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Rio Vista Waterfront Promenade Phase II Project to Break Ground for Construction

RIO VISTA, CA - A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for the Rio Vista Waterfront Promenade Phase II Project on Friday, October 10th at 11 a.m. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony.

The Rio Vista Waterfront Phase II Promenade provides an approximately 800 foot long extension of the Phase 1 Promenade that was completed in 2009 and will extend the current pathway (also called the Bridge to Beach Pathway) to Front and Logan Streets. Originally conceptualized in the Rio Vista Waterfront Specific Plan, the promenade is designed as a 10 foot wide walkway and will provide landscaping, lighting, benches, drainage and other improvements.

"This project has been in the works for several years and is finally getting underway," said Norman Richardson, Mayor of Rio Vista. "This promenade will help the region address global climate change by creatively providing a recreational facility that also happens to reduce vehicle emission by encouraging active transportation (pedestrian, bicycle, boating access). We're looking forward to seeing the completed project next fall."

This project was also prioritized as a top countywide pedestrian and bicycle priority in the Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans.

Funded with \$450,000 of Transportation Development Act (TDA) pedestrian and bicycle funds (allocated by the STA) and matched with about \$61,000 of City of Rio Vista storm drainage funds, citizens can also contribute to the project by purchasing an engraved paving stone as was done in Phase 1.

A professional services contract to environmentally clear, design and create bid documents for the project was awarded to Siegfried Engineering, Inc. by the Rio Vista City Council earlier this year. The project is expected to be completed and open to the public by fall of 2015.

This project partnership began with the Waterfront Promenade Phase I project. Funding was provided by a Clean Air Grant from Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District and a Proposition 40 Parkland Grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The City is now working with the downtown property owners, businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, RioVision, the STA and other groups to prepare a new Downtown Specific Plan for the Rio Vista Priority Development Area (PDA).

Some of the next projects the City would like to complete along this magnificent waterfront will include improvements to the City's boat dock on Main Street, a refurbished boat ramp, further extensions of this promenade, a new flood wall, new water and transit-oriented uses, and enhancements to Front and Main Street. The City's long term goal is to continue to create a more pedestrian, transit and tourist - friendly downtown that will further transform this area into a vibrant commercial, housing and civic hub.

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