



City of Grover Beach

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City of Grover Beach to Break Ground on South County Transportation Facility, Phase I

On **Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 10 a. m.**, the City of Grover Beach will break ground on a new transit and parking facility located in the heart of the community. Groundbreaking will take place at Ramona Garden Park. The project represents the first implementation phase of the Ramona Specific Plan. Attending to the shovels will be Mayor John Shoals, his colleague Council Members, City officials, and San Luis Obispo Council of Governments representatives.

According to Mayor Shoals, *"The South County Transportation Facility is one of the most significant projects to take shape in our City in recent years, and it could not come at a better time as bus ridership continues to increase due to the rising cost of fuel. The project will connect commuters from across the community and the Five Cities Area with the Grover Beach downtown commercial center. The South County Transit Facility and parking improvements represent the culmination of a multi-agency effort that is focused on the completion of a well-planned transit facility, capable of serving the needs of our community today and in the future."*

The South County (Ramona) Transportation Project, Phase I, calls for the construction of an **on-street bus transit facility, capable of accommodating up to five buses at any given time**. Additionally, the plan includes a series of **parking and street-related improvements between North 9th and North 10th Streets**. Parking and sidewalk improvements are also to be constructed on **North 10th Street between Ramona and Brighton** and adjacent to the park. Once completed, the facility will accommodate both current and future bus access to the downtown area, while also improving the parking conditions in and around Ramona Garden Park. Construction is expected to start almost immediately and will last the remainder of the summer.

This project is the first step in the approved Ramona Specific Plan that ties Ramona Garden Park to the commercial center of the City. The next phase has already been designed and will include the extension of parking and improvements along Ramona Avenue between North 8th and North 9th Streets

Costs for construction now underway is expected to total \$785,000. A total of \$698,000 has been made available through the efforts of the San Luis Obispo Council of Local Governments (SLOCOG), utilizing State and Regional Transportation Improvement Plan funds. The remaining \$87,000 is being made available from the City of Grover Beach Parks Improvement Funds. The engineer on the project is Cannon Associates from San Luis Obispo and is being constructed by Granite Construction.

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