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SAN PEDRO WELCOME PARK COMPLETE

Councilwoman Janice Hahn Delivers Park Before End of Summer, As Promised

Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn announced today that the San Pedro Welcome Park is complete, before the end of the summer. The park, complete with grass, decorative stone, trees and bushes, is open to the public. The flag poles on Gaffey Street have also been moved to the park. A grand opening dedication is scheduled for September 24.

“Welcome Park has been one of my top priorities since I was elected. We finally have a proper gateway into San Pedro that truly reflects how great this community is. We said we would have this park done before the end of the summer and thanks to the hard work of our Recreation & Parks workers, it is,” said Councilwoman Hahn. “The park is now officially open and I look forward to properly thanking the community and Jim Hussey at a dedication later in September.”

The San Pedro Welcome Park replaces blighted properties at the end of the Harbor Freeway on Gaffey Avenue. Community activists, led by Jim Hussey, have been working for years to turn the area into a park that better reflects the community of San Pedro.

“First impressions are lasting impressions and our new park will finally give the right impression of our community,” added the Councilwoman. “The new park, in conjunction with all of the work that CalTrans is doing at the off-ramp will be a huge improvement for San Pedro.”

About a year ago, the Councilwoman requested that CalTrans invest in the on and off-ramps in the Harbor Area. In response, CalTrans is completing a \$2 million replanting project at the end of the 110 from Gaffey Street to Channel Street and on the section of the 47 from Gaffey to Harbor Boulevard. The first phase included removing old, damaged and unsightly vegetation. The next phase will be to replant it with a number of nice, mature trees including jacarandas, crape myrtles, pine trees, palm trees and oaks. It will also include a new irrigation system and should be complete by the end of the year.

“Finally, after a long, tiring, congestion-plagued commute on the 110 freeway, people will love coming to the end of the 110 and entering our wonderful town,” concluded Councilwoman Hahn.

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