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## **CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON COHASSET ROAD WIDENING PROJECT**

**(Chico, CA – September 29, 2021–)** Beginning Friday, October 1, 2021, the City of Chico’s contractor, Vanguard Construction, will begin construction work on the Cohasset Road Widening Project. This project will complete the improvements programmed for Cohasset Road from the Sycamore Creek Bridge to Ryan Avenue in the vicinity of the Chico Municipal Airport.

Phases 1 and 2 of the project were completed in 2009 and 2008, respectively, and included rehabilitating the roadway from Airpark Boulevard to Ryan Avenue, and reconstruction of the Sheep Hollow Bridge. Phase 3 will widen and improve Cohasset Road from two to four lanes from the Sycamore Creek Bridge to Airpark Boulevard and include intersection and bike path lighting as well as bike path, drainage and landscaping improvements. Funding for this project is provided by a \$13.9 million Economic Development Administration grant.

“The Chico Municipal Airport area is one of the City’s noted economic development opportunities, and as we continue our efforts to return commercial air service to Chico, this project, along with other infrastructure projects such as the Taxiway Reconstruction Project, will greatly assist the City in attracting a commercial carrier,” said Robert Murdoch, Public Works Engineering Department Interim Director. “Additionally, Cohasset Road needs drainage improvements and congestion relief, which this project will provide. Also, since the Chico Municipal Airport is used as an emergency staging area by CALFire and other agencies, this project will increase access to that area, which will also decrease incident response times.”

Local access throughout the project construction zone will be subject to traffic controls, temporary delays, detours and closures in order to accommodate construction crews and equipment. Additional information may be found on the Cohasset Road Widening Project webpage at <https://chico.ca.us/cohasset-road-widening>.

Drivers are encouraged to build extra time into their schedules and to drive with caution to avoid hazards and maximize the safety of workers in the roadway. The City acknowledges the inconvenience and appreciates the community’s cooperation and patience during this time.

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