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San José to Receive Over \$56 Million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding

San José, Calif. -- Mayor Chuck Reed, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and Congressman Mike Honda announced today that the City of San José is expected to receive more than \$56 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funds for projects and programs that will help stimulate the local economy, create jobs and promote environmental sustainability. The leaders gathered at a press conference to unveil a wide range of projects that will help the City repave streets, invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, provide affordable housing and offer job training for youth and adults.

“These Recovery Act grants will put people back to work and kick start many overdue projects that will benefit our community,” said Mayor Chuck Reed. “I want to thank our local members of Congress for helping bring this much-needed stimulus to San José.”

A number of Recovery Act-funded projects are set to break ground soon, including those to resurface 15 miles of city streets and make major taxiway improvements at San José Mineta International Airport. For information on specific San José projects that have been approved for Recovery Act funds, please visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/RecoveryAct/ProjectSummary.asp>.

“We’re facing the single greatest economic crisis we’ve seen in a generation,” said Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-San José). “These projects will create jobs and help us move down the road towards recovery.”

“Silicon Valley has been hit hard by this downturn,” added Congressman Mike Honda (D-San José). “This funding comes at a critical time and will help spur local job growth,

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innovation, and economic development in my district, but, importantly, reassure my constituents that their tax dollars are being efficiently and effectively returned to their communities in visible and meaningful ways.”

The City has also submitted applications for several other competitive Recovery Act grants, and last week, Mayor Reed traveled to Washington D.C. to advocate on their behalf. These included funding requests for a smart grid energy project, “green collar” job training programs and the state’s proposed high-speed rail system.

In addition, the County of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the Valley Transportation Authority and Caltrans have received many millions of dollars in Recovery Act funding for regional projects that will benefit San José. These projects include highway repairs and improvements, water recycling programs, flood control efforts and the purchase of 107 new VTA hybrid buses.

In total, it is estimated that the region will receive over \$340 million in Recovery Act funds through a combination of formula and competitive allocations. Additional grant opportunities are being pursued in an attempt to increase the amount of Recovery Act funding that comes to the region.

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