

**CITY OF CHICO  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

May 26, 2010

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Chico Planning Services Director intends to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the project described below. The project will be approved administratively unless referred to the City Council for action.

**First and Second Streets Couplet Project** – In order to promote multiple modes of travel in Downtown Chico, vehicle traffic circulation patterns would be modified to accommodate bicycle lanes and shortened pedestrian crossings largely within the existing public right-of-way. The project would convert 2nd Street to a one-way eastbound roadway from Broadway to Flume Street, and 1st Street would become a one-way westbound roadway from Flume Street to Salem Street (resulting in a “couplet”). The project includes a roundabout at the intersection of 1st/2nd/Flume Streets and Vallombrosa Avenue, and a student drop-off circle at 1st and Salem Streets. The project includes various components that may be included in the final approved project, and will be constructed in multiple construction phases as funding permits. All project components currently under consideration are assumed to be included in the project for the purposes of environmental analysis. Questions regarding the environmental review for this project may be directed to Tracy Bettencourt – Senior Planner, Capital Project Services, who can be reached at (530) 879-6903 or via email at [tbettenc@ci.chico.ca.us](mailto:tbettenc@ci.chico.ca.us).

An Initial Study for environmental review has been prepared for the project. Based upon the information within the Initial Study, the Capital Project Services Department is recommending that a mitigated negative declaration be adopted for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A mitigated negative declaration is a determination that a project will not have a significant impact on the environment after the incorporation of specific mitigation measures. A 30-day public review period is being conducted on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration commencing on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 and ending at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 30, 2010. During this time period, the initial study, mitigated negative declaration and all documents referenced therein shall be available for public review at the City of Chico Capital Project Services Department, 411 Main Street, Second Floor, Chico, California, 95928, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The document may also be reviewed at the City’s website at [www.ci.chico.ca.us](http://www.ci.chico.ca.us). Comments relating to environmental concerns and the proposed mitigated negative declaration must be filed in writing to the City of Chico Capital Project Services Department, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 during the designated time period. Further information, including maps and files, may be reviewed at the City of Chico Capital Project Services Department.

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