



STREET TALK

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Mayor



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Council District 7 Road Widening Project

On February 1, 2018, Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to commence the North San Fernando Road Widening between Astoria Street and Sayre Street in Council District 7. The Bureau's Design Build Division was tasked with the design and construction of this unique project. The project provides key safety elements that include widening the road, building a retaining wall, installation of a 10 ft. wide sidewalk including curb and gutter and repaving the roadway. Additionally, the Bureau will utilize 4,000 pound recycled concrete blocks for the construction of the retaining wall. Transit riders, pedestrians, Dyers Street Elementary and Osceola Street Elementary School will benefit tremendously from these improvements.



The Sixth All Star Member: The Bureau

The 67th annual NBA All-Star game took place at Staples Center on Sunday, Feb. 18th. The Bureau's Street Maintenance Division and Investigations and Enforcement Division "teamed up" to provide clean and safe routes around the 18 NBA All Star venues. Our dedicated workers filled potholes, delivered barricades, motor swept, enforced permit requirements, and ensured public safety. These Bureau staff efforts enabled the City of Los Angeles to host the most successful NBA All Star game to date.



Training Makes Perfect

This month, the Bureau's Investigators culminated a 200 hour course led by the Los Angeles Police Department. The five week course covered a range of field tactics including de-escalation, arrest and control, Incident Command System policy, hazardous materials and bomb threat assessment. The training fine-tuned our Street Services Investigators' skills and earned them a certificate of completion from the State of California Peace Officers Standards and Training.



Our City's Protected Trees



In the City of Los Angeles there are four protected tree species. The most magnificent of these are the oak trees, in particular, the Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*). All naturally occurring native oak trees are protected but generally only two are found within the city limits, Valley Oak and Coast Live Oak. Valley Oak is referred to as a solitary species because they seldom grow in groups. These trees can exceed sixty inches in diameter with canopies that can grow to a hundred feet tall and wide. These giants can live to be more than 500 years old. For the most part, Valley Oaks are found in the San Fernando Valley.



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