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Faulconer, Gloria Break Ground on Major Street Project in Heart of Historic Old Town

\$8M Overhaul of Juan Street Uses City's New 'One Dig' Approach

San Diego, CA – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer and City Council President Todd Gloria broke ground on a major overhaul of Juan Street, a key corridor in the heart of the historic Old Town community.

The \$8 million project, between Taylor Street and Sunset Road, is an example of how the City of San Diego is taking a smarter approach to infrastructure. The improvements include new sidewalks, curb and gutters, curb ramps, water mains and storm drains as well as replacing the concrete street.

“This is a perfect example of the City’s new ‘One Dig’ philosophy in which we try to consolidate all of the upgrades at once – street resurfacing, sidewalk installation, new water lines – so the City doesn’t tear up the street again and again,” Faulconer said. **“This smarter approach saves the City time and money that it can use on other repair projects and reduces the impacts on neighborhood residents and businesses.”**

The Juan Street project calls for replacing the water pipes underneath the road and creating a reinforced concrete storm drain conveyance system. The upgrades are expected to minimize flooding issues which have been a problem there in the past.

“Old Town is known as the birthplace of California, but its infrastructure shouldn’t be considered historic,” Gloria said. **“The improvements to Juan Street and to the water and storm water systems underneath are worthy investments that will serve Old Town’s many businesses and visitors.”**

Juan Street, first built in 1929, is in an area known to contain significant historical and archaeological resources. Therefore the project includes an environmental assessment and monitoring in order to preserve the integrity and archaeological history of Old Town.

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