**City Manager’s Remarks**

**Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail Dedication**

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

* Good evening, everyone!
* I’m Garden Grove City Manager Scott Stiles, and your emcee for tonight’s program.
* It’s a great day in Garden Grove as we dedicate the Garden Grove Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail.
* As a special part of today’s dedication, there will be an unveiling of a commemorative plaque to celebrate the completion of the 1-mile bike and pedestrian trail.
* Before we begin tonight’s program, I’d like to introduce our elected officials and VIP’s joining us this evening, starting with:
	+ Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones,
	+ Mayor Pro Tem Kim Nguyen, District 6,
	+ Council Member George Brietigam, District 1,
	+ Council Member John O’Neill, District 2,
	+ Council Member Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen, District 3,
	+ Council Member Patrick Phat Bui, District 4,
	+ Council Member Stephanie Klopfenstein, District 5,
	+ Assistant City Manager Maria Stipe,

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* + Assistant City Manager and Community and Economic Development Director Lisa Kim, and
	+ Parks, Recreation and Arts Commissioners Andrea Perez and Ted Stevens.
	+ I’d like to give a special welcome to the families of Garden Grove Medal of Honor recipient Michael Monsoor, George and Sally Monsoor, and
	+ The family of Garden Grove Medal of Honor recipient Tibor Rubin, Frank and Rosie Rubin.
* This bike and pedestrian trail was first introduced as a pilot project at the inaugural “Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets” event in 2014.
* It’s exciting to now see this project reach completion.
* For our local residents, this bike and pedestrian trail is a place to get out and enjoy healthy outdoor recreation.
* With summer coming up, and people looking for more opportunities to safely exercise, the trail is a perfect option.
* To start the program, I’d like to call forward, Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones to say a few words.

**(*MAYOR SPEAKS*)**

* Thank you, Mayor.

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* I’d now like to ask District 4 Council Member Patrick Phat Bui to come up to say a few words.

**(*COUNCIL MEMBER SPEAKS*)**

* Thank you, Council Member.
* As your City leaders, we’re committed to bringing healthy and more connected open spaces that enrich the community’s quality-of-life.
* And, much of the credit goes to the outstanding effort and teamwork that comes from a very talented group of people.
* I’d like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our key City staff that have worked tirelessly on this project:
	+ Starting with our Community Development Division: Alana Cheng.
	+ From the Planning Services Division: Lee Marino, Priit Kaskla, and Paul Guerrero.
	+ From the Engineering Services Division: Mark Uphus, Mike Santos, Navin Maru, and Nick Hseih (SHAY).
	+ And, from our Public Works Department: Buster Eurs (YE-URS), Joseph Flores, Luis Tapia, Rolando Quiroz (KEE-RO-OSE), Jon Ruiz (RUE-EEZ), and Raul Leyva and his crew.
* And, my sincerest thanks to:
	+ Todd Petersen, Superintendent for Los Angeles Engineering,

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* + Bill Mock with the Orange County Transportation Authority, and
	+ Tifini Tran and Reza Faraz from CalTrans.
* At this time, I’d like to ask the Mayor and City Council to make their way to their (*left or right*) to unveil a commemorative plaque.

**(*UNVEIL PLAQUE*)**

**(*PHOTO OPPORTUNITY*)**

* Thank you all for attending.

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