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**INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ADVANCE
DURING SHELTER-IN-PLACE
City of Monterey Declares National Public Works Week May 17-23**

Monterey, CA. – At the May 19 City Council Meeting, Monterey City Council adopted a resolution declaring “National Public Works Week” from May 17-23. 2020 marks the 60th annual National Public Works Week, sponsored by the American Public Works Association to honor public works professionals.

National Public Works Week comes at an appropriate time, as the City of Monterey completes several infrastructure improvements to neighborhoods and business districts. Construction projects are allowed under Monterey County’s Shelter in Place Order as long as projects comply with safety protocols to protect workers and residents.

“While most residents and workers are sheltering-in-place or working from home, the City of Monterey took the opportunity to complete improvements in high traffic areas,” said Public Works Director Steve Wittry. “Neighborhoods and business districts, like downtown and the Lighthouse District, will see improved streets, sidewalks, storm drains, parks and accessible ramps.”

Ongoing or completed projects include parking lot, launch ramp and garage improvements at Breakwater Cove and Cannery Row, new accessible intersections and

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ramps, tree well replacements, fire suppression on Municipal Wharf II, sanitary sewer and storm drain repairs, and much more. Citywide street resurfacing, and sidewalk and storm drain repairs, were paid for by Measure P and S, a 1% local district tax (sales and use tax) to be used “to address significant deferred maintenance by fixing streets, sidewalks, and potholes; improve related access and safety for senior citizens, disabled residents, and others; and repair its 100-year-old storm drain system to protect our beaches/Monterey Bay.” To date, the measures have repaired over 1.5 million square feet of streets.

In addition, new artificial turf play fields at Montecito Park and Laguna Grande are being installed thanks to the Neighborhood and Community Improvement Program. In total, over \$15 million in improvements will be made this season to neighborhoods, business districts, the waterfront and community parks.

National Public Works Week honors City staff and its contractors who have designed and constructed these essential projects, improving the safety and quality of life of our community.

For more information about City of Monterey construction projects, and to sign up for our Construction this Week newsletter, visit monterey.org/construction.

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