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CITY OF CHICO IMPROVES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT 22 INTERSECTIONS WITH NEW SIGNAL TECHNOLOGY

CHICO, CA — The City of Chico has implemented Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) at 22 signalized intersections throughout the city, enhancing pedestrian safety and providing people walking with additional time to enter crosswalks before vehicles receive a green light.

An LPI is a traffic signal feature that provides pedestrians with a walk signal several seconds before parallel vehicle traffic receives a green light. This allows pedestrians to establish their presence in the crosswalk and increases their visibility to motorists, particularly those making turning movements.

The project was funded through a 2024 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant, supporting the City's ongoing efforts to improve roadway safety and reduce the potential for pedestrian-related collisions.

The LPI functionality is now operational at 22 intersections. The City is also completing installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) pushbuttons at each location, with the remaining work expected to be finished by the end of November 2026.

"The safety of our community is a top priority, and the installation of Leading Pedestrian Interval technology at 22 intersections throughout Chico reflects our ongoing commitment to making our streets safer for everyone," said Chico City Manager, Gillian Haen. "By giving pedestrians a head start before vehicles receive a green light, we are taking a proactive step toward reducing potential conflicts and improving pedestrian visibility. We will continue evaluating additional intersections that could benefit from this technology, while carefully considering the unique operational characteristics of each location, including signal phasing, timing, and traffic flow.

Our goal is to implement thoughtful, effective improvements that enhance pedestrian safety while maintaining a safe and efficient transportation network for all road users."

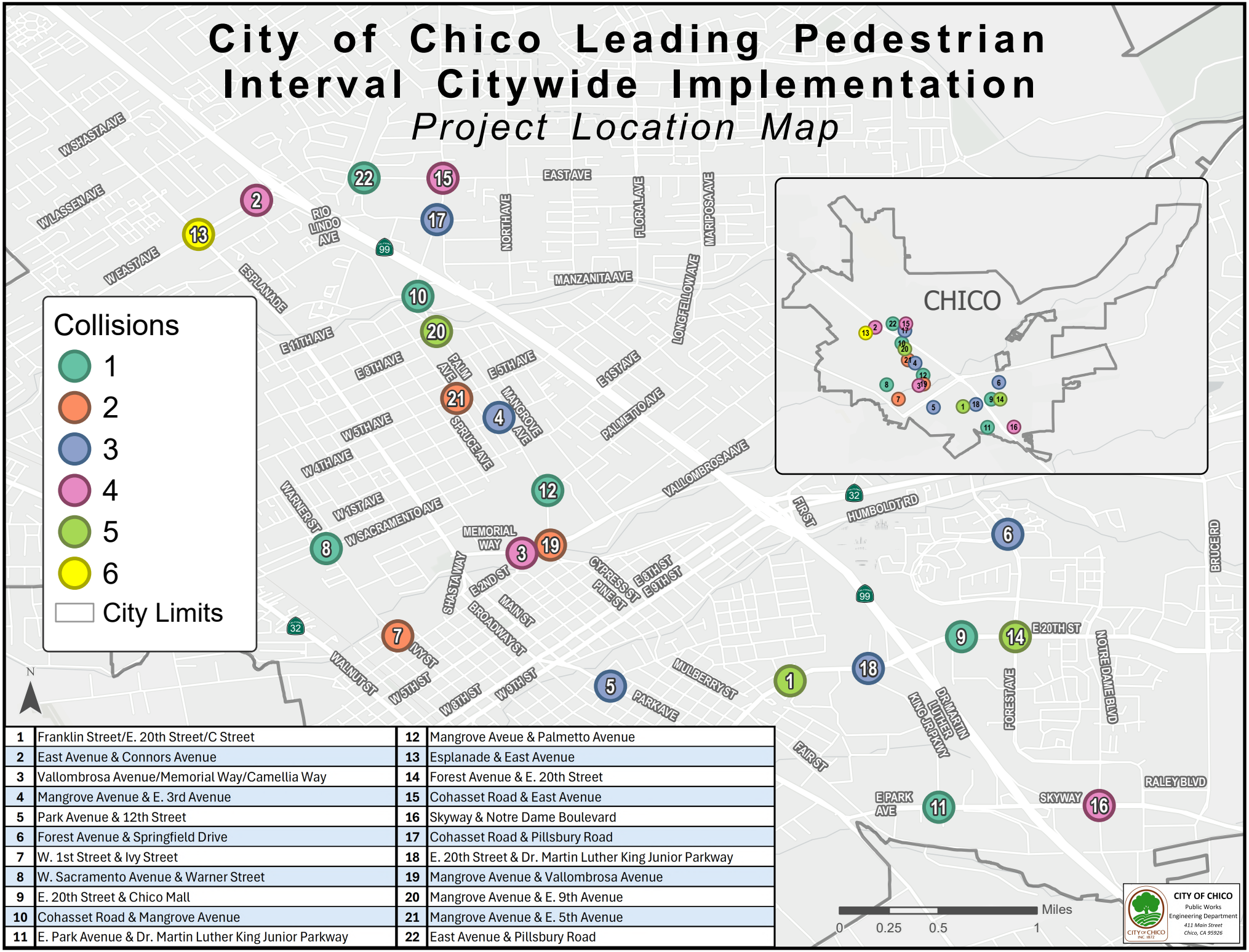
The City encourages all road users to remain alert, obey traffic signals, and exercise caution when approaching intersections.

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.chicoca.gov.

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City of Chico Leading Pedestrian Interval Citywide Implementation

Project Location Map



1	Franklin Street/E. 20th Street/C Street	12	Mangrove Aveue & Palmetto Avenue
2	East Avenue & Connors Avenue	13	Esplanade & East Avenue
3	Vallombrosa Avenue/Memorial Way/Camellia Way	14	Forest Avenue & E. 20th Street
4	Mangrove Avenue & E. 3rd Avenue	15	Cohasset Road & East Avenue
5	Park Avenue & 12th Street	16	Skyway & Notre Dame Boulevard
6	Forest Avenue & Springfield Drive	17	Cohasset Road & Pillsbury Road
7	W. 1st Street & Ivy Street	18	E. 20th Street & Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Parkway
8	W. Sacramento Avenue & Warner Street	19	Mangrove Avenue & Vallombrosa Avenue
9	E. 20th Street & Chico Mall	20	Mangrove Avenue & E. 9th Avenue
10	Cohasset Road & Mangrove Avenue	21	Mangrove Avenue & E. 5th Avenue
11	E. Park Avenue & Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Parkway	22	East Avenue & Pillsbury Road