



The Backbone

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As a Department that promotes sustainability and as we continue to build our readership, our goal is to eventually distribute the newsletter electronically only. We encourage you to subscribe to the following link and opt-in by selecting the Public Works Newsletter for the electronic version. The electronic newsletters allow the City to share more information while reducing paper production. www.beverlyhills.org/enotice

Public Works Welcomes Transportation Planning and Engineering Staff

The Transportation Division of Community Development is moving to the Public Works Department. Transportation planning, engineering and infrastructure operations are clearly linked so a beneficial synergy is expected with this change. This move will bring together the staff who work to plan, design, build, operate and maintain the City's



streets, sidewalks, traffic signals, bicycle facilities and transit amenities. With the draft Complete Streets Plan, Connect Beverly Hills Streetscape Plan for Wilshire and La Cienega Boulevards, the North Portal entrance to the Metro subway and a host of neighborhood improvement projects in the works, we are excited to welcome the Transportation group to Public Works to help better serve the community.

City Initiates Switch to Touchless Pedestrian Signals

To address some resident concerns about the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus through contact with the buttons of City intersections our staff changed most intersections to automatically provide a pedestrian "walk" signal. This method – known as "pedestrian recall mode" – essentially directs the computer controlling the signal to assume that a pedestrian is present at all times. When no pedestrians are present, the consequence is increased delays not just for motorists, but also for actual pedestrians waiting to cross in the other direction.

Several "touchless" pedestrian sensors in development in recent years have been advanced due to concerns over the COVID-19 virus. Beverly Hills has been able to test some of these products and will continue to look at new products as they become ready to test. We are currently testing this new touchless technology at the South Santa Monica Blvd and Crescent intersection. The sensor resembles a standard push button, but requires just a wave of a hand from several inches away to activate. These units also include audible tones and voice

feedback to assist visually impaired pedestrians. The touchless sensors were installed in mid-September and staff has been working with the vendor to incorporate improvements through firmware upgrades. We will also be exploring the use of smartphone applications that allow pedestrians to activate the walk signal. While most intersections will remain in the automatic pedestrian recall mode until the pandemic subsides, we expect that touchless technology will very soon make standard push buttons a thing of the past.



Important Street Sweeping Update: Residential Streets South of Santa Monica Blvd

To enhance service levels and provide more uniform street sweeping, effective January 2021, the City of Beverly Hills will begin a new daytime street sweeping schedule on all residential streets south of Santa Monica Blvd. The new schedules will be phased in over the first six months of 2021. A direct mailer will be sent to all affected residential units as the changes are rolled out. To view a map of the new street sweeping schedule, including specific implementation dates and streets affected, please visit our website at www.beverlyhills.org/streetsweeping. We understand this might impact you or someone in your household. We are here to answer any questions in order to help you determine the best solution. Please contact Beverly Hills Public Works Customer Service at (310) 285-2467 or via email at AskPW@beverlyhills.org. Thank you in advance for your partnership in helping to keep our community beautiful.



Camden-Brighton Demonstration Project Aerial Photo

The City of Beverly Hills Seeks Feedback on Temporary Intersection Enhancements

In November 2020, the City of Beverly Hills installed a temporary project at the intersection of N. Camden Drive and Brighton Way to test elements that could make streets more pedestrian friendly. The project is funded by a grant from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and is part of a larger Pedestrian and Bicycle Awareness and Education Campaign being shared on the City's social media channels and via a new grant-funded mobility website: www.beverlyhills.org/mobility.

The purpose of the project is to show the Beverly Hills community potential pedestrian amenities that could be expanded in other parts of the City. The project will be installed for at least six months.

The City of Beverly Hills invites community members to visit the intersection and respond to a short online survey to share their thoughts. The survey is available on the City's Mobility website at www.beverlyhills.org/mobility, which also includes more resources about safely navigating Beverly Hills via all travel modes. The feedback from the survey will help the City determine if the demonstration project will be made permanent, modified, or removed, which is anticipated to be considered by the City Council in spring/summer 2021.

Bi-Annual Alley Clearance Trimming

The City of Beverly Hills will be conducting its bi-annual alley clearance trimming (vegetation growing into the alley ways.) This work is performed to ensure the City service and/or emergency vehicles have adequate access to the alleys in the City. You will receive a separate notice if your alley will be impacted by the trimming. Please contact Public Works Customer Service at AskPW@Beverlyhills.org or call (310) 285-2467.

Clean your roof drains, area drains and hillside drains.

With the La Nina weather this year, the Los Angeles region is expecting rainfall to start in January through February. To prevent flooding, hillside erosion or rain damage in your property, we advise that you perform maintenance on your roof drains, area drains and slope drains. Roof drains can be maintained by removing leaves and other material from the gutter. Area drains can be maintained by hydro jetting and/or snaking your drains by a reputable contractor or plumber to make sure there's no blockages. Slope drains can be maintained by physically removing dirt or vegetation from the structure. Since these are typically located in hillside properties, contractors must use proper safety procedures and equipment to perform maintenance.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 | 12:00 PM
Purple Line Extension Outreach Meeting | Online

Thursday, January 7, 2021 | 9:00 AM
Traffic and Parking Commission Regular Meeting | Online

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 | 7:00 PM
City Council Meeting Formal Session | Online

Thursday, January 14, 2021 | 8:00 AM
Public Works Commission Meeting | Online

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 | 7:00 PM
City Council Meeting Formal Session | Online

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 | 7:00 PM
City Council Meeting Formal Session | Online

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 | 12:00 PM
Purple Line Extension Outreach Meeting | Online

Thursday, February 4, 2021 | 9:00 AM
Traffic and Parking Commission Regular Meeting | Online

Thursday, February 11, 2021 | 8:00 AM
Public Works Commission Meeting | Online

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | 7:00 PM
City Council Meeting Formal Session | Online

RESOURCES

HELPFUL LINKS:

Link to sign up for the bi-monthly Newsletter www.beverlyhills.org/enotice


Water Tracker – www.beverlyhills.org/watertracker

Solid Waste Rates: www.beverlyhills.org/solidwasterates

Water Conservation: www.bhsaves.org

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