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SUNNYVALE WORKS! NAMED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale Works!, the innovative capital improvements acceleration and stimulus program, has been named PublicCEO’s Public Works Project of the Year. In making the award, PublicCEO publisher James Spencer stated “Sunnyvale Works! earned the honor by PublicCEO not only for the work accomplished thus far but more significantly because it has demonstrated how to accelerate capital improvement projects on a scale not possible until now.”

The recognition comes at a time when Sunnyvale’s program has crested \$100 million in projects since City Manager Gary Luebbers launched the program in April 2009. Construction projects have been awarded, on average, 32 percent below original engineers’ estimates, saving the City tens of millions of dollars. To date, the City has been awarded \$32 million in grants to further offset the construction costs.

Sunnyvale Works! has already completed \$2.7 million in projects, with another \$44 million either underway or in preparation for the bidding process.

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The City's program has accelerated capital improvement projects that normally would be phased over the next half-dozen years into a design and bidding process that, in some cases, has only taken a matter of weeks. With the creation of so many construction projects, jobs have been created, which is an economic stimulus. To further help the Sunnyvale economy, Sunnyvale Works created a local merchant coupon book to encourage Sunnyvale Works! construction crews to shop locally. Coupon books have been distributed to every worker on Sunnyvale Works! projects.

Some of the more significant Sunnyvale Works! projects include completion of a \$1.2 million repair to the Wolfe Road Bridge spanning the Caltrain tracks; a \$3.2 million utilities and streetscape project on Murphy Avenue, which is now underway; and \$1.5 million in building roof and HVAC work. At this time, Sunnyvale Works! is involved in \$12.7 million in Water Pollution Control Plant projects, \$3.6 million in water and sewer utilities work and \$27.3 million in street and sidewalk projects.

When Luebbers launched Sunnyvale Works!, it was labeled as a \$60 million local stimulus program. The total has now grown to more than \$100 million, with no end in sight. The program's success will ensure it will continue to accelerate capital improvement projects, with a savings to the City, for some time to come.

For more information on Sunnyvale Works!, visit *SunnyvaleWorks.inSunnyvale.com* on the Web, or call the City's Communications Office at (408) 730-7535. To see the PublicCEO story on the Public Works Project of the Year award, visit *www.PublicCEO.com*.

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