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Pavement Improvement on Embarcadero West for the Jack London Square Area Temporary Road Closures

Oakland, CA – Residents and visitors who are used to seeing the tired condition of Embarcadero West near Broadway can look forward to changes in the near future. A collaborative effort by Oakland's Public Works Agency and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) will result in the upgrade of railroad tracks on Embarcadero West from Broadway to Clay Street and resurfacing of the roadway from Webster Street to Clay Street.

In order to repair the tracks and repave sections of the street, the City will need to temporarily close different segments of Embarcadero West over a two- week period. The construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 5 and should be complete by Friday, November 16, 2012. Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please note that weather may delay the project and extend the work period; however the City and UPRR are committed to complete the primary work before Thanksgiving week.

The roadway and track upgrade is much needed work that will greatly benefit the Jack London Square area. The City and UPRR both want to make Oakland a more beautiful and safer place to walk, drive, ride the train, live and work. Notices of the temporary road closures have been sent to residents and merchants in the area.

While the reconstruction work is underway, advance DETOUR signs will be posted, with recommended alternate routes of travel. Local access will be provided. The work will be broken into four sections (areas). For each area there is a corresponding detour route for traveling around the work zone.

In preparation for the track demolition, the City is saw-cutting the pavement around the tracks. This work began on Tuesday, will take two to three days and will require minor traffic detouring during work hours. Traffic will be restored at the end of each work day.

This project is part of an ongoing process between the City and UPRR to improve the safety and operation of tracks and at-grade crossing throughout the City. The work includes resetting the tracks and replacing asphalt with concrete panels for a permanently smooth surface. Similar upgrades were completed in 2010 for the tracks between Webster Street and Broadway.

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In addition to the track work, UPRR agreed to provide funding to the City for providing traffic control and to pave the roadway portion of Embarcadero West. A Memorandum of Understanding will be considered by the Oakland City Council on November 13, 2012 to receive the funds (\$200K) from UPRR.

If you have any questions while the repair work is being done, please call (510) 238-7774 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and refer to the "Temporary Lane Closure on Embarcadero West". We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause in the short term. Many thanks for driving safely while this work is being done.

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