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Riverside Names Gilbert Hernandez Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Duties will include leading the city's paving program and heading up Build Riverside effort

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Gilbert Hernandez, who has worked for the past four years as Riverside's traffic engineer, has been promoted to Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer, where his duties will include leading the city's paving program and working with the development community to increase investment in Riverside through the Build Riverside program.

Hernandez, a 12-year city employee, also will be responsible for implementing the department's capital improvement program, expanding mobility options, and overseeing the engineering, land development, survey and traffic engineering functions within the Public Works Department.

He is a registered Professional Engineer (P.E.), and Traffic Engineer (T.E.). He holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. His salary will be \$169,339.

"Gil Hernandez has demonstrated a thoughtful, stable leadership style and can-do, collaborative approach to projects like the Quiet Zone that reduced railroad noise in Riverside neighborhoods and traffic solutions like the 91/Tyler interchange," Mayor Rusty Bailey said. "As Riverside continues to grow and prosper, we will need his expertise more than ever."

Hernandez's previous role will be filled by Nathan Mustafa, who has worked for the city for more than five years. As Interim City Traffic Engineer, Mustafa will lead the Traffic Division and spearhead Riverside's emerging mobility initiatives and active transportation network.

Mustafa recently oversaw the launch of Bike Riverside, the network of pedal-assisted electric bicycles that allow residents and visitors to Riverside to explore the area between the Riverside Convention Center and Riverside City College with an inexpensive and fun transportation option. Other mobility options that recently have come to Riverside include rentable scooters from two different providers and an increased emphasis on making streets and intersections friendlier to walkers.

“Nathan brings to his new post a high level of enthusiasm, creativity and passion for mobility initiatives, which will enable people of all ages to get around our city in a variety of ways,” City Manager Al Zelinka said. “We are confident in his ability to plan and execute on the City’s vision of a diverse yet well-connected set of transportation options.”

Mustafa is a registered Professional Engineer (P.E.), Traffic Engineer (T.E.) and recently passed the American Planning Certificate Exam (AICP). He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and recently assisted Traffic Engineering in garnering millions of dollars in grant funds for a variety of City projects.

The changes will become effective Dec. 14.