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CITY OF CHICO INVITES RESIDENTS TO A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FOR THE DOWNTOWN CHICO REVITALIZATION PROJECT

CHICO, CA– The City of Chico invites all community members to participate in a Community Workshop as part of the Downtown Chico Revitalization Project initiative. The workshop will take place on Monday, May 12th at 6:00 PM at the City Council Chambers, located at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA.

This in-person workshop is a key opportunity for community members to help shape the future of the downtown streetscape. Participants will learn about the purpose and need of the project, and share their vision for a vibrant, accessible, and sustainable downtown.

A significant factor prompting the Downtown Chico Revitalization Project is the need to address aging underground infrastructure, including 80-100 year old sewer pipes maintained by the City, as well as underground utilities owned by other providers. Once these underground upgrades are complete, roads and sidewalks will need to be reconstructed. This essential utility work presents an ideal opportunity to modernize the downtown streetscape to align with design standards established by the Downtown Chico Revitalization Project. By coordinating these improvements, the City aims to create a more efficient, and resilient downtown for generations to come.

“The need to address aging underground infrastructure is something we cannot avoid, this is necessary work that must be done in an effort to avoid much larger issues in the future,” said Brendan Ottoboni, Director of Public Works-Engineering. “Residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to provide input into the future of Downtown Chico.”

Topics for discussion will include:

1. Existing conditions and concerns related to traffic, parking, safety, and truck loading
2. Opportunities to improve walkability, biking infrastructure, and public transit accessibility
3. Streetscape enhancements to foster a more vibrant and welcoming environment

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The event will feature a presentation by City staff and project consultants, interactive exercises, and opportunities for Q&A. All community members are encouraged to attend.

Details:

What: Downtown Chico Revitalization Project – Community Workshop

When: Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Where: Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA

Learn More: www.downtownchicoplan.com

Community input is essential to this process, and everyone's voice matters. Join us on May 12 to help reimagine the heart of Chico!

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States. For more information, visit www.chicoca.gov.

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