What is PWRS?
It is a system that provides real-time information to those who need to occupy public ways (streets) for all kinds of activities such as construction, maintenance, repair, filming and other events. This information makes it easier for those who need to work in a street by coordinating their activities with others who also need to occupy the same or near by location at the same time.

Why is it necessary to coordinate activities in streets with others?
According to Section 62.251 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, this coordination is needed to help traffic move easier and reduce the negative impact on local businesses and residents.

Does PWRS apply to all City streets?
No. It only applies to Major Highways, Secondary Highways and Collector Streets in the Central Engineering District. Local Streets and alleys are not included.

What is a reservation and how does it work?
Those who have proper permits and licenses from the City of Los Angeles to occupy a street to perform a certain activity use the internet to post the time and location of their work in PWRS. A reservation is done automatically whenever a permit is issued by the Department of Public Works. City agencies must post their activities manually. Like all other reservations, it is only good for a certain period of time. For example, in case of permits, it is good until the permit expires.

Who should post their activities on PWRS?
All applicants who receive a permit from the City of Los Angeles that allows encroachment and work on streets. All City departments or non-city governmental agencies must comply whether or not a permit is needed for their activity.

What kind of activity should be posted on PWRS?
Any occupation of the street that requires the closure or restricts the full or partial use of a sidewalk, curb lane, parking lane, or traffic lane for any purpose for four hours or more.

What is a conflict report?
Every time that a permit is issued by the Department of Public Works or another agency geo-codes their work location, the system posts the location of the work and its duration in PWRS. The system searches for other activities and reservations that coincide with the proposed work and its close proximity. The system generates a conflict report that lists those activities with their reservation time and contact information.

How is a conflict report used?
This report must be studied before starting any work in the street to find out if another activity will be taking place in the same block or near by that may cause a traffic jam. If these activities cause a traffic jam, then the applicants must work out a way to resolve the conflict by contacting the other party that has a reservation there. Because, the system provides real-time information, it is very important to not only study the conflict report, but also to check online to see the latest situation and reservations near by. There may be other emergency work scheduled for the area.

What happens if a conflict is not resolved between interested parties?
This is an honor system. The parties must do their best to resolve any conflict. It is on a first come first reserved basis. However, if a conflict can not be resolved, then the PWRS Management Committee steps in to find a solution.

Is emergency work exempt from making a reservation in PWRS?
Yes, immediate action that must be taken to alleviate a hazardous condition that represents an immediate threat to life, health, safety or property is exempt. However, for Emergency Work requiring a permit, a permit must be obtained from the City of Los Angeles within one business day of the commencement of the work, and a reservation made in PWRS.

What is the website address for PWRS?
For more information and to view posted activities in your area go to the Bureau of Engineering website at [http://eng.lacity.org](http://eng.lacity.org), under Quick Links, click on PWRS (viewer) [http://navigatela.lacity.org/pwrsview](http://navigatela.lacity.org/pwrsview).