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PRESS RELEASE

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Reopening of Pacifica Municipal Pier

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) - On January 14, 2021, a combination of high tides and large waves damaged a forty-foot section of the Pacifica Municipal Pier's west facing deck and concrete railing. The City's Public Works Engineering Division assessed the Pier damage and determined the Pier was unsafe for users and visitors until further notice. The City released a Press Release at that time stating the Pier would be closed until a structural assessment of the Pier railing could be completed.

Following the closure, City Engineering staff pursued proposals from structural engineering consultants on an expedited basis for a safety assessment of the Pier railing and above deck elements. Based on the proposals received, GHD, a local coastal/structural engineering firm, was selected to complete the assessment work and the agreement was signed with GHD on February 12, 2021.

A final assessment report was received from GHD on March 29, 2021. Based on information received in the report, the City can safely open the portion of the pier that runs perpendicular to the shoreline and this **reopening is scheduled for Friday, April 2, 2021**. However, the report states the section of the Pier running parallel to the shoreline, where the railing was broken from the Pier deck, will need to be fenced off and closed to public access and the City will begin to seek funding through grants, the state, or other sources, to repair and reopen this section of the Pier in the future. The report also notes that railing sections identified as severely damaged that are within the area of the pier running perpendicular to the shoreline must be repaired within a year period. Railing sections are identified in the report as having damage from a range of minor to severe with timeframes when these sections of railing need to be repaired. Although all railing sections running perpendicular to the shoreline are currently structurally safe, funding assistance from other sources than the City is essential to complete these required repairs and all of these areas will need to gradually be repaired and/or replaced. The Pacifica Pier Assessment report is available on the City's Public Works Engineering webpage.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Department of Public Works – Engineering Division at (650) 738-3767 or email dpwassistance@ci.pacificaca.us. Thank you for your cooperation, and your patience while the City works diligently to ensure the pier is safe and can continue to be an important public amenity.

For updates on the Pacifica Pier, please visit: www.cityofpacifica.org/pier.

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