



Public Works News Network

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Public Works News Network Newsletter – August 2026

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The City of Sacramento Public Works Department is dedicated to providing innovative and sustainable public infrastructure and services. With over 780+ 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.

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

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JOIN THE SUMMER CLASS SERIES

Urban Biking & Scooting 101

★ SPANISH SESSION

Thursday, August 27

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Maple Neighborhood Center
3301 37th Avenue, Sacramento

Learn the basics of biking and scooting on-street in Sacramento. No bicycle or scooter is required! This class also meets the requirements for the Sidewalk Bicycling Diversion Program.



Sign up online!

Learn more at SacramentoBikes.org



FREE SWAG



ÚNASE A LA SERIE DE VERANO

Ciclismo y scooter urbano 101

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Regístrate en línea

Obtén más información en
SacramentoBikes.org



REGALOS GRATIS



Ciclismo y Scooter Urbano 101 / Urban Biking & Scooting 101 In-Person Summer Series Class

Attend the first ever Spanish led Bike & Scoot 101 class, City staff will teach a free class for community members about the basics of biking and scooting on street in Sacramento.

Thursday, August 27

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Maple Neighborhood Center, 3301 37th Avenue

REGISTER ONLINE

No bike or scooter is required to participate in the class, all attendees will receive City bike-related swag. Staff are excited to expand access to the City's free transportation resources!

REGISTRESE EN LINEA

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The Franklin Boulevard Complete Streets Project corridor improvements, including pavement markings, signage, landscaping, and traffic signal adjustments are now open and accessible!

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The redesign enhances connectivity and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and drivers, improving access to local businesses and creating safer traffic flow. The Franklin Boulevard Business Association held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, July 20 in front of the Una Noche de Salsa Mural.



The project was also recognized by the American Public Works Association, awarded as Project of the Year in the Transportation category. The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management, administration, and implementation of Public Works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant, architect, engineer, and the contractor who work together to complete Public Works projects.

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Three City of Sacramento Public Works projects have earned 2026 Project of the Year awards from the Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

The Sacramento EV Blueprint vehicle-charging project and Martin Luther King Jr. Library renovation received awards in the structures category. The Franklin Boulevard Complete Street project was recognized in the transportation category.

The awards recognize excellence in project management, design, sustainability, construction and community relations, as well as collaboration among public agencies, designers, contractors and construction management teams.



Sacramento Valley Station July Open House Event



Sacramento Valley Station - July Open House Event: Celebrating The 100th Anniversary

During a free community open house Wednesday, July 22, from 5–7 p.m. at the North Plaza at Sacramento Valley Station (401 I St.) community members gathered to learn more from City staff about the projects transforming Sacramento's historic Railyards.

The event marks two milestones for the district: the 20th anniversary of the landmark acquisition that launched the modern redevelopment of the Railyards and the 100th anniversary of Sacramento Valley Station.

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Transportation Division: Public Works is Continuing To Introduce Quick-Build Safety Enhancements Throughout Sacramento!

Public Works is continuing to introduce quick-build safety enhancements throughout Sacramento!

The City's broader safety work includes quick-build improvements that use treatments such as enhanced signage, refreshed striping, lane-narrowing elements and vertical delineators. These projects allow the City to address safety needs while longer-term projects are also developed.

- Curb-extensions installed to visually narrow the road, helping slow traffic.
- Vertical flexible posts installed in the intersection to slow driver speeds and increase awareness of the school zone and crosswalk

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In 2025, the City's Department of Public Works completed more than 100 traffic safety improvements, including 17 quick-build projects, 39 intersection daylighting improvements and 17 school-zone safety upgrades.

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Two larger corridor pilot projects, similar to the Maryville Boulevard improvements, are now being designed for Northgate Boulevard and Broadway. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2027.

To guide future work, Public Works is updating the Vision Zero Action Plan using the latest 10 years of crash data. The update will identify new safety strategies and priority locations for future quick-build improvements.

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City Express: Recycling and Solid Waste Division: Here's How to Get Rid of Bulky Junk

The Recycling and Solid Waste Division provides multiple resources for City of Sacramento customers to easily dispose of their bulky household items properly.

For large household items such as old carpeting, broken barbecue grills or worn-out mattresses, customers can request a free household junk pickup from February through October. Yard waste can be included in the appointment, but appliances and electronic waste (E-waste) require a separate appointment, which is also free.

Customers can schedule up to two pickups each of household junk and appliances/E-waste each calendar year. All pickup appointments can be scheduled by the property owner or tenant by contacting the City's Customer Service or calling 3-1-1.

For More Services Provided by The Recycling and Solid Waste Division: [SacRecycle.org](https://www.sacramento.gov/3-1-1)

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City Express: New Safety Campaign Urges Sacramento Drivers To Watch For Students Returning To School

Drivers are being reminded to slow down, avoid distractions and watch for children walking and biking as Sacramento students return to school.

The California Office of Traffic Safety announced its "ABCs for School Zone Safety" campaign Monday along Marysville Boulevard in north Sacramento. The campaign encourages drivers to remain "Alert for Bicyclists and Children crossing."

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The improvements are part of the City's broader efforts to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. Although walking accounts for less than 1% of miles traveled in Sacramento, people walking were involved in 43% of the city's fatal crashes, according to data provided by the Office of Traffic Safety.

Drivers should follow these safety tips near schools:

- Plan for additional travel time and expect delays during school arrival and dismissal periods.
- Slow down and follow posted speed limits, especially when children are present.
- Stop for school buses displaying flashing red lights and remain stopped until the lights are turned off.
- Put phones away and avoid other distractions while driving.
- Watch for children walking, biking or crossing the street.

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Find Additional Traffic Safety Information: gosafelyca.org

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City Express: Sacramento Wants Residents' Input on Red-Light Safety

The City of Sacramento is asking residents to share their experience with red-light running and provide feedback on a proposed automated red light enforcement program designed to reduce serious and fatal crashes.

Take the survey at bit.ly/saclight.

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The proposed program supports the City's Vision Zero goals to eliminate traffic deaths. From 2015 to 2024, 80% of Sacramento's 22,538 traffic collisions occurred at intersections. Red-light running contributed to 160 crashes that resulted in a fatality or serious injury.

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City Express: Head Back to School with Free SacRT Rides

As students head back to school, families can save on transportation costs thanks to the RydeFreeRT program, which allows all transitional kindergarten through 12th grade students to ride Sacramento Regional Transit District buses and light rail for free.

The program is supported through partnerships with local jurisdictions and school districts, including the City of Sacramento. The City contributed \$250,000 this year to help fund the program as part of a broader regional partnership.

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With a valid RydeFreeRT card, students can ride SacRT's entire transit network fare-free, making it easier to travel to school, extracurricular activities, libraries, jobs and other destinations across the Sacramento region.

RydeFreeRT cards for the 2026-27 school year are available through participating school offices, Sacramento County public libraries and the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center (1225 R St.).

Students simply need to show their valid RydeFreeRT card when boarding a bus or when requested by a fare inspector on light rail.

The RydeFreeRT program has become an important transportation resource for thousands of local families, helping students access education and opportunities while reducing transportation costs.

To learn more about the program or find out how to obtain a RydeFreeRT card, visit sacrt.com/rydefreert or call SacRT Customer Service at 916-321-BUSS (2877).

City Express: Sacramento Wants Residents' Input on Red-Light Safety

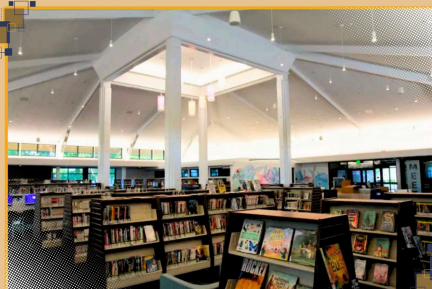


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The Martin Luther King Jr. Library reopened last week following an 18-month, renovation delivering a modernized community space while preserving one of Meadowview's most recognizable public buildings.

The project was the first comprehensive renovation of the library since it opened in 1970. City crews and project partners transformed the facility with expanded spaces for children and teens, a larger community room, two new study rooms, a dedicated makerspace and upgraded building systems designed to better serve residents.

The library, located at 7340 24th St., reopened to the public on August 4. A community grand opening celebration took place on August 15.

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we are hiring**

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The City of Sacramento Public Works Department is hiring!

Thank you for your interest in employment with the City of Sacramento.

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