Monterey, CA. – The City of Monterey is hosting a ribbon-cutting event on Tuesday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the new Waterfront Parking Lot upgrades. Paid for through Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Parking Funds at a cost of $2.6 million, this major renovation project reconfigured the lot spaces to allow for easier traffic flow, created an area for future electric charging stations, allowed for a more modern materials (trash/recyclables) collection system, and added physical features into the site to better protect the quality of storm runoff entering the Monterey Bay.

The new center walkway includes an adjacent landscape area that doubles as a bioretention/filtration system. This linear, vegetated system will capture and filter storm flows that reach it and before that runoff enters the bay. In addition, nine catch basins were retrofitted with hydrocarbon and trash filtration features, making the built project a more environmentally thoughtful design.

“We are very appreciative of the Wharf merchants’ patience and help during this work, and I think both locals and visitors to the Wharf will appreciate the added convenience of the updated lot as well as our dedication to protecting the Bay through storm runoff improvements,” said Mayor Clyde Roberson.
“This project supports the goals of the Waterfront Master Plan, modernizes and improves the efficiency of this major parking area, and incorporates features to protect the marine environment,” said Public Works Director, Steve Wittry.

Businesses partners, merchants, media, and community members are invited to come and celebrate a ribbon-cutting at the edge of the parking lot near Fisherman’s Wharf. A project facts sheet will be available. Refreshments will be served.

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