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**NEWPORT CITY MANAGER
NAMES PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Newport City Manager, Jim Voetberg has announced that Tim Gross has been appointed to the position of Public Works Director. This is an internal promotion as Gross has been employed with the city for nine months as the Senior Project Manager in Public Works, and Interim Public Works Director since August 1.

Gross has extensive experience in designing, estimating, and managing the construction of public infrastructure with special interest and expertise in regulating and designing storm water infrastructure in urban and rural settings. He also has considerable experience in managing water/wastewater projects; street and utility reconstruction; parks and recreation projects; transportation and traffic design and construction; and management of water resources and storm water utility infrastructure projects. Voetberg reported that "it is opportune that the city was able to find a new Public Works Director from within its ranks." He added that "Tim has demonstrated that he has all the characteristics the city needs in this position, including high caliber engineering skills along with outstanding management abilities."

Originally from Wisconsin, Gross is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He is a registered Professional Engineer in five states including Oregon, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri. Prior to coming to the city, Gross has previous local government experience with the cities of Farmington, and Bloomington, Minnesota. He has also worked for private sector engineering firms in the Midwest.

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