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Building A Better Long Beach

*Landmark Square
Downtown*



Message from Craig Beck, Director

Dear Community Partner,

Repairs and upgrades to our City's aging infrastructure have long been identified by the public and our elected officials as a major need. During these difficult economic times, Long Beach Development Services remains committed to investing in these upgrades. Through the work of our Redevelopment Agency, we've kicked off several large projects that will provide improvements in our neighborhoods and communities for years to come.

In Central Long Beach, we've begun Phase 1 of a 2-phase, \$2.15 million upgrade project in the Magnolia Industrial District, including pavement repairs and new streets and sidewalks. Work along Oregon Avenue is now 60% complete, and includes a new traffic signal at the intersection of Anaheim and Oregon. Additional asphalt pavement removal and excavation along Oregon will start this month.

On the Westside, we will soon begin Phase 1 of a 3-phase, \$11 million Storm Drain Improvement Project. These improvements are a high priority for both the residents and business owners in the area, which is notorious for flooding during the rainy season.

In Downtown, we're nearing completion of \$3 million in Promenade upgrades which include new lighting, landscaping, decorative paving, public art, a renovated pedestrian walkway, an expanded Bikestation, pneumatic bollards, new traffic signals, curbs, sidewalks and ADA ramps at First Street and Broadway. Work is also under way on renovations to Promenade Square, and will include open space designed with community activities in mind, such as movies in the park and an ice skating rink in the winter months.

In our North Long Beach project area, we've kicked off \$1.2 million in upgrades along Atlantic Avenue, in partnership with our Public Works Department. Improvements include repaving the street, resurfacing sidewalks, curb and gutter repairs, new ADA ramps at corners, and replacing cross gutters. Included in the plans are concrete pavers in the crosswalks, using recycled rubber asphalt, and repairing bus pads.

We are also completing plans for the new Fire Station 12 in North Long Beach. This new fire station will be our first Gold LEED Certified public building, and will feature state of the art living quarters, an emergency resources center, and a disaster support & training building. The fire station will total more than 15,000 sq. ft., on more than 1.25 acres of land.

These projects have been years in the making, and it's exciting to see them come to fruition. They're just a few examples of the work we are doing around the City. Thank you for your continued partnership as we address the City's infrastructure needs and continue building a better Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Craig Beck

In February, LBDS staff provided:

- 1,759 building inspections
- 929 electrical inspections
- 603 plumbing inspections
- 476 mechanical inspections
- 603 misc. inspections
- Total inspections provided: 4,370
- 99% of inspections were provided within 24 hours of request

Permit Center staff:

- Assisted 4,062 customers
- Issued 320 building permits
- Reviewed 125 plans

LBDS News & Updates

LBDS PERMIT CENTER NOW OFFERING APPOINTMENTS

Development Services is now offering appointment services at its Permit Center for qualified projects. By scheduling an appointment, customers can reduce their wait times and shorten transaction times. The types of services available by appointment now include:

- Plan Checks – small, single family residential projects;
- Plan Submittals – project applications are processed in advance;
- Plan Rechecks – resubmission of revised plans;
- Plan Pick-Up – schedule next-business day pick-up for plans.

Customers wishing to request an appointment can call (562) 570-LBDS, submit their request via email to dv.permit@longbeach.gov, or fax a request to (562) 570-6753.

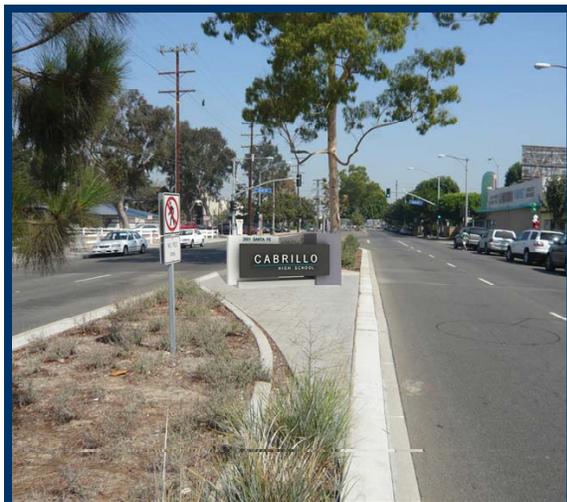
RDA APPOINTS NEW WESTSIDE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

Congratulations to Seyed Jalali on his recent appointment as the Redevelopment Agency's West Long Beach Project Officer. Mr. Jalali has served the City of Long Beach for 16 years working with the Economic Development Bureau, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Jalali's extensive experience includes managing economic development and business assistance programs, and he has worked closely with many businesses in the West Long Beach project area.

NEW SIGNAGE AT CABRILLO HIGH SCHOOL AND CARNITAS MICHHOACAN

The RDA plans to install a new Cabrillo High School gateway sign along Santa Fe Avenue just north of Willard Street in the next 2 weeks. A digital rendering of what the sign will look like is shown below.

A dilapidated pole sign that stood on the corner of Cedar Avenue and Broadway was also recently replaced. A new sign was installed by the RDA at Carnitas Michoacan at 301 Broadway.



Have a question or comment about our department?

We want to hear from you.

Call us at (562) 570-LBDS

or

Email us at LBDS@longbeach.gov

BICYCLE GRAND PRIX COMING TO LONG BEACH



As part of the City of Long Beach's commitment to becoming the most bicycle friendly urban community in the country, the Long Beach Bicycle Festival will bring recreational and competitive cycling to the streets of Downtown Long Beach for a two-day event on April 3rd and 4th. The festival celebrates the launch of the City's Bicycle Master Plan - Bike Long Beach - which will make Long Beach a more bicycle friendly community by building a cycling infrastructure throughout the city.

The event will feature professional and amateur cyclists competing for more than \$16,000 in prize money along a course approved by the U.S. Cycling

Federation. Sponsored by the Downtown Long Beach Associates, Redevelopment Agency and the Convention & Visitors Bureau, the festival will include family-oriented activities, live bands, food, vendors, kid's races, fixed-gear races and demonstrations, a bicycle fashion show, bicycle-safety training and equipment sales.

The festival will also highlight the City's new Bicycle Master Plan, which includes new bike lanes, bike boulevards, Safe Routes To School (SRTS), improved signage throughout the city and public education and awareness.



Cyclists race through Long Beach for the AMGEN Tour of California.



Digital rendering showing conceptual plans for bike lane on 3rd Street

Plans are also underway to launch a bicycle lane pilot program. The first goal is to establish a new bike lane on Third Street from Alamitos to Golden Avenue by the end of the year. A painted island with landscaping will be installed to separate the bike lane from traffic. The result will be a more comfortable commute into downtown that even the casual cyclist can enjoy.

East Village Arts
District Bike Expo
Friday, April 3:
4-10 p.m.

- Wockano Beer & Wine Garden
- The latest in urban cycling gear
- Gold Sprints
- Fixed gear competitions
- Vendor fair
- Bike valet
- DJ's all day and live concert at night

BICYCLE GRAND PRIX COMING TO LONG BEACH

Pine Avenue Finish Line
Festival
Saturday, April 4:
1-10 p.m.

- Professional and Amateur bike races from 1-7 pm
- Family-friendly area with rock climbing wall, face painting, bounce house, balloon artist, and wildlife petting zoo
- Vendor fair
- Bikestation
- CYCLESTYLE Fashion Show
- Awards ceremony
- DJ's all day and live concert at night

Another pilot project plans to turn Vista Avenue into a bike boulevard, meaning that cyclists would have priority on the street. This will provide a safe route to school for students at nearby Lowell Elementary, Rogers Middle School and Horace Mann Elementary. Traffic calming features such as traffic circles and diverters will also be installed to help slow down car traffic. The bike boulevard will create a traveling option for families, students, commuters and recreational cyclists.



Digital rendering showing conceptual plans for 2nd Street painted bike lane

There are also plans for new street signage and a painted lane with arrows to identify bike lanes along Second Street through Belmont Shore. The lanes will be painted bright green and "Share the Road" signs will be installed so drivers and cyclists will know that the right-hand lane can be shared by both cars and bicycles.



*For more information, visit
www.LongBeachBikeFest.com*

The goal is to create cycling corridors from downtown to Belmont Shore, and eventually, from North Long Beach to the coast, and from West Long Beach to Bixby Knolls, making all corners of the city accessible by bike.

Bring your family to the Long Beach Bicycle Festival, and come celebrate the improvements that will transform the city into a more bicycle friendly community.

The following street closures for the Long Beach Bicycle Festival will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 4, with all streets reopening by 10:00 pm:

- Northbound Pacific, Ocean to 4th Street (Southbound will remain open)
- Pine, Ocean to 5th Street
- Promenade, 3rd Street to 5th Street
- Southbound Long Beach Blvd., 4th Street to Broadway
- Broadway, Magnolia to Long Beach Blvd.
- 3rd Street, Pacific to Atlantic Ave.
- 4th Street, Pacific to Long Beach Blvd.

Free parking will be available at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 3 until Sunday, April 5 at 5:00 pm at the following locations:

- Civic Center at 332 W. Broadway
- Shoreline Gateway 1 at 725 E. Ocean at Lime Avenue
- Shoreline Gateway 3 at 619 E. Ocean near Alamitos
- 601 W. Broadway at Daisy

For more information, please visit www.downtownlongbeach.org or contact the DLBA at (562) 436-4259.

Project Planning

NEW Applications - Filed in March

Citywide

Adoption of Green Building Development Standards

Amendment request to the Zoning Regulations for the adoption and inclusion of the City's Interim Green Building Policy and additional standards related to green building development practices. Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearing
Contact: Mark Hungerford

1st District

729 Long Beach Boulevard

Conditional Use Permit request to open and operate a check cashing facility.
Planning Commission
Contact: Steven Valdez

1760 Long Beach Boulevard

Conditional Use Permit request to upgrade an existing used automobile dealership.
Planning Commission
Contact: Steven Valdez

2nd District

321 Wisconsin Avenue

Administrative Use Permit request to

legalize a second-floor dwelling unit within the property's principle structure.

Zoning Administrator

Contact: Mark Hungerford

3rd District

3000 East 3rd Street

Conditional Use Permit request to install a rooftop wireless telecommunications facility atop an existing church.

Planning Commission

Contact: Jorge Ramirez

5518 The Toledo

Standards Variance (4) and Local Coastal Development Permit requests related to the construction of a new single-family home.

Zoning Administrator

Contact: Scott Kinsey

5th District

6537 East Spring Street

Conditional Use Permit request to open and operate a check cashing facility.

Planning Commission

Contact: Monica Mendoza

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Scheduled Public Meetings in April

Redevelopment Agency Board

Monday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m.

- Approve and authorize a lease with the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association for the use of 4321 Atlantic Avenue.
- Approve and authorize a reimbursement agreement with Portside Partners, LLC, and adopt a Resolution of Benefit for offsite landscape and wayfinding improvements at 600, 700, 870 and 880 Queensway Drive.
- Approve and authorize a Purchase and Sale Agreement and all other related documents for the acquisition of property at 1652-1660 W. 15th Street for a purchase price of \$895,000 plus closing costs.
- Approve and authorize contracts with qualified artists on an as-needed basis to paint designated traffic signal controller cabinets.

Next meeting Monday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Scheduled Public Meetings in April

Planning Commission

Thursday, April 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Study Session:

- **1910 East Ocean Boulevard
Council District 2**

Discussion of a proposed 18-unit, four-story condominium project with parking tied to the existing development at 1900 East Ocean Boulevard.

Contact: Jeff Winklepleck

Adoption of Green Building Development Standards Citywide

Amendment request to the Zoning Regulations for the adoption and inclusion of the City's Interim Green Building Policy and additional standards related to green building development practices.

Contact: Mark Hungerford

Next meeting Thursday, April 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator

Monday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m.

123 Hermosa Avenue Council District 3

Standards Variance (4) and Local Coastal Development Permit requests for third-story living space addition to an apartment building. Requested variances are for building height, additional third-story living space square footage, and projections (2) into required front yard setback.

Contact: Lynette Ferenczy

5894 Appian Way Council District 3

Local Coastal Development Permit request for living space addition to single-family home and demolition and replacement of two-car garage.

Contact: Scott Kinsey

117 Claremont Avenue Council District 3

Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit requests for over-height roof deck.

Contact: Monica Mendoza

4143 East Wilton Street Council District 4

Standards Variance request for living space addition of greater than 250 square feet to legally non-conforming duplex.

Contact: Cuentin Jackson

3601 Elm Avenue Council District 8

Lot Line Adjustment request to reconfigure lot line so as to locate medical office use and its required parking on same parcel.

Contact: Mark Hungerford

Next meeting Monday, April 27th at 2:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

The RDA Board meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Cultural Heritage Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Main Library, Lower Level.

Zoning Administrative Hearings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall in the 7th Floor Large Conference Room.



LBDS Upcoming Meetings & Events April 2009

<u>Thursday, April 2</u> 5:00 p.m.	Planning Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.	Central Project Area Committee 1900 Atlantic Ave., 2nd Floor
<u>Monday, April 6</u> 9:00 a.m.	Redevelopment Agency Board City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Wednesday, April 8</u> 5:00 p.m.	West Project Area Committee LBPD West Substation, 1835 Santa Fe Avenue
<u>Monday, April 13</u> 2:00 p.m.	Zoning Administrative Hearing City Hall, 7th Floor Conference Room
<u>Thursday, April 16</u> 5:00 p.m.	Planning Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Monday, April 20</u> 9:00 a.m.	Redevelopment Agency Board City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Thursday, April 23</u> 6:30 p.m.	North Project Area Committee LBPD North Substation, 4891 Atlantic Ave.
<u>Monday, April 27</u> 2:00 p.m.	Zoning Administrative Hearing City Hall, 7th Floor Conference Room
<u>Thursday, April 30</u> 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Bixby Knolls - Hyett Palma Economic Enhancement Study Meeting The Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Ave.

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