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**Oakland Public Works Principal Civil Engineer Amirzehni
Named APWA Public Works Leadership Fellow**

KANSAS CITY, MO – Oakland Public Works Department’s Principal Civil Engineer, Gus Amirzehni, was recently designated a national Public Works Leadership Fellow (PWLF) by the American Public Works Association (APWA). Amirzehni received this APWA service designation in recognition of the highest level of commitment to the public works profession. The APWA PWLFs have been designated to mentor other public works professionals in three of the APWA Leadership and Management professional development programs.

“The APWA Public Works Leadership Fellows have pledged to assist those who aspire to become public works directors, executives, managers, and supervisors through a focused mentoring program. The PWLF is a senior executive service designation from APWA’s Donald C. Stone Center,” APWA Executive Director Peter B. King said. “The Public Works Leadership Fellows are experienced public works professionals, and they have committed their time and talents to advise public works professionals who are enhancing their professional skills and careers,” said King.

For acceptance into the program, candidates must have at least 20 years of relevant public works experience to be eligible for the PWLF designation. Acceptance to the program will be determined by the APWA Donald C. Stone Program Council. Each PWLF will provide at least 40 hours of mentoring each year to develop capstone projects, or plan for the execution of the personalized professional development plan, and record mentoring activities.

Amirzehni has over 27 years of experience working in the public sector as a civil engineer. As the Principal Civil Engineer for Oakland’s Public Works Department, he is in charge of planning and design of capital improvements for the city’s civil infrastructure including paving, street-scape, bridge and wall structures, sanitary sewers, storm drainage, sidewalks, stairs and paths. He is also the city’s Right-of-Way Manager, and is responsible for inspection and enforcement of Oakland Municipal Code for utility and private construction work within the public rights-of-way.

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Amirzehni has had prior experience in the Oakland Public Works Department as the Supervising Civil Engineer and the Capital Infrastructure Coordinator for the Bureau of Engineering and Construction, and was Acting Supervisor Civil for the Public Works Construction Management Division. In addition, he was the Plan Check Engineer for the city's Community & Economic Development Agency in Building Services, and was the Civil Engineer in the Public Works Agency in Engineering Design, following his initial work as Resident Engineer, Assistant Engineer and Survey Technician for Oakland's Public Works Agency. He has a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Portland State University and a Professional Engineer license from the State of California.

For more information about the Donald C. Stone Center's Public Works Leadership Fellow program, visit the website at <http://www.apwa.net/donald-c-stone>, or for APWA professional development opportunities; contact Director of Professional Development Mabel Tinjacá, Ph.D., at mtinjaca@apwa.net. For APWA media queries, please contact Laura Bynum, M.A., APWA Media Relations and Communications Manager at lbynum@apwa.net.

About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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