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Livermore to Dedicate First Street Streetscape Project

The City of Livermore will host a Project Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:00 pm Friday, February 10, 2006 to celebrate the completion of the Downtown First Street Streetscape, a key link in the successful revitalization of Historic Downtown Livermore. "We have all been waiting for this day. Our revitalized Downtown is the symbol of a new dawn and prosperity for all our residents. We invite the community to join us for this historic event," said Livermore's Mayor, Marshall Kamena. The ceremony, emceed by Mayor Kamena, will take place at Flagpole Plaza located at the intersection of First Street and Livermore Avenue. Refreshments will be served.

After the ceremony, the community is encouraged to stroll Downtown as many merchants will remain open until 8 pm to celebrate the occasion. There will be live music throughout Downtown, special meal discounts at restaurants, refreshments, wine tasting, champagne receptions, prize drawings and giveaways.

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First Street Streetscape Project

The \$12 million Phase I reconstruction of First Street (from Maple to “L” Streets) began April 1, 2005. The project involved narrowing First Street (formerly Route 84) from four to two lanes with “flexible zone” diagonal parking that can also be used for outside dining. In addition, the project includes new trees, landscaping, Bluestone sidewalk, decorative streetlights, and furnishings (benches, bike racks, trash receptacles & recycle bins). Special architectural features include single and four-post trellises, a circular fountain plaza trellis, and the new fountain. Future phased improvements will include streetscape, median and striping modifications to First Street from “M” to “P” Streets and from Maple to Inman Streets.

The San Francisco urban design firm of Freedman, Tung & Bottomley was the City’s architectural consultant. Livermore-based Top Grade Construction, owned and operated by Bill Gates, was the General Contractor.

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