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CITY OF CHICO BEGINS GARNER LANE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

CHICO, CA — The City of Chico, in partnership with the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) and Pajouh Automotive Center, is beginning a roadway reconstruction project on Garner Lane between Esplanade and State Route 99. Slater & Son and Franklin Construction, Inc. will complete improvements including full pavement reconstruction, new curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, storm drainage upgrades, landscaping, and new streetlights.

The project is a coordinated public-private effort to deliver cost-effective infrastructure improvements that support continued growth and development in Chico. City staff completed the project design and will advance construction funding so the entire roadway can be built at one time. This approach addresses funding needs associated with CARD's Aquatic Center project and roadway-improvement obligations previously deferred by Pajouh Automotive Center. At its August 18, 2026, meeting, the Chico City Council approved amendments to agreements with CARD and Pajouh Automotive Center that provide upfront construction funding by the City, with repayment provisions for each entity's share of project costs. By coordinating the work, the partners will reduce overall costs, avoid duplicative construction, and accelerate project timelines.

Local access will be maintained throughout construction, with traffic controls in place to protect motorists, pedestrians, and construction crews. Temporary delays may occur as crews and equipment move through the work zone. Some phases of construction may require one-lane traffic or detours. Motorists are encouraged to allow extra travel time and use alternate routes when possible.

The City of Chico appreciates the community's patience and cooperation as it works to improve local infrastructure.

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

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