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TOP GRADE CONSTRUCTION EMBARKS ON \$50 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF HAYWARD

Groundbreaking Ceremony Officially Kicks-Off Long Awaited Project in City of Hayward

LIVERMORE, Calif., -- September 8, 2010 - Top Grade Construction, Inc., a premier general engineering contractor, today announced it has officially started work on the highly visible Route 238 Corridor Improvement project for the City of Hayward. The project, which was awarded to Top Grade on July 20, 2010 after successfully outbidding six other contractors, with a low bid of \$50,297,424, is the largest public works project ever undertaken by the City of Hayward and is intended to significantly improve one of the major north-south routes through the city.

At a groundbreaking ceremony held on September 2, Hayward City Councilmember, Olden Henson, Alameda County Transportation Commission Chair, Mark Green, State Senator, Ellen Corbett, and State Assembly Member, Mary Hayashi all spoke of the project and its significance to the downtown and surrounding areas of Hayward.

“We are excited to begin work on this much needed infrastructure improvement within the city of Hayward,” stated Robert Bauman, Public Works Director from the City of Hayward. “Top Grade Construction is a reputable firm that has completed projects within the City in the past and we are confident that, working together, we will make this a very successful project that everyone will be proud to have been part of.”

The project is intended to improve traffic conditions along Foothill and Mission Boulevards between the I-580 on-ramps in the north and Industrial Parkway in the south. It includes changes in downtown circulation with a one-way loop system, new signals with advanced traffic control timing, energy efficient LED lighting, major landscape improvements to create a downtown entry feature at the Foothill-Mission-Jackson intersection as well as other road improvements along the entire corridor.

The project also includes significant pedestrians and bicycle improvements. Foothill Boulevard, in the downtown, will include 14-foot sidewalks as well as a bike lane on the east side of Foothill Boulevard.

During peak hours, Foothill Boulevard will include four lanes in each direction north of City Center Drive by converting the parking lane into a travel lane. New sidewalks will also be constructed along the entire length of Foothill and Mission Boulevards. South of Foothill-Mission-Jackson, the major improvement will be a spot widening at Mission-Carlos Bee that will provide better access to California State University East Bay. The project is expected to be completed in December 2012.

“We look forward to working with the City of Hayward in building this highly visible project,” said Brian Gates, Executive Vice President and COO of Top Grade Construction. “Our goal is to work hand in hand with the City of Hayward to accelerate the schedule and minimize disruption to the local community while keeping safety at the forefront of our construction practices.”

In addition to the Route 238 Corridor Improvement project, Top Grade continues to expand its public works portfolio throughout the greater bay area with recent high profile projects such as the Benicia-Martinez Bridge Rehabilitation, Route 80 in Fairfield (the first ARRA funded stimulus project in California), and Highway 680 in Fremont-Milpitas. These projects, as well as several other jobs that Top Grade continues to secure in the public works market, are helping the company continue to leverage the increased funding that the state of California is contributing towards its public roadways.

About Top Grade Construction

Top Grade Construction, Inc., www.topgradeconstruction.com, is a premier, California-based general engineering contractor with more than 300 employees servicing projects spanning from Riverside to Sacramento. Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Livermore, Calif., the company specializes in heavy highway and civil engineering construction services, including general site preparation, earth moving, excavation, grading and paving. Top Grade’s clients include many of the major commercial builders, various developers as well as virtually all of the local city, county, state and federal contracting agencies. Top Grade has earned its stellar reputation within the construction industry through its commitment to providing superior customer service, competitive pricing, quality workmanship, state-of-the-art equipment and highly skilled, professional employees on every project. Top Grade was recently recognized at the 7th largest private company in the east bay by the San Francisco Business Times.

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