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Thompson Park Renovations Underway

Majority of park expected to open to the public again in late January

LOMPOC, CA, Dec. 22, 2017 – Thompson Park is expected to mostly open back up to the public by the end of January when the majority of the park’s ongoing improvement project will be complete.

The Thompson Park renovation project kicked off in November 2017, and is expected to be complete in March 2018. The project is funded with \$466,450 in grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development – Housing Related Park Program (HRPP); in addition to \$265,594 in Community Development Block Grant funding.

Among improvements being made to Thompson Park are:

- Installing a new shade structure over the existing group picnic table area
- Replacing wood chips in children’s play area with rubber play surface
- Installing a new permanent monument sign
- Installing new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant walking pathways throughout the park
- Landscape and irrigation improvements, including a dedicated irrigation system for the softball field
- Replacing chain-link fencing with new split-rail fencing
- Demolishing the existing bathroom and replacing it with a new ADA pre-fabricated restroom facility

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- At the softball field: replacing asphalt with concrete and incorporate ADA-compliant paths to and from amenities, new bench seating in dugouts with dugout covers, replacing old bleacher with two new sets of bleachers, replacing old press box with new one including a new PA system, reconfiguring chain link fencing at field and adding new gate at each dugout

Thompson Park should be open to the public again by late January, although the softball field and restroom will remain closed to the public during construction on those sections.

“The improvements being made to Thompson Park are much-needed,” said Lompoc Facilities, Fleet and Park Maintenance Manager Dirk Ishiwata. “We look forward to providing our community with a revitalized Thompson Park for children and adults to enjoy. This project will not only beautify Thompson Park and make it more accessible with improved features, but will also make the park safer,” Ishiwata added.

Ishiwata encouraged community members with questions or concerns about the Thompson Park project, or other city parks, to call him directly at: 875-8048.

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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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