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**CITY OF CHICO
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

March 5, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chico Community Development Director intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. The project will be approved administratively unless referred to the City Council for action.

Pomona Avenue Bridge Replacement Project (Capital Project No. 50233) – The proposed project will replace the existing bridge along a similar alignment as the existing structure. The new bridge will accommodate two 11-foot travel lanes, 5-foot shoulders and 5-foot sidewalks. The profile will be raised slightly to maintain the same bridge soffit elevation as the existing structure. The replacement bridge is anticipated to be a single-span, cast-in-place post-tensioned concrete slab, approximately 75 feet long. Construction of the bridge will involve excavation for and construction of concrete abutments, founded on cast-in-drilled-hole concrete piles. Other temporary work within the Little Chico Creek includes removal of the existing structure, falsework erection and removal, and installation of scour countermeasures at the abutments. Little Chico Creek is a seasonal creek and construction is anticipated to proceed when the creek is dry, thus a temporary water diversion system will not be required. Construction of the roadway approaches will involve the removal of existing pavement and placement of roadway fill material, aggregate base and hot mix asphalt pavement. New curb, gutter, and sidewalk will be constructed on the north and south side of the roadway and will connect with existing pedestrian facilities. During construction, Pomona Avenue will be closed to traffic and a detour route made available. Vehicular traffic would be able to cross Little Chico Creek on Walnut Street, just north of the project site. The maximum detour length is just over 1 mile. All construction staging will occur on the closed Pomona Avenue. Tree removal and removal of other vegetation along the creek will be necessary for the project. Questions regarding the environmental review for this project should be directed to Tracy R. Bettencourt, AICP – Regulatory and Grants Manager, Public Works – Engineering Department, who can be reached at (530) 879-6903 or via email at tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov.

An Initial Study for environmental review has been prepared for the project. Based upon the information within the Initial Study, the Public Works – Engineering Department is recommending that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Mitigated Negative Declaration is a determination that a project will not have a significant impact on the environment after the incorporation of specific mitigation measures. A 30-day public review period is being conducted on the Draft Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) commencing on **Friday, March 5, 2021 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021**. The document as well as all applicable technical appendices may be reviewed at the City's website at: <https://chico.ca.us/post/pomona-avenue-bridge-replacement-project>.

Comments relating to environmental concerns and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be filed in writing to the City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Department, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 or sent via email to tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov during the designated time period.

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