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City to Relocate Inspiration Space Shuttle Mock-Up to New Location *Space Shuttle will be moved to City Maintenance Yard March 4th & March 5th*

Downey, CA, February 26, 2014: On **Tuesday, March 4th and Wednesday, March 5th**, the City of Downey will be relocating the Inspiration Space Shuttle Mock-Up to a new location at the City's Maintenance Yard, located at 12324 Bellflower Blvd. Due to the Shuttle's extensive size, it will be moved in separate pieces, intermittently during the hours of **9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The transportation of the Shuttle will occur along eastbound Congressman Steve Horn Way, then south on Bellflower Blvd., ending at the City Maintenance Yard.

Built in 1972 by Rockwell International, the 122-foot-by-78-foot Shuttle has been kept under a temporary tent for public viewing, adjacent to the Columbia Memorial Space Center, at the corner of Congressman Steve Horn Way & Columbia Way. Prior to that, it had remained in storage for decades. The Space Shuttle Mock-up is owned by the City of Downey and has the distinction of not only being the first full-size Space Shuttle ever built, but it was used for two decades for detailed engineering fittings and testing.

City staff will be present to direct motorists through the traffic control during the Shuttle move and the appropriate traffic delineation will be in place. The City understands that relocation activities of the Inspiration Space Shuttle Mock-Up may impose various inconveniences to businesses and the local community, and we will make every effort to minimize these inconveniences. However, the City appreciates the public's cooperation to reduce traffic impact and to complete the relocation as soon as possible.

For any questions, please contact Grissel Chavez, Superintendent of Maintenance and Facilities, at 562-271-3243/email gchavez1@downeyca.org, or Desi Gutierrez, Senior Civil Engineer, at 562-622-3458/email dgutier@downeyca.org.

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