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**PUBLIC WORKS CITES WORK COMPLETED,
HELPS VALLEY NEIGHBORHOODS THRIVE**

LOS ANGELES (June 12, 2008) – The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services reports significant achievements in delivering quality service to San Fernando Valley neighborhoods, Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz, said today. “Residents and neighborhoods alike thrive and benefit from a healthier, safer, living and working environment resulting from the wide variety of Street Services Bureau projects and services rendered,” said Ruiz.

In a recent report to the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council, the Bureau disclosed noteworthy work performed in that area of the Valley from July 1, 2007 through May 24, 2008. Accomplishments included 108 cubic yards of illegally dumped debris removed from public alleys by the Bureau’s Lot Cleaning Division, while the Street Maintenance Division completed 2,016 potholes (small asphalt) repairs.

Urban Forestry Division (UFD) crews pruned 700 trees in the public right-of-way, in keeping with the City’s current nine-year trimming cycle schedule. Also, UFD crews maintained the improved Sepulveda Boulevard median islands, from Lassen to Devonshire Street. Currently, maintenance is scheduled on a four-week rotation based on weed growth and time of year.

Resurfacing and Reconstruction Division cited 1.27 miles of streets and roadways resurfaced during this time period and 5.21 miles resurfaced in the past two years combined.

The Public Works Department is the third largest municipal agency in the City, focused on the essential needs for a better quality of life and environmental protection. With 5,700 employees and a \$1 billion annual budget, the department is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of public facilities and infrastructure including: municipal buildings and treatment facilities; streets, street lights, and urban forest; bridges and sidewalks; sewers, catch basins and storm drains; recycling and integrated solid waste management.

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