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**RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT TO CELEBRATE
IMPROVED STORM RUNOFF FILTRATION AND OTHER
UPGRADES TO WATERFRONT PARKING LOT
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.**

Monterey, CA. – The City of Monterey is hosting a ribbon-cutting event on Tuesday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the new Waterfront Parking Lot upgrades. Paid for through Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Parking Funds at a cost of \$2.6 million, this major renovation project reconfigured the lot spaces to allow for easier traffic flow, created an area for future electric charging stations, allowed for a more modern materials (trash/recyclables) collection system, and added physical features into the site to better protect the quality of storm runoff entering the Monterey Bay.

The new center walkway includes an adjacent landscape area that doubles as a bioretention/filtration system. This linear, vegetated system will capture and filter storm flows that reach it and before that runoff enters the bay. In addition, nine catch basins were retrofitted with hydrocarbon and trash filtration features, making the built project a more environmentally thoughtful design.

“We are very appreciative of the Wharf merchants’ patience and help during this work, and I think both locals and visitors to the Wharf will appreciate the added convenience of the updated lot as well as our dedication to protecting the Bay through storm runoff improvements,” said Mayor Clyde Roberson.

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“This project supports the goals of the Waterfront Master Plan, modernizes and improves the efficiency of this major parking area, and incorporates features to protect the marine environment,” said Public Works Director, Steve Wittry.

Businesses partners, merchants, media, and community members are invited to come and celebrate a ribbon-cutting at the edge of the parking lot near Fisherman’s Wharf. A project facts sheet will be available. Refreshments will be served.

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The graphic is a vertical rectangular invitation. On the left side, there are two photographs: the top one shows a newly paved parking lot with a white pickup truck and a street lamp; the bottom one shows a marina with many sailboats. On the right side, there is a large yellow ribbon graphic that curves from the top right towards the center. Text is arranged in a clean, professional layout. At the top right, in brown capital letters, it says 'THE WATERFRONT LOT UPGRADES ARE DONE!'. Below that, in a blue script font, it says 'Please join us for a ribbon-cutting celebration!'. Further down, in brown capital letters, it says 'Tuesday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. Fisherman's Wharf Parking Lot 101 Washington Street'. At the bottom right, there is a yellow ribbon graphic with the City of Monterey seal in the center. Below the ribbon, it says 'Hosted by the City of Monterey with special thanks to the Old Fisherman's Wharf Association and businesses'.

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