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

CITY OF CHICO ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE AND SURVEY REGARDING MUNICIPAL FIBER BROADBAND NETWORK

(Chico, CA – July 2, 2021 –) As part of the creation of a Broadband Master Plan, the City of Chico is seeking input gauging community interest in a municipally-owned fiber broadband network.

The City is encouraging residents and business representatives to complete this survey. The City is exploring the feasibility of deploying community-owned fiber optic infrastructure throughout Chico. The goal of this plan is to increase internet speeds, enhance reliability, and reduce the costs of internet services within the City.

The survey and additional information about the project can be found at www.connectchico.org.

“Fast, reliable and affordable internet service is vital for the residents and businesses of a vibrant growing community,” said Scott Dowell, Administrative Services Director. “The pandemic really highlighted these needs in a dramatic way. The City is exploring the prospects to provide enhancements to internet service provided in our area. As such, we are working to provide a framework for future opportunities through the creation of a broadband master plan that will be submitted to the City Council for discussion. The City is asking for all residents to respond to the online survey so we can incorporate related feedback in the new plan.”

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