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MEDIA ALERT

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF DOWNTOWN CHICO COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT MARCH 5, 2024

(Chico, CA – February 12, 2024) The Chico City Council's consideration of the Downtown Chico Complete Streets Project, which was originally scheduled for February 20, 2024, has been moved to the March 5, 2024 meeting. Due to the number of and expected length of other agenda items on February 20th, moving the discussion of the Downtown Complete Streets Project to March 5th will provide adequate time for public comment and Council consideration.

The Downtown Chico Complete Streets Project seeks to address issues and concerns with aging infrastructure, transportation safety, and the overall aesthetic appearance of the Downtown core. More information on the project may be found at: https://chico.ca.us/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/Downtown-Chico-Complete-Streets-Project/index.html.

The sewer lines in Downtown are 70-100 years old and in need of replacement. In addition, other aged utility services exist in Downtown and need to be improved and made compliant with new regulations. These utility replacements and upgrades will require systematic removal and replacement of roads and sidewalks. Therefore, given the current state of Downtown streets and sidewalks, and the need for utility infrastructure work, an opportunity exists to consider Downtown roadway design alternatives.

The March 5th City Council meeting will begin at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 421 Main Street.

For more information about the Downtown Chico Complete Streets Project, contact: Brendan Ottoboni, Director of Public Works – Engineering at <u>Brendan.Ottoboni@chicoca.gov</u> or 530-879-6901.

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