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MEDIA ALERT

DOWNTOWN CHICO COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

(Chico, CA – January 5, 2024) The Downtown Chico Complete Streets Project seeks to improve connectivity in both the North and South Downtown areas for all modes of transportation. The project will close gaps in bicycle infrastructure by providing a connection between Park Avenue and the upcoming Class I facility being constructed along Esplanade in 2024. In addition the project envisions reducing vehicular lanes of traffic, widening sidewalks and providing on-street parking in most locations. The project spans Main and Broadway corridors from 1st Street to Humboldt Road, 3rd Street between Salem Street and Orient Street, and 4th Street between Salem Street and Cypress Street. The City has proposed two alternative street configurations, each offering distinct layout options, as well as other design feature considerations.

Throughout January, various outreach events will be held inviting community members to participate in the project's development. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the project, ask questions, and share their thoughts through a survey available in multiple languages.

City staff will be at the following Chico Farmer's Markets:

- Saturday, January 6, Downtown Chico Municipal Parking Lot, 7:30 am 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 10, North Valley Plaza Mall Parking Lot, 7:30 am 12:00 pm
- Saturday, January 20, Downtown Chico Municipal Parking Lot, 7:30 am 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 31, North Valley Plaza Mall Parking Lot, 7:30 am 12:00 pm

Additionally, community meetings are scheduled, with the first on <u>January 11, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM</u> at City Hall in Conference Room 1. Subsequent meetings will occur during the week of January 22, with updates available on the project website.

For those unable to attend in person, the project website (<u>bit.ly/CityofChicoDCCS</u>) offers up-to-date information on the project, including design options, funding sources, and a public survey. Community members can email their comments to <u>DCCS@chicoca.gov</u>, leave comments on the project website page, or contact the Public Works Engineering Department, at (530) 879-6900.

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