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Lompoc Sidewalk Infill And Crosswalk Improvement Project Underway *Improvements to take place as part of North County Measure "A" Safe Routes to School Program*

LOMPOC, CA, Nov. 27, 2017 – Construction is starting this week on a Lompoc project that will make walking to school safer for students.

The City of Lompoc's Sidewalk Infill Project, funded almost entirely by grant money from the North County Measure "A" Safe Routes to School Program, began on **Mon. Nov. 27**. The project is expected to last about 35 working days.

The City was awarded \$160,000 in regional Measure "A" funds, which are funding close to 90 percent of the project. The rest of the project is being paid for from Transportation Development Act (TDA) bicycle and pedestrian funding.

The Sidewalk Infill Project involves installing brightly-painted concrete "bulb-outs", curb ramps and flashing crosswalk beacons at the crosswalk on North Avenue at L Street, near La Cañada Elementary School. The crosswalk improvements will provide extra protection for pedestrians crossing the street.

In addition, missing sidewalk near Fillmore Elementary School is being added in the 600 block of East Pine Avenue along the south side of the street, along with curbs and ramps.

Public Works Director Kevin McCune said the project will make walking in Lompoc safer, especially for students traveling to and from school.

"We are pleased the Lompoc Sidewalk Infill Project is underway," he said. "This project is a worthy investment in a safer and more visually appealing Lompoc, and we expect our community will be happy with the results."

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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.

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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: <http://www.cityoflomdoc.com/>