



# Confronting the Homelessness Crisis

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Office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass



# Inside Safe Pilot Phase as of June 12, 2023

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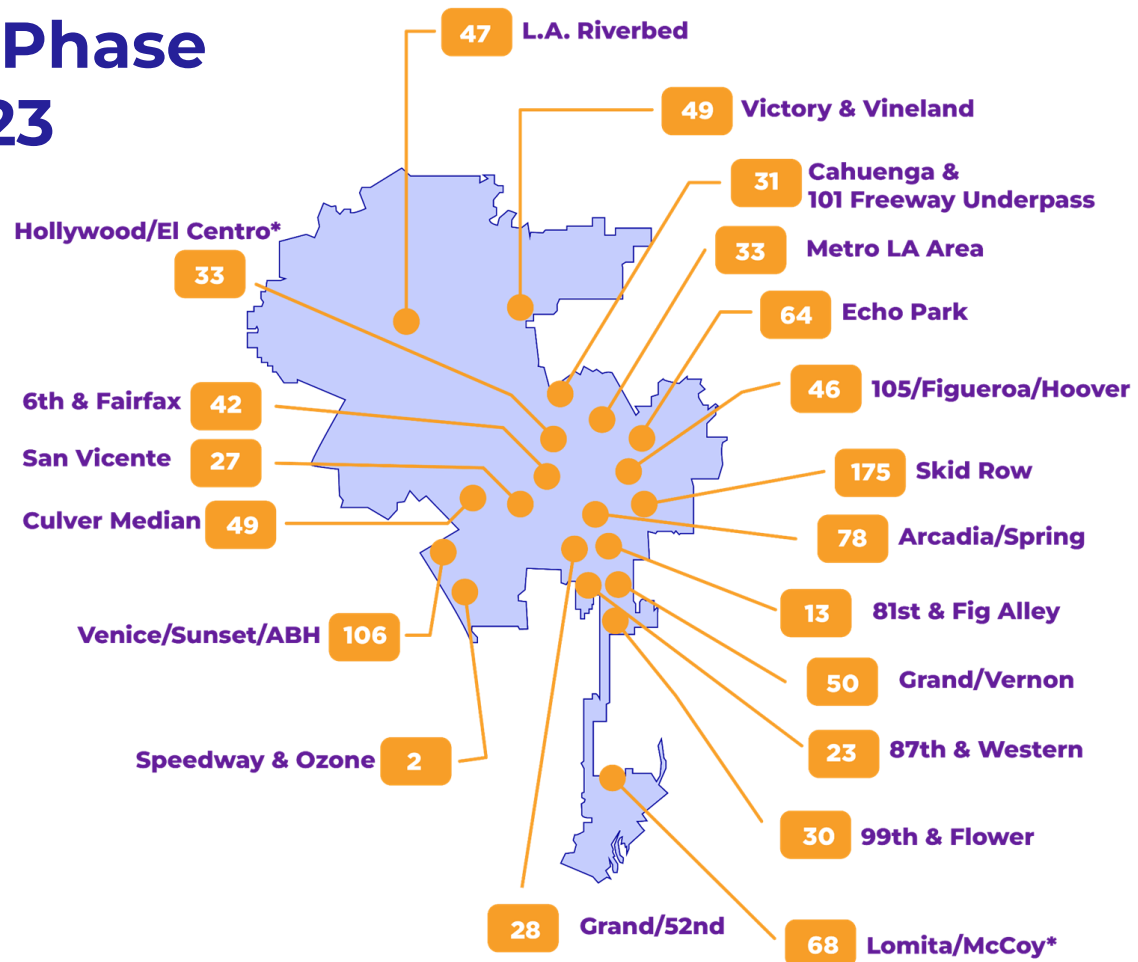
operations

1,323

people voluntarily  
moved inside

13

Housing Fairs



*\*unverified estimates*



# Results Since March 22

**262,700+ lbs of waste removed**

## BEFORE

## AFTER

Hollywood



Hollywood



Harbor City



Harbor City



South L.A.



South L.A.

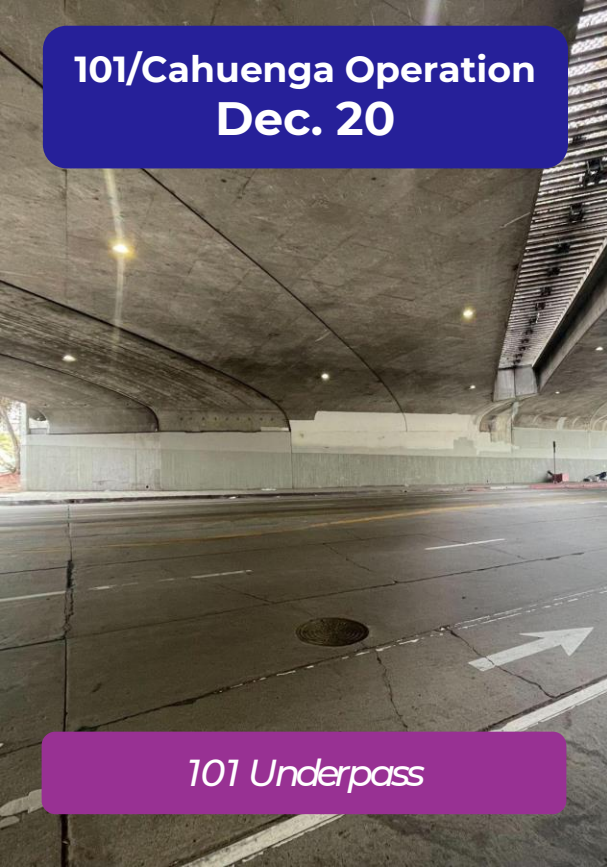




# Sustained Results

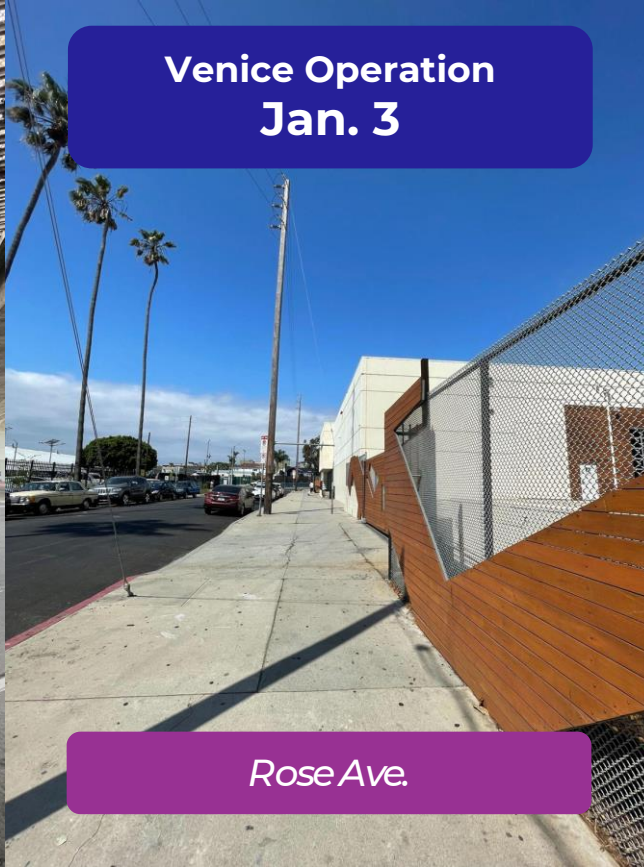
Photos Taken June 12

101/Cahuenga Operation  
Dec. 20



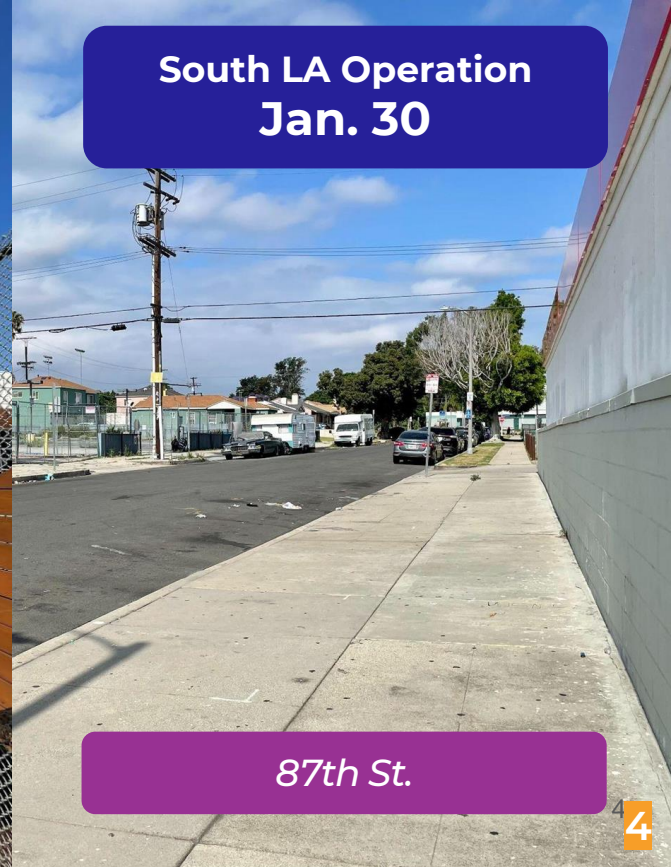
101 Underpass

Venice Operation  
Jan. 3



Rose Ave.

South LA Operation  
Jan. 30



87th St.

# Strategies



## Cutting Red Tape\*

Eliminating bureaucratic obstacles standing in the way of housing Angelenos



## Whole Of Government Approach\*

Collaborations have resulted in a historic agreement with the White House and 500 units of interim housing from the State



## Declaration of Emergency

Accelerating and enhancing the City's ability to confront the homelessness crisis



## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment

The homelessness crisis will not be solved without substance abuse and mental health treatment



## Unlocking Public Land For Housing

Hundreds of acres across LA are being actively evaluated by the City, Metro and LAUSD



## Tenant Protections

Implementing new tenant protections, outreach and education to prevent Angelenos from falling into homelessness



# Cutting Red Tape - Executive Directive 1

**8,000+ Units in  
456 projects**

Identified for streamlining  
in the ED1 pipeline



**1,496 units in  
20 projects**

Received planning  
approval

Approvals received in a record average  
**37 days versus 6 months**



# Cutting Red Tape

“100% affordable housing developments like those built by Little Tokyo Service Center are subject to years worth of design, funding, utilities, and permitting approvals before they can start construction. We can't thank Mayor Bass enough for boldly delivering on Executive Directive 1, which has enabled City staff to prioritize 100% affordable housing and has already succeeded in **fast tracking clearance timelines from 9 months to 2 months on projects like mine.** Permanent adoption of ED-1 would help all of us realize meaningful gains to addressing the housing crisis. I look forward to seeing ED-1 codified in the near future.”

**Debbie Chen, Director of Real Estate Development at Little Tokyo Service Center**





# Cutting Red Tape - LADWP Project Powerhouse

**145 projects**

are currently in the expedited design and construction phases.

- 22 projects benefiting from expedited approvals for power connection, with 1068 affordable housing units
- 14 projects, with many more in the queue, that will benefit from LADWP covering costs of public right-of-way power.
- **The estimated savings for those to these projects is approximately \$10.2 million.**

LADWP has cut the development review, engineering, and construction timeline by **86%**.

**Design:**

**40 Days**

**Construction:**

**30 Days**





# Unlocking Public Land for Housing

Executive Directive 3:  
May 15th report



## Identified Sites for Development

**3300**

Parcels reviewed

**500**

Interim Housing Units from  
the State

**3**

Interdepartmental working  
groups



# Whole of Government Approach

## Fed

- Historic Agreements with the White House
- Appointed to be Chair U.S. Conference of Mayors Task Force on Homelessness

## State

- 500 Interim Housing Units from the State
- Hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding

## Local

- Working other cities and other City Councils to develop a regional strategy



*Mayor Bass, Mayor Rex Richardson (Long Beach),  
and Mayor George Chen (Torrance)*



# Questions

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