-generation chance," said Mayor Garcetti.

That was the turning point swaying Assistant Secretary Darcy to support the alternative that would revitalize the 11-mile stretch of the river north of downtown covering 719 acres.

In this plan, the area restores wildlife habitats, creates new wetlands, a longer bike trail, widens certain sections to allow for terracing along the eastern banks of the river and creates the potential for many more recreational opportunities in addition to attracting more than \$5 billion in investments and creating 18,000 jobs in the next 10 to 15 years.

Mayor Garcetti, along with Senator Barbara Boxer, successfully convinced the Army Corps brass as well as White House staff and the President in favor of Alternative 20.

The recommendation from Darcy allows Congress and the White House to now begin considering approval of the project. Mayor Garcetti said funding could be allocated as early as next year with work beginning soon after that.

The cost of the restoration would be shared equally by the City, state and federal government.

Approval of Alternative 20 could be the bright beginning of the complete revitalization of the L.A. River with all 51 miles seeing improvements that all of the City's residents and visitors will enjoy.

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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 we keep the City working for you.



Kayakers enjoying a trip down the LA River



## Students Get Job Experience with Mayor's Hire LA Youth Program

The Department of Public Works is one of multiple city agencies and private companies who gave 10,000 young Angelenos ages 14 to 24 the opportunity to work this summer for six weeks as part of the Mayor's Hire LA Youth Program. These students received invaluable job experience and training.

In the Department of Public Works, 19 students worked as interns in the Bureaus of Sanitation and Engineering at various locations including the Hyperion Treatment Plant, Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant, the Media Center, Public Works Building and City Hall. The program is a collaboration of the Mayor's Office, the Workforce Investment Board and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.



*During the time they worked in Public Works, students were given a tour of the Hyperion Treatment Plant and a briefing on plant operation. They also went to the Environmental Learning Center where they enjoyed the exhibits and array of activities.*

## Angelenos: Join In the Celebration of Latino Heritage Month 2014



Every year, the City of Los Angeles celebrates Latino Heritage Month. From September 16 to October 16, events will be held to showcase and honor the diverse and talented people of the

Latino community who have been an integral, influential and important part of the rich history of Los Angeles.

Latino Heritage Month seeks to engage, inspire and bridge cultural gaps, while enhancing and connecting the diverse, multi-racial and multi-cultural mosaic that is Los Angeles.

Events taking place as part of this year's celebration include the Metro Crawl at

Union Station; Downtown Art Walk; Latinos in Hollywood Photo exhibit; Mexican Independence Day celebration at City Hall; Ambulante Film Festival; Discover L.A. Sunday Bike Tour; Latinos De Hoy Awards; Bailamos L.A. Show at the Greek Theater and the Official Wrap-Up Party.

For more information about activities and events, visit [www.latinoheritage.la](http://www.latinoheritage.la).

## The First Great Streets Announced

Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the first 15 streets of the Great Streets



*Mayor Garcetti announces Great Streets Initiative, improving one main street at a time in each council district.*

Initiative that will improve neighborhood gathering places citywide and generate economic activity. Each of the streets chosen as part of the Great Streets Initiative is located in key community corridors with one in each council district.

"The Great Streets Initiative is about strengthening neighborhoods one 'main street' at a time," said Mayor Garcetti. "Our streets are our large public asset, forming and reflecting the character of our neighborhoods, our people and our city. By reimagining our streetscape, we can create

transformative gathering places for Angelenos to come together whether they travel by foot, transit, bike or car."

In the near term, change will begin with temporary treatments including plazas and parklets. In the long term, permanent changes to curbs, street lights and street furniture will be made.

Funds budgeted for the fiscal year 2014-2015 will cover planning and outreach for each of the 15 corridors. Some streets already have existing funding either through grants or current city work plans.



## Greenway Opens Along Los Angeles River

City officials and members of the community celebrated the opening of the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (LAGWRP) Greenway along the Los Angeles River on May 29. The Greenway is located at the natural turn-around point as walkers/joggers and residents on horseback use the path along the L.A. River which provides a resting point and an opportunity to enjoy the river view.

Recycled water from the LAGWRP is used to irrigate the Greenway's native vegetation and also feeds the L.A. River.

City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (CD 13), Board of Public Works President Kevin James, L.A. Sanitation Director Enrique C. Zaldivar and members of the Atwater Village community joined in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



*Greenway along the L.A. River*

## Project Labor Agreement Officially Signed for Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project

The Board of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration, Mayor's Office and the Office of City Attorney joined labor partners at the Board of Public Works Hearing Room on July 23 for an official signing ceremony of the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project. The project will remove the existing Sixth Street bridge and replace it with a brand new bridge.

This is the first PLA provided to the City of Los Angeles by the Federal Highway Administration.

The PLA will ensure that work will continue on the project without interruption over the estimated five-year period, promote



efficiency of construction operations, promote the public interest in assuring timely and economical completion of the project, facilitate careers in the construction industry and promote employment opportunities during the construction project.

*From left to right: Hugo S. Rossitter, City Attorney Office; Board of Public Works Commissioner Mike Davis; Board of Public Works Commissioner Barbara Romero; Greg Good, Director of Infrastructure Services, Mayor's Office; Board of Public Works President Kevin James; Benito Robles, Labors Union; Ron Miller, Building & Construction Trades Council; Board of Public Works President Pro-Tempore Matt Szabo; John L. Reamer, Jr., Public Works Inspector; and Danny Garcia, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local #4*

# Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installed

The Bureau of Street Lighting launched a pilot project to install an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station on a streetlight pole. The pilot project was launched with its first installation on an existing street lighting pole on 4th Street between Main and Los Angeles Streets in downtown LA.

The station uses the existing street lighting infrastructure and operates between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Users are charged a nominal cost of \$1 per hour with a 2-hour limit corresponding with existing parking restrictions.

Among the benefits of this charging station is to manage energy usage and costs, advance sustainability goals and attract residents and visitors to local retail locations.



*EV drivers can charge their cars on 4th Street.  
Banner sign shows drivers location.  
(Inset photo) Close up of EV charging station*



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](http://www.bpw.lacity.org).



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Barbara Romero, Commissioner



## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The Department of Public Works provides vital city services in five major program areas: Contract Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting and Street Services. These key areas contribute to the public's quality of life and the protection of the environment. The Department is the city's third largest municipal division with a \$559 million operating budget. The department awards more than \$500 million in construction and personal service contracts annually, and oversees the construction, renovation, and operation of city public projects. The Board of Public Works performs the responsibilities of the general manager and is an executive team comprised of five commissioners, selected and appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles, and confirmed by the City Council. The Board is the city's only full-time policy-making entity and oversees more than 5,800 department employees. The bureau directors of the five major program areas report to the Board. Contact: (213) 978-0261.

### **Services**

- Clean Up Assistance
- [Graffiti Removal](#)
- Public Affairs

### **Programs**

- [Bids and Proposals](#)
- Insurance

## **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

The Bureau of Contract Administration protects the city and public interest by ensuring all public works projects are administered and constructed in accordance with the plans, specifications, contract provisions, state and federal laws, and safety provisions necessary to achieve quality and beneficial use.

Contact: (213) 847-1922.

### **Contract Opportunities**

- [Commodities](#)
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- [Services](#)
- [Compliance](#)

### **Inspection Programs**

- [Metro Construction](#)
- [Municipal Facilities Construction](#)
- [Valley Construction](#)
- [Wastewater Construction](#)

## **ENGINEERING**

The Bureau of Engineering oversees the design and construction of municipal facilities and private developments affecting the public right of way. The Bureau is responsible for the engineering features and standards of all privately developed subdivisions and tracts. The Bureau also maintains public counters in various areas of the city for the public to research records, review private projects and issue permits for work involving the public right-of-way and public properties.

Contact: (213) 482-7030.

### **Services**

- [Public Counters](#)

### **Project Information Reports**

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- [Manuals and Standard Plans](#)
- [Maps and Parcel Reports](#)

### **Improvement Programs**

- [Bond Projects](#)
- [Municipal Facility Projects](#)
- [Stormwater Projects](#)
- [Street Improvement Projects](#)
- [Wastewater Collection Projects](#)

## **SANITATION**

The Bureau of Sanitation is responsible for the collection, treatment and recycling of sewage from homes and businesses throughout greater Los Angeles, and for 29 other cities and agencies. The Bureau is also responsible for the collection and proper management of stormwater and urban runoff to the receiving water bodies.

The Bureau provides refuse collection, disposal and recycling services to 750,000 households and 540,000 multifamily units in the city and to various other agencies. The Bureau also maintains collection centers for e-waste and household hazardous waste.

Contact: (800) 773-2489.

### **Services**

- [Request](#)
- [Feedback](#)
- [Business Customers](#)
- [Residential Customers](#)

### **Service Programs**

- [Solid Resources](#)
- [Wastewater Collection](#)
- [Watershed Protection](#)

## **STREET LIGHTING**

The Bureau of Street Lighting is responsible for engineering design, construction, maintenance and repair of the city's street lighting system. The Bureau also maintains adequate roadway and sidewalk illumination for vehicular and pedestrian safety and prepares specifications and cost estimates for new installations and maintenance assessments for operation of all streetlights in the city.

Contact: (213) 847-1459.

### **Services**

- [Residential Customers](#)
- [Business Customers](#)

### **Improvement Program**

- [LED Street Light Project](#)

## **STREET SERVICES**

The Bureau of Street Services is responsible for the maintenance of improved streets, alleys, medians and sidewalks. The Bureau also provides maintenance for unimproved roadways and alleys, abates and removes weeds as well as illegally dumped debris and other hazards. The Bureau maintains the city's street trees, landscaped median islands and embankments, which include the inspection, trimming, root pruning, and removal of plants and trees. The Bureau enforces street use ordinances and inspects the movement of houses or oversize loads on city streets. Contact: (800) 886-2489.

### **Services**

- [Request](#)
- [Feedback](#)
- [Permits](#)

### **Programs**

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