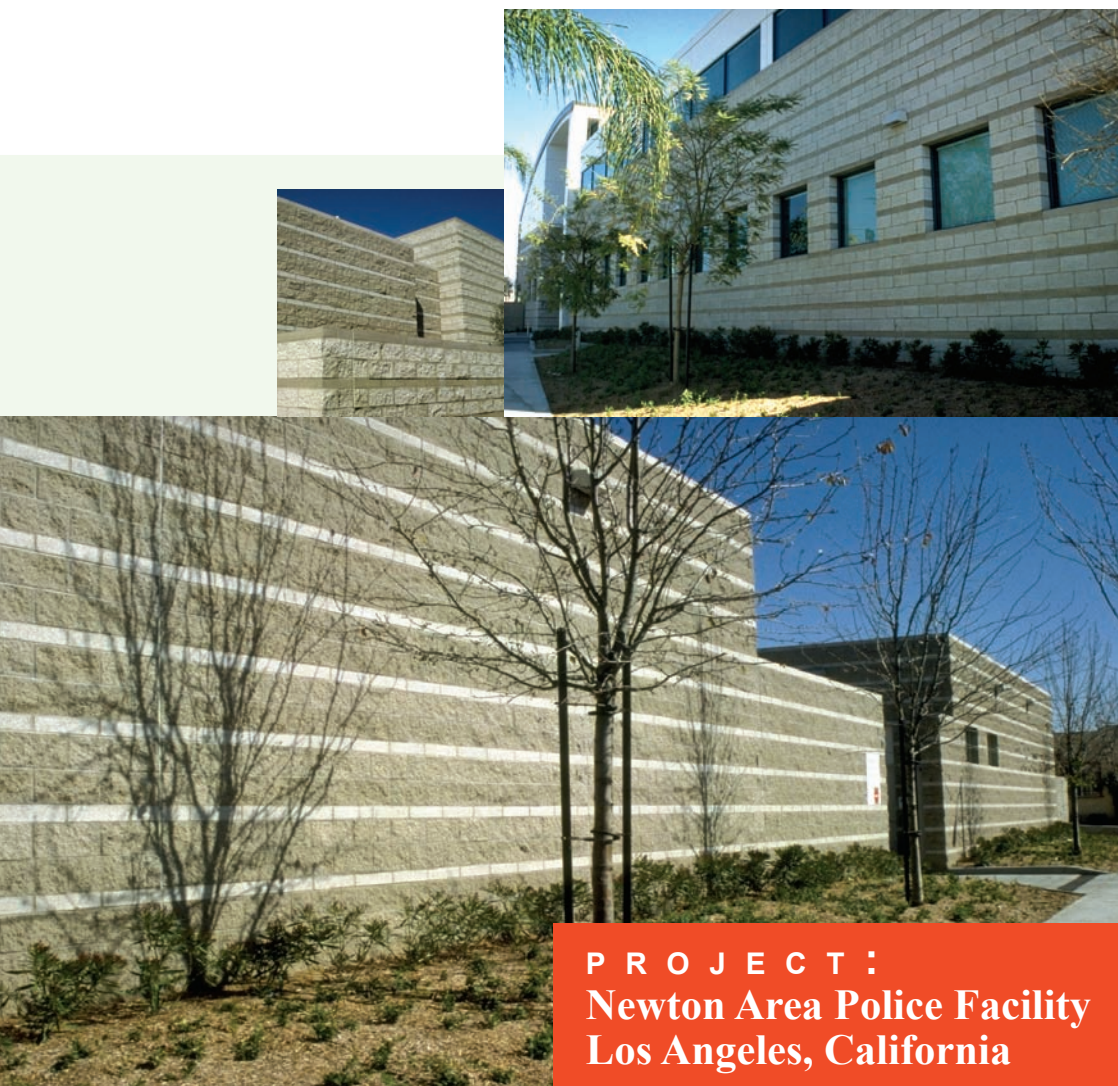




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PROJECT: Newton Area Police Facility Los Angeles, California



Dworsky Associates' design of this police facility, consisting of a 40,000 sq. ft. two-story police station, parking structure and vehicle maintenance facility is varied in scale and materials to respond to surrounding low-rise commercial and residential neighborhood. This station serves the primary patrol functions including offices, dispatch and holding facilities; as well as patrol support functions including administrative offices and departments working closely with patrol administration, property storage, and centralized records. The facility also features two secure exterior courtyards. One for the general public accessed from the community room and one for police staff located off the lunchroom. All work areas are positioned to accommodate the use of natural light.

The exterior skin of the building consists primarily of multiple colors and patterns of split face and precision concrete block while providing economy and security. The concrete masonry was also chosen for the visual interest and scale it gives to the building.

"Concrete masonry served many purposes in the success of this project. Security issues, its wide range of color and texture as well as cost effectiveness made concrete masonry the best material choice for us," explained Bob Levine, Designing Principal.

Architect:

Bob Levine
Design Principal

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The design solution of the Metro 580 Retail Center was driven by three main requirements. First, it needed attractive, clear signage from freeway exposures that satisfied both the tenants' requirements and those of The City of Pleasanton. Second, the shopping center needed to be compatible with the adjacent Wal-Mart facility. Finally, this project required a clear orientation and proper parking distribution for an unusually deep site.

This project needed to be attractive, practical and visible. Don M. Dacumos, Project Manager explained, "We chose Concrete Masonry for height capability and choice of patterns, color, and texture to match the adjacent Wal-Mart. In fact, this project was the quickest square footage of concrete masonry units ever to be erected in that amount of time."

This 180,000 square foot retail center now occupies a prominent and visible sight adjacent to Highway 580 near Stoneridge Mall and the new Pleasanton BART station. Tenants include Linens 'n' Things, Sears Homelife Furniture, Computer City, and Borders Books & Music as well as a Payless Shoe Source and Una Mas Restaurant.

Architect:

Don M. Dacumos, AIA
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PROJECT: Metro 580 Retail Center Pleasanton, California



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P R O J E C T :

Ross Dress For Less Stanford Ranch Crossing Roseville, California

All buildings are constructed of reinforced masonry. SGPA used a combination of precision and split-face concrete masonry units which allowed a variety of patterns for individual store elevations, while maintaining a similar palette of materials and colors for the center. Cost effectiveness was also a major factor in choosing concrete masonry for this project.

“The City of Roseville required that we match existing materials between tenants. They also allowed us the flexibility to change the block pattern in order to distinguish between individual tenants”, said Kim Fisher, Project Manager. “Concrete Masonry Units allowed us to meet these requirements while maintaining the aesthetic value and structural simplicity of this project.”

Architect:

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- Technical information on concrete masonry for design professionals.
- Protect and advance the interests of the concrete masonry industry.
- Develop new and existing markets for concrete masonry products.
- Coordinate members' efforts in solving common challenges within the masonry industry.

"Concrete masonry was the answer. It is easily maintainable and durable for the weather in the Yosemite area and it fit in with the aesthetics of our project ..."

David Fong, AIA.

"We were looking for a material that denoted performance, provide texture and fit and was within the client's budget. Concrete masonry was selected, meeting our design criteria as well as providing structural load carrying ability ..."

Steve Kendrick, AIA.

"Concrete masonry was chosen for its design flexibility and various colors and textures..."

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