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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

PHASE II OF THE COMANCHE CREEK GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMPLETED

(Chico, CA – December 23, 2020 –) The City of Chico’s Public Works – Engineering Department has completed construction of Phase II of the Comanche Creek Greenway Improvement Project.

This project was funded by an Urban Greening Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency that the City successfully competed for and was awarded in November 2017. Construction included improvements to expand recreational opportunities in the Comanche Creek Greenway and connect existing bicycle facilities in Southwest Chico.

Phase II of the project constructed an at-grade Class I paved bicycle/pedestrian path along the abandoned railroad grade from the Midway to Estes Road. A Class A permeable path was also completed, in addition to landscaping improvements and installation of miscellaneous recreational amenities including wayfinding and interpretive signage, as well as benches.

The Class I Bike Path provides a safe commuting and recreational route for residents of the Southwest Chico neighborhood and adjacent industrial and commercial zones, and also provides a connection to the Barber Yard Mixed-Use Special Planning Area. Phase II improvements will result in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through carbon sequestration and also augmented current vegetation management efforts.

“The Phase II Comanche Creek Greenway Project represents the completion of amenities and access to this amazing and beautiful Chico gem,” said Public Works – Engineering Director Brendan Ottoboni. “With a multi-million dollar grant award, City staff were able to deliver the final phase of improvements envisioned through many larger community planning efforts. This project will complete connections to other surrounding infrastructure and access to the Hegan Lane Business Park. We are very proud of our staff and the Friends of Comanche Creek group for their efforts and determination in making this project come to fruition!”

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