

Neighborhood Update

Salem Street Bridge Replacement Project

Introduction

The City of Chico has obtained funding to replace the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete Salem Street Bridge over Little Chico Creek. The project is 100 percent federally funded through the Highway Bridge Program and Toll Credits. The federal funds are being administered through the Caltrans Local Assistance Program.

Where is the project located?

The bridge is located between W. 9th Street and W. 10th Street and provides a link between the Barber neighborhood and Downtown.

What is the project?

The existing bridge was constructed in 1916 and consists of 64-foot long, 3-span reinforced concrete "T" girders. The bridge suffers from the following deficiencies:

- The bridge width has no shoulders and narrow lengths which do not meet current car and bicyclist safety standards.
- The sidewalks have steep approaches which do not meet ADA standards.
- There is erosion at the west abutment with some undermining of the wall.
- Various concrete girders and the overhangs are showing signs of deterioration.

To address these concerns, the City is planning to replace the existing structure with a new bridge along the same alignment. The new structure will accommodate 2 lanes of traffic, 5-foot bike lanes, and sidewalks. The proposed improvements will extend approximately 100 feet along Salem Street from either end of the bridge. To facilitate construction, the bridge and a portion of Salem Street will be temporary closed to traffic. The City will be working closely with the area residents to maintain access to their properties during construction.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding this project, please visit the Project's webpage located at: <https://chico.ca.us/post/salem-bridge-replacement-project>

If you have questions or would like to provide comments, please email salem.bridge@chicoca.gov

