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

UPDATED EATON ROAD OVERCROSSING CLOSURES

(Chico, CA – December 2, 2021) The Eaton Road Overcrossing of State Route 99 (SR 99) has been closed to East Bound (EB) traffic in order to facilitate continued construction of the SR 99 and Eaton Road Interchange Improvement Project. The closure is anticipated last through **Tuesday, December 21, 2021.**

On August 9th, the City of Chico's contractor, Knife River Construction, began construction on the SR 99 and Eaton Road Interchange Improvement Project. This project will convert SR 99 North Bound (NB) ramps at Eaton Road and Hicks Lane into one multilane, five-leg roundabout intersection. Although the two intersections will be combined, the local circulation and access will remain unchanged. 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.

The Contractor will be placing the NB offramp of SR 99 in a 55-hour closure beginning at **9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021** through **5:00 a.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021.** The northbound SR 99 Lane Number 2 will also be closed overnight from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. daily during this period. This closure is to complete this stage of the NB offramp reconstruction and roundabout intersection construction.

Beginning Tuesday, December 21, 2021 traffic access to the roundabout will open, including EB Eaton Road and the SR 99 onramp at the interchange. At this time, pedestrian access to the newly installed permanent sidewalk on the south side of Eaton Road will also be opened.

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>. Please follow the Public Works Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofchicopublicworks for more information and project updates.

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