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## City of Hemet Celebrates Grand Reopening of Hemet Auto Mall Following Major Pavement Rehabilitation Project

**Hemet, CA** – The City of Hemet proudly announces the grand reopening of the Hemet Auto Mall following the successful completion of the Hemet Auto Mall Pavement Rehabilitation Project (CIP 5761). A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on February 26, 2025, at 1:00 PM, marking the completion of this crucial infrastructure improvement project aimed at enhancing the Auto Mall’s accessibility and overall experience for residents and visitors.

The project, constructed by the Vance Corporation, totaled \$2,441,722 and was funded through a combination of sources, including an additional \$1,655,312 of unallocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$141,738 from the Measure A holding account. The improvements were completed within the allocated timeframe of 80 working days, ensuring minimal disruption to businesses and customers.

“The Hemet Auto Mall is a vital commercial hub for our city, and this rehabilitation project reflects our ongoing commitment to infrastructure enhancement and economic growth,” said Mayor Peterson. “We are excited to welcome residents and visitors back to experience the newly paved roadways and encourage everyone to visit our local auto dealerships for their next vehicle purchase.”

Key project highlights include:

- Reconstruction, rehabilitation, and resurfacing of the Auto Mall’s roadways.
- Allocation of \$1 million from the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget specifically for pavement rehabilitation.
- A competitive bidding process with extensive vendor outreach to ensure the highest quality of work.
- Materials testing valued at \$40,000 to ensure durability and long-term performance.

The City of Hemet extends its gratitude to all stakeholders involved in making this project a success, including the City Council, Public Works Department, local auto dealers, and residents for their patience and support during construction.

We invite all residents of Hemet and the surrounding region to visit the Auto Mall and explore the wide range of vehicles offered by our outstanding local dealerships. This newly improved infrastructure will not only enhance safety and accessibility but also support the continued economic growth of our community.

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