



Office of the City Manager

Date: March 6, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Subject: Berkeley Marina Streets Improvement Project – recipient of three awards in California

We are excited to announce that the [Berkeley Marina Streets Improvement Project](#) won three awards from two professional organizations that are authorities in the field: the American Public Works Association (APWA) and the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC).

On Thursday, February 23, 2023, the Berkeley Marina Streets Improvement Project received a) the **Best Project of the Year 2022** from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Northern California Chapter, and b) the **best transportation project** in the \$5 million - \$25 million category (tied with the Walnut Creek Restoration Project). Formed in 1947, the Norcal Chapter of the APWA is the oldest chapter west of the Mississippi, and comprises eleven counties in Northwest California. The Marina Streets Improvement Project of 2022 will be submitted to the national competition of the APWA in the Spring of 2023.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2023, the Berkeley Marina Streets Improvement Project received **best project of the year 2022** from the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) in the Complete Streets category of the Local Streets and Roads (LSR) Award program. Founded in 1914, the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC), is comprised of county engineers, public works directors, county road commissioners, and professional personnel throughout California's 58 counties. The Complete Streets Projects category evaluates projects that accommodate all users of the local street and road system and provide access to safe multi-modal transportation options such as walking and biking.

Completed in the summer of 2022, the Berkeley Marina Streets Improvement Project involved the renovation of three highly-degraded streets at the Berkeley Marina: University Avenue, Marina Boulevard, and Spinnaker way. The project advanced City goals for environmental protection and sustainability with the latest techniques in green infrastructure, stormwater treatment, and asphalt recycling. We enhanced safety with a

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new traffic roundabout and new crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. New public open spaces give visitors to the Marina more opportunities to enjoy the waterfront. The project was designed by NCE, constructed by O. C. Jones and Sons, and construction management by Anchor CM. Many thanks to the Berkeley staff project team comprised of Nelson Lam and Jesus Espinoza in the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department. This project is one of over 50 projects that are making the City safer, greener, and modern through funding from the [Measure T1: Infrastructure and Facilities Bond](#), passed by voters in 2016.

Berkeley has received the Project of the Year award from the American Public Works Association (APWA) twice in the last decade: the Mental Health Services Center Renovation Project/ Historical Restoration & Preservation in 2021, and the Facilities Maintenance Building (Ratcliff Building) / Historical Restoration & Preservation in 2013. For additional questions, contact Nelson Lam at NeLam@cityofberkeley.info

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