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**CITY OF CHICO
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

September 23, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chico Community Development Director intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. The project will be approved administratively unless referred to the City Council for action.

Bruce Road Reconstruction Project (Capital Project No. 16038) – The proposed project involves the reconstruction and widening of an approximately 2-mile segment of Bruce Road from State Route 32 (SR 32) to Skyway utilizing roller-compacted concrete pavement. The proposed “complete streets” improvements include widening Bruce Road from an existing 2-lane arterial roadway to a 4-lane arterial roadway, and replacement of the existing two-lane, functionally obsolete Bruce Road bridge over Little Chico Creek (Caltrans Bridge # 12C0106) with a new four-lane bridge structure. The new, approximately 96-feet long by 96.5-feet wide bridge will accommodate four lanes of traffic, a center median, pedestrian/bicycle facilities consisting of a Class I bike path on the west side of Bruce Road, and a sidewalk on the east side. The new bridge will be comprised of three-span, cast-in-place, reinforced concrete slab superstructure founded on pile supported abutments and 16-inch diameter multi-column piers supported on spread footings. The ultimate roadway design includes construction of the following: a 14-foot landscaped center median; roadway lighting; 5-foot bike lanes with 2-foot buffered striping on both east and west sides of Bruce Road; dedicated left turn lanes at various intersections; concrete curb, gutter, and curb ramps; and a 12-foot wide concrete multi-use path on the west side of Bruce Road. The project also includes storm drainage improvements such as bioretention facilities, drainage pipe, manholes, and curb inlets, as well as minor extension of sewer facilities where required. The City will be installing all infrastructure improvements detailed herein, except for a few limited frontage improvements (e.g., sidewalk and parkway strips) on the east side of Bruce Road that will be installed by others in conjunction with the requirements of adjacent private subdivisions. Questions regarding the environmental review for this project should be directed to Tracy R. Bettencourt, AICP – Regulatory and Grants Manager, Public Works – Engineering Department, who can be reached at (530) 879-6903 or via email at tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov.

An Initial Study for environmental review has been prepared for the project. Based upon the information within the Initial Study, the Public Works – Engineering Department is recommending that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Mitigated Negative Declaration is a determination that a project will not have a significant impact on the environment after the incorporation of specific mitigation measures. A 30-day public review period is being conducted on the Draft Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) commencing on **Wednesday, September 23, 2020 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020**. The document as well as all applicable technical appendices may be reviewed at the City's website at: <https://chico.ca.us/post/bruce-road-expansion-project>.

Comments relating to environmental concerns and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be filed in writing to the City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Department, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 or sent via email to tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov during the designated time period.

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BRUCE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Capital Project #16038 - Project Location Map

