



NEWS RELEASE
City of Chico
www.chico.ca.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 3, 2025

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

**CITY OF CHICO'S
SR-99 CORRIDOR BIKEWAY FACILITY PHASE 5
STEEL ARCH BRIDGE**

CHICO, CA -- (January 3, 2025) – The City of Chico, in collaboration with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is pleased to announce significant progress on the 5th and final phase of the SR-99 Bikeway Facility Project. A major milestone, the assembly and erection of the steel arch bridge, is expected to begin on January 6, 2025.

Bridge assembly and erection activities will occur Monday through Friday, from 8:00 PM to 4:00 AM, and Saturdays from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM throughout January and February. For safety, the following closures will be in effect during these times:

- The SR-99 northbound off-ramp
- The SR-99 northbound on-ramp
- The eastbound and westbound 20th Street intersection at the SR-99 northbound ramps.

Local street detours will be provided during the full closure hours to minimize disruptions. Intermittent night closures may continue after February to allow the contractor to install the bridge architectural lights safely and for the placement of the bridge deck concrete. The project is expected to be fully completed by the Fall of 2025.

Once completed, the proposed bikeway bridge over crossing will be an important link between both sides of East 20th Street and Business Lane, granting access to local eateries, businesses, the Butte College Chico Center, and amenities, including the Chico Mall. By providing a designated route separate from vehicular congestion on East 20th Street, the bikeway will significantly enhance the safety and convenience for pedestrians and cyclists.

The \$23.8 million project received funding from a variety of different sources, including \$5.6 million in local funds from Bikeway Improvement funds, Streets and Road funds, and Transportation funds; \$5.8 million from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds; and **\$12.4 million in funding from the Active Transportation Program (ATP)**. The ATP, established by Senate Bill 99, aims to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as walking and biking. ATP funds are allocated through the California Transportation Commission.

Detours will be subject to traffic control to ensure the safety of motorists and construction crews. Temporary delays may occur as crews and equipment maneuver through the area, with the

possibility of one-lane traffic during specific project phases. 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 SR-99 Corridor Bikeway Facility Phase 5 Project, please visit <https://chico.ca.us/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/SR-99-Corridor-Bikeway-Facility-Phase-5/index.html>.

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

###

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 world. For more information, visit www.chico.ca.us.

Bikeway 99 - Phase 5

Detour Routes for Bridge Assembly

Effective: Jan. 6, 2025 through Feb. 28, 2025

Monday - Friday: 8 PM to 4 AM | Saturday: 8 PM to 7 AM

