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STREET TALK

July 31, 2014

From the desk of
Nazario Sauceda, Director
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Eric Garcetti
Mayor

Larchmont Medians Phase II Project

BSS has completed the second phase of the Larchmont Medians Project. Phase I was a huge success, significantly transforming the southern end of Larchmont Blvd. from 1st to 3rd St., Phase II continued the efforts of beautifying the area and calming traffic on this pivotal city street by building three landscaped medians and a monument between Melrose and Rosewood avenues. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of the project and CD 4 Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Board of Public Works President Kevin James, and BSS Director Nazario Sauceda provided words of inspiration and appreciation to all in attendance.

BSS Beats the Heat

Due to the ongoing drought, it was announced early this year that for the first time in its 54 year history, the State’s Water Project will refrain from delivering water for both urban and agriculture uses. Realizing that the State is in crisis, Governor Brown requested that all of Californians reduce water consumption by at least 20%. The Bureau of Street Services answered the Governor’s call by ordering staff to reduce consumption of water for its irrigated landscaped medians by minimal of 20%. While this situation is not ideal, BSS continues to seek alternative solutions in using less water while maintaining over 11 million sq. ft. of landscaped medians in a healthy and aesthetically pleasing condition for the public to enjoy. BSS urges constituents to conserve as much water as possible during this serious drought.

Washington Boulevard Receives a Lift

Following the successful inaugural Street Lift of Ventura Boulevard, BSS is proceeding with the second roadway in the Street Lift effort -Washington Boulevard from Ocean Front Walk to Oxford Avenue. The Bureau's focused infrastructure work on this major artery to Venice Beach will beautify the entire area and attract visitors to this world famous part of Los Angeles. New asphalt pavement, trimmed street trees and fresh concrete drainage gutters all contribute to a clean neighborhood, beckoning tourists and local residents alike to enjoy the sun and fun that is Venice Beach. Councilmember Mike Bonin representing CD 11 was present, sharing words of appreciation for BSS.

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