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The City of Sacramento Public Works Department is dedicated to providing innovative and sustainable public infrastructure and services. With over 750 employees across multiple divisions, including Engineering Services, Facilities and Real Property Management, Fleet Management, Maintenance Services, Parking Services, Recycling and Solid Waste, Mobility and Sustainability, and Transportation, we are committed to serving our community.

Inside this issue, you'll find updates on division-led initiatives, opportunities to get involved in community efforts, and the latest City job openings.

As this is our final News Network Newsletter of the year, the Public Works Department extends our sincere thanks for your continued support and dedication. We wish you a safe and joyful winter season!

Through teamwork, integrity, and accountability we keep the City moving forward.

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2025 California Mobility & Parking Association Annual Conference



Parking Professional of the Year & Automated Parking Solutions Presentation

Parking Division - 2025 California Mobility & Parking Association Annual Conference

Awarded for “Parking Professional of the Year”, Ursula Johnson has dedicated 26 years to the City of Sacramento, rising from Parking Enforcement Officer to Parking Enforcement Manager. She has led transformative technology initiatives—most notably AI-based enforcement tools—to improve safety, compliance, and equity. A respected mentor and innovator, Ursula’s leadership has modernized operations and advanced the City’s Vision Zero and mobility goals.

Ursula, along with several members of the Parking Services division gave a presentation at this year’s 2025 California Mobility & Parking Association Annual Conference detailing the City’s path to safer and more accessible streets.

Illustrated throughout the presentation given at this year’s conference, “Enforcing the Future: A City’s Guide to Automated Parking Solutions”, the Parking Services Division team details the programs solutions and goals towards safer streets. Beginning with the early stages beginning in 2023, with initial automated ride-along trials with Hayden AI, the formal adoption of the program in turn setting the stage for further implementation in 2024, and now the launch of a 2025 public education campaign, and a 60-day warning period to prepare the community.

Use the Learn More button below to learn more about the California Mobility & Parking Association annual conference.

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From Cubicles to Climate Action: A Young Professional's Path in Public Service



Gillian Lasher
CivicSpark Intern



Learn More About The
Mobility & Sustainability Division

The Mobility and Sustainability Division partners with the City and Sacramento community to set greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change. Scan the QR code to learn more or visit the City division webpage.



Mobility and Sustainability Division – AmeriCorps California: Service Stories

Gillian Lasher is an AmeriCorps California member who served two terms with CivicSpark in the City of Sacramento Office of Climate Action and Sustainability – Public Works. In the article “From Cubicles to Climate Action: A Young Professional’s Path in Public Service”, Gillian illustrates how early life and a passion for community-building led to eventual work within the City.

Providing valuable insight on both City projects and self-directed projects, with goals set on supporting the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and the Sacramento Urban Forest Plan, Gillian details the skills learned from the two-year fellowship. As well as, the ways in which the program has provided both valuable professional and personal skills to use within future rolls.

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Fleet Management Division - The Claw Loader

November's Fleet Vehicle of The Month! - The Claw Loader

These units are used by Recycling and Solid Waste to pick up debris that is not placed in trash cans.

Most famously, they are used in the fall and winter to pick up leaves and trees after the holidays, but they are also used in the spring and summer to pick up scheduled household junk pickup.

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Fleet Management Division - The Rear-Loader Waste Truck

December's Fleet Vehicle of The Month! - The Rear-Loader Waste Truck

The Rear-Loader picks up curb bulk waste throughout the year.

Around the Fall/Winter months it gets loaded up with leaves and bulk yard waste. The Claw, vehicles used by Recycling and Solid Waste to pick up debris that is not placed in trash cans, assists with these tasks following the Rear-Loader truck around our City streets.

Before the mechanical side loaders and front loaders; these trash trucks were commonly loaded by hand picking up residential trash back in the day. City equipment has evolved over the years, continuing to provide clean and safe streets for years to come!

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Traffic alert: Night paving scheduled on Franklin Boulevard as part of safety project

The next phase of construction on the Franklin Boulevard Complete Street project will soon be underway with overnight paving activities.

To minimize inconvenience to the traveling public, businesses and residents, the paving work will be performed at night, between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Starting on Sunday evening, December 7, construction crews will begin grinding the existing asphalt roadway on Franklin Boulevard between Sutterville Road and 32nd Avenue. They will continue grinding operations each night through the morning of Friday, December 12.

Vehicles will be able to drive on the road during the day following grinding operations.

What to expect:

- Lane shifts and traffic controls

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The Claw Loader



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Franklin Boulevard Complete Street



- Intersection closures and flashing red signals
- Increased construction noise
- No street parking

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Sutterville Road & Mead Ave.



Public Works completes more than 100 safety improvements under new initiative

The City of Sacramento's Department of Public Works this week shared progress on the City's Transportation Safety Initiative, a comprehensive effort to make streets safer for people walking, biking and driving.

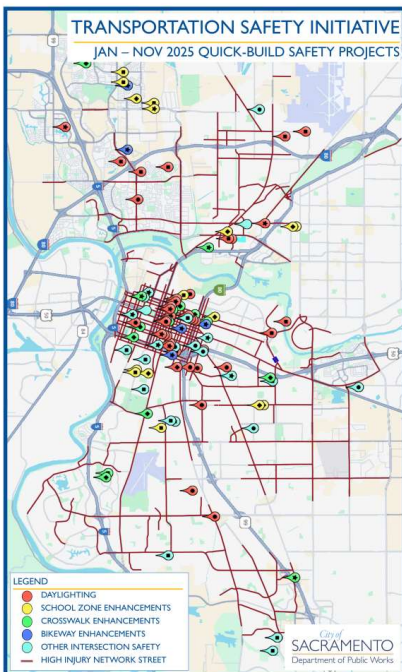
Approved by the City Council in late March, the initiative accelerates how the City responds to safety needs and expands the tools available to deliver improvements more quickly. A core component of the initiative is the new Transportation Safety Team, a dedicated unit within Public Works focused on quick-build and interim safety projects across Sacramento's High Injury Network.

More than 100 traffic-safety improvements have been installed citywide so far in 2025, including:

- 17 quick-build projects
- 39 locations of intersection daylighting
- 17 school-zone safety upgrades such as high-visibility crosswalks and enhanced signage
- Six new stop-controlled residential intersections

One of these locations is the intersection of Sutterville Road and Mead Avenue in District 7 near William Land Park and nearby school zones.

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Ninos Parkway Ribbon Cutting



Ribbon cutting celebrates completion of Ninos Parkway Phase 2 trail connection

A new section of the Ninos Parkway trail is officially open, completing a key north-south connection for people walking, biking and rolling through the Gardenland and Northgate neighborhoods.

Vice Mayor Karina Talamantes and project staff with the Department Public Works, joined community members and partners today for a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the completion of [Ninos Parkway Phase 2](#).

"This trail has been years in the making, and it's great to see it finally connect our neighborhoods," said Vice Mayor Karina Talamantes. "Projects like this strengthen our community by making it safer and more accessible for families, students, and neighbors to move throughout our city."

The half-mile project extends the existing multi-use path north of San Juan Road to Citrusparke Avenue/Parkechannel Way in the Parkebridge neighborhood, closing one of the final gaps along the trail.

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'Leaf season' begins November 3: What it means for City of Sacramento residents

Starting Monday, November 3, residents will see the Claw return to their neighborhoods for leaf collection.

It's that time of year when many Sacramento residents see an excess of leaves from the city's tree canopy. During this time, the Recycling and Solid Waste Division deploys a special "leaf season" service for leaf pile pickups.

From November to February 1, 2026, yard waste that cannot fit in the curbside container can be piled in the street for collection.

The Division's leaf season crews include a claw tractor and rear-loader truck, which move systematically through the City to collect leaf piles and take them to the recycling and composting facility.

Here are some guidelines to help you make the most out of leaf season:

- Fill the organics container before making a pile and refill when it's empty.
- Try to keep piles away from storm drains and out of bike lanes.
- Limit your pile to four by four by nine feet (4' x 4' x 9').
- Keep your pile clear of obstructions: if the claw cannot reach your pile due to an obstruction such as a vehicle parked too close, it won't be picked up.
- Check the Collection Calendar regularly as it can change daily.

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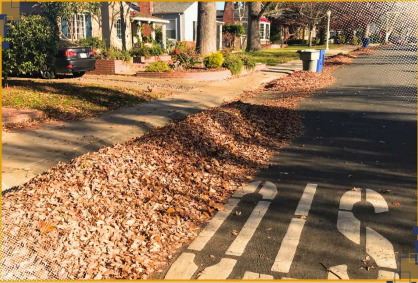
New car share incentive expands access to electric vehicles in Sacramento

A new electric vehicle (EV) car share incentive initiative is helping Sacramento residents get behind the wheel of zero-emission vehicles while advancing the City's clean transportation goals.

At a press event held Wednesday, November 12, at the Belle Coolidge Library, City leaders and community partners announced the expansion of five new car share locations, the launch of the new incentive initiative, and highlighted major milestones in the City's [EV Blueprint Implementation project](#).

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Leaf Season Begins Nov. 3



New Electric Vehicle (EV) Car Share Incentive



Recycling and Solid Waste Division



Recycling and Solid Waste Division Updates

The Recycling and Solid Waste Division provides garbage, recycling, organic waste collection and street sweeping to more than 133,000 customers in the City of Sacramento. We also regulate commercial franchise haulers providing solid waste collection services to commercial properties.

Click the Learn More button below to read more about the Recycling and Solid Waste Division and to stay up to date with information regarding solid and organic waste collection services.

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Collection Services – General Collection Guidelines

Interested in when your recycling can be collected? Find the Recycling Collection Calendar in the 2025-2026 Service Guide!

Sac Recycle App



Download your copy of the calendar and find out more about solid waste collection services provided to residential customers in the City of Sacramento and general collection guidelines using the Learn More button below.

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Customers may also use our collection calendar tool to view, download, and print a service calendar to their specific address. Customers may also use the free SacRecycle App to get a calendar, reminders and use our Waste Wizard to learn if an item is recyclable.

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Use the Learn More button below to access the online collection calendar, set reminders, and to turn on service alerts.

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The City of Sacramento Public Works Department is hiring!

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