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ESPLANADE CORRIDOR SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

(Chico, CA – October 21, 2025) – Please join the City of Chico in celebrating the completion of the Esplanade Corridor Safety and Accessibility Improvement Project (Esplanade CSA) with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The event will be located along the bike path on Esplanade between 10th and 11th Avenues, adjacent to the Chico Nut facility. Parking will be available in the Chico Nut parking lot located on the corner of East 10th Avenue and the northbound Esplanade frontage road (see attached map).

The ceremony will include key remarks by City officials. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! If you plan to ride your bicycle, please be safe! Wear a helmet and reflective gear.

The Esplanade CSA was designed to enhance safety, connectivity, and accessibility for all modes of transportation along one of Chico's most traveled corridors. The project includes a new 1.2-mile Class I bicycle and pedestrian facility along the Esplanade between East 11th Avenue and Memorial Way, providing a safe and comfortable route for cyclists and pedestrians. A new signalized pedestrian crossing was also installed in front of Chico High School to improve safety for students and community members traveling through the area.

Additionally, Class III bike boulevard improvements have been incorporated along Oleander Avenue between East 10th Avenue and Memorial Way, including the installation of a new roundabout at the intersection of Oleander Avenue and Memorial Way. Other enhancements, such as upgraded ADA curb ramps, green "Share the Road" pavement markings, and a new traffic signal at East 1st and Oleander Avenues, further improve accessibility and traffic flow for all users.

The City of Chico thanks residents, businesses, and travelers for their patience and cooperation throughout construction. Your understanding helped make this safety and accessibility improvement possible. For more information on the project, please visit the project webpage at <https://chicoca.gov/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/Esplanade-Corridor-Safety-and-Accessibility-Improvement-Project/> or contact the Public Works Engineering Department at (530) 879-6900.

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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