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**Mission:**

Enhance the Quality of Life for All

**Motto:**

Making LA Streets Safe, Mobile and Sustainable

**Vision:**

Be a World Leader in Public Works, Committed to Serving and Improving Our Communities

**OCTOBER 2019 – Quarterly Report**

Oct 12 – Advisory Council met at the Griffith Park Visitor Center Auditorium. The General Manager Adel Hagekhalil made his welcoming address. There were opening remarks from the various street service department heads for the department. We spent the better part of a few hours discussing the 2020 strategic plan proposal. We talked about the current budget proposal, the advanced planning projects

in place, grant programs, tree maintenance and replacement program, the asphalt cooling strategies, new programs to improve road conditions and the street sweeping schedule. There was an open discussion for questions, and we participated in interactive software programs to get an idea where the priorities in our respective opinions.

### **Announcements:**

2020 census #2020Census <http://census.lacity.org>

STREETS LA social medial accounts @BSSLosAngeles

### **Past Events:**

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Council district hosted a free public festival celebrating the grand opening of Migrant’s Bend Plaza. In 2012 the Bureau of Street Services took over the task of designs and construction of a grant originally conceived by the former CRA. In 2014, the concept for Migrant’s Bend site was developed by Street LA project lead Scott Shimatsu and approved with community input from Council Districts 1 and 14. From 2016 to now, construction management was provided by Streets LA engineering services staff, procurement by their Financial Management Division and constructions services expertise by staff and unit Crew 10.

### **Newsletter Highlights:**

[Global Best Practices Streets Summit](#)

On Tuesday, November 5th, 2019, Streets LA held its first ever Global Best Practices Streets Summit.



### Resurfacing with Mayor Garcetti

Mayor Eric Garcetti helped out at our Streets LA crew repaving Masselin Ave at Wilshire Blvd. Making Los Angeles streets safe, mobile and sustainable.



### Pasadena Ave Pedestrian Improvements

Streets LA Crew completes the installation of a median island with decorative river-rock borders designed to enhance safety and enhance the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood.



## Hoover Triangle Plaza Phase 2

Streets LA coordinated the installation of four mature full-size 72" box trees (Ulmus Parvifolia, Chinese Evergreen Elm) to provide shade for the plaza.



## Cool LA Neighborhoods

In June of 2019 we completed our first three neighborhood-level cool pavement projects across the San Fernando Valley, in Canoga Park, Sun Valley and Pacoima.



## Tree Summit

On April 26, 2019, Streets LA's Urban Forestry division held its first ever Tree Summit LA. The midday panel was moderated by Mayor Eric Garcetti which included National Tree Experts. Attendees participated in breakout sessions to discuss trees on private property, parks, open space, and streets while sharing and learning from urban forestry experts from surrounding LA cities.



## Tree Emergency

Our Streets LA Urban Forestry crews responded to more than 1,300 tree emergency service requests received by [MyLA311](#). Crews worked tirelessly to clear downed trees from high winds in a span of 48 hrs.



### Marquerite Street Cool Pavement

Streets LA tested/applied a new cool slurry pavement preservation as part of our Cool LA initiative. The measured temperature difference between the untreated asphalt area and the area with the new cool slurry applied was 25 degrees cooler. Cool LA making Los Angeles streets and neighborhoods cool, safe & sustainable.



### Marathon Cleanup

The clean up after the LA Marathon was massive and our crews were up to the challenge. The mighty fleet of sweepers coming down the street looked like an army cleaning up miles of debris.



### Pothole Blitz

Streets LA joined with council members, led by Councilwoman Martinez, in a four-week pothole blitz where over 1,500 potholes were repaired. The pothole blitz was highlighted by the "all female crew" dressed in pink safety vests and pink hard hats.

**BUDGET – to be announced on the website**

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# 5-Year Strategic Plan

2019/20 – 2024/25



Fairfax Avenue, CD10





**StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council  
Statement of Intent**

The Mission of StreetsLA is to enhance the quality of life for all. We want that mission to also drive your participation in the StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council is intended to be a cross-section of stakeholders from around the City, who represent a range of stakeholder types and who reflect the diversity of the City. The Advisory Council will offer expertise for programs and priorities of StreetsLA as the bureau plans its future and looks for ways to continue to improve.

StreetsLA is committed to engaging the Advisory Council, and keeping it informed about our program, special initiatives and public events. We intend to host quarterly in-person meetings and provide regular online communication and other engagement opportunities.

Advisory Council members should provide input while considering both their local neighborhoods and stakeholder organizations as well as Citywide perspectives and needs. It is our hope and request that Advisory Council members can share with their neighbors and colleagues what they've learned about the organization, help others engage in StreetsLA programs and request our services, and expand the reach of StreetsLA to involve more community members and neighborhood organizations.

StreetsLA seeks an honest and ongoing dialogue with the Advisory Council, in which everyone's opinion is invited and everyone's participation is respected. Comments or opinions of Advisory Council members expressed in our meetings may be aggregated and paraphrased for sharing with policy makers and others, but they will not be attributed to individuals without advance permission.

Thank you for your interest and willingness to serve as a member of the Advisory Council.

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5. Establish a Neighborhood Council Street Service Advisory Committee
  - a. *The StreetsLA Advisory Council kicks off on October 12.*
  - b. *All Neighborhood Councils will be invited to participate in the StreetsLA "i-Group," a list engaged online to provide input. We are working with DONE to expand communication to the NCs and the NC Public Works liaisons.*
6. Increase funding for City tree management and maintenance
  - a. *Preparing to award the contract to begin the street tree inventory.*
  - b. *Acquisition of Street Tree work management system used by RAP to align all street tree and park tree data into a unified system.*
  - c. *Supporting the new City Forest Officer, and providing resources to assist in the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan.*
  - d. *Deploying additional crews provided for in the budget: two new tree trimming crews, and two new watering & tree-care crews. Per the Council's intent, we aim to hire two new trimming crews each year for the next four years.*
7. Develop a comprehensive risk and liability reduction strategy
  - a. *Strategy being implemented in phases*
    - i. *Phase I: We have stabilized 500 locations that had safety concerns and removed 1,000 obstructions.*
    - ii. *Phase II: We are beginning work on 16 locations identified using data from the City Attorney's office to identify sources of high claims payouts.*
    - iii. *Phase III: Begin coordinated work to repair "anchor" locations and all other service requests within a radius or "grid" of the anchor location.*
8. Implement small area sidewalk repairs rather than wait for entire street funding which incorporates ADA curb changes
  - a. *StreetsLA has begun the deployment of our Risk & Liability crews to repair sidewalks and remove hazard conditions.*
9. Implement an alley repair program
  - a. *StreetsLA began work on funded alley program in July 2019, and we have already completed more than two lane miles of alley repair work.*

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1. Make data available to the public broken down by project, documenting dollars spent, services provided, performance metrics and project schedules (existing and future) drilled down by Council District (CD), Neighborhood Council (NC) area and street.
  - a. *In addition to the data available on our website, listed in Question 3, StreetsLA continues to invest in technology to bring the most up-to-date metrics and performance measures forward for analysis and process optimization. Such technologies include enhanced GPS telematics in our motor sweepers, using tablets to gather productivity measures in real time, launching the street tree inventory, and engaging the public through the MyLA311 app and social media.*
2. Support budget requests to enhance and expand BSS planning efforts
  - a. *StreetsLA has engaged multiple consultants to assist with enhancing and expanding our planning capabilities including through asset management assessment using ISO 55000 standards, conducting gap analyses, and devising strategies for incorporating current information systems control; and joining with RAP to use a common database for cataloging both street trees and park trees.*
3. Improve and enhance the electronic data available on the BSS website
  - a. *Data publicly available on our website include:*
    - i. *Dashboard showing current status on committed annual goals; and*
    - ii. *Current and planned Pavement Preservation projects for FY19-20, and completed projects all the way back to 2013. We will add FY20-21 soon.*
  - b. *StreetsLA is actively soliciting consultants to advise on steps to implement a public-facing data panel, and the street tree inventory that is just about to get underway will also be publicly available on the website.*
4. Implement audit recommendations presented in the Controller's 2014 Report: "LA Street: The Road to the Future" and, specifically, analyze performance and associated costs for each component of the pavement preservation program
  - a. *StreetsLA has implemented changes to address many of the findings contained in the audit, including expending all funds allocated to pavement preservation, not returning any budgeted funds, and modernizing our Asphalt Plant No. 1.*
  - b. *StreetsLA is soliciting proposals from consultants to advise of the best asset management program to record, track and monitor the pavement preservation program activities and costs.*