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Community Begins Here! National Public Works Week 2015

Oakland, CA – We welcome you to join us this week as **Oakland Public Works** participates with thousands of other organizations across North America in honoring the 55th annual **National Public Works Week**. The purpose of the celebration is to energize and inform the public of the important contributions of the Public Works Department to their daily lives, including – cleaning and greening; designing and installing bike lanes; paving roads; providing zero waste services; designing, constructing and maintaining City-owned facilities including all fire stations, libraries, recreation and senior centers; providing vehicles for police and fire; keeping traffic signals and street lights on; ensuring our facilities flush and drain as they are meant to do; and dealing with blight in our neighborhoods including illegal dumping and graffiti – all fundamental to our shared quality of life. This year’s national association’s theme says it all – **Community Begins Here!**

Oakland Public Works maintains, plans and builds Oakland’s physical and natural infrastructure including parks, streets, sewers, storm drains, street lights and buildings. We protect the environment by taking care of our creeks, trees and habitat, making Oakland a sustainable and desirable place to live, work, invest and visit. The mission of Oakland Public Works, and our sole reason for existing, is to serve the public. We are proud to be of service and care for our beautiful City, and we hold our community close to our hearts, day in and day out.

This year's theme **Community Begins Here** speaks to the essential nature of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life. American Public Works Association (APWA) states, “There would be no community without the work public works provides. There would be no community to police and protect, no public to lead or represent. Public works allows the world as we know it to be.”

An official resolution acknowledging the commitment of Oakland Public Works staff will be presented by Oakland City Council on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Throughout the week of May 18-22, exhibits of selected Public Works projects will be on display at 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, including some vehicles on display in the Plaza. Mayor Schaaf will make a key note address to Public Works employees: Engineering & Construction, Infrastructure & Operations, Facilities & Environment and Administration as part of our Employee of the Year and Team Recognition.

All of us in Oakland Public Works are proud to do our jobs in support of all Oakland’s diverse neighborhoods – and together – we are one community.

For more information on Oakland Public Works, our people and our projects, please visit our website at www.oaklandpw.com.

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