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CEREMONY TO MARK COMPLETION OF NORTH SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills will celebrate the completion of construction along North Santa Monica Boulevard and the commemoration of historic Route 66 at a public ribbon cutting ceremony on **Monday, September 17th at 1:30 p.m.** at the South-East corner of Crescent Drive and North Santa Monica Boulevard.

Mayor Julian Gold and City Councilmembers will gather to unveil a commemorative plaque and the historic Route 66 signage, as well as acknowledge crews, staff and members of the Traffic and Parking Commission for their work.

In January 2017, Griffith Company began to reconstruct North Santa Monica Boulevard between Wilshire Boulevard and Doheny Drive. The project rebuilt the deteriorating roadway; upgraded the storm drain system; replaced curb and gutters; upgraded access ramps to American with Disability Access (ADA) standards; and saw the installation of new LED street lights.

Enhancements to the roadway include the installation of a bioswale on the north side, landscaping improvements and widening of the south side between Canon Drive and Wilshire Boulevard. In addition, raised crosswalks were installed on the north side of the boulevard at the unsignalized intersections that connect Beverly Gardens Park.

One of the most noticeable changes to North Santa Monica Blvd. has been the addition of bicycle lanes. With the approval of City Council and support of the community, the new bike lanes extend the entire City limits. The lanes are painted green making the zone distinguishable to cars and safe for bicyclists.

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