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## City of Menifee uses Measure DD funds to build "missing" sidewalks near schools

MENIFEE – Students walking to South Shore Elementary and Menifee Elementary now have continuous, safe sidewalks to use thanks to the City's Missing School Sidewalks project funded by Measure DD tax dollars. These are the first two out of 11 projects completed from the City's Missing School Sidewalks project.

Nearly 750 feet of new sidewalk was built along the north side of Holland Road, connecting the existing sidewalk on Holland Road to the existing sidewalk on South Shore Drive, creating a continuous and safe walkway to South Shore Elementary School.

On Garbani Road, from Evans Road to Menifee Elementary School, the City constructed 1,240 feet of new sidewalk on the south side of the street to improve safety along this busy road used to access the school.

The City, in partnership with the Menifee Unified School District, created the Missing School Sidewalk project plan that identifies 11 locations near Menifee schools with incomplete sidewalks. Combined, these projects will build 10,702 linear feet of new sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety near schools in Menifee. This infrastructure improvement program is budgeted at \$500,000, and fulfills the promise by the City Council to use Measure DD funds only for particular uses, such as infrastructure improvements, and public safety.

"Thanks to Menifee residents who voted for Measure DD (a 1% sales tax approved by voters in 2017), we now have access to critical funding to complete these vital safety improvements," said Jonathan Smith, Menifee's Public Works Director and City Engineer. "We're working with our valued partners, like Menifee Unified School District, to prioritize projects, coordinate funding and get these sidewalks built."

For more information, please contact Jonathan Smith, Public Works Director and City Engineer at (951) 672-6777 or email Jonathan directly at <a href="mailto:issmith@cityofmenifee.us">issmith@cityofmenifee.us</a>.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 90,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.

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