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Subject : Wheeler Plaza Free Parking Available During Construction

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SAN CARLOS, CA – The City of San Carlos is pleased to announce that construction is proceeding at the Wheeler Plaza development located at the corner of San Carlos Avenue and Laurel Street in downtown San Carlos. The completed development will bring much needed public parking to downtown as well as 109 new housing units and 10,000 square feet of commercial space. The development includes a public parking structure with 252 parking spaces (a net increase of 65 parking spaces in the downtown area) with electric vehicle charging stations and new covered bicycle parking.

The developer, KB Home, has completed the underground utility work and demolished the buildings on the site. Construction has been completed of the temporary valet-assist parking lot at the former Foodville location at 616 Laurel Street. The new lot is now open and provides free, three-hour public parking with a valet assist parking attendant on duty from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday with self-parking available during all other times. Free three-hour public parking is also available on the top level of the SamTrans parking structure Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and in the entire parking structure during non-business hours. The SamTrans parking structure is located behind the SamTrans building on San Carlos Avenue and is accessible from Walnut Street. The existing Wheeler parking lot will close in mid-April for grading work. During construction, downtown visitors are encouraged to use alternate modes of transportation to get around downtown such as walking, biking or taking transit.

"We appreciate the public's patience as we go through this construction period.," said Mayor Bob Grassilli. "We want everyone to know that Downtown San Carlos is open for business and to continue to support our local merchants. This project will be a real asset to the Downtown area once complete, with new housing, parking, and commercial and public spaces."

The new public parking structure will be completed and available for use in one year with the mixed-use development completed in two years. Project information and construction updates are available at www.wheelerplaza.com.

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