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

April 13, 2021

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.

Salem Street Bridge Replacement Project (Capital Project No. 50231) – The proposed Project will replace the existing bridge along the same alignment as the existing structure. The new bridge will accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes, 5-foot bike lanes and 6-foot sidewalks. The profile will be lowered slightly, while maintaining the same bridge soffit elevation as the existing structure. The new bridge is anticipated to be a single-span cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete slab, approximately 70 feet long. Construction of the bridge will involve excavation for and construction of concrete abutments, situated on deep foundations. Other temporary work within Little Chico Creek includes removal of the existing structure, falsework erection and removal, and installation of scour countermeasures at the abutments. Construction of the roadway approaches will involve removal of existing pavement and placement of aggregate base and hot mix asphalt pavement. New curb, gutter and sidewalk will be constructed on the approach roadways and will connect with the existing pedestrian facilities. During construction, Salem Street will be closed to traffic and a detour route made available. Residential access to the parcels adjacent to the bridge will be maintained throughout construction. Tree removal and removal of other vegetation along the creek will be necessary for the project. Temporary construction easements will be needed from the four parcels adjacent to the bridge to facilitate driveway/walkway conforms, utility relocations, and allow construction access. There are two utilities crossing Little Chico Creek along Salem Street, PG&E gas lines and overhead electrical, that will be relocated during construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2023 and will have a duration of approximately 8 months. 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 **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021**. The document as well as all applicable technical appendices may be reviewed at the City's website at: <https://chico.ca.us/post/salem-bridge-replacement-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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SALEM STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Capital Project No. 50231 - Project Vicinity Map

