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Groundbreaking Ceremony for Train Station Expansion Project

GROVER BEACH, CA – The City of Grover Beach is holding a groundbreaking ceremony on August 22 to mark the beginning of an expansion project at the Grover Beach train station located at the corner of West Grand Avenue and Highway 1. This is a grant-funded regional transportation project that will expand the current Amtrak train station site to incorporate a bus passenger loading/unloading area and shelter along with adding 40 additional parking spaces and improving landscaping and accessibility on the site. The project is a key priority for Grover Beach and will enhance safety and convenience for travelers at the South County's only train station with direct connections to San Luis Obispo along with Los Angeles and San Diego on the Pacific Surfliner train.

The project will cost approximately \$3 million and is funded from federal, state, and regional grant funds. Approximately half the project funding is coming from a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant with the remainder coming from a mix of state and regional funding including SB 1 transportation funds. Funding partners include the San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments (SLOCOG), the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency, and Caltrans which underscores the importance of this regional transportation project. The project will start construction this month with completion expected by summer 2019.

"The project is a long-standing priority for the City of Grover Beach and will enhance safety and convenience for all passengers" said Grover Beach Mayor John Shoals. "With the expansion and improvements, the train station will continue to be a significant benefit to the city and the region serving all of San Luis Obispo County."

"SLOCOG is proud to partner with the City of Grover Beach and LOSSAN on this important regional transportation project" said San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments Executive Director Ron DeCarli. "This project is an example of how federal, state, and regional funding including SB 1 funds can play an important role in improving transportation in our communities."

The groundbreaking ceremony for this important regional project will be held on **Wednesday, August 22 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Grover Beach train station located at 180 West Grand Avenue.

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