

President's Message:

Safe Routes to Schools and "Complete Streets" at Davis Conference

During the second week of September, U&R's Theo Martinez and I had the opportunity and honor to attend the third biannual Walk/Bike California 2007 Conference in Davis, California. This weeklong conference was attended by hundreds of walking and bicycling advocates and community planners from all over California and beyond.

As in the previous conferences, Safe Routes to Schools was well represented with fact-filled seminars and workshops. New federal funding commitments to California's Safe Routes to Schools program has fueled increased importance and need for U&R's own 9-Step School Traffic Safety Solution Program.

Walkable and bikeable communities also got a boost from a new campaign called "Complete Streets." The concept of Complete

Streets is sweeping across America where old streets are being redesigned to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and public transit equally with automobile traffic. This is making for cleaner, safer, more accessible, and more attractive cities and streets.

U&R supports the many coalition groups such as National Complete Streets Coalition (www.completestreets.org), Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (www.apbp.org), California Bicycle Coalition (www.calbike.org), and California Walks (www.californiawalks.org). Please visit these wonderful Web sites. Then get away from your computer and go for a walk or bike ride. You just might like it!

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Project Highlight:

Tunnel View Overlook Restoration—Yosemite National Park

One of the most famous scenic vistas in the world is the Tunnel View Overlook on Highway 41 in Yosemite National Park. Almost anyone who has ever visited Yosemite Valley has a photo taken from this scenic road stop. Located at the east end of the mile-long Wawona Tunnel, the overlook is constructed on the granite tailings pulled from a road tunnel specifically designed to line up with the view of the valley. El Capitan anchors on the left; Half Dome looms in the distance; and Bridal Veil Falls pours

in the foreground in this photographer's scenic wonder.

The tunnel, road, and overlook have essentially been unchanged since they were constructed in 1932. The Yosemite Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of Yosemite, is funding this restoration project that will greatly enhance the safety and functionality of this historic overlook. The project shall remedy long-standing vehicle and pedestrian safety issues, correct drainage

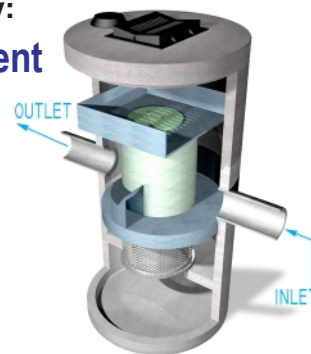
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"Complete Streets" concept

Spotlight on Technology: Storm Water Treatment

It's a nice, warm, and sunny spring lunch hour, and the U&R engineers are gathered in a darkened company conference room watching a vendor's slide presentation about storm water treatment and passing around a crazy-looking filter gadget. What's going on here? Are U&R's engineers really that nerdy? Well maybe they are, but they are also committed to exploring all the new developments in storm water treatment technology. The ever-increasing regulations for storm water pollution prevention and treatment are keeping engineers challenged to find practical, cost-effective methods and devices for their clients. U&R encourages its engineers to attend seminars and solicit product vendors for information pertaining to new developments in the field.



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Tunnel View Overlook, Yosemite

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deficiencies, improve circulation patterns for pedestrians and vehicles, enhance and maintain viewing opportunities for visitors, provide accessibility to viewing areas, and correct safety problems associated with the Inspiration Point trailhead, while maintaining the naturalistic, rustic character and integrity of this historic site.

Underwood & Rosenblum is truly fortunate to have been selected to work with Royston, Hanamoto, Alley, and Abbey Landscape Architects and Yosemite National Park Staff on this landmark restoration project. The project is expected to begin construction some time next year.

Recent U&R Projects

U&R's many recent projects include the following highlights, pictured here:

- Rosa Parks Academy, Aspire Public Schools, Stockton – K2A Architecture and Interiors.
- Boronda Crossing Retail Center, Salinas – Tony Sammut Developer.
- Portico Townhomes, Santa Clara – Dennis A. Chargin Developer.
- Moreau Catholic High School Expansion and Student Drop-off, Hayward – Hardison, Komatsu, Ivelich & Tucker Architects.

Some Very Sad News

On September 9th, Underwood & Rosenblum tragically lost one of its beloved employees. Terri Stanley unexpectedly passed away in her sleep at her home in Los Altos. Terri had worked as U&R's exuberant receptionist for the past three years. She seemed to know personally every delivery person and client who walked through our doors. Employees enjoyed taking breaks during the day to chat with Terri who was always easy to talk to and had a great sense of humor. Terri spent much of her free time volunteering at her church,

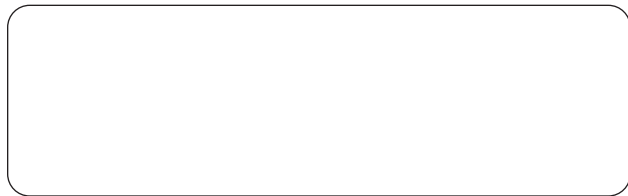
reading books, and baby sitting for friends and family. She will always be remembered as a loyal, kind, caring person always willing to help those in need. Terri will sadly be missed forever by all of U&R's employees, clients, and friends. In her memory, the company has created the Terri Stanley Memorial Health Club Fund to assist employees with health club memberships.



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