



IBI Group Architecture Planning

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(BFGC)-IBI: Celebrates 65 Years of Practice & Change



Dave Carnal, FAIA, Managing Director, Reflects on 65 yrs...

Most architectural firms begin their storied history by driving Principals and driving Principles...the latter being the core-values that place a unique stamp on their 'body-of-work'. It is, after all, the work that differentiates one firm from another, long after the service has ended.

In the case of BFGC, founded in 1949, by Whitney Biggar, AIA, the firm was launched with a passion for uncompromising design, ethics above reproach and a commitment to exceptional client-service. That 'mantra' has not changed for 65-years.

Today, we continue to serve our core markets – education, civic, healthcare – with the same level of passion and dedication our clients have come to expect. Our merger with the IBI Group of firms, which includes six offices in California

and offices worldwide, has allowed us the opportunity to grow into new market sectors including transportation and urban planning. Our clients have benefited by having access to extraordinary talent in all areas of programming, planning and design—reinforcing our 'mission': Global Expertise....Local Knowledge.

As we reflect upon our firm's history, we know that our longevity is the result of the trusted relationships and proven performance we enjoy with our clients, the community and our staff. That is why we have designated our 65th year as the year of "Making a Difference". Throughout this year, we will be sponsoring and engaging in several Public Service events, as a way of saying 'Thank You' and giving back to the Community that has supported us over the years. - Dave Carnal, FAIA

Testimonials from Our Staff:

Here's what some of our long term staff had to say about their experience working at (BFGC)-IBI:

"Why look anywhere else...when you love what you're doing each day at a place where they support you (and your family) in an environment that exudes positive energy, no matter what your position?"

"I've been able to stretch, grow and gain experience on projects that were fulfilling, working with colleagues that were supportive and leaders that set great examples."

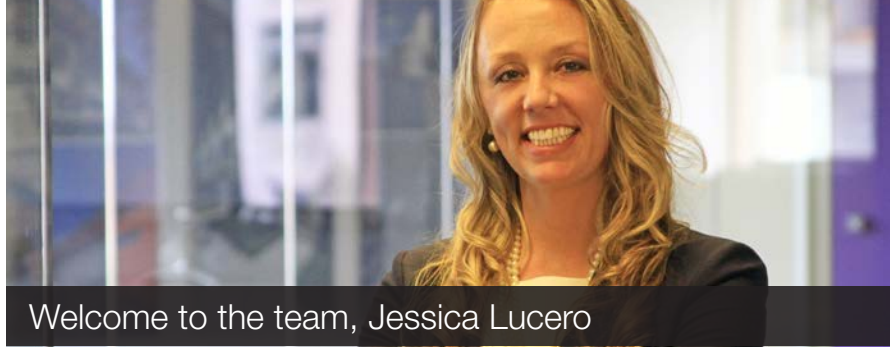
"The unwavering commitment is to building and supporting staff; the high-energy is devoted to creative problem-solving, and the uncompromising service is to clients."

New Hires & Promotions



Dean Aron Tatsuno, AIA, Promoted to Associate Director

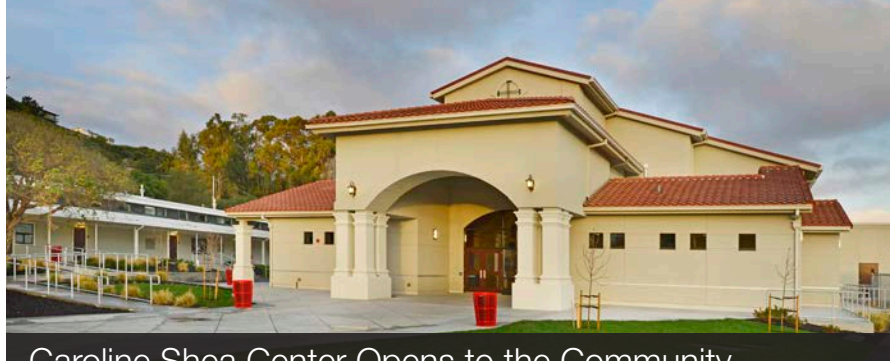
IBI Group is pleased to announce the promotion of Dean Aron Tatsuno, AIA from IBI Associate to IBI Associate Director. Dean has been responsible for leading projects and office operations since the establishment of the San Jose office 18 years ago and also serves as Senior Principal Architect.



Welcome to the team, Jessica Lucero

IBI Group is pleased to welcome Jessica Lucero to our team as Business Manager/Controller. Jessica brings a strong understanding of the industry with a decade of experience with local architecture and engineering firms to this important role of supporting IBI Group's business goals. Jessica will work in conjunction with our leadership and support staff in streamlining accounting/operations and in developing strategic growth initiatives, while promoting collaborative 'Best Practices' across the firm.

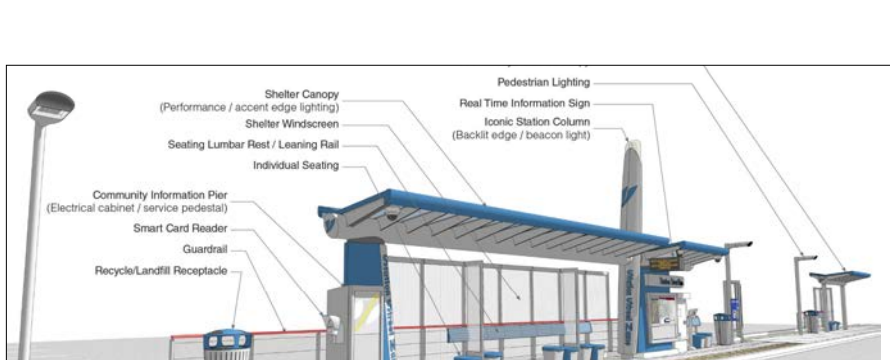
Recent Projects



Caroline Shea Center Opens to the Community



The recently completed Caroline Shea Center Multipurpose Building located in Millbrae, California at Taylor Middle School serves as a multipurpose and cafeteria for the middle school and the central kitchen for the district. The center will also host community events. This 15,690 SF structure will serve four elementary schools as well as the 900+ middle school students on campus for lunch every day. Among its features are a state-of-the art audio/visual system for presentations, a high school sized basketball court and two volley ball courts.



"Light Rail on Wheels" - BRT Comes to San Jose

IBI Group provided station design as part of CH2MHill's design team for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (SCVTA) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project which has been described as "light rail on wheels" by the owners. The stations will be located along the corridor that begins at the San Jose Diridon Station, runs through downtown along Santa Clara Street, and then along Alum Rock Avenue, ending at the Eastridge Transit Center. BRT buses will have dedicated transit lanes, state-of-the-art buses, and rail-like stations.

IBI Group designed the BRT stations around the idea of "motion" while also creating structures that would be easily maintained. Winged-like shelter canopies and an angled column create a sense of movement. The iconic column will include the station name and a beacon light, making the stations easily identifiable. Stations will also include real time information signs, individual seating and smart card readers. Materials include durable poly carbonate panels, stainless steel and easily replaceable glass panels.

Community Involvement



Preserving a Neighborhood Treasure

In our continued dedication towards improving our local community and the environment, IBI Group staff recently volunteered their time with the Guadalupe River Conservancy to help clean up the river bank along Guadalupe River Park's 2.6 miles of trails, located just a few blocks from our office. San Jose staff were proud to say they filled 24 bags which added up to nearly 600lbs of trash!