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## **24<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass Park, a Green Oasis Located in South Sacramento, Opens for Public Use**

**Sacramento, California, April 4, 2007**—24<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass Park is open to the public after completion of Phase 1 of its development. The recently completed first phase of the park not only provides South Sacramento with 4.5 acres of additional green space, it is also a fitting gateway into the Meadowview community.

Visitors to 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass Park will experience what can only be described as a green oasis. The park's landscape includes sloping meadows that provoke thought and reflection, open turf, colorful trees, and grasses and plants that are currently in full-bloom. 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass Park is a park the surrounding communities can be proud of.

“Several years ago, the Park Master Plan indicated a deficit in park space in South Sacramento. The 24<sup>th</sup> Street bypass is one of several sites we bought to address this deficit. Seniors at Sacramento Manor, kids at Martin Luther King Library, as well as the students from Goethe Middle School and the public have a beautiful new park setting to relax and play in,” said Councilmember Bonnie Pannell.

24<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass Park features such amenities as a covered picnic area with benches, turf volleyball courts, comfortable seating areas, and a water fountain. These amenities are all linked by a concrete walkway that allows visitors to leisurely stroll through the park. Because 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass Park is located along 24<sup>th</sup> Street, the park also presents motorists with wonderful views as they travel along 24<sup>th</sup> Street between Florin Road and Meadowview Road.

When Phase 2 construction is completed, the park will consist of two sites on both sides of 24<sup>th</sup> Street, totaling 7.5 acres of park space. At that time, the park will expand its list of amenities to include a bocce court, more meadows, new landscaping, additional seating, and fitness stations.

24<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass Park is located at 7300 24<sup>th</sup> Street, south of Florin Road and north of Meadowview Road.

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