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

ESPLANADE CORRIDOR SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TREE REMOVAL

(Chico, CA – December 18, 2023) The City of Chico has scheduled tree removals in advance of the construction of the Esplanade Corridor Safety & Accessibility Improvements Project (Esplanade CSA Project) starting the morning of Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Specifically, there are 28 total trees slated for removal: 11 along the Esplanade, 15 at Memorial Way and Oleander Avenue, and two at Oleander Avenue and E. 8th Avenue. Following the removals, approximately 100 new replacement trees will be planted and irrigation installed along the Esplanade between the forthcoming Class I paved multi-use bicycle/pedestrian facility and the northbound lanes of the roadway. Trees will also be planted in the center of the new roundabout to be located at the intersection of Memorial Way and Oleander Avenue.

In addition to the future construction of the Class I facility, implementation of the Esplanade CSA Project will include other improvements, such as upgraded ADA curb ramps, a new traffic signal at the intersection of E. 1st Avenue and Oleander Avenue, stop control improvements along Oleander Avenue between E. 10th Way. These components of the project are proposed to commence construction in the spring of 2024.

Tree removal activities are anticipated to take up to two weeks to complete. Drivers should build extra time into their schedules to accommodate traffic controls or plan alternate routes to avoid the project area, if possible. The City acknowledges the inconvenience and appreciates the Community's cooperation and patience. For more information on the project, please visit the project webpage at <https://chico.ca.us/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/Esplanade-Corridor-Safety-and-Accessibility-Improvement-Project/index.html> or contact the Public Works Engineering Department at (530) 879-6900.

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