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## **CITY OF CHICO'S POMONA AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**CHICO, CA** – The City of Chico will begin the Pomona Avenue Bridge Replacement Project in June 2026. In advance of construction activities, the Pomona Avenue Bridge will be fully closed to all traffic starting May 11, 2026, including vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, to allow utility providers to complete necessary relocation work.

Following completion of the utility relocations, Franklin Construction, Inc. will commence construction to replace the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete Pomona Avenue Bridge over Little Chico Creek with a modern, safer structure. The new bridge will include two travel lanes, 5-foot bike lanes, and a sidewalk on the north side, to improve access for all users. Approximately 100 feet of Pomona Avenue at each end of the bridge will be reconstructed to provide smooth roadway transitions and connectivity. Located between Pomona Lane and Elmer Street, the bridge serves as an important link for residents in the surrounding area.

For the safety of the public and construction personnel, once closed the bridge will remain closed for the duration of the project. Construction is anticipated to be completed in December 2027.

A detour map is included to help residents navigate around the closure.

This project is funded by the Federal Highway Bridge Program and supports Chico's goal of maintaining and modernizing public infrastructure.

Throughout the project, local access within the project construction zone will be managed with traffic controls in place to ensure safety for motorists and construction crews. Temporary delays may occur as crews and equipment maneuver through the area, with the possibility of one-lane traffic during certain phases of the project. Motorists are encouraged to plan routes accordingly, allowing for extra travel time or considering alternate paths if possible. The City of Chico appreciates the community's cooperation and patience as we work to improve our infrastructure.

For more information regarding the Pomona Avenue Bridge Replacement Project, please visit <https://chicoca.gov/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/Pomona-Avenue-Bridge-Replacement-Project/>

For media inquiries, please contact the Public Works Engineering Department at (530) 879-6900.

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