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Event to celebrate completion of City's first 'Green Street'

Following more than four months of construction, the City is set to open Sacramento's first "Green Street."

WHAT: A completion event and walking tour of a sustainable sidewalk/streetscape project that is similar to the "Green Streets" throughout Portland, Oregon. Project details are available at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation/engineering/dixianne-ave-green-street/index.html>

WHO: The project's sponsors District 2 Councilmember Sandy Sheedy, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and the project management team at the City's Department of Transportation.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 15, 9 a.m.

- 9:15 a.m. Opening remarks
- 9:30 a.m. Walking tour

WHERE: Winner's Circle Park, Dixianne Avenue at Evergreen Street in North Sacramento.

WHY: To showcase the many environmental and aesthetic values the project will bring to the neighborhood and to recognize the contributions of many who participated in the project's development, construction and completion.

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Project information

- The pilot project means sidewalks for residents in areas that have never had sidewalks; new sidewalks in others; and a planter strip featuring several varieties of trees, shrubs and grasses planted over a new storm drainage system along all five blocks.
- Streetscape elements designed by local craftsman Larry Meeks also dot the planter strip.
- In addition to the greenery and streetscape elements, the storm drainage system beneath the planter strip is a sustainable feature, because the collected storm water run-off eliminates the need for irrigation. The storm water also is treated as it percolates through the soil, as opposed to flowing straight into local streams and aquifers.
- The overall project cost for design, environmental clearance and construction is about \$2 million, and has been completely funded through Community Reinvestment Act Bonds designated for infrastructure improvements in Council District 2 and through redevelopment funds. No general funds were used for this project.

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