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

June 22, 2020

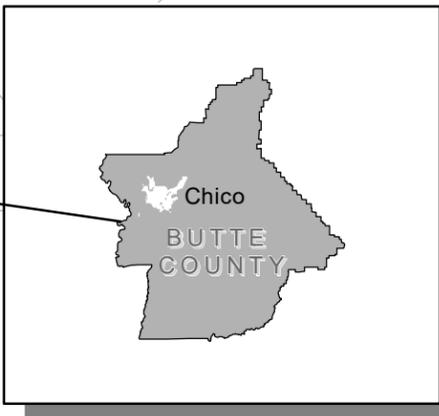
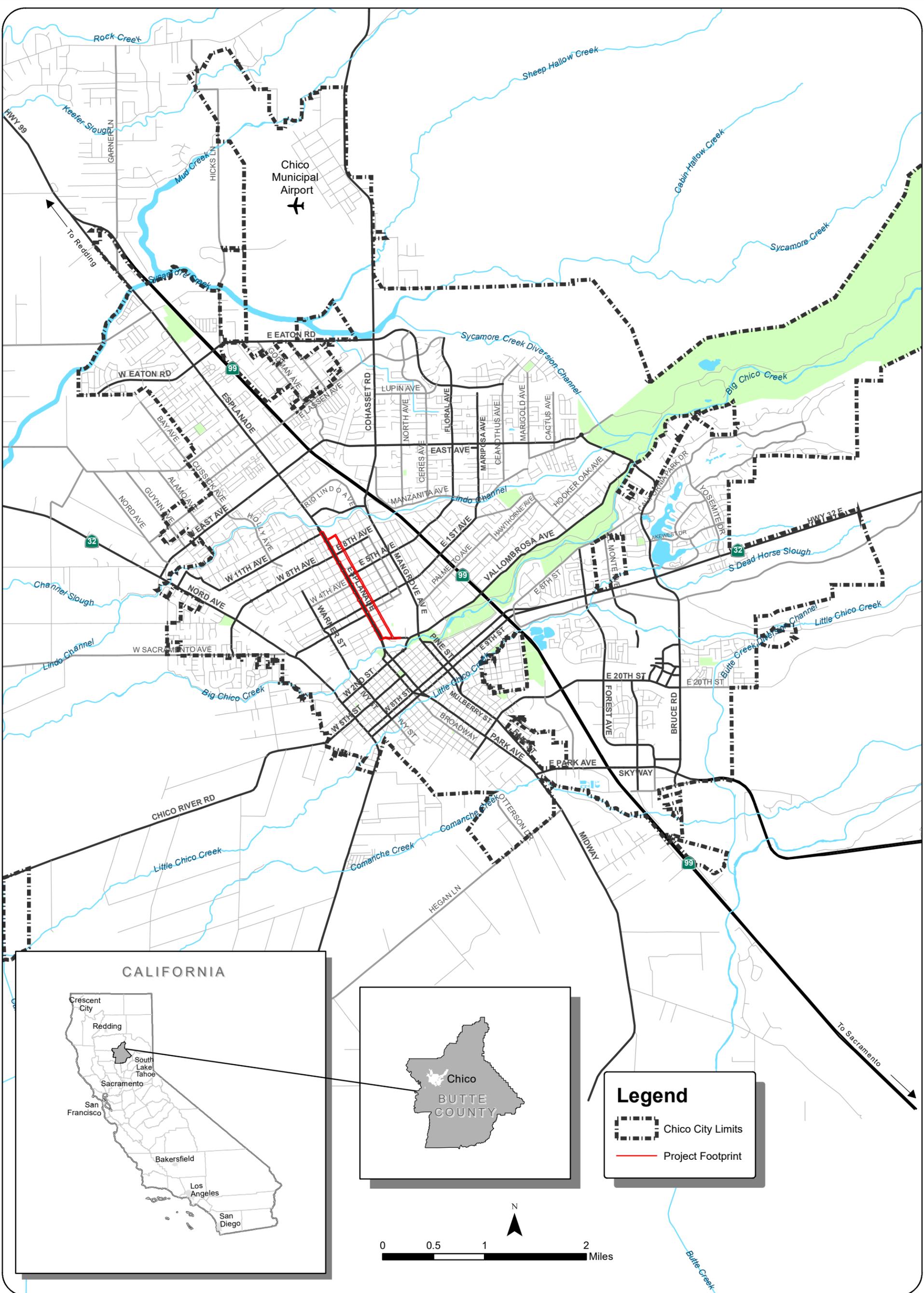
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Chico Community Development Director intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. The project will be approved administratively unless referred to the City Council for action.

**Esplanade Corridor Safety & Accessibility Improvement Project (Capital Project No. 50355)** – The proposed project involves various non-motorized “complete streets” improvements along the Esplanade corridor from 11th Avenue to Memorial Way and on Oleander Avenue between 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Memorial Way (see attached map). A separated and paved Class I multi-use bicycle/pedestrian path will be created along the Esplanade, connecting downtown; California State University, Chico; Chico Junior and Senior High Schools; a regional hospital; and neighborhoods adjacent to the existing Airport Class I multi-use path at 11th Avenue. The parallel street to the east of the Esplanade, Oleander Avenue, would also receive signage, sidewalk, signal, and stop control improvements between 10th Avenue and Memorial Way. A roundabout would be installed at the intersection of Oleander Avenue and Memorial Way adjacent to Chico Junior High School. Two traffic signals are proposed to be installed at the intersections of Oleander Avenue/1st Avenue and West Sacramento Avenue/Esplanade. Existing traffic signals would be outfitted with pedestrian signal crossing equipment, updated traffic detection equipment, an associated traffic signal timing plan to accommodate the added pedestrian phases, and pedestrian refuge islands where applicable. Appropriate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps and sidewalks would be added. 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](mailto: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 **Monday, June 22, 2020 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020**. The document as well as all applicable technical appendices may also be reviewed at the City’s website at: [http://www.chico.ca.us/capital\\_project\\_services/EsplanadeCorridorImprovementStudy.asp](http://www.chico.ca.us/capital_project_services/EsplanadeCorridorImprovementStudy.asp).

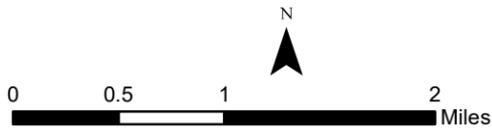
Comments relating to environmental concerns and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be filed in writing to the City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Department, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 during the designated time period.

E/R PUBLISH: **Monday, June 22, 2020**



**Legend**

- Chico City Limits
- Project Footprint



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ESPLANADE CORRIDOR SAFETY AND  
 ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
 CIP NO. 50355

**PROJECT VICINITY  
 MAP**  
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 AUGUST 2019