



At the street-lighting ceremony were, from left: Stan Horwitz, Bureau of Street Lighting Senior Engineer and host for the ceremony, and Johnny Grant, Honorary Mayor of Hollywood.



Flipping the "switch" to turn on the new decorative street lighting on Hollywood Boulevard were (foreground, from left) Councilman Eric Garcetti and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Also pictured are (background, from left) Bureau of Street Lighting Director Ed Ebrahimian, Honorary Mayor of Hollywood Johnny Grant (with glasses) and Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz. The other two people in the background are unidentified.



Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz at the street-lighting ceremony.

Hollywood Lighting

■ Mayor Villaraigosa turns on the new decorative streetlights in Hollywood.

Story and photos courtesy Richard Lee, Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa pulled the ceremonial switch to activate the new streetlights on Hollywood Boulevard Nov.15.

Activation ceremonies for the Hollywood Crossroads Project began at approximately 5:45 p.m., after the mayor departed the Metro Red Line at the Hollywood and Vine Station and exited to the plaza at Hollywood Boulevard and Argyle Avenue. Council Member Eric Garcetti and LAPD Capt. Ron Sanchez of the Hollywood Community Police Station joined the mayor in the ceremony. Honorary Hollywood Mayor Johnny Grant took part as well.

"This project has refurbished 154 streetlights

along the 'Walk of Fame' on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street," said Bureau of Street Lighting Executive Director Ed Ebrahimian. "Special three-lamp fixtures modeled after the ones that lined the street in the 1930s have replaced existing lamps. Improvements include a pedestrian light that is oriented over the sidewalk."

The Public Works Bureau of Street Lighting coordinated design and incorporated input and requests from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the Hollywood Entertainment District and local community groups. The

new street lighting system is installed on Hollywood Boulevard from Gower Street to Sycamore Avenue and on Vine Street from Yucca Street to Sunset Boulevard.

New lighting levels meet Bureau of Street Lighting standards, reduce glare, and provide increased safety at night to benefit and enhance the pedestrian environment.



'Excellent' Projects

■ Three projects at Public Works win awards for excellence.

PUBLIC WORKS — The Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association recognized three Public Works projects for excellence at the association's 2005 Awards Luncheon Dec. 8.

Two were honored as Projects of the Year. They are: the City of Los Angeles Northeast Interceptor Sewer Project; and the City of Los Angeles Dental Offices and Clinics Wastewater Permit Program. The third award was for the department's special National Public Works Week kickoff event held earlier this year at City Hall called "Honoring Public Works Employees for Service in Record Breaking Rainstorm." The kickoff ceremony honored more than 300 employees for providing service "above and beyond the call of duty" during the record-breaking rainstorm of January 2005.

APWA recognizes public agencies for outstanding public works projects and programs completed during the calendar year. Projects or programs are selected from the following criteria: cost effectiveness, positive impact on residents' quality of life, positive community impact, improvement of aesthetics, and visual appeal. Further, projects or programs should address an unmet community need, improve the environment, improve safety or help prevent property damage, cooperate with other agencies or entities in completion, exhibit unique design and comprise notable planning.



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