



# STREET TALK

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## Famous Musicians Chuck D and B-Real Perform on Skid Row



The Prophets of Rage, a band comprised of members from various musical groups including Rage Against the Machine, Public Enemy and Cypress Hill, performed for hundreds at the Skid Row Neighborhood Fair on Saturday, July 15th. The free, rooftop concert took place in Downtown Los Angeles on 6th Street and benefitted artists from the Skid Row area. Monitoring the large crowd, the Bureau's Investigation and Enforcement Division was present to ensure public safety and enforce permit requirements. The successful event kicked off the group's North American tour which begins in August.

## Historical Cultural Monument Location Spruced Up

In the early 1930's, approximately 200 Deodar Cedars were planted on White Oak Avenue from San Jose Street to San Fernando Mission Boulevard. As these magnificent trees flourished and began to resemble Christmas trees, the area became known as Christmas Tree Lane. Thus, on August 3, 1966, the City of Los Angeles included the impressive area, located in Council District 12, on its Historical Cultural Monument List. Today, these coniferous evergreens canopy the street and reach heights over 80 feet. The Bureau's Urban Forestry Division Crews polished up the Deodar Cedars this month by removing extending, low-hanging limbs and deadwood to improve pedestrian and vehicular accessibility and safety.



## Smooth Sailing on Wilshire Boulevard



Under the leadership of Councilman Paul Koretz, the Resurfacing Division's Valley Region resurfaced iconic Wilshire Boulevard from Beverly Glen Boulevard to Westwood Boulevard. On the weekends of July 17th and July 24th, the Bureau's crews resurfaced a 475,000 square foot area. Completed in just two weekend sessions, the quick construction minimized disruptions for commuters in West LA, who can now travel effortlessly on these newly resurfaced lanes.

## Safe Passage to Bellingham Elementary

The Engineering and Special Projects Divisions are teaming up to complete the Bellingham Avenue Safe Route to School Project. To create this safe route in Council District 2, the Bureau plans to construct a multitude of new curb ramps, driveways, sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Additionally, the project will enhance Los Angeles' sustainability by the planting of 30 or more new trees in the area. Not only will this large-scale project be a great addition to the City, it will also increase the safety of LAUSD students traveling to and from school.



## The Engineering Division Staff Returns to College



The Bureau's Engineering Division recently participated as judges for UCLA's end-of-the-year, Landscape and Architecture Department thesis show. The Division's team critiqued, evaluated and commented on the student's innovative projects. During the week of July 18th, the Bureau invited these same UCLA students to tour the Engineering Division. The students learned more about the Division and what it does as a City agency. Hopefully the Bureau will see some of the same students joining the staff in the future!



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