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City of Chico's First SB1 Gas Tax Funded Road Rehabilitation Project to Commence Monday, May 7, 2018

On Monday, May 7, 2018, the City of Chico's contractor, Knife River Construction, will begin work on the Cohasset Road Rehabilitation Project (Project) between East Avenue and Eaton Road. The first stage of the project, scheduled to begin on Monday, May 7th, 2018 will consist of concrete work associated with upgrading the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) sidewalk ramps at various intersections, installing minor sewer and storm drainage improvements, and lowering of manhole covers within the roadway to prepare for repaving. Subsequent phases of the project, anticipated to commence the week of May 14th and finalize by mid-July 2018, will include grinding of existing roadway, pave-back with hot-mix asphalt, and installation of Class 2 bike lanes and new signal timing equipment.

Rehabilitation of Cohasset Road is the City's first major roadway maintenance project funded with State allocated Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Gas Tax funds authorized by the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. Brendan Ottoboni, Director of Public Works-Engineering, noted that the Chico City Council and City staff have taken a leadership role in ensuring the City is in receipt of its fair share of the new gas tax funding, which is estimated to be approximately \$533,000 for fiscal year 2017/2018. These dollars, in conjunction with Council authorized Waste Hauler Franchise revenues, will fully fund the approximately \$1.5 million project. The community's gas tax and franchise fee dollars are at work to fix the City's roads!

During the ADA Ramp removal and replacement operations, "No Parking" signs will be posted on side streets, traffic will be modified to allow for the work to be completed, and pedestrian access may be modified. During repaving operations and associated construction activities, "No Parking" signs will be utilized along with one-lane traffic controls in each direction, lane closures, and shoulder closures, as needed. However, two-way traffic on the four lane facility will be maintained and flaggers will be manning the closure limits to assist drivers in accessing properties/destinations within the construction area.

Due to necessary traffic controls, local access throughout the project construction zone will be subject to temporary delays. Drivers are encouraged to build extra time into their schedules, plan alternative routes to avoid the project area when possible, and drive with caution to avoid hazards, such as equipment and personnel, and maximize the safety of workers in the roadway.

Residents and businesses can expect temporary increases in equipment noise near active work areas. Typical work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The City acknowledges the that increases in noise and temporary traffic delays are inconvenient and appreciates your cooperation and patience during this time.

For questions or concerns regarding this project, please call Construction Inspector Matt Gilbert at 530-624-1501 or e-mail at Matt.gilbert@chicoca.gov. For more information, please visit the City's website at www.chico.ca.us/capital_project_services/design.asp or follow the City of Chico Public Works Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofchicopublicworks/.

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