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CITY OF CHICO'S 2025 CONSTRUCTION SEASON TO KICKOFF

CHICO, CA – The City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Department is proud to announce the start of the 2025 construction season, bringing with it a robust lineup of infrastructure projects to improve safety, connectivity, and quality of life across our community.

This year, the City will invest over \$22 million into roadways, bridges, sewers, and neighborhood infrastructure. Projects include bridge replacements, new roadway connections, and significant rehabilitation work across the city - thanks to strong support from residents, local businesses, and funding from local, state, and federal partners.

“These projects are an investment in safety, sustainability, and quality of life,” said Brendan Ottoboni, Public Works – Engineering Director. “We’re grateful to our community for their continued partnership as we make these long-term improvements together.”

Below is a full list of major projects beginning in 2025. A project map is also available on the City’s Capital Projects webpage.

- **Salem Street Bridge Replacement**

This project will replace the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete Salem Street Bridge over Little Chico Creek with a modern, safer structure. The new bridge will accommodate two travel lanes, 5-foot bike lanes, and sidewalks on both sides. Approximately 100 feet of Salem Street at both ends will be reconstructed to provide smooth transitions and connectivity. Located between W. 9th and W. 10th Streets, the bridge serves as an important connection between the Barber neighborhood and Downtown Chico.

- Anticipated Project Start Date: June 2, 2025
- Funding Source: Federal - Highway Bridge Program

- **Notre Dame Boulevard Bridge**

The project will construct a new multi-span bridge over Little Chico Creek to connect both ends of Notre Dame Boulevard. The new structure will include two travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, and a multi-use path. At approximately 100 feet long and 56 feet wide, the bridge will be built with a cast-in-place reinforced concrete and rock slope protection

at the banks. The project also includes a realigned existing bike path, a new undercrossing, approach roadways improvements, landscaping, lighting, and utility extensions.

- Anticipated Project Start Date: June 2, 2025
- Funding Source: Federal - Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Relief

- **2025 Road Rehabilitation**

This project includes the full-depth reclamation and grind and overlay of Bruce Road (from SR32 to E. 8th Street), Chico Canyon Road, and California Park Drive. In addition to the road rehabilitation, the project includes ADA improvements at key locations throughout the corridor, increasing accessibility and safety for all users.

- Tentative Project Start Date: June 2, 2025
- Funding Source: Local and State (SB1) funds, Local - Measure H

- **2025 Pavement Preservation**

The City will apply a slurry seal to local streets in the Amber Grove and California Park neighborhoods to extend pavement life and improve road surface quality. The project will also include new thermoplastic striping to enhance visibility and safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

- Tentative Project Start Date: June 16, 2025
- Funding Source: Local - Measure H

- **2025 Sewer Mainline Replacement**

This project involves replacing approximately 2,500 linear feet of aging sewer pipeline. Existing 5-inch vitrified clay pipes will be upsized to new 6-inch PVC pipes, and 8-inch vitrified clay pipes will be replaced with new 8-inch PVC pipes. Work will take place in the alley between E. 3rd and E. 4th Streets (from Orient Street to Pine Street), between E. 4th and E. 8th Streets (from Orient Street to Olive Street), and along E. 20th Street between Mulberry Street and Park Avenue.

- Project Start Date: May 29, 2025
- Funding Source: Local - Sewer Rate Revenue

- **P-18 Sewer Trunkline Project – Phase 1**

Identified in the 2013 City of Chico Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Update, this project addresses capacity deficiencies in the city's sewer system. Phase 1 will serve the Honey Run/Doe Mill and South Entler Special Planning Areas, as well as nearby commercial and industrial zones supporting both current and future growth.

- Project Start Date: April 28, 2025
- Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the American Rescue Plan Act, and local sources

- **Eaton Road & Floral Avenue Roundabout**

The intersection of Eaton Road and Floral Avenue will be upgraded with a multi-lane roundabout to support future traffic volumes and implement the City's General Plan vision for a widened Eaton Road corridor. The design includes two lanes in each direction on Eaton Road, one lane in each direction on Floral Avenue, improved storm drainage, lighting, walkways, and bike facilities near adjacent apartment complexes.

- Tentative Project Start Date: Late June / Early July 2025
- Funding Source: Local Transportation Development Act

- **Commerce Court Gap Closure**

This project will construct a new roadway segment connecting Commerce Court to Westfield Lane. Westfield Lane will also be repaved from Commerce Court to Park Avenue. Concrete curbs, gutters, and sidewalk will be added, improving mobility and connectivity in the area.

- Tentative Project Start Date: Late June / Early July 2025
- Funding Source: Local - Measure H, General Fund

- **Petersen Memorial Drive Road Rehabilitation**

Petersen Memorial Drive will be reconstructed using full-depth reclamation with cement. Additional improvements include new pavement delineation, signage, shoulder paving with hot mix asphalt, and installation of wayfinding signs.

- Tentative Project Start Date: Late June 2025
- Funding Source: Local - Measure H

Throughout these projects, local access within construction zones will be maintained with appropriate traffic controls to ensure the safety of both motorists and construction crews. Temporary delays as well as detours are expected as crews and equipment operate in active work areas, and one-lane traffic may be necessary during certain phases. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, allow extra travel time, and consider alternate routes when possible. The City of Chico greatly appreciates the community's patience and cooperation as we work to improve our infrastructure.

For more information and a detailed map of construction areas, please visit <https://chicoca.gov/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/>.

For media inquiries, please contact the Public Works Engineering Department at (530) 879-6900.

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