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BUFFERED BIKEWAY POP-UP DEMONSTRATION CONCLUDES

3rd and 4th Streets between Flume and Salem Streets

The City of Chico Public Works Department is dismantling the Buffered Bikeway Demonstration on 3rd and 4th Streets on Friday, May 11, and will be assessing data collected and insights gained in the weeks following.

The Demonstration generated a large amount of community interest, with close to 150 survey respondents and ‘daily average’ bike counts on the roads ramping up well over double the ‘before’ count. User feedback spanned a wide range, with many good suggestions that will help shape any future improvements along this corridor (no specific projects are currently in planning).

More globally, valuable insights were also gained from actual ‘hands-on’ implementation, which will benefit planning for any future projects of similar nature. These include a better understanding of the trade-offs and balance between motorist and bicyclist needs including lane width required for ‘comfortable flow’ both for vehicles and for bikes, the safety benefit of a buffer between bikes and cars, the value of clear signage and a much better general sense of where modern treatments like buffered bike lanes will have the most beneficial impact.

The City of Chico Public Works Department would like to thank the community for patience and participation in this temporary experiment. Particular thanks go to Chico Velo for hosting the project and coordinating volunteers for installation as well as CSU Anthropology, Civil Engineering, and Geography & Planning students and professors for helping with installation, and to all who took the time to complete our survey!

For more information about the Buffered Bikeway Pop-Up Demonstration, contact Janine Rood, Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, at 530-879-6943.

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