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CITY OF CHICO ANNOUNCES DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION FOR NORTH VALLEY FIBER PROJECT

Nighttime construction scheduled to begin November 12, 2026 as city moves closer to launching municipally owned fiber-optic network

CHICO, CA — The City of Chico is pleased to announce that construction on the North Valley Fiber project will begin in Downtown Chico on Thursday, November 12, 2026, marking another significant milestone toward completion of the City's municipally owned fiber-optic network.

To minimize impacts to Downtown businesses and visitors, construction activities will take place during nighttime hours, from 10pm to 6am. This schedule is intended to reduce disruptions to business operations, pedestrian activity, and daytime traffic.

The City and its contractor will work to maintain safe vehicle and pedestrian access throughout construction. Affected businesses and property owners will receive advance notification of scheduled work in their areas. Restoration of impacted streets, sidewalks, and other surfaces is expected to occur immediately following construction in each area, weather permitting.

"North Valley Fiber represents an important investment in Chico's future, and we're excited to see this project moving closer to completion," said City Manager Gillian Haen. "We recognize the importance of minimizing disruptions to our downtown businesses and community members, which is why we've coordinated a construction schedule that allows this work to move forward while reducing impacts during the busiest hours of the day."

With much of the network infrastructure already installed, the North Valley Fiber project is entering its final stages of construction. Remaining work includes completing network connections and conducting the necessary testing in preparation for customer service.

Once operational, North Valley Fiber will provide municipally owned fiber-optic internet infrastructure

designed to support Chico's growing connectivity needs.

For more information on the North Valley Fiber project, visit www.northvalleyfiber.com.

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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