

**RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICO  
DETERMINING THAT THE PREPARATION OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION  
PLAN (ATP) IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21080.20(A)(1)  
AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF CHICO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chico 2030 General Plan includes a Circulation Goal (CIRC-3) with related policies and actions to expand and maintain a comprehensive, safe, and integrated bicycle system throughout the City by implementing a regularly updated plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed City of Chico ATP is consistent with the Chico 2030 General Plan as adopted in April 2011, amended March 2017, and within the scope of the associated General Plan Environmental Impact Report (GPEIR) certified by the Chico City Council on April 12, 2011 (SCH# 2008122038); and

WHEREAS, the proposed City of Chico ATP establishes a long-term vision for improving walking and bicycling within Chico and identifies an action plan of implementable projects, programs, and policies that align with the City of Chico 2030 General Plan Circulation Goal (CIRC-2) with related policies and actions to enhance and maintain mobility with a complete streets network for all modes of travel; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed City of Chico ATP assists the City in maintaining eligibility for grant funding programs to develop active transportation projects thus implementing City of Chico 2030 General Plan Circulation Policy (CIRC-1.9) to identify outside sources of funding and maximize the use of federal and other matching funding sources to provide ongoing maintenance, operation, and management of the City's transportation network; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed City of Chico ATP is consistent with the Chico 2030 General Plan goals to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, improve the active transportation network, and implement community sustainability strategies as identified in the City of Chico Climate Action Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) supports and encourages

1 local agencies to develop and maintain comprehensive active transportation plans consistent with  
2 the regional plan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, City staff conducted a robust, multi-year effort to gather public input from  
4 a broad range of stakeholders and reaffirmed the Community's commitment to plan for and  
5 construct improved active transportation infrastructure; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the proposed City of Chico ATP provides a specific framework for  
7 implementing the Community's vision of the City's active transportation goals, policies, and  
8 actions contained within the General Plan, built upon a balanced approach to Equity, Diversity,  
9 and Inclusion (EDI); Engineering; Education; Encouragement; and Evaluation values to guide  
10 future policies, goals, projects, and program development; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the proposed City of Chico ATP envisions a complete active transportation  
12 network composed of existing active transportation infrastructure and proposed new active  
13 transportation facilities that will provide safer and more direct routes to key destinations for both  
14 utilitarian and recreational bicycling; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the proposed City of Chico ATP replaces the existing Chico Bicycle Plan  
16 2019 Update; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the adoption of the City of Chico ATP is exempt from environmental  
18 review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to  
19 Public Resources Code Section 21080.20(a)(1).

20 **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Chico as  
21 follows:

22 **SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this  
23 Resolution is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.20(a)(1),  
24 which provides that CEQA does not apply to an active transportation plan.

25 **SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby adopts the Chico Active Transportation Plan to  
26 provide a vision, structure, and direction for a continuing process of improving active  
27 transportation safety and comfort and encouraging active transportation as both a practical mode  
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1 of transportation for utilitarian tasks and a healthy choice for recreation to benefit both residents  
2 of and visitors to the City of Chico.

3 SECTION 3. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute such  
4 ancillary documents or take such actions reasonably necessary to effectuate the intent of this  
5 Resolution.

6 SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.  
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8 **THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City  
9 of Chico at its meeting held on December 5, 2023 by the following vote:

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15 **AYES:** Bennett, Morgan, Tandon, van Overbeek, Winslow, Reynolds, Coolidge

16 **NOES:** None

17 **ABSENT:** None

18 **ABSTAIN:** None

19 **DISQUALIFIED:** None

20 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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22 Deborah R. Presson, City Clerk

23 John W. Lam  
John W. Lam (Nov 21, 2023 15:21 PST)

24 John W. Lam, City Attorney\*

25 \*Pursuant to The Charter of the  
26 City of Chico, Section 906(E)  
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