



STREET TALK

HOPING THE NEW YEAR IS OFF TO A GREAT START



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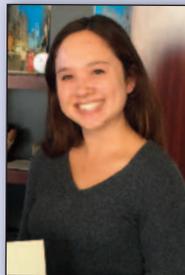
Ensuring Quality



As part of the Bureau's mission to provide quality street services in a timely and efficient manner, the Bureau partners with the General Services Department (GSD) Standards Division. The GSD quality control experts provide testing on asphalt materials used in the 2400 Lane Mile Pavement Preservation Program. Since the new fiscal year began, GSD has performed over 80,000 tests from samples and compaction readings taken directly from the field. The information provided by GSD ensures all newly paved streets meet quality standards and maximum life expectancy.

Stepping Stone in Los Angeles

For over 20 years, the Bureau has partnered with the Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles (TFLA) in their Lasting Internships For Tomorrow's Los Angeles (LIFT LA) program. The program assists students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the competitive Los Angeles job market. Nearly 80% of the Bureau's interns have successfully acquired jobs in the Los Angeles area. The Bureau's most recent successful intern is Karina Farris, who is now working for a nationally recognized Public Relations firm in the Los Angeles area.



Changing the Fabric of Downtown Los Angeles

On January 18th, the Fashion District Business Improvement District, Council District 14, the Bureau, and the community celebrated the long anticipated groundbreaking for the \$1.9M Fashion District Phase 2 project. The project, designed in-house



by the Engineering Division, includes the repair of 25,000 sq. ft. of sidewalk, 26 new street trees, bus stop lighting and curb ramp upgrades along Los Angeles Street from Olympic Boulevard to 7th Street. The Bureau's Special Projects Division began the improvement project on January 23rd. The Bureau looks forward to enhancing the pedestrian-friendly nature of a continually improving downtown.

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Santa Ana Winds Hit Los Angeles

During the month of December, the City was battered by strong Santa Ana winds exceeding 50 miles per hour in some regions of Los Angeles. Urban Forestry Division and Street Maintenance Division crews provided timely response to over 534 tree emergency requests. Tree emergency locations were inspected and secured to ensure public safety within 24 hours of the received request. Complete debris removal was achieved within 72 hours. The two divisions efficiently coordinated operations ensuring the City streets were quickly returned to a safe and passable condition for the City's residents.



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