

#LASidewalks Summer Check-In

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Bus Shelters

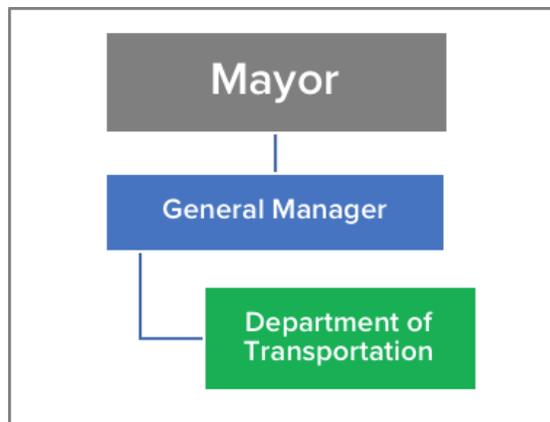
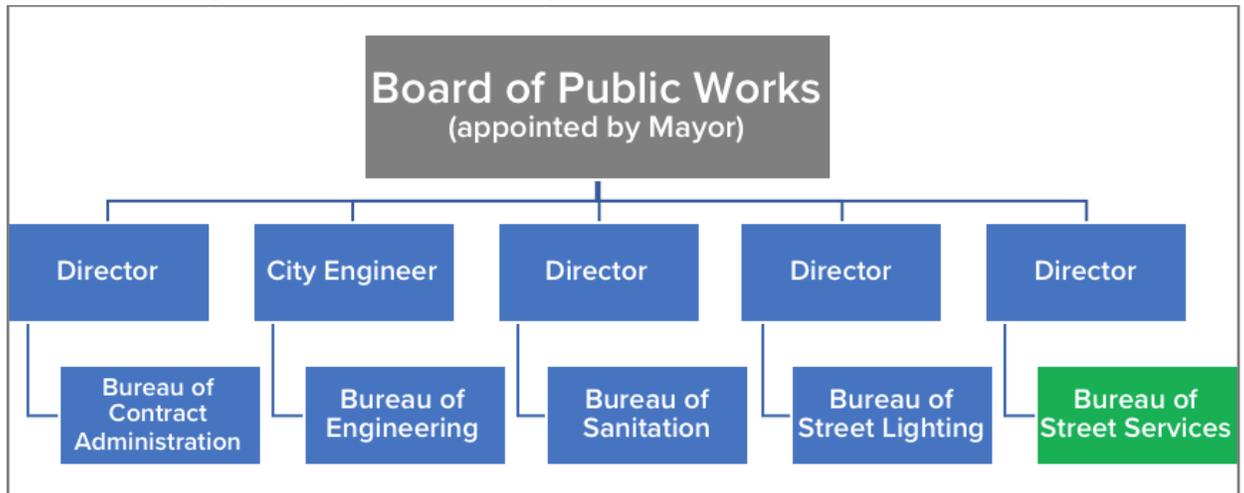
- There are currently 1,870 bus shelters installed at Metro bus stops Citywide. This covers less than ¼ of all bus stops.
- JC Decaux currently has an exclusive, 20-year contract with the City to design, build, and maintain street furniture (including bus shelters) set to expire in 2021. It is currently being re-negotiated between the City and JC Decaux.
- A 2012 City Controller audit highlighted that JCDecaux had only installed 710 total bus shelters (657 new / 53 replacement) compared to the projected delivery of 2,185 bus shelters (1,285 new / 900 replacement), a fraction of the projected number of bus shelters in its first 10 years. (Controller audit [link](#))
- The audit pointed to the arduous, 16-step approval process as a primary contributor for why JCDecaux was unable to install the projected number of bus shelters.
- It is no longer financially feasible for JC Decaux to design, build, and install these shelters, as the return on investment is less than originally projected.
- The current negotiations are considering revisions to the existing 20-year contract, including the proposed changes:
 - Allow a blanket approval for the Bureau of Street Services to install new bus shelters at over 600 bus stop locations
 - Adjust existing fees and extend the contract length an additional 10 years to expire in 2031
- Investing in Place will provide updates when we hear of any public discussion updates.

#LASidewalks + Urban Tree Canopy

- The City of LA has approximately 11,000 miles of sidewalks and estimates put those in need of repair at about 4,600 miles.
- Current Sidewalk Repair Program status:
 - Repaired 625,500 SF of sidewalk
 - Equivalent to approximately 24 miles
 - Constructed 671 curb ramps
 - Completed 115 Rebate Sites
 - Piloted Alternative Materials at 15 sites
- Sidewalk Repair Program contact: Amber Elton amber.elton@lacity.org, Bureau of Engineering
- Please note that the Draft EIR for the Sidewalk Repair Program is scheduled to be released in October 2018 with a 60-day comment period.

Potential merger: Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and Department of Transportation (DOT)

- Eleven separate City agencies are responsible for construction and maintenance in the City of LA public right-of-way.
- Investing in Place blogs on interdepartmental coordination: [Dec 2017](#), [Feb 2018](#)
- In May 2018, Councilmembers Nury Martinez and Joe Buscaino submitted a Council motion to merge BSS and DOT. (Council file [link](#))
- Currently, BSS is one of five Public Works bureaus. These five bureaus all report to the Mayor-appointed Board of Public Works Commission. DOT is its own department, led by a General Manager who reports to the Mayor.



- BSS is generally the “maintenance” bureau. Some of their responsibilities include street lane striping, including bike lanes; repair sidewalks and curb ramps; and street sweeping.
- DOT is more of a transportation “operator”, including DASH transit, traffic signals and crosswalks, and parking enforcement. DOT is also the unofficial transportation “visionary,” managing newer programs like Vision Zero, People St and Play Streets.
- The merger at its best might lead to better coordinated services and/or might also yield more efficient use of public funds, freeing up dollars for additional services.

- Investing in Place is excited about the potential for a citywide Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A citywide Capital Improvement Plan, or “CIP”, would allow the City to produce better public infrastructure, be more competitive to leverage other funds, and better anticipate community education and engagement needs.