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California's Exceptional Budget Surplus Benefits Projects in Pacifica

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Governor Newsom has signed SB 129, also known as the "June 28 Budget Package". This spending framework includes \$500,000 to repair and replace damage to the Pacifica Municipal Pier and \$7.75 million for the Esplanade Infrastructure Preservation Projects. The State budget also included funding for other regional infrastructure projects in San Mateo County.

The Esplanade Infrastructure Preservation Projects (310-330 & 400 Esplanade) will look to preserve vital infrastructure along the Esplanade Avenue corridor. The area sees episodic bluff erosion that has resulted in loss of many coastal homes and apartments buildings. In order to protect vital infrastructure, the project looks to mitigate base erosion of the beach bluff by installing a protection structure that is the least environmentally impactful.

"The City of Pacifica is immensely grateful for Assemblymember Mullin's request for funding in the state budget for Pacifica's Esplanade Infrastructure Preservation Projects. These projects are critical to ensure the protection of Esplanade Avenue from further bluff erosion and risk to critical infrastructure — roadway, water, sewer and other utilities — that serve the naturally affordable housing in the Manor area of Pacifica," said Mayor Sue Beckmeyer.

Additionally, the repair of the damaged Pacifica Pier brings a regional recreation asset back to life.

"The City of Pacifica is also immensely grateful for Assemblymember Mullin's and Senator Becker's joint request for funding in the state budget for the Pacifica Pier repair project. A portion of the Pier remains closed to the public following significant damage to a section of the pier's railing last winter during heavy storms. The pier is a significant regional recreational asset, hosting visitors from all over the Bay Area and beyond. State funding will help restore the closed portion, and replace many other sections of deteriorating railing, to ensure the pier remains open and can continue to be available for all visitors to enjoy."

The City is currently working on engineering designs related to the Esplanade bluff protection. These will be brought to the City Council in early 2022 for discussion of the designs and

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the estimated schedule to move the projects into construction. An engineering consultant will be hired to begin the design of the Pier railing repair project with the goal to begin construction in the Summer of 2022.

Questions regarding these projects can be directed to Lisa Petersen, Director of Public Works, at (650) 738-3767 or petersenl@ci.pacifica.ca.us.

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