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Mrs. Tracy Bettencourt  
City of Chico Community Development  
411 Main Street  
Chico, CA 95927

**State Route (SR) 99 Corridor Bikeway Facility Phase 5, 20<sup>th</sup> Street Overcrossing**

Dear Tracy Bettencourt:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the project referenced above. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans through the lenses of our mission and state planning priorities of infill, conservation, and travel-efficient development. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

The City of Chico proposes to construct a Class I bikeway street overcrossing above East 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The completed Bikeway 99 Corridor will serve as a continuous alternative transportation and recreational route from Eaton Road to Skyway, spanning nearly 7 miles. The project is adjacent to SR 99, approximately 1,000 feet north of the East 20<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange to approximately 1,600 feet south of the interchange, in the City of Chico.

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Please provide additional information and/or clarification on the proposed project:

- Identify how the location of both the stairs and ramp were determined. If pedestrian and bike counts were used to make this determination, please include this information.
- It would be challenging to access the overcrossing from the north side for users with impaired mobility or if pushing/pulling something. For improved accessibility, consider adding a ramp to the north side of E. 20th Street.
- Identify how and where the ramp and stairs will safely tie into the existing bike lanes on E. 20th Street.

Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding this project. We would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on any changes related to this development.

If you have any question regarding these comments or require additional information, please contact Nima Kabirinassab, Intergovernmental Review Coordinator for Butte County, by phone (530) 741-5452 or via email at [Nima.Kabirinassab@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Nima.Kabirinassab@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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