



# STREET TALK



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## **Councilman Zine Launches \$1 Million Sidewalk Repair Initiative**



Councilman Dennis P. Zine launched a \$1 Million Sidewalk Repair Initiative in Council District 3 on February 4th. Bureau-qualified staff has identified approximately 50 locations that are in need of major repair. This initiative addresses one of the most critical infrastructure challenges and one that significantly impacts the quality of life in neighborhoods. “By addressing this need we are reducing liability, increasing public safety, eliminating blight, and improving the overall quality of life in the West San Fernando Valley,” said Councilman Zine. BSS Director Nazario Saucedo added, “When you invest in Public Works, you invest in public safety.”

## **Nazario Saucedo Presents State of the Streets to the LANCC**

On February 2, BSS Director Nazario Saucedo delivered a presentation on the State of the Streets to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) at the Hollywood Constituent Center. During his presentation, Mr. Saucedo explained the sophisticated and scientific methodologies to properly manage the largest and most congested municipal street system in the nation and arguably, in the world. He emphasized the benefits of utilizing the state of the art Pavement Management System (PMS) such as MicroPAVER. By the end of the meeting, those who attended were able to gain a much better understanding of the BSS’ efforts and practices to properly manage a streets system that is equivalent to a four-lane highway between our City and the City of Paris, France.



## **Produce Truck Accident Closes off Sunland Blvd**



On February 16, the driver of an 18-wheel, refrigerated tractor trailer hauling produce forgot to set the brakes after he exited the truck. The driver ran after the truck as it sped forward through the intersection of Fenwick Street and Sunland Blvd, jackknifed west of the Sizzler Restaurant on Sunland Blvd, knocked out a traffic light, and caught on fire. Half of the truck’s load was emptied onto Sunland Blvd, which was closed except for the one slow North bound lane. The Bureau of Street Services and Street Lighting, LAPD, LAFD, DWP, DOT, County Environmental Health, and Clean Harbors (a private towing company) responded immediately. By the end of the night, the Bureau removed 40 cubic yards of burned debris and vegetables while protecting the areas that were damaged and ensured that all slippery conditions were abated.

## **Lot Cleaning Division Removes 1,000 Cubic Yards of Debris**

The residents on Otsego Street in North Hollywood have had to deal with the debris left behind by the demolition of two small apartment buildings until members of the Midtown Neighborhood Council brought it to the attention of the Bureau of Street Services’ Lot Cleaning Division. Division personnel inspected the sites and issued a Notice of Violation to the owners who failed to remedy the situation. Utilizing heavy equipment and heavy trucks, the Lot Cleaning Division removed over 1,000 cubic yards of debris in only four days. Both the Midtown Neighborhood Council and the local residents expressed their deepest thanks and appreciation for the efficient removal of debris.



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