Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages Project Groundbreaking
Sidewalk Improvements, Signals, Pedestrian Lighting for a Safer Community

On March 24, 2022 Councilmember Kevin de León presided over the groundbreaking for the Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages project. This project is located on Clarence Street between 4th Street and Jesse Street, on Anderson Street between 6th Street and Jesse Street, and on 6th Street and Jesse Street between Anderson Street and Clarence Street. Also participating in the event were Public Works Commissioner Teresa Villegas and City Engineer **Gary Lee Moore**.

The Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages Project aims to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety along segments of Clarence Street, Anderson Street, 6th Street and Jesse Street. Improvements include ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, traffic signals at the intersection of Clarence Street and 4th Street, improved striping such as continental crosswalks, and newly installed pedestrian lights and street trees. Ultimately, this project serves to integrate the community with the soon-to-be completed Sixth Street Viaduct and future Park, Arts, River and Connectivity or "PARC" Project.

This project is front funded by the Transportation Grant Fund and reimbursed through the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 2 Grant. Funding is also provided by the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program.



Councilmember Kevin de León, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, PW Commissioner Teresa Villegas, project team members and community representatives at the groundbreaking held at the intersection of Clarence Street and 6th Street.

Sidewalk improvements: Approximately 3,400 linear feet of new or improved sidewalk will be installed. Along Clarence Street, the existing stamped sidewalk from 4th Street to Inez Street will be repaired. South of Inez Street, a new curb extension will be constructed along the east side of Clarence Street and the existing sidewalk will be removed and replaced along the west side until Jesse Street. Along the north side of 6th Street, new sidewalk will be installed east of Anderson Street and a new curb extension constructed west of Clarence Street. The existing sidewalk along the south side will be removed and replaced. The entire sidewalk along the north side of Jesse Street, from Clarence Street to Anderson Street, will be removed and replaced. Segments of existing sidewalk will be repaired along Anderson Street and the south side of Jesse Street.



BOE provided two poster boards for the event showing at left, the pedestrian light and trees chosen for the project and at right, a plan view of the scope of work.

Curb Ramps: A total of 23 ADA compliant curb ramps will be constructed or upgraded. 4 curb ramps are being upgraded and 2 new curb ramps constructed at the intersection of Clarence Street and 4th Street 2 curb ramps are being upgraded along the east leg of Clarence Street and Lanfranco Street; 2 curb ramps are being upgraded and 3 new curb ramps constructed at the intersection of Clarence Street and 6th Street; 2 curb ramps are being upgraded and 2 new curb ramps constructed at the intersection of Anderson Street and 6th Street; 4 new curb ramps are being constructed at the intersection of Anderson Street and Jesse Street; 2 new curb ramps are being constructed along the west leg of Clarence Street and Jesse Street.

Traffic Signal and Striping: Traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Clarence Street and 4th Street, with signal timing automated to adjust to real-time conditions thus helping direct efficient flow of traffic. The intersection will be fitted with pedestrian pushbuttons to facilitate pedestrian crossing of the streets as well as accessible pedestrian signals to provide audible crossing cues to assist pedestrians who are blind or have low vision. Continental crosswalks will be painted at the intersections of:

- Clarence Street and 4th Street
- Clarence Street and 6th Street
- Clarence Street and Jesse Street, along the west leg
- Anderson Street and 6th Street

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- Anderson Street and Jesse Street

Pedestrian and Street Lighting: Voting was conducted to select the pole and luminaire type for the project's pedestrian lights. The community selected the 15′ octagonal classic pole fitted with pendant LED. This project will install 56 of these pedestrian lights; 25 will be installed along Clarence Street; 31 will be installed along Anderson Street, 6th Street and Jesse Street; 4 electroliers will be mounted to the newly installed traffic signals at the intersection of Clarence Street and 4th Street.

Landscaping: A total of 18 new 36″ box trees will be planted.

In his remarks, City Engineer Moore thanked Councilmember de León and his staff for their strong support of the project, thanked the community for their support, and thanked the City departments who helped BOE deliver this project: Bureau of Contract Administration, LA Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Lighting, and Bureau of Street Services.

The Bureau of Engineering Street Improvement Division is the project lead and designed many of the improvements. The contractor is Access Pacific, Inc.

Congratulations go to the project team for reaching this milestone.

Bureau of Engineering: **Julie Sauter**, Deputy City Engineer; **Arsen Voskerchyan**, Street Improvement Division Manager; **Fadi Abboud**, Project Manager; **Naomi Diep**, Project Engineer; **Brenden Hawk**, Project Engineer; **Richard Louie**, Construction Management Division Manager; **Anagh Mamdapurkar**, Construction Manager; **Nikki Zulueta**, Construction Engineer; **Maria Martin**, Environmental Management Group; **Uriel Jimenez**, Real Estate Division; **William Knight**, Survey Division.

Bureau of Contract Administration staff: John Reamer, Inspector of Public Works; Brett McReynolds, Chief Construction Inspector; Victor Karayan, Principal Construction Inspector; Luis Amado, Senior Construction Inspector; Todd Eller, Senior Construction Inspector; Pablo Arciniega, Construction Inspector.

LA Department of Transportation staff: Seleta Reynolds, General Manager; Maurice Camacho, Transportation Engineer (Striping/Signage); Scott Brown, Transportation Engineer (Traffic Signal); Paul Aguilar, Transportation Engineering Associate.

Bureau of Street Lighting staff: Miguel Sangalang, Executive Director; Lawrence Almassod, Street Lighting Engineering Associate; Prime Hein, Street Lighting Engineering Associate.

Bureau of Street Services staff: Keith Mozee, Executive Director; Dean Escobedo, Tree Surgeon Supervisor (Tree Removal).



Councilmember Kevin de León discussing the project with City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.



The project will improve sidewalks that are unwalkable and unsafe.