



STREET TALK November 30, 2017



Eric Garcetti
Mayor



From the desk of
Nazario Saucedo, Director
Bureau of Street Services



From Vocational Workers to Civil Servants

Under the leadership of Mayor Eric Garcetti and in reponse to the Executive Directive No. 15, two years ago BSS launched its internal Vocational Worker Program, which provides a pathway to permanent civil service jobs in the City of Los Angeles. On November 17, 2017 and after successfully completing the intensive 18-month program, certificates were awarded to the first 14 Vocational Workers that transitioned to civil service. At the special presentation held at the Board of Public Works, newly transitioned civil servant, Dora Robles expressed "I'm so grateful and appreciative of everything that has been made possible [through this program]." In addition,



Jennifer McDowell from the Mayor's Office indicated the event was a way of "celebrating the pipeline that will bring alot of equity and a sustainable workforce to our City."

An Ode to Ferdy Chan

This month we celebrated the retirement of the Bureau of Street Services own, Ferdinand "Ferdy" Chan. In the beginning of his BSS career, Ferdy was a part of the team that pioneered the Bureau's unique Design Build Division



which allowed for numerous city projects to not only be designed but also constructed by Bureau forces. BSS Director, Nazario Saucedo commended Ferdy Chan for his valuable contributions to the Bureau by presenting him the Director's Award. Those who worked closely with Ferdy described him as being "a strong presence" and "a calm, careful, strategic man."

His legacy at the BSS reminds us that our work not only makes a difference in the community but in the lives of the people we work with.

Veterans Day Carnival

On November 11, 2017, Councilmember Gil Cedillo hosted the 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Street Fair and Carnival which took place on North Broadway between Griffin Ave and Daly St. Rides, games and booths were set up to accommodate community members. Most importantly, Veterans were recognized for their service and funds were collected to benefit the local Boys and Girls Club. Our Street Services Investigators were present to enforce permit requirements designed to ensure public safety. We continue to pay homage to those who to fight for our right to be free.



The BSS is Coming Clean

Earlier this month, representatives from the BSS and Bureau of Engineering (BOE) performed pre-delivery verifications at the asphalt manufacturer's factory in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Asphalt production equipment is currently being fabricated to modernize our Asphalt Plant 1. When complete, the modernized plant will operate with the cleanest emissions and produce asphalt concrete with 50% recycled content (over twice the standard). Standing in front of the new drum (on the right) is BSS Asphalt Plant Supervisor, Fred Garcia. Alongside Fred is BOE Construction Manager, Mike Uemura. We are eagerly anticipating the Winter 2018 plant's completion.



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