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ONE MILE OF WATERFRONT PROMENADE OPENS AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES



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SAN PEDRO, CA – Councilwoman Janice Hahn and Harbor Commission President David Freeman today officially opened the newest portion of the Port of Los Angeles' waterfront promenade. This $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile Harbor Boulevard Parkway stretch brings the promenade area to a full mile, beginning at the Cruise Ship Promenade, adjacent to the Vincent Thomas Bridge, and continuing down Harbor Boulevard to 5th Street in San Pedro.

"We have all been looking forward to the creation of our waterfront promenade and the opening of this new phase is another step toward creating the world-class destination we envision. Now, visitors will be able to walk all the way from the Lane Victory to 5th Street along a beautiful new walkway," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "I hope that people will come from all over to celebrate the opening of this new phase of our grand promenade."

To celebrate the grand opening of the Harbor Boulevard Parkway, the Port and the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department held a "Happy Harbor Halloween" festival along the parkway today. Several hundred children and visitors enjoyed free carnival games, face painting, a costume parade, jumpers, treats, guided tours of the promenade and free popcorn throughout the day.

Harbor Boulevard Parkway Stats

Total length: $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
Total width: 80 feet
Pedestrian path: 20 feet
Bike path: 10 feet

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Harbor Boulevard Parkway Opening

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- Lighting:** authentic replications of the historic “angel lights” that graced the Matson terminal in Wilmington; blue rope lights on the palm trees; custom designed utility lighting with rope base
- Materials:** Radiant Red granite from Texas; Amber Gold granite from India; pavers from Los Angeles
- Seating:** benches throughout the Parkway include large-scale boat cleats, granite benches and traditional wooden benches
- Drinking fountains:** accommodate adults, children and dogs
- Plazas:** six plazas are placed at each point where a street intersects Harbor Boulevard
- Educational:** eleven granite “story ropes” built into the Parkway tell the history of the Port of Los Angeles. The story begins at the Cruise Terminal and continues to 5th Street. Interpretive signage is also located along the Parkway.
- Recreational:** checker/chess board tables are located at the Santa Cruz Street plaza; bike path; strolling path
- Plants:** 86 Mexican Fan Palms; 24 Canary Island Palms; 176 various shade/ornamental trees; 1 acre of native meadow/grass plantings; 10,000 square feet of Seaside Gardens

For more information on the Port’s waterfront revitalization plans for San Pedro and Wilmington, please see www.portoflosangeles.org.

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