



PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Environmental Impact Report

Available for the State Route 32 Widening Project for Review and Comment

What is the project?

The City of Chico, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to widen and improve approximately 2.6 miles of State Route 32 between State Route 99 and Yosemite Drive. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide additional capacity needed as a result of approved and planned development adjacent to the State Route 32 corridor.

What is the purpose of this public notice?

Caltrans and the City have studied the effects that this project may have on the environment. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) identifies that the project would result in the following significant and unavoidable environmental impacts: permanent changes to views and the loss of trees in the short-term until replacement trees mature. Other project-related environmental impacts would be mitigated to a less-than-significant level with implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

This notice is to inform you that the DEIR is completed and available for your review and comments. Your comments will become part of the public record. If you wish to make a comment on the DEIR, you may submit your written or electronic comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday April 12, 2010 to:

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City of Chico Capital Project Services Department
P.O. Box 3420
Chico, CA, 95927

Comments received on the Draft EIR will be responded to in a Final EIR that will be presented to the City Council in the coming months. The Council will act upon the project and recommended mitigation measures within the EIR defining the ultimate project design.

Where can I review the Draft Environmental Impact Report?

Beginning on February 25, 2010, you can review or obtain a copy of the DEIR at the City offices on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.:

City of Chico Capital Project Services Department
411 Main Street; Chico, CA 95927

A copy of the DEIR will also be available for review at the Butte County Library, Chico Branch; 1108 Sherman Avenue; Chico, CA 95926.

You may also view and download the DEIR from the City's website at www.ci.chico.ca.us/capital_project_services/design.asp.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

For more information concerning this project, please contact:

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