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Sediment Hauling and Flood Control Maintenance

With hillside vegetation destroyed in the Eaton Fire, each rain event has brought more sediment down the mountains, causing build up in basins across the San Gabriel Valley. In response to these conditions, Los Angeles County Public Works will be hauling sediment from adjacent debris basins to the Santa Anita Sediment Placement Site. This maintenance will restore the basins' capacity to capture debris flows and provide critical flood protection for downstream communities.

Sediment will be removed from Lannan Debris Basin, located off Grand View Avenue, just west of Santa Anita Avenue, as well as other debris facilities in the city of Sierra Madre. The material will be transported to the spreading grounds sediment site off Elkins Avenue.

Work will take place seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weather permitting, until completion, which is anticipated in April.

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For more information on the Flood Control District visit, pw.lacounty.gov/LACFCD.

No Right Turn on Red Arrows: Improving Safety at Key Intersections

To improve safety for pedestrians and drivers, the City has introduced additional **No Right Turn on Red Arrows** at various intersections. These arrows prevent right turns when it's unsafe, especially for pedestrians. The additional red arrows are adaptive, only activating under specific conditions.

What Is a "No Right Turn on Red Arrow"?

A red arrow means drivers cannot turn right at the intersection. A red ball means a right turn is allowed, but only when it's safe, as usual. The red arrow activates in specific situations, like when pedestrians press the push button to cross or at certain times of the day.

Where Are These Red Arrows?

1. Santa Anita Avenue at Virginia Drive (Northbound to Eastbound): The red arrow turns on during school drop-off and pick-up times at Highland Oaks Elementary.
2. Foothill Boulevard at South Baldwin Avenue (Eastbound to Southbound): The red arrow activates when pedestrians press the button.
3. Foothill Boulevard at South Baldwin Avenue (Northbound to Eastbound): The red arrow activates when pedestrians press the button and when residents that live adjacent to Baldwin Avenue are exiting their driveways onto Foothill Boulevard.
4. Campus Drive at Santa Anita Avenue (Eastbound to Southbound): The red arrow activates when pedestrians press the button.
5. Santa Anita Avenue at Duarte Road (Southbound to Westbound): The red arrow activates when pedestrians press the button.
6. El Monte Avenue at Duarte Road (Northbound to Eastbound): The red arrow activates when pedestrians press the button.



How Do These Red Arrows Work?

The adaptive red arrow turns on when pedestrians press the push button to cross or at other specific times. If the red arrow isn't on, drivers can turn right on a red ball when it's safe, following usual rules of the road.

Important Difference: Adaptive vs. Consistent Red Arrows

While some intersections in the City have red arrows that are on 24/7, the ones listed above are adaptive – they only activate under certain conditions, like when pedestrians press the button or during busy travel times.

Why Are We Doing This?

We are expanding the use of adaptive red arrows at more intersections to improve safety. These arrows were successfully tested in pilot projects, and their use helps manage traffic more effectively. In the future, they may activate during peak travel times to reduce congestion and make right turns safer for everyone.

Thank you for helping us keep our streets safer for everyone! For more information and updates about the No Right Turn on Red Arrows program and how it helps improve safety, [please visit ArcadiaCA.gov/RedArrowSafety](https://ArcadiaCA.gov/RedArrowSafety).

Mayor's State of the City

On March 20, Mayor Michael Cao presented the 2025 State of the City: Rising Together. He reflected on the past year, celebrated successes, and shared a look into future projects.

This year's keynote speaker, Michael Sagely, senior pilot for the Los Angeles County Fire Department and former U.S. Army pilot, delivered an inspiring message on service and the role of aerial operations in an emergency response.



Join a City Board or Commission

The Arcadia City Clerk's Office is accepting applications from residents who would like to serve on a City Board or Commission! To serve on a Board or Commission, applicants must be 18 years or older, a registered voter and resident of the City of Arcadia. There are vacancies on the Arcadia Beautiful Commission, Human Resources Commission, Library Board, and Senior Citizens' Commission.

Citizen Service Resumes are available at ArcadiaCA.gov/Service. The application deadline is May 23, 2025. Appointments are expected to be made at the City Council Meeting June 17, 2025; in-person attendance is not required for appointment.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at [\(626\) 574-5455](tel:6265745455) or email at CityClerk@ArcadiaCA.gov.

Basic Life Support Peak Hours Ambulance

Over the years, the Arcadia Fire Department has faced a steady rise in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls without additional resources, leading to greater reliance on automatic aid from nearby agencies for medical transport. This has resulted in longer response times for patients and revenue loss for the City.

Medical incident calls have continued to increase and most calls required ambulance transport, with approximately 74% of call volume now coming from EMS incidents, an increased by over 37% in the past four years alone.

To address this, the BLS Program launched in March 2024, initially operating Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. With proven success, the Arcadia City Council has approved expanding service to weekends, improving EMS response while enhancing cost recovery.

Since its rollout, the BLS Program has facilitated 406 hospital transports, successfully staffed part-time personnel, and created valuable training opportunities for future paramedics and firefighters. Financially, the program recovers its costs, reinforcing its long-term viability.

Safety Spotlight: Dispute Leads to Fatal Shooting

On the evening of Tuesday, March 11, Arcadia Police and Fire responded to a call at the 50 block of Woodland Lane where a 61-year-old male was fatally shot. The victim's wife and son were also present at the time of the incident and were unharmed.

This was not a random act of violence, the suspect was known to the victim. As this was an isolated incident, there is no threat to the community. Partners from the LA County Sheriff's Office have identified Zehao Lu, a 41-year-old, Chinese National, as the

suspect in the homicide. According to the Sheriff's Department, detectives have exhausted all leads and are seeking the public's assistance in locating Suspect Lu.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau at [\(323\) 890-5500](tel:(323)890-5500).

See something, say something! Residents are encouraged to always remain alert and ready to contact Police if they see something suspicious – no need to intervene, just take 30 seconds to report to law enforcement. Use your best judgement, when something doesn't look or feel right, let Police know, so they can properly investigate.

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