



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Bike Path Safety Camera Project**

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Big Chico Creek to West Sacramento Ave.**

**DATE/TIME OCCURRED: N/A**

**INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: N/A**

**VICTIM: N/A**

**SUSPECT: N/A**

### **NARRATIVE:**

The police department is seeking to improve public safety and reduce violent crime along the city owned bike path that runs between the railroad tracks and the California State University, Chico Campus. The project starts by installing self-contained safety cameras on the bike path from Big Chico Creek to West Sacramento Avenue. The camera system is designed to make the bike path a safer place to travel for students, citizens and bicyclists through deterrence, identification of suspects, and evidence collection. In addition, the Chico Police Department will be collaborating with Chico State University on this project. It is our belief that this project will make travel along the path safer and may help develop similar projects in other parts of the City of Chico, see attached photographs.

On 2-16-16, Chico City Council approved the project to move forward while being funded by donations. In addition, the project has received support from various entities to include Chico State Associated Students, the Chico Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Chico Business Association, and Chico Velo. In a meeting with citizens of the Nord Avenue Corridor, held at Azad's Martial Arts, the project was discussed with area residents, property owners and business owners. Those who were present were unanimous in their support of the project.

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An account has been set up with the North Valley Community Foundation under the Chico Police Bike Path Safety Project. Anyone interested in donating should visit the website at

<http://nvcf.org/fund/cpdbikesafety/>

For more information, media coverage, on-camera interviews, etc., please contact Lt. Matt Madden at (530) 897-5808.



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