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PARTIAL OPENING OF CITY OF CHICO'S SOUTH PARK DRIVE

CHICO, CA — Starting September 18, 2026, South Park Drive will reopen to the public. The majority of construction work has been completed as part of the South Park Drive Road Rehabilitation Project. Work completed includes roadway reconstruction using Full Depth Reclamation with cement, new asphalt pavement installation, shoulder backing, new split rail fencing, and thermoplastic markings and striping. However, some remaining work still needs to be completed, including the installation of permanent gates and permanent signage along the corridor.

Temporary signage and barricades have been placed throughout the park to help guide the traveling public during this interim period. This area remains an active construction site, and the public is encouraged to use caution while traveling through the corridor. Our contractor has implemented safety measures to help ensure the area remains safe for the public.

The remaining work will be completed under temporary traffic control, with the potential for isolated, intermittent closures along the corridor. The public is advised that posted Park Hours remain in effect and will be enforced.

The City of Chico sincerely appreciates the community's continued support, patience and understanding as we work to complete construction improvements within one of our city's most beloved public spaces.

For more information regarding the South Park Drive Road Rehabilitation Project, please visit:

<https://chicoca.gov/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/South-Park-Drive-Pavement-Rehabilitation-Project/>

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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