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Mission Beach Boardwalk Bulkhead Project Recognized for Engineering Excellence

NEW BOARDWALK AND SEAWALL INSTALLED AT HISTORIC LANDMARK

San Diego – The City of San Diego’s Mission Beach Boardwalk Bulkhead project will be recognized by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) California with a Merit Award at its 2017 Engineering Excellence Award Banquet in February. Earlier this year, the project was also recognized by the California Preservation Foundation for excellence in historic preservation.

“The historic Mission Beach boardwalk has been brought back to life and restored to its original glory for future generations of San Diegans to enjoy,” said Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. “These awards recognize the tremendous work done by City employees in the Public Works Department in partnership with the project’s design and construction firms.”

The project replaced about 20,000 square feet of walkway and nearly 1,700 linear feet of the deteriorating, three-foot-high seawall along Mission Beach’s Belmont Park, restoring the coastal landmark to how it looked when it was first constructed in the 1920s. Work on the \$4.9 million reconstruction project was completed in May 2016 and is part of a longer-term effort to improve the entire boardwalk and seawall along Mission Beach in future years.

The project team overcame many complex engineering challenges, including avoiding impacts to the many businesses and residences located near the boardwalk and maintaining safe and continued access to one of San Diego’s top visited beaches. In addition, while making the 21st century improvements to the boardwalk and enhancing accessibility to the beach for persons with disabilities, the team ensured all upgrades were consistent with the historic look of the boardwalk when it first opened on May 28, 1925.

“The continued recognition from industry experts confirms that the City’s Public Works staff, and the contractors and consultants that we partner with, are truly America’s Finest,” said Public Works Department Director James Nagelvoort.

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