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Section Of East Laurel Avenue To Be Closed During Railroad Rehabilitation *Businesses in the area of the two-week closure will remain open during construction*

LOMPOC, CA, Aug. 30, 2017 – East Laurel Avenue in Lompoc will be closed for two weeks to vehicle and pedestrian traffic between E and H streets due to railroad rehabilitation.

Union Pacific expects the closure will run from 6 a.m. on **Tues. Sept. 5** through 6 p.m. on **Tues. Sept. 19**. Crews will be working on the railroad track and crossings Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and possibly during some weekend hours.

The street closure is expected to remain in effect throughout the two-week period. Businesses in the area will remain open to customers, and can be accessed through the alley.

The completed project will result in a safer, more efficient, and visually pleasing railroad crossing area. Union Pacific and the City of Lompoc apologize for the inconvenience caused by the temporary closure and construction noise, and look forward to serving the community and those traveling through the area with an improved railroad crossing.

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City of Lompoc

The City of Lompoc was founded as a town in 1874 and incorporated as a city on Aug. 13, 1888. Prior to the City's establishment, the building of La Purisima Mission in 1787 marked the earliest European settlement in the Lompoc Valley. Growth in the Lompoc Valley was sparked by the 1901 completion of the coastal railroad between San Francisco and Los Angeles, which included the extension of a spur into Lompoc. The Lompoc Valley is home to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the first missile base of the United States Air Force. Today, the City of Lompoc is a travel destination known for its downtown mural program, local wines and acclaimed cuisine, historic landmarks, parks and nearby beaches. For more information, visit:

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