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# STREET TALK



**Eric Garcetti**  
Mayor



From the desk of  
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Bureau of Street Services



### Recognition of Excellence: Building Safe Sidewalks

On September 21, 2017, BSS Director Nazario Saucedo received a Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award from Congressman Tony Cardenas. This award recognizes the pedestrian improvement project BSS recently completed along Calhoun Ave, which provides vital access to the newly opened Cardenas Elementary School. Director, Nazario Saucedo used this opportunity to request the Congressman to fight for federal support as it pertains to funding infrastructure improvements.



### Mix 1781: Improving Roads in Poor Condition

BSS working in collaboration with the Department of General Services and Petrochem Material Innovation (PMI), developed a new and improved Modified Rubberized Polymer called Mix 1781 in honor to the year our great City was founded. This treatment corrects defects such as pavement raveling, alligator cracking, and extends the serviceable life of streets for up to 10 years. The pilot project was performed on August 21st and 22nd in Council District 12's Community St and was attended by Councilmember Mitch Englander, BPW President Kevin James, and BSS Director Nazario Saucedo.



### Triangle Plaza: A Place for Gathering



On September 7th, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held to celebrate the newly redesigned and rebuilt Hoover St/Union Ave Triangle Plaza. The project was led by Councilmember Gil Cedillo and required a collaborative partnership between City family agencies and USC's Student Design Team. Councilmember Cedillo, BPW Commissioner Heather Repenning and BSS Director Nazario Saucedo attended the official grand opening. The event was also attended by the local community members.

### Trained Employees are Safe Employees

Our Urban Forestry Division (UFD) performs a three-day Safety Training course for their employees annually. This training pertains to tree care operations and tree aerial rescue. One of the most crucial areas of safety is practicing the rescue of an aloft injured tree worker from a tree. As part of the training, a tree worker must rescue a 160-pound dummy that is placed approximately 25 feet up a tree. UFD staff takes turns ascending the tree to assist the helpless practice dummy safely to the ground. This type of practice and training emphasizes safety in the workplace and prepares staff for the dangers associated with tree work.



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