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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

CITY OF CHICO'S ESPLANADE CORRIDOR SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SET TO BEGIN

The City of Chico is pleased to announce the start of the Esplanade Corridor Safety & Accessibility Improvement Project, scheduled to kick off next week. Franklin Construction, Inc. will commence work to construct a 1.2-mile Class I bicycle and pedestrian facility along the Esplanade between East 11th Avenue and Memorial Way. Additionally, Class III bike boulevard improvements along Oleander Avenue between East 10th Avenue and Memorial Way will be made along with the installation of a new roundabout at the intersection of Oleander Avenue and Memorial Way. Other improvements, such as upgraded ADA curb ramps and a new traffic signal at the intersection of E. 1st Avenue, are also part of the project.

Construction is scheduled to commence on Monday, May 13, 2024, and is anticipated to conclude in the summer of 2025. The first 4 weeks of construction will include night work from May 13, 2024, through June 7, 2024, between the hours of 7:00PM to 7:00AM to allow for work to be completed safely and efficiently while Chico Unified Schools are still in session. All efforts to control noise levels will be in place during nighttime operations. The City acknowledges the inconvenience and appreciates the community's cooperation and patience during this time.

Funding for this project is provided by the Federal Active Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

Throughout the project, local access within the project construction zone will be managed with traffic controls in place to ensure safety for motorists and construction crews. Temporary delays may occur as crews and equipment maneuver through the area, with the possibility of one-lane traffic during certain phases of the project. Motorists are encouraged to plan routes accordingly, allowing for extra travel time or considering alternate paths if possible.

For more information regarding the Esplanade Corridor Safety & Improvement Project, please visit [City of Chico - Esplanade Corridor Safety and Accessibility Improvement Project](#)

For media inquiries, please contact the Public Works Engineering Department at (530) 879-6900.

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