
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers Huber, Ory, and Chair Brown
Meeting of November 2, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

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Date/Time: **Monday, November 2, 2020 4:00 pm**

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REGULAR AGENDA

A. Consideration of Eliminating Parking Along both sides of Park Avenue between W. 11th Street and 20th Street, west side of Pine Street between E. 9th Street and Humboldt Ave., and east side of Cypress Street from Humboldt Ave. and E. 9th Street

Public Works staff is in the process of planning and conducting annual street improvements and maintenance. With numerous concerns regarding roadway safety and frequency of collisions in the vicinity between E. 9th Street and 20th Street on Park Ave. and to be consistent with our general plan goals and polices, it seems appropriate at this time to consider the removal of parallel parking spaces on Park Ave., Pine Street, and Cypress Street. Following direction from the Committee, staff can move forward with appropriate re-stripping. **(Report – Brendan Ottoboni, Public Works Director-Engineering)**

Recommendation: The Public Works Director-Engineering recommends Alternative 'A' and approval of Traffic Regulation Amendment (TRA) No. 855 which will remove on-street parking as following:

- Both sides of Park Avenue from W. 11th Street to 20th Street.
- West side of Pine Street from E. 9th Street to Humboldt Ave.
- East side of Cypress Street from Humboldt Ave to E. 9th Street.

B. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Committee at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes. The Committee cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda

C. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting will adjourn to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT

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2. The Clerk will call speakers in the order the notification is received.
3. Speakers may address the Committee one time per agenda item.
4. Speakers will have up to three minutes to address the Committee.

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Internal Affairs Committee

Agenda Report

Meeting Date: November 2, 2020

TO: Internal Affairs Committee

FROM: Public Works Director-Engineer, Brendan Ottoboni (879-6901)

RE: Authorization of Removal of Parking to Develop Complete Streets Improvements on Park Ave., Pine St., and Cypress St.

REPORT IN BRIEF:

The Public Works Department is in the process of planning and conducting the annual street improvements and maintenance project. This year, the annual street improvement project includes roadway segments of Park Ave from E. 9th Street to E. Park Ave., Pine Street and Cypress Street from E. 9th Street to 12th Street, and Mulberry Street from E. 12th Street to E. 20th Street. Attachment 'A' shows project limits and roadways treatment types.

As part of the maintenance, staff will be resurfacing Park Ave., Pine Street, Cypress Street, and Mulberry Street followed by restriping. In light of known traffic safety concerns, it is a favorable time to evaluate potential improvements. In assessing the needs along Park Ave., staff is taking into consideration, the numerous concerns regarding roadway safety and the frequency of collisions in the vicinity between W. 9th Street and E. 20th Street. To mitigate those concerns and to ensure consistency with the General Plan and the 2019 Chico Bicycle Plan, staff is proposing the following improvements:

- Park Ave. upgrade to a complete street by adding bike lanes on both sides of Park Ave from W. 11th Street to E. Park Avenue. A two-way-left turn lane from W. 11th Street to E. 20th Street to improve safety on the corridor.
- Bike lane on Pine Street from E. 9th Street to E. 12th Street on the west side.
- Bike lane on Cypress Street from E. 9th Street to 12th Street on the east side.
- Bike lanes on Mulberry Street from E. 12th Street to E. 20th Street on both sides.

These improvements will require some on-street parking removal in order to fit the improvements within the existing face of curb to face of curb space which requires consideration by the Internal Affairs Committee pursuant to Chico Municipal Code 10.05.040.

Recommendation: The Public Works Director-Engineering recommends Alternative 'A' for Park Avenue and approval of Traffic Regulation Amendment (TRA) No. 855 which will remove on-street parking as following:

- Both sides of Park Avenue from W. 11th Street to 20th Street.
- West side of Pine Street from E. 9th Street to Humboldt Ave.
- East side of Cypress Street form Humboldt Ave to E. 9th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Impact as parking spaces are not metered. Striping and re-surfacing changes are planned to be completed with the 2021 Annual Road Rehabilitation Project. Approval of the annual street improvements and maintenance project is not under consideration of the Internal Affairs Committee and has been fully funded by prior Council action.

DISCUSSION:

The City's General Plan's goal is to enhance and maintain mobility with a complete streets network for all modes of travel (General Plan Circulation Goal CIRC-2). The City's General Plan's policy is to develop an

integrated, multimodal circulation system that accommodates transit, bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles (General Plan Policy CIRC-2.1). The City's General Plan Action CIRC2.1.2 states, "Retrofit and upgrade existing streets, as funding allows, to include complete street amenities where appropriate, prioritizing improvements in locations that will improve the overall connectivity of the City's network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities or results in increased safety.

The Chico Bicycle Plan 2019 Update was adopted by Council on April 16, 2019, which provides guidance for implementation of the City's General Plan goals relating to bicycling, sustainability and complete streets. The City's 2019 Bicycle Plan Update include protected bicycle lanes on Park Avenue from 20th Street to E. 9th Street.

The section of Park Ave. from Little Chico Creek to E. 20th Street is currently a four (4) lane 30mph arterial with an average daily traffic of approximately 18,600 vehicles. The on-street parking creates sight distance concerns at driveway access points as well as concerns for pedestrian safety while passenger and driver's ingress and egress their vehicles.

Multiple site reviews of the corridor concluded that most of the blocks on Park Ave has very low parking occupancy, most likely due to the concerns for the high potential of vehicle broadside accidents and safety. There are some blocks where parking occupancy is a little higher than the remainder of the corridor; however, on-street parking is available on the side streets near those blocks. From traffic safety perspective, it is safer to park on side streets rather than parking on Park Avenue.

Public Works staff reviewed reported traffic collision data for Park Avenue from 9th Street to 20th Street from year 2012 to 2019 (Attachments 'B' and 'C'). There are 121 reported collisions in eight years with an average of 15 collisions per year. Traffic collision record shows that about 65 percent of the collisions are broadside and rear end type collisions. Installation of a two-way left turn lane along the corridor would reduce broadside and rear end type collisions. This configuration would allow vehicles to patiently wait within the center lane and make a safe turn to the fronting business or residence, as well as provide additional opportunities for vehicles entering the roadway from driveways as the center lane acts as a storage or waiting area.

To assist staff in determining the community's needs, we mailed notification letters (Attachment 'D') to all adjacent land-owners along Park Ave of proposed improvements. Staff also included an online survey link to get community feedback. The following two alternatives were proposed and shared with the community for feedback:

Alternative A (Attachment 'E') would remove existing on-street parking from both sides of Park Avenue to accommodate space to implement bike lanes and a center turn lane. This alternative will resolve the existing sight distance issues and safety concerns for vehicles entering and exiting from side streets and driveways. This proposed alternative will also provide better sight distance for pedestrians which will improve overall pedestrian safety.

Typically, direct access is not allowed on arterial type road such as Park Ave.; however, there are many driveways on Park Ave which creates concerns with vehicles entering and exiting and causing broadside and rear end type collisions. As the driveway density increases on arterial roads, the safety decreases due to more conflict points. Studies have shown that installation of a two-way-left-turn lane can reduce broadside and rear end type collisions. Staff is also working with property owners to discuss options to reduce access points on Park Avenue, so the overall safety can be improved for the corridor.

Alternative B (Attachment 'F') would remove on-street parking from the east side of Park Ave to accommodate space for bike lanes (on both sides). No center turn lane would be installed, so it is expected that the safety of the corridor will not improve as much compared to Alternative A. This alternative does provide about two feet of additional space for bike lanes, but it does not resolve the sight distance issue caused by parked vehicles on Park Ave.

Staff also mailed notification letters (Attachment 'G') of proposed improvements on Pine Street and Cypress Street, but no comments were received back to staff.

Staff did not receive any comments back from the community regarding the preferred alternative for Park Ave. Staff recommends Alternative A which would maximize the safety for all modes of transportation by providing better sight distance and safer ingress and egress for the side streets traffic.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The project will not result in an expansion of use beyond that which currently exists. The project consists of minor alterations of existing city streets (no increase of number of lanes), the addition of bike lanes to existing streets, and removal of parking spaces in furtherance of such activity. It is anticipated that the 2021 Annual Road Rehabilitation project will be exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15301 (c) – Existing Facilities, which relates to the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities, including streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

PUBLIC CONTACT:

Notifications of proposed improvements were mailed to all adjacent land-owners along Park Ave., Pine Street, and Cypress Street. Staff also posted project information on City's website (<https://www.chico.ca.us/post/2021-annual-road-rehabilitation-project>). Staff did not receive any comments from residents.

Reviewed by:



Brendan Ottoboni, Public Works Director-Engineering

Approved and recommended by:



Mark Orme, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

- A – Project limits and roadway types
- B – Collision data by year – Park Ave (9th to 20th Sts)
- C – Collision data by type – Park Ave (9th to 20th Sts)
- D – Notification letter-Park Ave
- E – Alternative A
- F – Alternative F
- G – Notification Letters (Pine and Cypress)
- H - TRA

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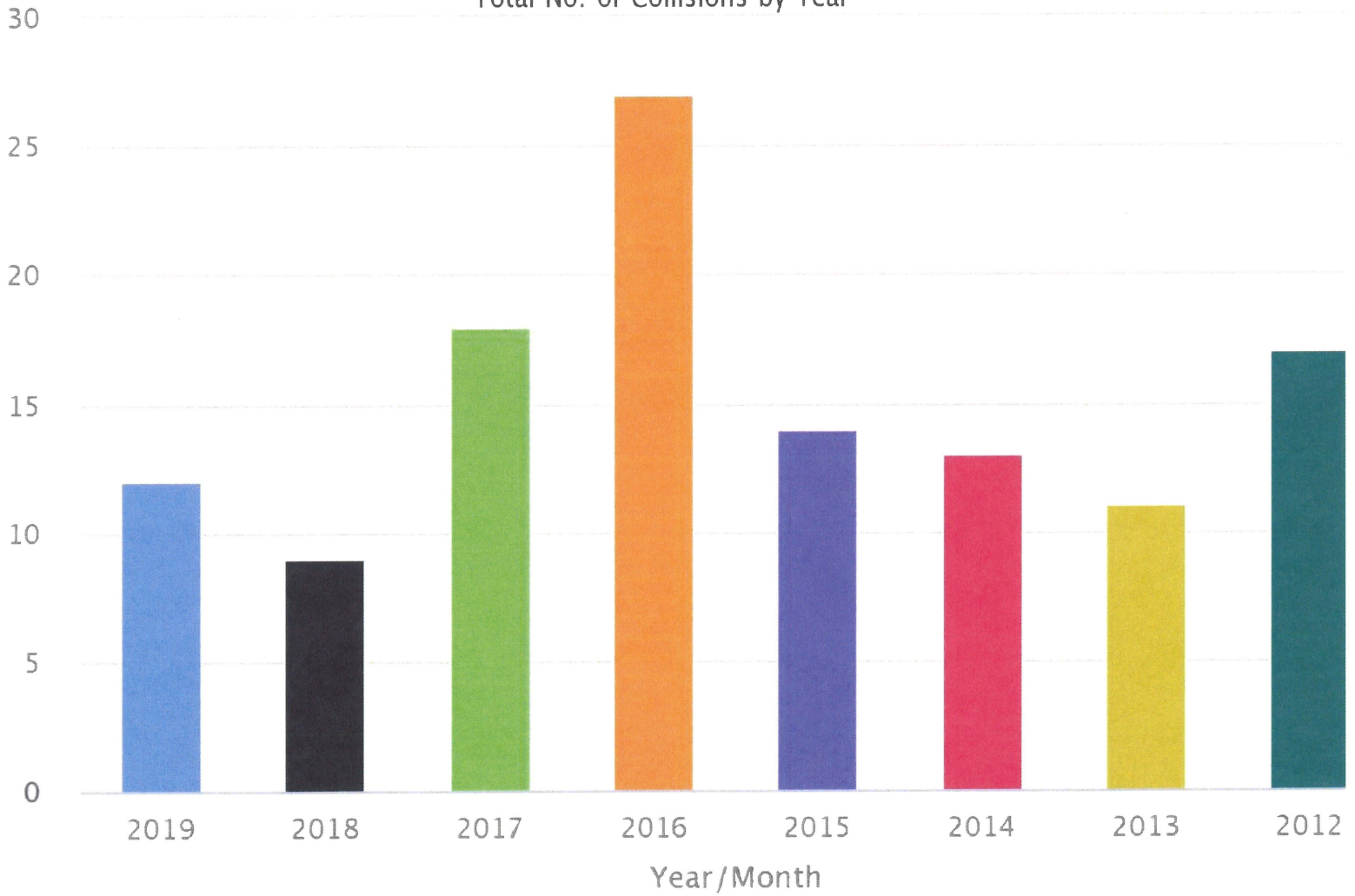
Attachment A Project Limits



— Grind & Pave
— Slurry Seal

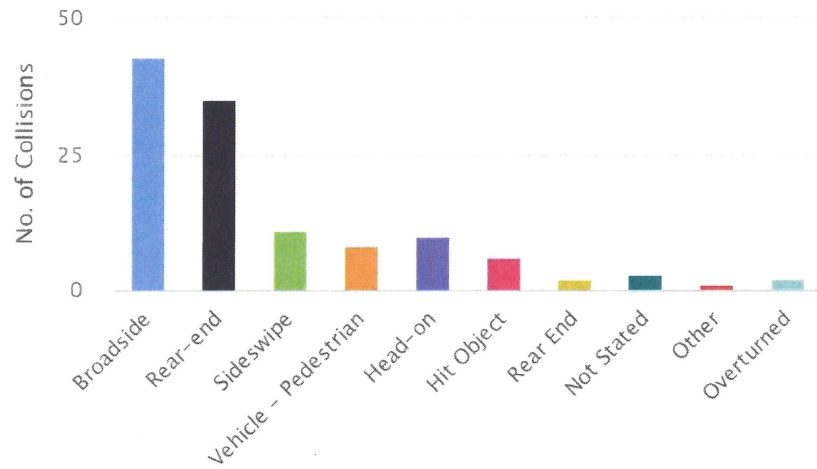
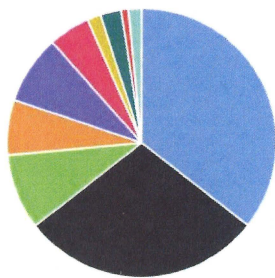
Attachment B

Park Ave - 9th St. to 20th St.
Total No. of Collisions by Year



Attachment C

Park Ave - 9th St. to 20th St.
Type of Collision



Type of Collision

- Broadside
- Vehicle - Pedestrian
- Rear End
- Overturned

- Rear-end
- Head-on
- Not Stated

- Sideswipe
- Hit Object
- Other



NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

Attachment D



PARK AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS 9TH STREET (HWY 32) TO 20TH STREET

Park Avenue Complete Streets Improvements

The City of Chico is in the design phase of upgrading the infrastructure to improve the safety and accessibility of the Park Avenue corridor from State Route 32 at 9th Street to 20th Street. When improving existing roadways, City of Chico General Plan policies require the inclusion of “Complete Streets” improvements to enable users safe and convenient travel for all modes of transportation, including vehicles, bikes, pedestrians, and transit.

To help staff prioritize community needs as it relates to forthcoming Park Avenue corridor improvements, we are seeking input from the community. To assist us in obtaining input, the City of Chico Traffic Engineering Division invites the community to participate in a short on-line survey designed to better understand how the roadway is used by the public. Based on this information and standard roadway safety design requirements, developed alternatives will be presented to the City’s Internal Affairs Committee for consideration at their November 2nd, 2020 meeting.

To participate in the survey and to review the Chico General Plan, Chico 2019 Bike Plan, and obtain other related information regarding this project, please scan the QR codes below or reach out to us via social media, email, or telephone to provide your input on the project. The survey will be open until October 26th, 2020.

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out via mail, email, or call us using the information provided below.

Survey



Chico General Plan



Chico 2019 Bike Plan



Capital Projects



For more information, contact WYATT WEST at (530) 879-6900 or wyatt.west@Chicoca.gov.



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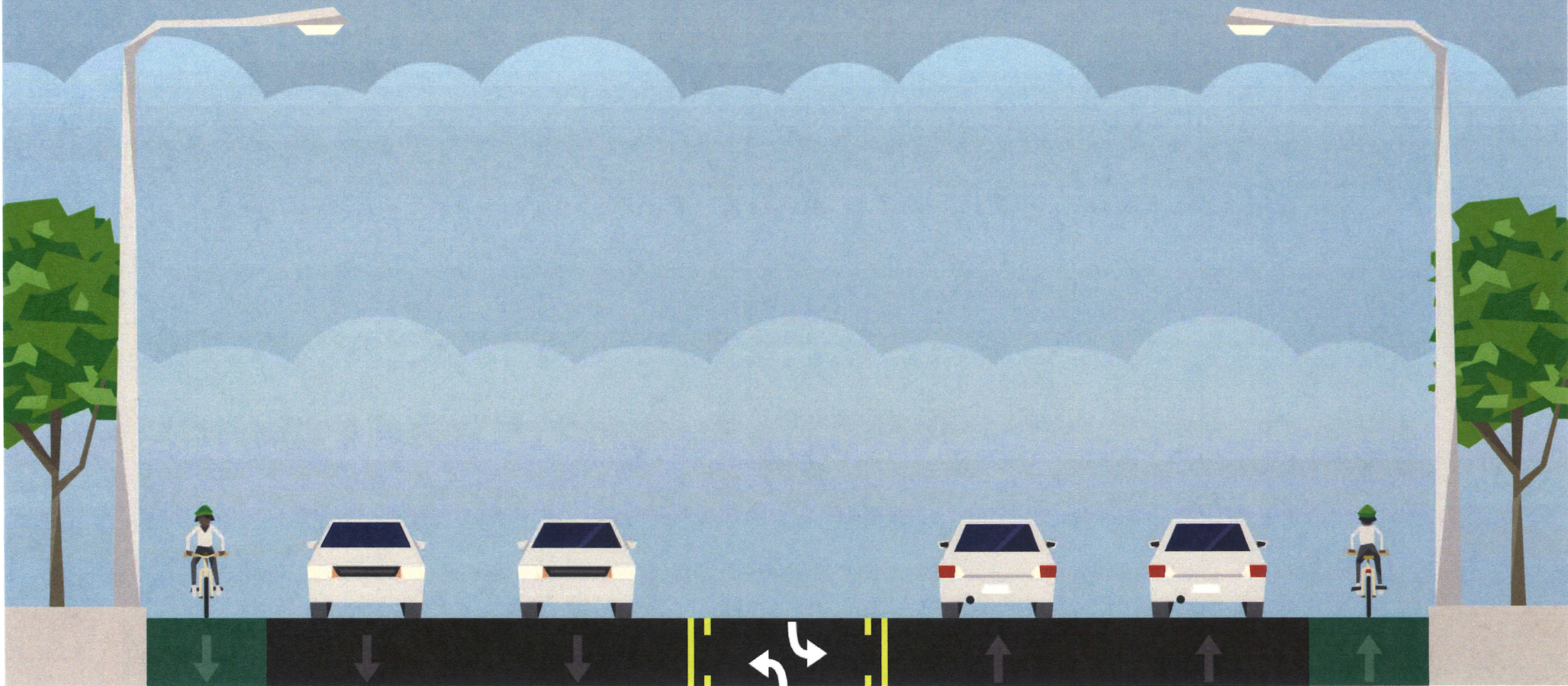


Return Address:

City of Chico – Traffic Engineering
P.O. Box 3420
Chico, CA 95927

Park Ave - 9th to 20th (Alt A)

Attachment E



Park Ave - 9th to 20th (Alt B)

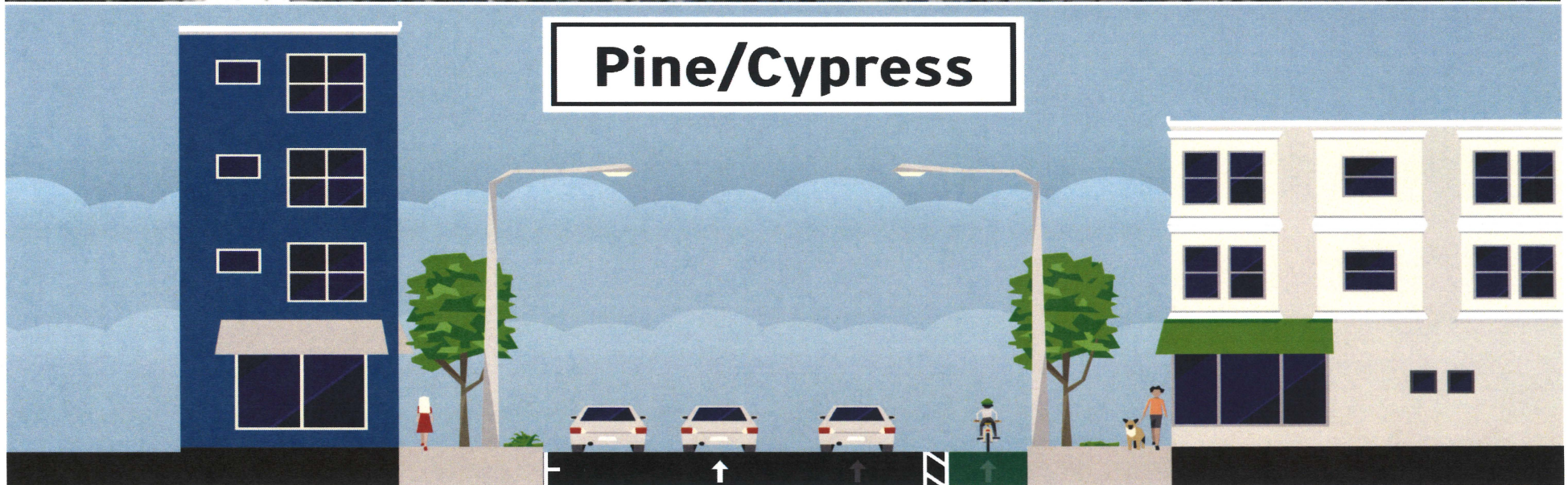
Attachment F





NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

Attachment G



PINE AND CYPRESS COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS
9TH STREET (HWY 32) TO HUMBOLDT AVENUE

Pine and Cypress Complete Streets Improvements

The City of Chico is in the design phase of upgrading the infrastructure to improve the safety and accessibility of Pine and Cypress Streets from State Route 32 at 9th Street south to Humboldt Avenue. When improving existing roadways, City of Chico General Plan policies require the inclusion of “Complete Streets” improvements to enable users safe and convenient travel for all modes of transportation, including vehicles, bikes, pedestrians, and transit.

A preliminary design will be presented to the City’s Internal Affairs Committee at their November 2nd, 2020 meeting. To review the Chico General Plan, Chico 2019 Bike Plan, and other additional information regarding this project, please scan the QR codes below or reach out to us via social media, email, or telephone to provide your input on the project.

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**Chico
General Plan**



**Chico 2019
Bike Plan**



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1 **RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE**
2 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO ADOPTING TRAFFIC**
3 **REGULATION AMENDMENT NO. 855**

4 WHEREAS, on or about February 17, 1959, pursuant to Chapter 15 of the Chico
5 Municipal Code, and the Vehicle Code of the State of California, Council adopted its resolution
6 creating and establishing certain traffic controls or zones, etc.; and

7 WHEREAS, resolution no. 08-20 of the City Council of the City of Chico approving the
8 fiscal year 2020-21 list of projects funded by SB1 include Mulberry Street from 20th Street to
9 12th Street, Pine and Cypress Streets from 12th Street to 9th Street, Park Ave from East Park Ave
10 to 9th Street, and 12th street thru 19th street inclusive between Park Ave and Mulberry Street; and

11 WHEREAS, the Chico Bicycle Plan 2019 Update was adopted by Council on April 16,
12 2019, which provides guidance for implementation of the City’s General Plan goals relating to
13 bicycling, sustainability and complete streets; and

14 WHEREAS, the City’s General Plan’s goal is to enhance and maintain mobility with a
15 complete streets network for all modes of travel. The City’s General Plan’s policy is to develop
16 an integrated, multimodal circulation system that accommodates transit, bicycles, pedestrians,
17 and vehicles; and

18 WHEREAS, the City’s General Plan Action CIRC2.1.2 states, “Retrofit and upgrade
19 existing streets, as funding allows, to include complete street amenities where appropriate,
20 prioritizing improvements in locations that will improve the overall connectivity of the City’s
21 network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities or results in increased safety”; and

22 WHEREAS, staff plans to upgrade Park Avenue, Pine Street, Cypress Street, and
23 Mulberry Street to complete street by adding bike lanes on both sides of Park Avenue from W.
24 11th Street to E. 20th Street, bike lanes on Pine Street from E. 9th Street to E. 12th Street on the
25 west side, bike lane on Cypress Street from E. 9th Street to 12th Street on the east side, and bike
26 lanes on Mulberry Street from E. 12th Street to E. 20th Street on both sides; and

1 WHEREAS, the project will not result in an expansion of use beyond that which
2 currently exists and therefore, the project has no reasonable possibility of resulting in any
3 unusual circumstances leading to the possibility that significant environmental effects will result;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the section of Park Ave from Little Chico Creek to E. 20th Street is currently
6 a four lane 30 mph arterial with an average daily traffic of approximately 18,600 vehicles; and

7 WHEREAS, the on-street parking on Park Ave. creates sight distance concerns at
8 driveway access points as well as concerns for pedestrian safety while passenger and driver's
9 ingress and egress their vehicles; and

10 WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Committee of the City Council of the City of Chico is
11 authorized to remove on-street parking per the City of Chico Municipal Code Section 10.05.040.

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13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF
14 THE CITY OF CHICO AS FOLLOWS:

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16 Section 1: Pursuant to Section 10.05.040 of the City of Chico Municipal Code, the
17 removal of parking spaces pursuant to Traffic Regulation Amendment as shown in "Attachment
18 A" is hereby approved by the Internal Affairs Committee of the City Council of the City of
19 Chico.

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21 Section 2. Such activity will have a beneficial effect of providing alternative
22 transportation opportunities through the addition of bike lanes in support of the General Plan and
23 2019 Bicycle Master Plan Update while having a minimal effect on the supply of parking. Such
24 determination does not create an expansion of an existing use and such project is expected to be
25 categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) -
26 Existing Facilities, relating to maintenance and minor alteration of existing public structures and
27 facilities.

28 TRAFFIC REGULATION AMENDMENT #855
245120.2

1 THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was approved by the Internal Affairs Committee on
2 November 2, 2020 by the following vote:

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4 AYES:

5 NOES:

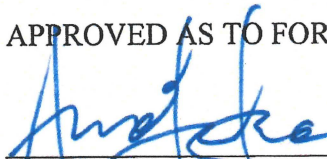
6 ABSENT:

7 ABSTAIN:

8 ATTEST:

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11 Deborah R. Presson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


12 Andrew L. Jared, City Attorney

13 Pursuant to the Charter of The
14 City of Chico, Section 906(E)

| Exhibit Number | Description | Authority CMC/CVC Section |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 7 | Prohibited Parking at all times | CMC 10.05.040/ 10.05.050 |
| 28 | Bike Lane | CVC 21207 |

**ATTACHMENT "A" - Legend Sheet to Accompany
Traffic Regulation Amendment No. 855
Describing Additions & Deletions to Exhibit No. 7 and 28
On Public Streets**

ADDITION TO:
EXHIBIT

7 PROHIBITED PARKING AT ALL TIMES

AUTHORITY:

CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE 10.05.040/10.05.050 CMC

| Side of Street | | | | Street Name | From | To |
|----------------|------|------|------|----------------|--|--|
| N'ly | E'ly | S'ly | W'ly | | | |
| | XX | | XX | Park Ave | Southerly Curb return of 11 th Ave | Northerly Curb Return of E. 20 th St |
| | XX | | | Cypress Ave | Northerly Curb Return of Humboldt Ave | Southerly Curb return of 9 th St |
| | | | XX | Pine St | Southerly Curb return of 9 th St | Northerly Curb Return of Humboldt Ave |

ADDITION TO:
EXHIBIT

28 Bike Lane

AUTHORITY:

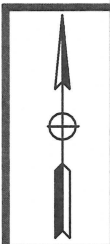
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| N'ly | E'ly | S'ly | W'ly | | | |
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| | XX | | | Cypress Ave | Northerly Curb Return of Humboldt Ave | Southerly Curb return of 9 th St |
| | | | XX | Pine St | Southerly Curb return of 9 th St | Northerly Curb Return of Humboldt Ave |

**ATTACHMENT "A" – ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO ACCOMPANY
TRAFFIC REGULATION AMENDMENT NO. 855**



BIKE LANE ADDITION & PARKING REMOVAL



REVISION

CITY OF CHICO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DRAWN BY: ww DATE: OCT 2020
 CHECKED BY: ww SCALE: N.T.S.

**PLAT TO ACCOMPANY
 TRAFFIC RESOLUTION
 NO. 855**