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## **CITY OFFICIALS DEDICATE TRIANGLE PARK— \$4 Million Dollar Project Links Public to Chinatown, L.A. River**

Councilmember Ed. P. Reyes, City officials, local businesses and community members gathered today to dedicate the Alameda Street and Main Street Improvement Project. The project, a triangle park, links the public to Chinatown, the Los Angeles River and Union Station. It includes 61 trees, park benches, lush green lawn and circular path lined with historic bricks that date back more than 100 years.

“When you take a look around, you can see how a park setting such as this can change the dynamic of an entire area,” said Reyes. “Our ultimate goal is to make this entire area more walkable while connecting it to the surrounding communities.”

The project also includes resurfacing of Alameda Street from Ord to Alpine streets, reconstruction of Alhambra Avenue and Main Street, pink sidewalks, catch-basins that connect to a new 450-foot long, 24-inch storm drain, traffic signal and two pedestrian crosswalks on the corner of Alameda Street and Alhambra Avenue.

"The Department of Transportation, along with our Mayor, is interested in increasing mobility and improving the public's safety throughout Los Angeles. With Councilmember Reyes' continuous effort to help people of all ages safely cross City streets, this new pedestrian crosswalk and traffic signal will move traffic more smoothly and safeguard our children, pedestrians and bicyclists" said Rita L. Robinson, General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

"We are pleased to present this streetscape improvement project to the people of Los Angeles. Our work over the last two years has brought resurfaced streets, new sidewalks, new storm drains, more trees, curb and gutter, street lights, traffic signals, and a beautifully landscaped mini-park in this part of downtown," said City Engineer Gary Lee Moore. "This project does not only relieve congestion; it also makes the area visually appealing and safer for the residents to drive through or walk and enjoy."

Reyes was also joined by Public Works Commission President Cynthia Ruiz and representatives from The California Endowment; Philippe's and Homeboy Industries/Homegirl Café.

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