

EQUITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE

Transforming how we serve Los Angeles County

Public Works' *Equity in Infrastructure Initiative* was created to identify and address disparities across the County in the planning, delivery, and distribution of its investments and services. Guided by policy review, investment analysis, and community engagement, Public Works is leading the charge to address the needs of communities with historical disadvantage, to better plan, deliver, and distribute services.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has prioritized a commitment to equitably serving communities where there is concentrated and accumulated disadvantage to close the racial access gap. Public Works' goal is to build upon and accelerate the County's anti-racist agenda. Findings from the Initiative will inform equity-centered policies that will better prioritize and embrace the voices of our communities and lead to positive outcomes for all County residents and future generations.



THE MULTI-PHASE INITIATIVE UTILIZES SEVERAL TACTICS INCLUDING:



Investment analysis to identify disparities in the distribution of recent and planned one-time built infrastructure project investments within existing PW service areas



Performance analysis to identify disparities in the quality of infrastructure condition and services currently provided within existing PW service areas with a focus on underserved areas



Burden analysis to identify disparities in the distribution of negative impacts on communities of color within PW service areas



Policy review to identify existing policies, procedures, or practices that create and maintain systemic barriers to achieving equitable outcomes

AGENCY FACT SHEET

Los Angeles County Public Works is one of the largest municipal public works agencies in the United States, providing vital 21st Century infrastructure and essential services to more than 10 million people across a 4,000-square-mile regional service area.

The agency is among 51 County departments and agencies¹ working collaboratively across public, private, and nonprofit sectors to improve the quality of life for the people and communities of LA County.

With a vision to become the most trusted public agency in the region, Public Works is defined by its responsiveness to the public, customer service excellence, and drive to build positive community relations. Our workforce takes pride in being committed public servants providing essential and critical services for all residents and businesses in LA County.



SEVEN CORE SERVICE AREAS AND SUPPORT SERVICE AREAS:



Water Resources



Transportation



Environmental Services



Construction Management



Municipal Services



Public Contracting and Asset Management



Administrative Services

Its annual budget of over \$3.6 billion is funded by restricted revenues, such as gas tax, benefit assessment, water and sewer sales, user fees, and other revenues. The agency also manages sustainable water, transportation, and waste management infrastructure, including over 130 active capital projects with a construction value of over \$3.3 billion. Public Works is strategically focused on advancing economic development through innovative strategies and business-friendly contracting opportunities to serve the County's small business and local worker hiring objectives.

In Fiscal Year 2020-21, Public Works awarded over \$1 billion worth of contracts, which helped create 12,394 jobs. The agency's diverse workforce comprises approximately 4,000 employees in nearly 500 job classifications, including professional, technical, clerical, and skilled crafts.

¹Source: <https://lacounty.gov/government/departments-commissions-and-agencies/los-angeles-county-departments/>