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### **Camino Del Rio is Open and City Project will Begin by February 2017.**

January 11, 2017...San Clemente, California.... The extension of Camino Del Rio opened on January 9, 2017 which completed the street corridor from Camino De Los Mares to Avenida La Pata. Since opening, the roadway has been enjoyed by drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians alike. The gap closure project was managed by the County of Orange and the roadway was opened three months early because the contractor accelerated its progress to complete as much work prior to the winter rains. While the original scope of the project mirrored the current four lane configuration which exists on the lower portion of Camino Del Rio, the City coordinated with the County to revise the Gap Closure portion to revise the design to better serve the adjacent community. The revised design included features to help manage traffic speeds, such as reduction of vehicular travel lane widths to 11 feet, reduction of southbound travel lanes to one vehicular travel lane and the installation of a median just east of Calle Precipicio. The median east of Calle Precipicio has the capacity to be landscaped by the adjacent Home Owners Association if desired.

To enhance the pre-existing portion of Camino Del Rio to better serve the adjacent community, the City has approved a project that will construct roundabouts on Camino Del Rio at Calle Sarmentoso and Camino De Los Mares with crosswalks on each leg of the roundabouts. In addition, Camino Del Rio will be re-striped from four lanes to two lanes with center lane, medians, and buffered bike lanes. The design for Camino Del Rio will encourage slower speeds on Camino Del Rio once the

improvements are completed. Construction is anticipated to begin in late January/early February. The construction work is anticipated to last about four months with a target completion by the end of May (barring weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances). Police will be monitoring and enforcing speed limits in the vicinity.

For more information about this project, please contact the City's Transportation Engineering Manager Tom Frank at (949) 361-6127 or email him at [FrankT@san-clemente.org](mailto:FrankT@san-clemente.org).

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