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

UPCOMING NIGHT CLOSURE OF STATE ROUTE 99 OFFRAMP AT EATON ROAD

(Chico, CA – April 7, 2022) The Northbound (NB) Offramp of State Route (SR) 99 at Eaton Road will be closed beginning **Monday, April 11, 2022 at 9:00 p.m.**, and lasting through **Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.** in order to facilitate the installation of an Overhead Sign Structure. The Overhead Sign Structure will provide guidance for the public traveling in the two lanes of the freeway offramp and continuing through the roundabout.

On August 9, 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 converts 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. A detour route map for the NB Offramp traffic closure may be found at https://chico.ca.us/sites/main/files/file-attachments/detour_a.pdf?1621289558.

Details of the State Route 99 & Eaton Road Interchange Improvement Project may be found at <https://chico.ca.us/sr-99-eaton-road-interchange-improvement-project>. The City of Chico acknowledges the inconvenience and appreciates the community's cooperation and patience during this time.

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