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## \*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\*

## CITY OF CHICO'S BRUCE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT SECTIONS OF BRUCE ROAD TO BE OPENED

CHICO, CA -- (December 10, 2024) – The City of Chico is pleased to announce that progress on the Bruce Road Reconstruction Project will allow portions of the newly paved concrete roadway to open to the public beginning Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Starting on this date, Bruce Road from Skyway to Concord Avenue will reopen for public use. This segment will feature temporary traffic delineation, intermittent lane closures and reduced traffic speeds with traffic control measures in place, as crews continue construction activities to complete the project. Construction activities will include profile grinding, which will be key in providing a final roadway product with quality rideability. The project is scheduled to be fully completed by the summer of 2025.

This highly anticipated project spans approximately 2 miles from Highway 32 to Skyway in southwest Chico. Once completed, the project will revitalize Bruce Road, transforming it from a two-lane arterial roadway into a modern, four-lane thoroughfare by utilizing roller-compacted concrete pavement for enhanced durability and longevity. Central to the project is the replacement of the existing two-lane bridge over Little Chico Creek, making way for a state-of-the-art structure capable of accommodating increased traffic flow and pedestrian accessibility.

Funded by a \$22 million Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, alongside Measure H and other local funds, this project represents a significant investment in Chico's transportation infrastructure.

Detours will be subject to traffic control to ensure safety for motorists and construction crews. Temporary delays may occur as crews and equipment maneuver through the area, with the possibility of one-lane traffic during certain phases of the project. Motorists are encouraged to plan routes accordingly, allowing for extra travel time. The City appreciates the community's cooperation and patience during this time.

For more information regarding the Bruce Road Reconstruction Project, please visit https://chico.ca.us/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/Bruce-Road-Reconstruction-Project/index.html.

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

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