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

STATE ROUTE 99 ONRAMP & OFFRAMP CLOSURE

(Chico, CA – April 12, 2022) Beginning **Friday, April 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**, the City of Chico's contractor, Knife River Construction, will place the Northbound (NB) on & offramps of State Route 99 (SR 99) in a 55-hour closure to facilitate continued construction of the SR 99 and Eaton Road Interchange Improvement Project. The closure is anticipated to last through Sunday, **April 24, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.** **This work and closure are dependent on acceptable weather conditions.**

During the 55-hour closure, eastbound Eaton Road between the southbound and northbound offramps of SR 99 will be closed. SR 99 Lane Number 2 will also be closed overnight from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. during this period. This closure is to complete this stage of the NB offramp reconstruction, roundabout intersection construction, and Eaton Road reconstruction between the offramp and the overcrossing.

On August 9th, 2021, the City of Chico's contractor, Knife River Construction, began construction on the SR 99 and Eaton Road Interchange Improvement Project. When completed, this project will convert SR 99 North Bound (NB) ramps at Eaton Road and Hicks Lane into one multilane, five-leg roundabout intersection. The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety for all travel modes at the SR 99 NB ramp intersection and Hicks Lane intersection with Eaton Road. The secondary purpose of this project is to improve operations, reduce delay, and enhance mobility for modes of transportation (e.g., motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and transit), incorporating the Complete Streets approach into the intersection.

Drivers are encouraged to build extra time into their schedules, plan alternative routes to avoid the project area when possible, and drive with caution to avoid hazards and maximize the safety of workers in the roadway. The City of Chico acknowledges the inconvenience and appreciates the community's cooperation and patience during this time.

Details of the SR 99 & Eaton Road Interchange Improvement Project and detour maps of traffic closures may be found at <https://chico.ca.us/sr-99-eaton-road-interchange-improvement-project>. For more information and project updates, please follow the Public Works Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofchicopublicworks.

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