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tomorrow’s megacities.

Presenting the Sonny Astani Department Of Civil And Environmental Engineering. Endowed with the largest naming gift for a civil engineering department, it is poised to meet the challenges of megacities and those who live in them.

Sonny Astani:
• Builder in Los Angeles for 25 years and the largest real estate developer in downtown.
• Philanthropist supporting facilities for the homeless.
• USC Alumnus with an MS ('78) in Industrial and Systems Engineering.
• Recipient of the Mark A. Stevens Distinguished Alumni Award from the USC Viterbi School.

USC Viterbi School of Engineering:
• Consistently ranks in the top 10 on the U.S. News & World Report list of graduate engineering programs.
• Home of the Information Sciences Institute, one of the incubators of the Internet.
• One of only four engineering schools to have two currently active National Science Foundation Engineering Research Centers.
• Awarded the First Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence (SHIELD) and a Transportation Center from the U.S. Department of Transportation (METERAS).
• Faculty includes 28 members of the National Academy of Engineering, four winners of the Shannon Award, one Turing Prize winner and more than 40 recipients of national junior faculty career awards.
• Home of the Distance Education Network, the nation’s leading graduate engineering e-learning program.

Less traffic. More space. Cleaner air and water. A greener environment. These are just some of society’s fundamental needs addressed daily by civil and environmental engineers. Now, with the creation of the Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, we strengthen our resolve to make the world a better place to live today, and tomorrow. Sonny Astani’s commitment to harmonious development, and his pivotal role in the ongoing downtown Los Angeles renaissance is precisely the kind of thinking megacities will need in the coming years. And precisely the kind USC is committed to providing.

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