

# NEWSLETTER

## Ohaji Abdallah Receives the BOE 2021 Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award

At the March 9, 2021 Board of Public Works meeting, City Engineer **Gary Lee Moore** presented the 2021 Bureau of Engineering Rory M. Shaw Outstanding Employee Award to Architectural Associate IV/Project Manager **Ohaji Abdallah** of the Architectural Division.

*Rory M. Shaw  
Outstanding Employee Award  
"Going Beyond Expectations"*

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

The City Engineer spoke of how the memory of Rory Shaw continues to inspire the Bureau and how Rory's mother Shirley Shaw would come out from Michigan each year



One of the many screens of the people attending the Zoom Board of Public Works meeting.

and that one bright spot of having a virtual Board of Public Works meeting was that both

Shirley and her daughter Leslie could attend from Michigan.

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

Moore introduced the members of the BOE Executive team and the prior award winners that were in the Zoom meeting. He said, "This year I can tell you the nominees that we received from managers were outstanding. But this year the Executive Division unanimously, from those nominations, picked one person to receive today's award. And I'm very pleased to say Ohaji Abdallah is the 2021 Rory M. Shaw Award winner. Congratulations Ohaji and there's a lot of virtual clapping right now." Moore then provided some biographical in-

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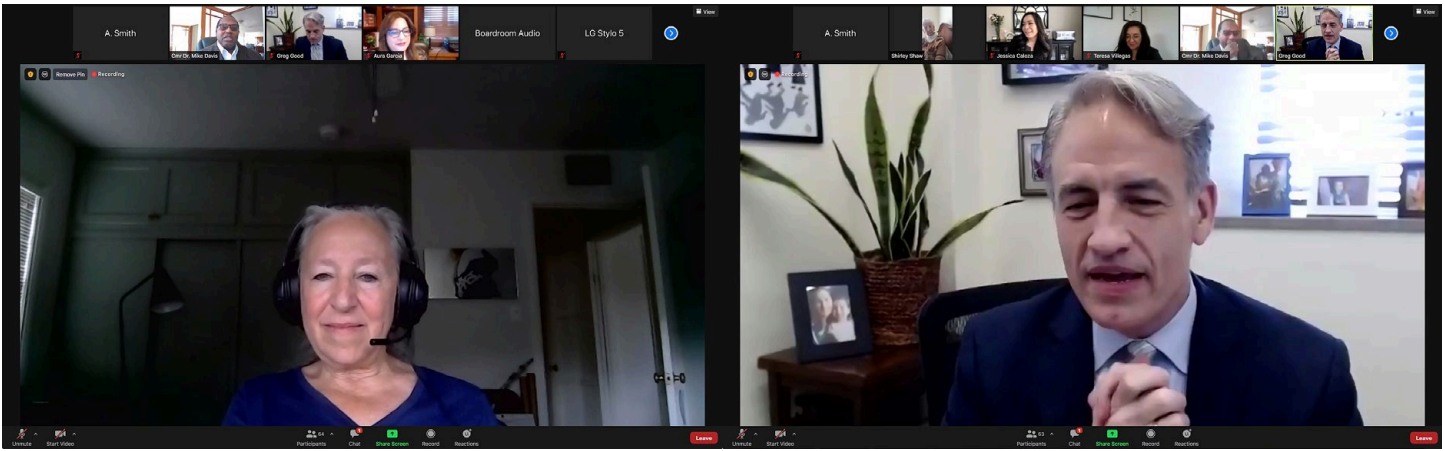


Ohaji Abdallah with the Rory M. Shaw



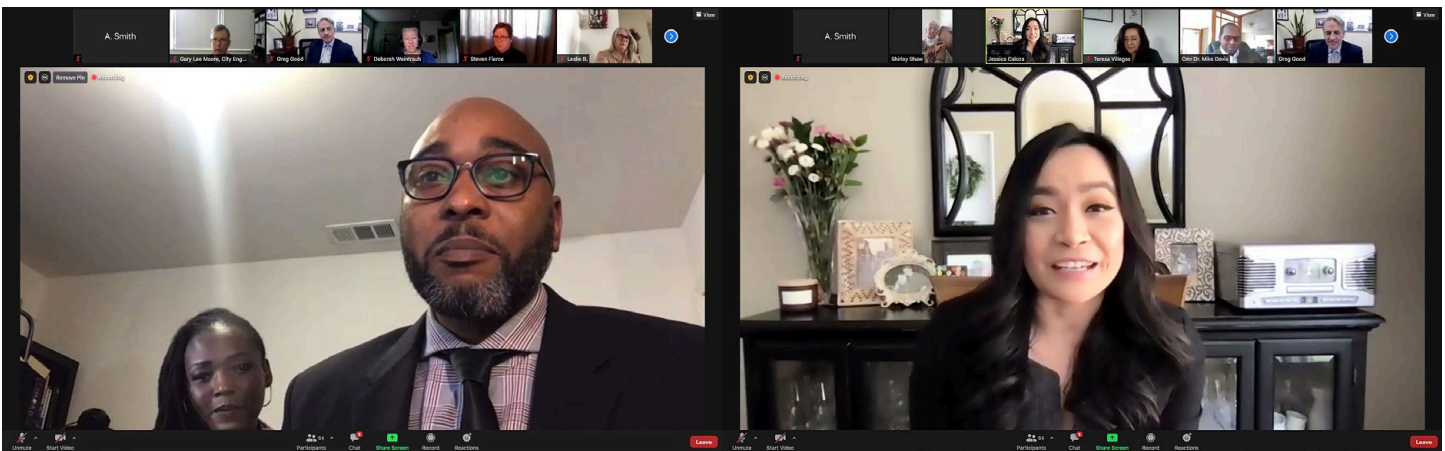
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Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub

Board of Public Works President Greg Good



Honoree Ohaji Abdallah

Public Works Commissioner Jessica Caloza

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formation, “Let me tell you a little bit about Ohaji and then I know our Chief Deputy City Engineer will say something, our Principal Architect Steven Fierce would like to say a few words. First of all Ohaji moved around as a young child, but finally settled on Los Angeles, thank goodness for all of us. He moved here his junior year of high school. He graduated from Washington Prep High School and he’s a proud graduate of Prairie View A & M University in Texas, one of the HBCU, Historically Black Colleges and Universities. And Ohaji, I was thinking about it when I was there recruiting, you might have been a freshman when I was there recruiting. I’m very happy that you chose to join the Bureau of Engineering. And it really shows the commitment the Bureau has always had toward reaching out.”

Chief Deputy City Engineer **Deborah Weintraub** said, “Of course I’m thrilled as an architect in being able to introduce Ohaji to you as an architect in the Bureau of Engineering. We are blessed and unusual as a city to have a really wonderful Architectural Division, most cities don’t. It improves the quality of our projects. I want to briefly tell you that Ohaji joined the City the same year I did, so we kind of grew up together in the City system. I just want to briefly tell you about some of the projects he’s worked on because it gives you a sense of the range and depth

and breath of his involvement. He started with a small project for Cultural Affairs, the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center, which is a wonderful little historic boulder structure in Sun Valley. He then also worked on the restoration of the Echo Park Boat House which, as you know, is really actively used these days. He worked on two neighborhood city halls when we were expanding city services across the city. The one on Central Avenue, which was our first extensive implementation of a green roof, which is a sustainability approach. He also worked helping manage the Pacoima neighborhood City Hall, which is a City Hall in Pacoima that also includes a café and an outdoor movie theater area that was a complicated project to build, that Ohaji helped bring to fruition. He participated on the Civic Center Master Planning process helping us to choose our consultants, as we looked at how to rethink the Civic Center. Because of his skills and his understanding and love of design and architecture, he worked with the CAO’s office helping to be on the selection committee for the reuse and renovation of the Lincoln Heights Jail, which is a building along the River just north of Downtown. Right now he’s involved with one of our largest building projects, and most complicated, the Rancho Cienega Sports complex, where we’re building a pool and a new gym and a lot of other

facilities. That’s a \$50 million project, so his projects have grown in size and complexity and responsibility. He also helped deliver the Estelle Van Meter which was a multi-purpose center, and I just quickly list these to give you a sense of the range of work that Ohaji’s done. He’s working currently finishing up the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control Center, or ATSAC, for our Department of Transportation. He’s worked for many years with Channel 35 Television Studio to help them improve and update their facilities, and quite a few City Hall space optimization projects.

“I’m thrilled of course, being in the midst of a sea of engineers, this year we’re giving an award to Ohaji, one of our stellar architects, one of our architectural employees who just shines in every respect. As Gary said, he goes to City Hall for us, he always does a great job in representing our work and some of the challenges of our work. I want to say hello to Ohaji, and your family. I’m just thrilled to be here twenty years for both of us, thrilled to be able to give you this honor.”

Principal Architect **Steven Fierce** then addressed the Board, “I joined the City a little over one year ago and with over thirty years of professional practice and running my own firm in the private sector for seventeen years. I’ve had the opportunity to work with

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architects, supervise staff both in the private and public sectors. So when I entered the profession I had imagined what an architect is: a master builder, someone who's creative, who has business ethics, has the character of mentorship for the profession, and a conscience for the built environment affecting generations to come. With these in mind, Ohaji stands out among those. I've had the pleasure to work with him. His dedication and service exemplify the civil service and what is meant to be a licensed professional. This year a substantial amount of the Architectural Division senior staff retired and I watched Ohaji step up and take on the role as a leader and mentor to those with less experience, often when he really doesn't have the time to do it. I'm truly grateful to have Ohaji in my Division and he is well deserving of this recognition."

Board of Public Works President Greg Good said, "That was very inspiring and there are probably very few times in our lives where good news and inspiring work has been so prevalent - the good news not so much, but the inspiring work is so welcome and refreshing to be able to hear about such incredible work and such incredible commitment. Ohaji, I'd love it if you'd like to say a few words. I'd love to listen and I'd love to meet your family."

It was then Ohaji's turn to speak, "Number one, I am honored to receive this award, I truly do appreciate it. I firstly would like to say thank you to my family who are attending, my mother and father and many family members across the nation. Thanks to Zoom they can attend an awards ceremony like this. I'd also like to give a special shout out to all the Bureau of Engineering employees I've interacted with over the years, your collective knowledge has poured into me, added with the work ethic that's developed by my family, has brought us here. And I will continue to put forth that same effort into all of our projects.

"And this award means a lot to me. I was here in 2005, I remember the rains, I remember the storm, and I remember the sacrifice that Mr. Shaw put forth for us. I'd like to continue to honor his name, as I think we all do, by pushing forward, taking on the challenges and overcoming them one at a time.

"I'd also like to give a special shout out to my children, my son Omari Abdallah, my beautiful daughter Imani Abdallah, and of course my lovely wife Katrice Abdallah. They are definitely my rock and keep me grounded, as we are all working from home and I'm sure we all find ourselves working more. Having family here they keep us grounded, keep us from going crazy and from overworking too much. It's definitely been a necessary for me. I also want to thank my mother and my father again, their collective knowledge, their example that they have set in their professional careers really helped me raise the bar for myself. At a certain point in life we set the bar, but

as we move through our careers we have to raise that bar so we can continue to follow and push for excellence.

"Thank you to all who were involved in nominating me, I really appreciate it. And thank you to all the Bureau of Engineering, and Architectural Division staff especially, you have been so supportive throughout the years. Another quick shout out to the two gentlemen who came down and hired me at Prairie View A&M University, **Mahmood Karimzadeh** and **Wendell Eckford**, both lifelong mentors to me, I really really appreciate you."

Each of the Public Works Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Shaw family for their presence and helping to continue the memory of Rory Shaw's legacy and also extended congratulations to Ohaji for receiving the award.

Board Vice President Aura Garcia noted, "Ohaji, congratulations, you have a huge fan base, we have like three screens going on now."

President Pro-Tem Mike R. Davis said, "To Ohaji Abdallah . . . I've had the pleasure to work with you and communicate with you over the years. As we have talked about, the need for making sure that we continue to reach out to all of the schools of architecture and engineering, because Los Angeles is a multi-cultural city, an international city. And you have done the Prairie View A&M School of Architecture proud and we are so glad that the work that you have done is recognized by the Bureau and you really exemplify the commitment and some of the traits that were mentioned of leadership that Rory Shaw exuded during his tenure here."

Commissioner M. Teresa Villegas "I think I heard this twice is the observant leadership your colleagues observed from you and that's doing work obviously with compassion and with great dedication. But I don't think you would be doing that if it wasn't a value system that you share with the Bureau of Engineering and that's through the . . . senior leadership over at the Bureau of Engineering that take time to recruit, to get the right people, to help build the team."

Commissioner Jessica Caloza said, "Ohaji, congratulations, this is such a special day for you, such a special day in what will be a very long career hopefully with the City. I know it's been mentioned that you've been here for twenty years already, but I know you're going to be here for at least twenty



Ohaji with his wife Katrice Offord Abdallah and son Omari Abdallah.

plus more because we need people like you. You're not going to anywhere, we're going to hold onto you.

"To our City Engineer Gary and Deborah and the entire Exec team, to echo again the sentiments of my colleagues, thank you for continuing this tradition, it's an important one in that it allows, to Dr. Davis' point, to really truly remember Rory and two, to encourage this leadership amongst your team. And even though there's only one award given every year I know that these values are something that really reverberate throughout the entire BOE staff. It's really a special day and my favorite presentation day for BOE. . .

"When Gary was naming off the attributes that Rory exemplified that were part of the criteria, you know, duty, dedication, leadership, respect, problem solving, you know that's amazing that all those things that you're being recognized for - you don't have to be the loudest person in the room. It's about these decisions that you make behind the scenes that everybody takes notice of, that's what's really special. And so I hope you take this moment and that you really enjoy and you treasure it and that it's even more special because your family is able to join you from all over the world, so that's really remarkable. And you even brought, I think I saw a few people here out of retirement, so that's how popular you are."

President Good said, "Ohaji, I don't know if Gary mentioned this but that's actually the price of this award is that you don't get to go anywhere for a long, long time. I just want to make sure that's crystal clear here. I want to echo my colleagues in first off thanking the Ms Shaws, it's a real pleasure. This is my first time as President of the Board to be a part of this celebration. It's obvious your son and your brother had a profound and lasting impact on this Bureau and the City. Thank you so much for his service while working here and the legacy of his service has so clearly impacted so many people. Thank you all and thank you for joining us, I really appreciate it."



# Sherman Way Streetscape Improvement Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On April 1, 2021, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of the Sherman Way Streetscape Improvement Project, which is part of Councilmember Blumenfield's Reseda Rising Initiative to make Downtown Reseda a vibrant neighborhood center and community gathering.

The ceremony was held at the brand new 'Sherman Way Reseda' Monument Sign located on Sherman Way and Crebs Avenue on the bridge above the Aliso Canyon Wash. Blumenfield was accompanied by a small crowd of representatives from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA), LA Department of Transportation (LA DOT), Sully-Miller Contracting Co., and the Reseda Neighborhood Council Community. 'LA City View' Channel 35 was present to record this event.

Blumenfield said, "We're here in Reseda this morning to celebrate the completion of the Sherman Way Great Street. This is a wonderful project that really is improving Sherman Way, which is a critical corridor in Reseda. It's going to both create a better sense of place, but also a safer area."

Deputy City Engineer **Julie Sauter** described the project, "It's a one mile long streetscape improvement. . . a combination of making a community space with streetscape furniture, more trees, better parkways and improved sidewalks and curb ramps."

LA DOT Assistant General Manager Dan Mitchell said, "It took a planning effort with the community to hear their concerns and to brainstorm together ways that we could reinvest in Sherman Way."

This project is located along Sherman Way



Councilmember Bob Blumenfield cutting the ribbon

between Wilbur Avenue and Lindley Avenue, and at two intersections along Hart Street, at Baird Avenue and at Reseda Blvd. The following is a description of the work completed.

**Curb Ramps:** A total of 7 curb ramps were constructed to ADA standards on Sherman Way at Capps Avenue and on Darby Avenue.

**Roundabout:** A new roundabout with four new streetlights and eight new curb ramps were constructed on the intersection of Hart Street and Baird Avenue. This work included new striping and traffic signs as well as

pedestrian barricades at each corner of the intersection.

**City Furniture:** Two unique Monument Signs were installed; one is located on Sherman Way & Crebs Avenue and the other is located west of Lindley Avenue on Sherman Way. Two yellow cabanas with 2 chairs, 1 bench and 2 planters for each cabana were installed. The first cabana location is on the north side of Sherman Way east of Etiwanda Avenue. The second location is on the south  
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Councilmember Blumenfield speaking at the event.

l to r: Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Chief Deputy City Engineer Julie Sauter, and Assistant Construction Manager Arnulfo Chamu.



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 side of Sherman Way west of Lindley Avenue. Metal round tables with chairs and benches were installed at various restaurants and other businesses on Sherman Way.

**Landscaping:** A total of 46 new trees were planted and 10 dead trees were removed. A total of 55 tree-wells were improved and 13 new parkways with drip irrigation systems were constructed. 4 types of plants were installed on the new tree wells and parkways. A total of 11 street medians were improved, this included the installation of Lomandra Longifolia Breeze grass (aka dwarf mat rush) on the ends of the medians and wood bark mulch in the center of the medians. Existing trees and shrubs were kept in place. Two medians between Etiwanda Ave & Lindley Ave had their irrigation systems replaced.

**Traffic Modifications/Upgrades:** There were traffic signal improvements on Sherman Way at Capps Avenue, Amigo Avenue and Darby Avenue; and on the intersection of Reseda Blvd. and Hart Street. Improvements included new continental crosswalks, traffic detector loops and traffic signal head upgrades. On

Capps Avenue, two pedestrian hybrid beacon signal lights (one each traffic way) were installed.

**Street Lighting:** There were street light upgrades on Sherman Way at Capps Avenue and Darby Avenue.

Congratulations to Mobility Program Deputy City Engineer **Julie Sauter**, Street

Improvement Division (SID) Manager **Steven Chen**, SID Program Manager **Ramnik Mungra**, SID Project Manager **Deysi Carrillo**, SID Project Engineer **Bijan Zadeh**, SID Construction Manager Team, **Carlos Cueva**, **Peter Blikian**, Assistant Construction Manager **Arnulfo Chamu**, and everyone involved in making this project a success.



*A new roundabout was constructed on the intersection of Hart Street and Baird Avenue.*



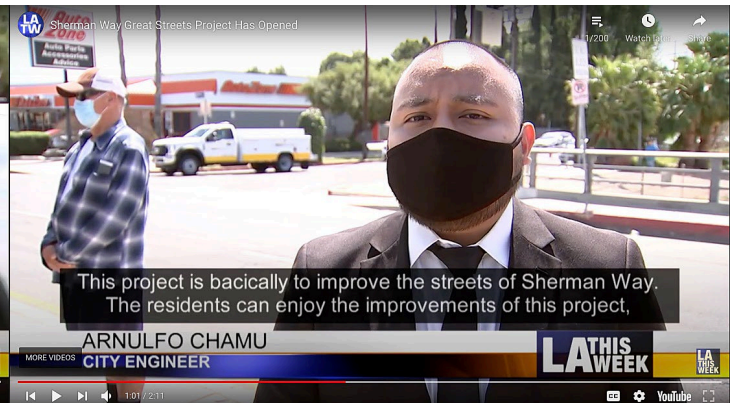
*One of the two new monument signs for the neighborhood.*



*Colorful streetscape furniture is an eye catching feature of the project.*

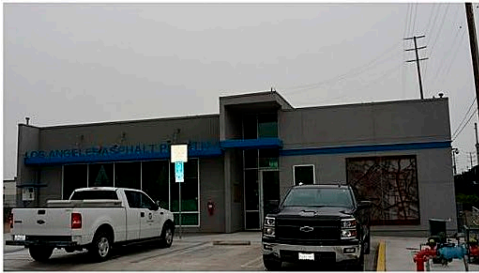


*LA City View interviewed Deputy City Engineer Julie Sauter.*



*Arnulfo Chamu described the project in Spanish for LA City View.*





## City of Los Angeles' LA Asphalt Plant No. 1 Earns An Envision Bronze Award For Sustainable Infrastructure

*Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure announcement:*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - March 10, 2021 - The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) announced today that the LA Asphalt Plant No. 1 - Replacement and Modernization located in Los Angeles, CA, is the recent recipient of the Envision® Bronze award for sustainable infrastructure. To earn Envision Bronze, a project must demonstrate that it delivers a range of environmental, social, and economic benefits to the host and affected communities.

The Asphalt Plant No. 1 (AP1) is located on an approximately 2-acre site in an industrial area south of downtown Los Angeles. AP1 has been operated by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services (BSS) since 1947. The existing plant currently produces up to a total of 100K to 200K tons of asphalt per year; and it utilizes 20% recycled asphalt product.

The new AP1 will continuously produce asphalt at a rate of up to 400 tons per hour, up to 600k tons per year, and utilize up to 50% recycled asphalt product. It is expected to exceed regulatory requirements, permit requirements, and industry guidelines for energy efficiency and emissions control, and meet the current BACT conditions set forth by the SCAQMD (Air Board).

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engi-

neering led the project and worked closely with Partner Engineering & Science and Papich Construction Incorporated to deliver this award-winning sustainable project.

"By utilizing material that would typically be sent to the landfill, this project is turning trash to a valuable material that is important for maintaining the city's streets," said Melissa Peneycad, ISI's managing director. "ISI is pleased to present the Envision Bronze award for sustainable infrastructure to the City of Los Angeles for the LA Asphalt Plant No. 1 project."

The Envision sustainable infrastructure framework assesses project sustainability across five categories: Quality of Life, Leadership, Resource Allocation, Natural World, and Climate and Resilience. These key areas contribute to positive social, economic, and environmental impacts on a community during the planning, design, and construction of infrastructure projects.

Key factors contributing to the LA Asphalt No. 1 project earning an Envision Bronze award include:

### **Minimize Light Pollution**

Lighting needs were designed based on local guidelines that encourages strategies that minimize light glare and trespass. In addition to incorporating LEDs, lighting controls adjust to the project's needs based on availability of daylight.

### **Air Quality**

As a project located in the South Coast Air Quality Management district, the project was required to meet stringent requirements to reduce particulate matter and other air pollutants. The new plant will be more efficient and provide significant improvements to air quality compared to the previous plant that was designed in 1947.

### **Avoiding Traps and Vulnerabilities**

By using reclaimed aggregates from local resurfacing projects in the production of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), the city will avoid uncertainty in future mining and transportation costs and the inherent pollution of acquiring new virgin rock and sand material through mining.

### **About ISI and Envision®:**

Envision is the product of a joint collaboration between ISI, which was founded by three national engineering associations: American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and American Public Works Association (APWA), and the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure at Harvard University Graduate School of Design. For more information, please visit [www.sustainableinfrastructure.org](http://www.sustainableinfrastructure.org).

*For more information about this project see the 3/1/17 and 7/3/18 BOE Newsletter.*

# Notice No. 05 Project Delivery Training

Notice No. 05 dated March 15, 2021, titled **Project Delivery Fundamentals Training - Accepting Applications for 2021** states that the BOE is preparing for the next session of the Project Delivery Fundamentals Training Program, focusing on the BOE's *Project Delivery Manual*. The BOE employees who would like to be considered for this training may now apply by completing the *BOE Project Management Fundamentals Training Program Application* online form, available on the BOE's Intranet in the *Forms Library* Application under *Training* titled "*Project Management/Project Delivery Fundamentals Training*". Employees who previously completed the *Project Delivery Fundamentals Training Program* are eligible to retake this training class. The application form must be submitted through the intranet by **Friday, March 26, 2021**. The BOE Training Section will notify candidates with the results of the selection process by email.

The *Project Delivery Fundamentals Training Program* includes the following major subject areas:

- Introduction to Project Management
- Project Planning and Pre-Design
- Project Design
- Bid and Award Process
- Construction Management
- Negotiation Skills
- Managing Money
- Scheduling
- Presentations Skills
- Client Relations

The program is expected to commence on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. A tentative schedule is attached for your reference. The 3-month long program will generally be weekly, 4-hour long sessions on Wednesday mornings. Students are asked to schedule their time so as to attend all of the sessions. An examination will be given at the end of the training program.

Taking the training program and successfully passing the exam is one of the ways to meet the qualification requirements in applying for a position as a "bonused" Project Manager.

For consideration to participate in this training program, the applicant must be a full-time BOE employee in a technical or professional classification. Other classifications and employees from other departments will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Because demand for this training program often exceeds capacity, every effort will be made to combine students who have diverse experiences and backgrounds. The selection process will be conducted by select BOE Senior Managers. The applicant's Division, Office, or Group Manager may also be consulted.

The BOE intends to continue to offer this training once a year as long as a sufficient number of employees are interested in participating. Questions regarding this program should be directed to **Jonathan Carroll** of

the Project Award and Control Division at: [jonathan.carroll@lacity.org](mailto:jonathan.carroll@lacity.org)

## PROJECT DELIVERY FUNDAMENTALS TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE Spring 2021 - Via remote learning

	SUBJECT	DATE & HOURS	LESSON TOPICS
Introduction	1	Welcome/ Introduction to Project Management 5/12/21 8:30 to 12:30	Greeting by City Engineer. Introduction to BOE organization, functions, and programs. Description of Oversight Committee roles. Project management organizations. Project management at BOE. (Ref. PDM Chapter 1)
	Planning and Pre-design	2	Planning and Pre-Design 5/19/21 8:30 to 12:30
3		Planning and Pre-Design II 5/26/21 8:30 to 12:30	Project delivery methods. Use of consultants. "As needed" contracts. Request for Qualifications and Proposals. M/W/S/E/DV issues. Selection process. Paying for work. Closing the contract. Public Outreach. (Ref. PDM Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7)
4		Planning and Pre-Design III 6/2/21 8:30 to 12:30	Project monitoring and control. Survey Division. Memoranda of Understanding, Handshake agreement, Letter of Agreement. (Ref. PDM Chapter 3, 4, 7, 8, 16 & 17)
Design	5	Project Design I 6/9/21 8:30 to 12:30	Starting the design. Roles of the Project Manager, Project Engineer, and A/E support team. Engineering Services. Environmental Management, Real Estate, & Geotechnical. (Ref. PDM Chapters 7, 8, 9, 11 & 17)
	6	Project Design II Bid and Award 6/16/21 8:30 to 12:30	Plan development and sustainability issues. Project design. QA/QC during design. Master Specifications. Permits and approvals. Preparing bid documents and addenda. Bid and award, processing the bid documents, awarding the construction contract. (Ref. PDM Chapters 8-14)
Construction	7	Construction Management I 6/23/21 8:30 to 12:30	BOE approach to construction management. Claims (Request for Equitable Adjustments). CM paperwork (RFI/Shop drwgs/meetings). Contract administration. (Ref. PDM Chapters 15-17)
	8	Construction Management II 6/30/21 8:30 to 12:30	Cost control and managing change orders. Partnering. Design/build. Working with General Services. Startup, commissioning, and project closeout. Emergency and specialty contracts. (Ref. PDM Chapters 19-25)
	9	Mentoring and Negotiations 7/7/21 8:30 to 12:30	BOE Mentoring program. Basic principles of negotiation. (Ref. PDM Chapters 20 & 21)
Money	10	Managing Money 7/14/21 8:30 to 12:30	Budgeting templates, labor charges, cost control, cost to complete, use of expenditure plans and cash flow to determine financial feasibility of projects. Project construction cost estimate. (Ref. PDM Chapters 3 & 5)
Scheduling	11	Scheduling I 7/21/21 8:30 to 12:30	Using Microsoft Project to create and update a project schedule. (Ref. PDM Chapters 5 & 18)
	12	Scheduling II 7/28/21 8:30 to 12:30	Activity relationships, critical path, tracking progress, and schedule updates. (Ref. PDM Chapters 5 & 18)
Presentations	13	Presentation Skills I (Exercise) 8/4/21 8:30 to 12:30	Student presentations - each student presents a short power-point presentation to a small group.
	14	Presentation Skills II 8/11/21 8:30 to 12:30	Presentation fundamentals, results from student presentations, effective speaking techniques, capitalizing on personal strengths, assessing audiences, proper preparation, effective delivery, and addressing public questions and input.
Client Relations	15	Client Relations 8/18/21 8:30 to 12:30	Effective client relations. Communications with City Council and Board of Public Works. Panel discussions. Executive Dashboard and Metrics, and Uniform Project Reporting System (UPRS). (Ref. PDM Chapters 1 & 3-5)
Exam	16	Examination 8/25/21	Exam will cover all class materials, including the Project Delivery Manual. Exam will be a multiple-choice, "open-book" format - students can bring their own reference materials.



## 2 BOE Projects Receive AIA Pasadena & Foothill Chapter Design Awards

The 2020 AIA Pasadena & Foothill Chapter annual Design Awards Gala was held virtually on March 25, 2021 as a Zoom meeting. Bureau of Engineering projects were well represented, receiving two out of the five design awards, a Citation Award for the Lincoln Park Recreation Center Pool & Bathhouse Replacement and the Sustainability Award the Downtown Bus and Maintenance and Operations Facility. The following descriptions are from the AIA-PF program brochure:

### Citation Award

Lincoln Park Recreation Center Pool & Bathhouse Replacement

FSY Architects

#### Description

Located in one of the City of Los Angeles' oldest parks, the \$9M Lincoln Park Pool and Bathhouse replacement project includes a new bathhouse building, upgraded lap pool, splash pad, and landscaped garden areas. Inaugurated in July 2019, the long-awaited City of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation facility was a long time coming, involving a challenging 12-year design and construction process spanning long periods of uncertainty due to loss of funding. The original Lincoln Pool and Bathhouse was built in 1952 as an alteration to an existing 1920's structure, which was part of the Eastlake Park Conservatories. The 1952 Bathhouse remained in continual use until 2009, when it was closed due to structural failure of the pool as well as a shift in overall operational needs. The scope of work for the new facility included the demolition of the existing bathhouse and pool, and replacement with a modern bathhouse and Olympic-size pool similar in function to the existing pool yet suited for current needs and operational requirements.

The overall design intent was to do away with existing unattractive barriers, which limited flow and views from the pool deck to the surrounding park, and to create a modern,



*Lincoln Park Recreation Center Pool & Bathhouse Replacement*

safe and inviting aquatic facility for the surrounding community. A modern sloping metal canopy covers the new building, tying the program components into a single building form that takes inspiration from the original 1920's Eastlake Park Conservatories. With a simple, modern design that incorporates attractive, durable and maintenance free materials, the new aquatic facility is envisioned to revitalize a blighted, yet much needed, recreational community facility that pays homage to an important historic past.

The new bathhouse allows for natural ventilation, a visual and functional connection with the pool deck, and natural surveillance. The new building is located within a similar building footprint as the original, respecting the established geometry of the original conservatories plan. The bathhouse includes a formal entry, an administrative/check-in area, 13 unisex toilet stalls, 6 unisex dressing rooms

and 12 open unisex showers.

The entrance into the new aquatic facility has been designed to incorporate and revitalize an existing adjacent courtyard that devolved into an unpleasant residual space after a 1980's expansion and remodel. Designed to reestablish a visual connection from the courtyard to the pool deck, the entry court transforms the existing courtyard into a functional destination. New colored decorative concrete in a designed pattern, flows from the courtyard, through the entry, and onto the pool deck. The court incorporates new landscaping (including a living wall) and site furniture - providing a much-needed additional waiting and viewing area for the new pool.

*For more information about this project see the 8/14/19 BOE Newsletter.*

### Sustainability Award

Downtown Bus and Maintenance and Operations Facility, Los Angeles, CA  
GGA Architects

#### Description

The new Downtown Bus Maintenance and Operations Facility provides a state-of-the-art vendor-operated home to the LADOT DASH bus fleet. Prominently situated between the iconic Los Angeles Union Station, METRO's Gold Line Little Tokyo Station, and the 101 freeway, the new facility stands as a conspicuous, demonstrative display of LA's commitment to sustainability and of the City's continuing service to its citizens. The nearly 6-acre site provides parking, fueling, and maintenance for 70 DASH buses; staff and driver structured parking; 22,000sf administration, operations, and training building; and landscape enriched outdoor spaces for



*Downtown Bus and Maintenance and Operations Facility*

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employee respite, all providing a safe and morale-building home for the Department. The combination of aggressive application of American Made, high performance materials with extensive sustainability infrastructure, the LEED Platinum Certified facility creates surplus energy for the City, producing 140% percent of the energy needed to operate.

For more information about this project see the 5/8/19 BOE Newsletter.

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ties management. Emergent technologies are being deployed by organizations who seek better information for informed decisions, easier collaboration, and reliable transfer of knowledge between stakeholders. A discussion about deploying the right technology at the appropriate time to deliver critical information faster, more accurate, and make important intelligence more accessible.

Emcee: Heather King, Program Controls Manager, SAFEWORKCM.

Moderator: John Scherck, Area Manager, ARCADIS U.S., Inc.

Speakers: Makenzie Eden, Regional Sales Manager, Multivista; Louis Galvan, Regional Director, Southern California, Multivista; Scott M. Lopian, Sr. Construction Administrator, Field

Engineering Department, Eastern Municipal Water District.

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**Meet the Owners/Primes Speed Networking: One-on-One on Thursday, May 13, 2021, 2:00 pm**, virtual link to be provided. This is a virtual networking event, with an added one-on-one speed networking component, to provide opportunities for the Owners and Prime Companies to meet small, diverse, minority, and women-owned firms for future projects and teaming opportunities. Emcee: Ryan Gales, CEO, Jenkins/Gales & Martinez, Inc.

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**Mindful Leadership in a World of Virtual Relationships on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 8:30 am**, virtual link to be provided. John Scherck will interview industry experts in mindful leadership, Dan Stover and Jules Elving, on becoming maximally effective as managers in the hybrid work environment. Under normal conditions, leaders are challenged with balancing results and relationships, which is more complex in the digital meetings many of us are hosting. Dan and Jules will address how to strike this balance of accountability and relating in a practical way that is applicable to engineers, project managers and senior leaders. Emcee: David Pintar, Director or Project Development, C.W. Driver. Moderator: John Scherck, Area Manager, Arcadis. Speakers: Daniel L. Stover, CEO, Ensign Partners; Jule Elving, Executive Coach, Ensign Partners.

## Quiñonez Featured in ASCE LA YMF Women in Construction Event

The following description is from the American Society of Civil Engineers Los Angeles Younger Member Forum 3/11/21 Weekly Newsletter:

*This past week, we celebrated International Women's Day through our Women in Construction virtual event on March 8, 2021. We heard stories from amazing*

*industry leaders: Rossana D'Antonio of County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Katia Barba of Skanska and Marina Quiñonez of City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering. They inspired us to feel empowered and Choose to Challenge the status quo.*

The image shows a promotional banner for the ASCE Los Angeles Younger Member Forum (YMF) Women in Construction event. The banner features three speakers: Rossana D'Antonio, PE, GE, Deputy Director of Los Angeles County Public Works; Katia Barba Ramos, Senior Project Engineer at Skanska USA Building; and Marina Quiñonez, Senior Architect at the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering. The banner includes the ASCE logo and the hashtag #CHOOSETOCHALLENGE. Below the banner is a grid of 16 video call windows from a virtual meeting. The windows show various participants, including Nikki Zulueta, Monica Morales, Xiaoyu Zhang, Katia Barba, RDANTON, Marina Quiñonez, Kelsey Kalemkarian, Mahsa Sheykhsoltan, Jocelyn Diaz, Preeti Ghuman, Linda Luu, Karla B., Camila Patiño, Chloe Gharis, Lorena Matos, Noe Martinez, Valdehi, LA YMF, and Julia Wu.



## BOE Employees Help with Future City Competition for Engineers Week Middle School Students Get to Imagine What a City on the Moon Would be Like

Imagine life on the moon at least one hundred years from now, when lunar habitats have already progressed through multiple levels of development. **Bing Neris** Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division (WCCD), was the Southern California Regional Coordinator, and host of the Future City® Competition Regional Final held virtually on February 6, 2021.

About ten middle school teams shared their vivid imaginations on what a thriving city on the lunar surface might look like with their presentations and physical models. In addition, the students were asked to identify and tackle the many daunting challenges that are unique to living on the Moon, including: no breathable atmosphere; gravity that is only 1/6 of that on Earth; nights that last for 14 Earth days; constant exposure to solar radiation; and dust that's sharp as glass and gets into every crevice.

**Robert Shufeldt** (WCCD) represented the Bureau and served as one of the judges for the presentation and Q&A components of the competition. The Regional winning team Urbs Maxima qualified to compete at the National Final, along with 40 other regions. The national competition started on March 20, 2021. Though normally held in Washington D.C., it was held virtually due to COVID-19.

### Background Information about Future City

Future City starts with a question - how can we make the world a better place? To answer it, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students imagine, research, design, and build cities of the future that showcase their solution to a city-wide sustainability issue. Past topics include stormwater management, urban agriculture, public spaces, and green energy. The 2020-2021 theme is *Living on the Moon*. Teams will design a futuristic lunar city and provide



*This year's Regional Winner, team Urbs Maxima from Bernardo Heights Middle School, presented their physical model in a recording.*

examples of how the city uses two Moon resources to keep its residents safe and healthy.

Participants complete five deliverables:

1. A 1,500-word city essay;
2. A scale model (or multiple model segments) built from recycled materials;
3. A project plan;
4. A presentation video; and
5. A virtual/online Q&A session with the judges.

Regional winners represent their region at the international Finals. After completing Future City, student participants are not only prepared to be citizens of today's complex and technical world, but also poised to become the drivers of tomorrow.

This flexible, cross-curricular educational

program gives students an opportunity to do the things that engineers do - identify problems; brainstorm ideas; design solutions; test, retest and build; and share their results. This process is called the engineering design process. With this at its center, Future City is an engaging way to build students' 21st century skills. Students participating in Future City:

- Apply math and science concepts to real-world issues
- Develop writing, public speaking, problem solving, and time management skills
- Research and propose solutions to engineering challenges
- Discover different types of engineering and explore careers options

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*Team Moon Rock from Rolling Hills Preparatory School won the People's Choice award. These 6th graders impressed the judges by their nicely designed presentation.*



*Future City Contest - continued from page 10*

- Learn how their communities work and become better citizens
- Develop strong time management and project management skills

Future City is one of the nation's leading engineering education programs and has received national recognition and acclaim for its role in encouraging middle schoolers to develop their interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Future City offers educators resources and support: A program handbook with an emphasis on the Engineering Design Process and project plan templates ensure that students have the tools to self-monitor their progress and complete the project successfully. Fun, detailed classroom activities help educators teach some of the more complex skills and concepts. Detailed assessment rubrics, web resources, in-person training, and online webinars are available throughout the year.

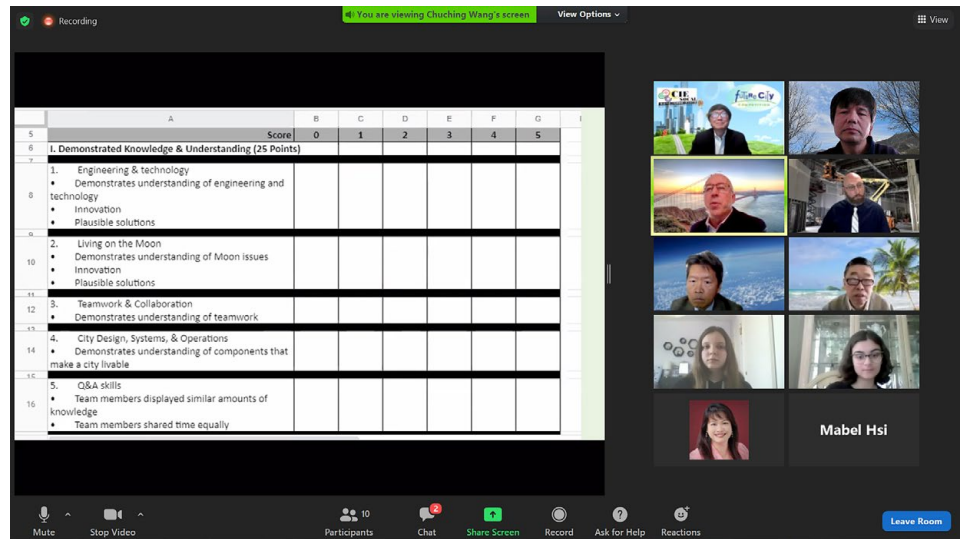
*Below are two photos from the 2020 competition.*



*Last year the judges could see the models in person.*



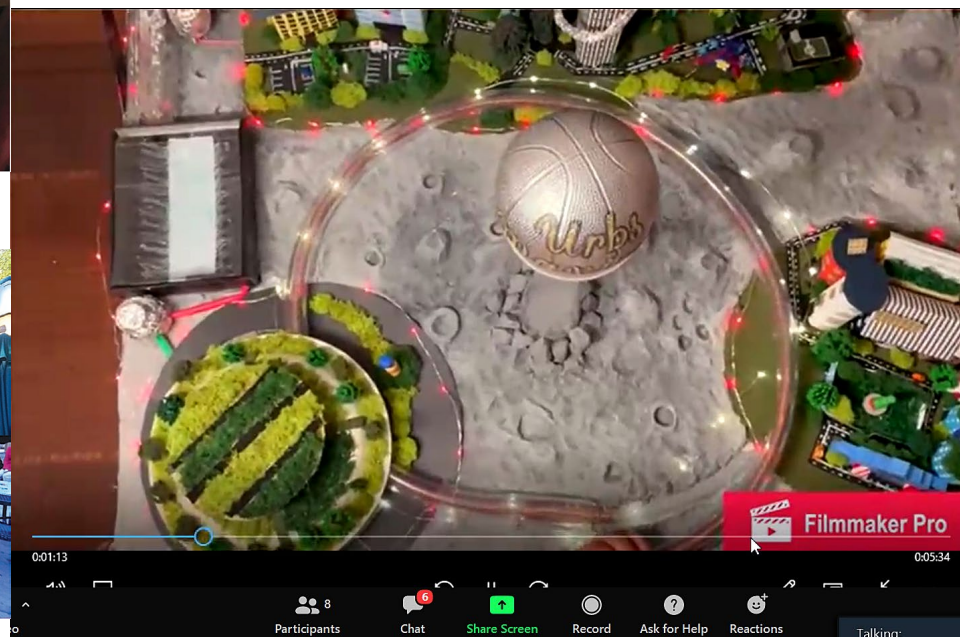
*February 2020 everyone gathered for the announcement of the winners.*



*The judges had criteria they used to evaluate the teams.*



*Team Lunarville from Bayside STEAM Academy won the Rookie of the Year award.*



*An overhead view of Urbs Maxima's impressive model.*



# Construction Network Seminars

The Construction Network - Connecting Owners to AEC and CFM Industries. To RSVP: [www.construction-network.net](http://www.construction-network.net)

**LA County's LA River Master Plan Update & City of LA's River Revitalization Plan** on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. In January, Los Angeles County unveiled its draft update to the L.A. River Master Plan, the document intended to guide the development of new parks and water quality projects along the 51-mile corridor, while also accounting for potential displacement and equity issues in neighboring communities. The draft, which is the first update to the Master Plan since 1996, is the result of a five-year outreach process consisting of dozens of community meetings and other events. Guest speakers: Genevieve Osmena, Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works; Michael Affeldt, Director, LARiverWorks, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 4/9/21.

**Metrolink - Project Updates on SCORE and Rehabilitation Programs** on **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speaker: Justin Fornelli, PE, Chief, Program Delivery, Metrolink.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 4/9/21.

**Water Districts Capital Project Updates** on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speakers: Bruce A. Mitzel, P.E., Director, Field Engineering, Eastern Municipal Water District; Dan Ruiz, Engineering Manager, Coachella Valley Water District.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 4/16/21.

**City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Project Updates** on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021**, 8:30 am Zoom Webinar. Speakers: **Mahmood Karimzadeh**, Deputy City Engineer; **Alfred Mata**, Deputy City Engineer; **Julie Sauter**, Deputy City Engineer.

Cost: \$89, registration closes 4/16/21 at noon.

**LA Metro Link Union Station (Link US) Design Overview, CMGC Support Services, Small Business Opportunities** on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021**, 10:00 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speakers: Jeanet Owens, Executive Officer, Regional Rail, Program Management Division; Scott McConnell, P.E., Executive Officer, Regional Rail, Program Management Division.

Cost is \$89/person until noon, 4/16/21.

**CSU Chancellor's Office** on **Thursday, April 22, 2021**, 8:00 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speaker: Paul Gannoe, Chief of Facilities Planning, California State University.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 4/16/21.

**City of Inglewood - Inglewood Transit Connector, Los Angeles Stadium & Entertainment District (NFL), Inglewood Basketball & Entertainment Center (Clippers)** on **Tuesday, April 27, 2021**, 8:30 am Zoom Webinar. Speakers: Artie Fields, City Manager, City of

Inglewood; Lisa Trifiletti, Principal, Trifiletti Consulting Inc.

Cost: \$89, registration closes 4/23/21 at noon.

**OC Pubic Works Capital Program Update** on **Thursday, April 29, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speakers: Edward Frondoso, P.E., Deputy Director, Construction; Fiona Man, P.E., Program Manager, Infrastructure Programs.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 4/23/21.

**LA Metro Highway Program Updates** on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speaker: Abdollah Ansari, Sr. Executive Officer, Program Management - Highway Programs.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 4/30/21.

**LADOT Project Updates** on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speaker: Marco Arroyo, Transportation Engineer, Active Mobility and Safety Implementation.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 5/7/21.

**LA Metro Construction - Outlook on Upcoming Metro Capital Projects** on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Speaker: Timothy Lindholm, Senior Executive Officer, Program Management & Capital Projects.

Cost is \$89/person until noon, 5/7/21.

**Caltrans D7 Project Updates** on **Wednesday, May 12, 2021**, Zoom Meeting, 8:30 am Presentation. Speakers: Tony Tavares, District Director; Gloria Roberts, Chief Deputy Director; Mark Archuleta, Deputy District Director, Construction; John Yang, I-5 Construction Manager

Cost: \$89/person until 5/7/21.

**Los Angeles Community College District Project Updates** on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speaker: Dr. Rueben Smith, Chief Facilities Executive, LACCD.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 5/14/21.

**Disaster Recovery - Insurance Claims & Lessons Learned - How to be prepared for fire, flood, winter storm, COVID-19** on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**, 10:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speakers: Doug Farrow, Partner, HKA; Terry Orr, Partner, HKA; Ashley Jordan, Partner, Insurance Recovery Group, Reed Smith LLP.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 5/14/21.

**Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Capital Program Update** on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speakers: Vincent Yu, Assistant Deputy Director; Michael Owh, General Manager, Internal Services Department; Rafael Carbajal, Acting Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs; Christian Olmos, Program Chief, Office of Small Business Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.

Cost is \$89/person until noon, 5/14/21.

**California Prevailing Wage Law** on **Thursday, May 20, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Learn how to protect yourself against fines, penalties and interest. A must for owners, estimators, project managers and office administrators who are involved in public works projects. Discussion topics:

- New state AB 5 – The practical end of independent contractors
- Critical updates and hot topics
- Compliance 101
- Know the differences between prevailing wage and Davis Bacon requirements
- Projects covered by state and/or federal prevailing wages
- Apprentice requirements
- Determining the correct rate/classification
- Recordkeeping requirements, include CPR
- Enforcement and Penalties

Instructors: Larry Lubka, Esq. and Jeffrey Epstein, Esq. of Lubka & White LLP.

Cost is \$89/person until noon, 5/14/21.

**Community College Districts Capital Construction/Bond Program Updates** on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speakers: Joel Peterson, Director of Facilities, Glendale Community College District; Ynez Delgado Canela, Local Business Outreach Administrator, Measure CC, San Bernardino Community College District; Troy Ament, Executive Director, Construction & Facilities, Chaffey College; Hakim Chambers, Deputy Program Director, Los Angeles Community College District. Moderator: Fred Parker, Director of Operations, GAFCON.

Cost is \$89/person until noon, 5/21/21.

**LA Metro - Alternative Delivery Projects** on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021**, 8:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speakers: Tim Lindholm, Senior Executive Officer, Program Management; Brad Owen, Executive Officer, Program Management to discuss progressive Design-Build on the Orange Line; James Wei, Deputy Executive Officer, Program Management to discuss CMGC for a highway tolling project on the I105.

Cost is \$89/person until noon, 5/21/21.

**Water Districts Project Updates** on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021**, 8:00 am, Zoom Meeting. Guest speakers: Marc Serna, Chief Engineer, South Coast Water District; Michael Thomas, P.E., Capital Program Management, Unit Manager Engineering, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; John Torroledo, P.E., Manager of Operation Next, LA DWP; Louis Rubalcaba, Manager of the Project Management Office, LA DWP.

Cost: \$89/person until noon, 6/4/21.

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*Remember - The latest letterhead is always available on the Engineering Forms Library under the category "Correspondence" on the Bureau of Engineering intranet.*



## Construction Management Association of America, So Cal Chapter Seminars

The Construction Management Association of America Southern California Chapter is offering the following seminars. For additional information please go to [www.cmaasc.org](http://www.cmaasc.org).

For Zoom meetings log in/access information will be sent with the confirmation.

**Mt. San Jacinto Community College District: Capital Programs Update on Thursday, April 8, 2021, 9:30 am**, virtual link to be provided. Mt. San Jacinto College is a comprehensive community college that serves a 1,700-square mile area from the San Geronio Pass to Temecula. MSJC serve students throughout this region from the San Jacinto, Menifee Valley and San Geronio Pass campuses, Temecula Higher Education Center, and many off-site locations. Hear from Beth Gomez as she provides us with an update on MSJC's capital program.

Emcee: Edgar Zelaya, Associate Vice-President, KKCS. Moderator: J. Brandon Dekker, m.S., DBIA, Principal Office Practice Leader, CannonDesign. Speaker: Beth Gomez, Vice President of Business Services, Mt. San Jacinto Community College District.

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**Proposed LA County Green Zone Ordinance on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 8:30 am**, virtual link to be provided. Discussion of the many industrial, solid waste, green waste, and vehicle-related businesses that will be impacted, and the new restrictions and development standards that will be imposed on those businesses.

Emcee: Anthony Niccoli, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo. Speaker: Sean Sherlock, Snell & Wilmer.

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**Solving the HVAC Air Cleaning Dilemma: Panel Discussion on BPI with Acknowledged Experts on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 8:30 am**, virtual link to be provided. A panel of national experts present bipolar ionization technology that can be implemented in the workplace to significantly improve indoor air quality (IAQ) and mitigate the air transmission of the SARS virus that causes COVID-19. Numerous air cleaning products are flooding the marketplace but BPI has shown the most promise with 50 years of product history, third party laboratory testing, numerous field studies and client case studies. Emcee: Rebecca Hattarki, AIA LEED AP BD+C, Vice President, Gannett Fleming. Moderator: Robert Weidner, PE, CxA, LEED AP, Mechanical Practice Leader, Gannett Fleming. Speakers: Bill Browning, Honorary AIA, LEED AP, Partner, Terrapin Bright Green; Anthony M. Abate, Vice President/CTO, Clean Air Group, Inc.

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**Construction Management Multiple Prime Delivery Method: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 8:30 am**, virtual link to be provided. Hear from industry leaders representing public agencies, contrac-

tors, and consulting firms as they discuss the challenges they encounter and strategies they utilize in the procurement and management of public works projects. This three perspective discussion will provide unique insights that will provide an understanding of how this process is viewed and approached, the relationships that are essential to each other in the delivery of these projects.

Emcee: Heather King, Program Controls Manager, Safework CM. Moderator: David Pinter, Director of Project Development, C.W. Driver. Speakers: Robert Olin, Vice President, BCM Group, Inc.; David Miranda, Executive Director, Long Beach USD Facilities Development & Planning Branch; Lyle Smoot, Facilities Consultant.

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**Orange Unified School District: Capital Programs Update on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 9:30 am**, virtual link to be provided. The Orange Unified School District serves approximately 28,000 students in grades kindergarten through 12th, and encompasses all or part of the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange, Santa Ana, and Villa Park, as well as some unincorporated county areas. Hear from David and Scott as they provide capital program updates at their District.

Emcee: Edgar Zelaya, Associate Vice-President, KKCS. Moderator: Rebecca Hattarki AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Vice President, Gannett Fleming. Speaker: David A. Rivera, Assistant Superintendent/CBO, Business Services, Orange Unified School District; and Scott Harvey, Senior Executive Director, Administrative Services, Orange Unified School District.

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**A Transitioning Energy Sector on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 9:00 am**, virtual link to be provided. Driven by the need to decarbonize and provide additional reliance, the energy sector within California has been changing and will continue to evolve over the coming years. This webinar, presented by Lisa Hannaman of SCE and Martin Howell from Arup will outline what changes have already happened within the energy sector and what changes are likely to occur in the near future, as well as discussing some of the drivers that are enabling these changes. It will then dive into the local electricity sector, by outlining SCE's current and planned activities and programs, alignment with California's goals and policies, and key focus areas and opportunities for partnership. Join this webinar to learn:

- How the energy sector is currently operated and how it will be structured in the future.
- Policy drivers for the decarbonization of energy.
- Energy opportunities and challenges their clients will be dealing with in the near future.
- How utility companies such as Edison

are responding to decarbonization and resiliency needs.

- SCE's incentive programs and the funding mechanisms that are being deployed to allow customers to partner with them.

Emcee: Farrah Farzaneh, Director, Facilities Planning, Emergency Management & Construction, San Bernardino CCD. Speakers: Martin Howell, Associate Principal, Energy / Arup; and Lisa Hannaman, Senior Account Manager, Southern California Edison (SCE).

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**An Owners Only Roundtable – The Future is Here, Time to Catch Up! on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 12:00 pm**, virtual link to be provided. This free event is to facilitate the discussion of strategies that construction owners are using to cope with the evolving way that we are managing our people and projects. Since the value of these events really comes from the people in attendance, please bring your lessons learned, best practices, and questions to share with the group related to the following topics:

1. Effective virtual communication with project stakeholders,
2. Remote project management,
3. Useful technology and tools,
4. Changes to physical workplaces and policies, and
5. Strategies for keeping teams motivated.

For those who are not familiar with the CMAA Owner's Only Programs; our mission is to provide forums, events, and training in which an environment of collaboration and forward thinking ideas amongst industry owner construction professionals can take place to help facilitate the delivery of better quality and added value to construction projects.

Emcee: Kevin Laut, Director of Construction Management, California State University, Office of the Chancellor. Moderator: Jeremy Gomolijak, Construction Manager, California State University, Office of the Chancellor.

**California High-Speed Rail on Friday, April 30, 2021, 10:30 am**, virtual link to be provided. California high-speed rail will fundamentally transform how people move around the state, spur economic growth, create a cleaner environment, and preserve agricultural lands and natural habitat – and it has already created thousands of good-paying jobs. Hear from LaDonna as she provides program updates.

Emcee: Edgar Zelaya, Associate Vice President, KKCS.

Moderator: Judy Johnson, Vice President, Jacobs. Speaker: LaDonna DiCamillo, Southern California Regional Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority.

Cost: \$45/member, \$75/non-member.

**Innovation and Technology in Construction on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 8:30 am**, virtual link to be provided. Closing the gap between construction and long term facili-

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## Promotions

**Wayne Chow**, Architectural Assoc II, ARC; **Pedro Hernandez**, Civil Eng Assoc II, HAR; **Safa Javanmardi**, Civil Eng Assoc II, VAL; **Bijan Zadeh**, Civil Eng Assoc II, SSD; **Shirkyah Phillips**, Civil Eng Assoc II, WCC (Feb)

## Internal Transfers

**Joshua Garrido**, Civil Eng Assoc I, from WCC to VAL (Rotation); **Jeanette Vong**, Civil Eng Assoc II, from WCE to WCC.

## Departures

**Luis Torres**, Field Engineer Aide, SUR, Promoted to DWP; **Marilyn Chavarria**, Administrative Intern II, ARC, Resigned.

## SIP Retirements

**Howard Cooper**, Civil Eng Draft Tech, VAL; **Ishmael Escobar**, Civil Eng Draft Tech, WCE; **Robert Hollingsworth**, Civil Eng Draft Tech, EED; **Anh Le**, Civil Eng Draft Tech, ARC; **Bee-na Modi**, Accounting Clerk, ADM; **Violaine Mumar**, Sr. Administrative Clerk, SYS; **Judith Stockli**, Sr. Administrative Clerk, GIS; **Delia Velasquez**, Civil Eng Draft Tech, PAC.

## Professional Registration

**Danny Morales**, Structural Eng Assoc I, CEN - PE License.

## Certificates

### ICC

**Jose Hernandez**, Civil Eng Assoc I, WCE; **Chris Chahbaz**, Civil Eng Assoc I, VAL; **Safa Javanmardi**, Civil Eng Assoc II, VAL; **Juan Velazquez-Cardenas**, Civil Eng Assoc II, EED; **Brandon Kawaguchi**, Civil Eng Assoc II, CWD; **Amy Lam**, Civil Eng Assoc I, CWD.

### EIT

**Shirkyah Phillips**, Civil Eng Assoc II, WCC.

## CMAA National Recognition Award Nominations

The Construction Management Association of America Southern California Chapter is inviting members to participate in the CMAA National Industry Honors Individual Recognition Award. This program is offered annually to recognize those individuals/organizations who provided and continue to provide their support to the construction management industry in different capacity and show their high level of professionalism, leadership and passionate in different sectors. This competition is a nationwide, and this year CMAA SoCal is taking a more proactive and passionate approach for those in its region. CMAA SoCal is promoting the National Industry Honors Individual Recognition Award in a more competitive way and will support those who are highly qualified and submit them to the National CMAA with CMAA SoCal's endorsement. Nominations are due **April 19, 2021**.

## Mayor Names Animal Services Interim GM

*Mayor's press release:*

LOS ANGELES (April 2, 2021) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today named Dana Brown as Interim General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) following the retirement of General Manager Brenda Barnette. Brown will assume the position starting on May 10, 2021.

"Dana's breadth of experience, record of leadership, and wealth of knowledge will help ensure our City continues to set the highest possible standard for animal welfare," said Mayor Garcetti. "Dana follows in the footsteps of an extraordinary public servant in Brenda Barnette, who helped the department meet and exceed its ambitious goals even as she navigated unprecedented challenges brought on by historic wildfires, a pandemic, and an economic downturn."

Dana Brown has served the City of Los Angeles for more than 30 years. Most recently working as the City's Chief Employee Relations Officer in the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), she was responsible for helping lead the City's labor negotiations amid significant operational challenges resulting from the pandemic. Prior to her time with the CAO, Brown was Assistant General Manager of LAAS under Barnette, equipping her with the expertise and deep understanding required to lead this department forward.

As Interim General Manager of LAAS, Brown will oversee one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the country, which operates six animal shelters, takes in tens of thousands of animals each year, and bears responsibility for keeping shelters in compliance with state and city regulations.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity," says Brown. "I am extremely excited about returning to Animal Services as its leader to work alongside the passionate people who have dedicated their careers to saving lives. I look forward to continuing to partner with the community as we cooperatively collaborate resources, ideas, and strategies to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the animals and people of Los Angeles."

Brown will replace Brenda Barnette, who will be retiring after serving 10 years as General Manager of LAAS. During her tenure, Barnette helped the Department increase its animal adoption rate from 57% to 90.49%; strengthened relationships with key partners including the Best Friends Animal Society and No Kill Coalition; and helped create the Pet Food Pantry program during the pandemic, which has now served over 8,000 pets to date.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked for the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services for the last 10 years with people who care deeply about animals, including the wildlife with whom we coexist," said Brenda Barnette. "I have watched my team develop and I am certain they are ready to take the department to the next level. The

amazing support of the community has been critical to every success, and I look forward to watching continued success even in my retirement. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Los Angeles. It has truly been my honor."

## Passing of Pratt

It is with great sadness that we report that retired Chief Surveyor Anthony (Tony) Pratt passed away on March 26, 2021. Tony began his career with the City in 1982 as a Field Engineering Aide for the Bureau of Engineering Survey Division, eventually attaining the position of head of the Survey Division, which he held from 2006 until his retirement in January 2015. Our deepest condolences go to his wife Becky and two children. There will be no service at this time though the family may hold memorial service some time in the future. Anyone that would like to can donate to Circle of Life Hospice. Gifts can be made in memory of Tony to support patient care and family services at:

Circle of Life  
901 Jones Road  
Springdale, AR 72762  
[www.GiveToCircle.org](http://www.GiveToCircle.org)



## CCM Application Webinar

CMAA SoCal is presenting a CCM Application Webinar on **Thursday, April 29, 2021, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**, virtual link to be provided. Topics covered:

- CCM Eligibility
- CCM Application Process
- CCM Exam Preparation
- Recertification Process

Presenters: Brian Culligan, CCM, PMP, Program/Construction Manager, Psomas; Jinous Samii-Saremi, CCM, Project Director, Vanir Construction Management, Inc.

Register at [sccmaa@cmaasc.org](mailto:sccmaa@cmaasc.org)

## We'd Like to Hear from You

If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them to [BOENewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:BOENewsletter@gmail.com). Deadline for the next issue is **Thursday, April 29, 2021**.

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