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STATE ROUTE 32 WIDENING PROJECT PHASE 1

Beginning Monday, June 9, 2014, and continuing through January 2015, Knife River Construction will be performing construction work along State Route (SR) 32, east of SR 99, between the east end of the Park and Ride lot and El Monte Avenue. This is Phase 1 of the SR 32 Widening project which consists of construction of safety, circulation and aesthetic enhancements to bicycle, pedestrian and vehicle facilities.

This is the first phase of a multi-phased project which will result in the conversion of SR 32 east of SR 99 from a two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided highway with median. The Phase 1 project will remove and replace existing trees and landscaping on the north side of the highway, construct decorative precast-concrete sound walls, plant new trees and landscaping, widen the roadway and Dead Horse Slough bridge from two to four lanes with median, open up a second left-turn lane on Forest Avenue, and modify existing traffic signals.

The SR 32 Widening Project will reduce traffic delays, reduce emissions resulting from idling vehicles, provide bicycle facilities at Forest Avenue, provide pedestrian safety improvements using pedestrian countdown signals at Forest Avenue, provide additional capacity needed to accommodate approved and planned development, correct operational and safety concerns, and help maintain and improve connectivity between neighborhoods.

Local access throughout the project construction zone will be subject to traffic controls

and temporary delays to accommodate construction crews and equipment. You are encouraged to build extra time into your schedule or plan alternate routes to avoid this segment of SR 32. The City realizes this will pose a temporary inconvenience and appreciates your cooperation and patience during this time. Residents and businesses will have access to their properties at all times.

Additional information can be obtained at

http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/capital_project_services/SR32WideningPhase1.asp or by contacting the City's Public Works Department-Engineering Division at 530-879-6900 during business hours.

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