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MEDIA ALERT

CITY OF CHICO ANNOUNCES CLOSURE OF SOUTH PARK DRIVE AND PETERSEN MEMORIALWAY IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON WEEKENDS AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

CHICO, CA – March 5, 2025 – Beginning March 8, 2025, the City of Chico will implement a six-month trial closure of Petersen Memorial Way and South Park Drive in Lower Bidwell Park to vehicular traffic on weekends and National holidays.

During the trial period:

- **Petersen Memorial Way** will be closed to vehicles on weekends and National holidays.
- **South Park Drive** will be closed to vehicles between Caper Acres and Centennial Avenue on weekends and National holidays.
- **Vehicular Access will Remain Open** from the Cypress Street entrance of Lower Bidwell Park to Caper Acres to ensure access to parking facilities at One Mile, Sycamore Field, and Caper Acres.

The City will review the impact of these closures in July 2025 before the reconstruction of Petersen Memorial Way begins.

“We are happy to keep the interior Bidwell Park roadways as safe as possible by reducing conflicts between vehicles and pedestrian traffic,” said Erik Gustafson, City of Chico Public Works Operations and Maintenance Director.

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.chico.ca.us.

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