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**CITY OF CHICO
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

August 23, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chico Community Development Director intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project described below. The project will be approved administratively unless referred to the City Council for action.

State Route (SR 99) / Eaton Road Interchange Improvement Project (Capital Project # 13023) – The proposed project would address safety concerns at two intersections in the City of Chico (City): State Route 99 (SR 99) North Bound (NB) On-Off Ramps / Eaton Road and Eaton Road / Hicks Lane. These improvements are identified as the SR 99 / Eaton Road Intersection Project (proposed project). The City, in cooperation with Caltrans District 3, proposes to convert these two intersections to a 5-leg roundabout. The proposed project will include bicycle and pedestrian improvements and landscaping. Additional right of way would be required at the southeast quadrant of SR 99 and Eaton Road. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020. Construction would be phased in order to maintain local access to SR 99 and to the properties adjacent to Eaton Road and Hicks Lane. Questions regarding the environmental review for the proposed project should be directed to Tracy R. Bettencourt, AICP – Regulatory and Grants Manager, Public Works – Engineering Department, who can be reached at (530) 879-6903 or via email at tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov.

An Initial Study for environmental review has been prepared for the project. Based upon the information within the Initial Study, the Public Works – Engineering Department is recommending that a Negative Declaration be adopted for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Negative Declaration is a determination that a project will not have a significant impact on the environment. A 30-day public review period is being conducted on the Draft Initial Study / Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) commencing on **August 26, 2019 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2019**. During this time period, the IS/ND and all documents referenced therein shall be available for public review at the City of Chico Public Works – Engineering Department, 411 Main Street, Second Floor, Chico, California, 95928, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The document may also be reviewed at the City's website at www.chico.ca.us/capital_project_services/design.asp. Comments relating to environmental concerns and the proposed negative declaration must be filed in writing to the City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Department, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 during the designated time period. Further information, including maps and files, may be reviewed at the City of Chico Public Works – Engineering Department.

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