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**Project Title:** SR-99 Corridor Bikeway Facility Phase 5 20th Street Overcrossing (Bikeway 99 Phase 5) (Project)

Lead Agency: City of Chico Contact Person: Tracy R. Bettencourt  
 Mailing Address: 411 Main Street PO Box 3420 Phone: (530)-879-6903  
 City: Chico Zip: 95927 County: Butte County

**Project Location:** County: Butte County City/Nearest Community: City of Chico

Cross Streets: East 20th Street, adjacent to SR-99 on and off ramps Zip Code: 95928

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 39 ° 43 ' 36 " N / 121 ° 48 ' 27 " W Total Acres: 48.9 (Project Area)

Assessor's Parcel No.: 002-420-021-000 (+ multiple) Section: 12 Twp.: 22 Range: 1E Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 99 Waterways: Big Chico Creek, Comanche Creek (+ multiple)

Airports: none Railways: Amtrak Service Schools: multiple

**Document Type:**

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP              | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR                 | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational: <u>Phase 5 of the SR-99 Corridor Bikeway Facility</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

The City of Chico 2030 General Plan designates the Project area as a Regional Commercial zone.

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached project description.

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date Monday, September 30, 2019 Ending Date Wednesday, October 30, 2019

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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City/State/Zip: <u>Folsom/CA/95630</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Chico/CA/95927</u>
Contact: <u>Sarah Holm, Senior Biologist/Environmental Planner</u>	Phone: <u>530-879-6903</u>
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Tracy R Bettencourt* Date: 9/27/19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

# SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Facility (Bikeway 99) - Phase 5

EA: 03-0J740

Project ID Number (PIN): 0319000145



## Project Description

The City of Chico (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to construct a Class I bikeway street overcrossing above East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, while establishing a bikeway gap closure along the east side of SR 99 corridor. The Project is located in Township 22 North, Range 1 East in the City of Chico, within Butte County, California (Figure 1. Project Vicinity, Figure 2. Project Location). 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 current lack of a safe and direct pedestrian/bike path discourages residents from walking or biking to local schools, job centers, commercial areas, and public services. This Project will connect people to goods and services including the Chico Mall. The bikeway overcrossing would provide a link to both sides of East 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Business Lane, offering access to local restaurants and businesses (Figure 3. Project Features). The bikeway would enhance the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists by creating a route that is separate from traffic congestion on East 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Additional safety features of the path include lighting, security cameras and the removal of thick vegetation in order to increase visibility on the bikeway. The ramp structure will include the installment of lighting, fencing, and/or the use of other techniques (i.e., physical barriers) to discourage graffiti and loitering. The design of the bridge, as selected through an extensive public outreach effort, is intended to incorporate the history, culture and overall atmosphere of Chico.

The proposed Project is consistent with the Land Use, Circulation, and Parks, Public Facilities and Services Elements of the City's 2030 General Plan (adopted in 2011 and amended in 2017) as well as the City's Bike Plan 2019 Update. The Project will be implemented in a manner that is consistent with the City's Best Management Practices and Municipal Code.

The Project is funded through the Active Transportation Program grant and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and requires compliance with both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The lead agency for CEQA is the City of Chico and the lead NEPA agency is Caltrans.

## Purpose for the Project

- To build a Class I pedestrian/bike multiuse path that closes the gap between Phases 2 and 4 of the SR 99 Corridor Bikeway;
- To build a bikeway that is consistent with the goals outlined in the City's 2030 General Plan and 2019 Chico Bicycle Plan Update;
- To build a safe and more direct route for pedestrians and cyclists to cross East 20<sup>th</sup> Street;
- To provide a bikeway that will improve pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the City of Chico and will help provide multi-modal connectivity to public services, employment centers, business districts, commercial centers, health facilities, adjacent neighborhoods, and local schools; and,

- To design and construct a bikeway that meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

### Need for the Project

- A bikeway that closes the gap (between Phases 2 and 4) of SR 99 Corridor Bikeway is needed;
- To achieve the goals of the City of Chico's 2030 General Plan & 2019 Chico Bicycle Plan Update;
- Safe and direct access across East 20<sup>th</sup> Street is needed for pedestrians and cyclists. The current crossing at East 20<sup>th</sup> Street is an incomplete sidewalk configuration that exposes pedestrians to vehicular traffic;
- Multimodal options within the City are needed to promote recreation and to provide safe connections for pedestrians and cyclists to public services, employment centers, business districts, commercial centers, health facilities, adjacent neighborhoods, and local schools; and,
- ADA upgrades are needed to ensure the bikeway meets ADA requirements.

### **Alternatives**

A comprehensive study of seven alignment alternatives was prepared for Phase 5 of the Project. The alternatives considered were; four overcrossing alignments, two at-grade alignments and one undercrossing alignment. After extensive public outreach, one build alternative was selected (originally referred to as "Overcrossing Alternative 2") and one build alternative will be carried through the environmental and design process.

### Build Alternative

The Project design offers a direct route, following SR 99. The total length of the bikeway segment will be approximately 0.6 miles. The north and south ends of this Project (from PM R31.1 to R31.7) will tie into Phases 2 and 4 of the overall 7-mile bikeway corridor from Eaton Road to Skyway.

The Project will be a Class I multi-use trail that will consist of an approximately 8 to 10-foot-wide paved path with approximately 2-foot wide shoulders. The Project will contain an overcrossing that runs parallel with SR 99, between the northbound East 20<sup>th</sup> Street on and off ramps. The overcrossing would provide a link to both sides of East 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Business Lane, offering access to local restaurants and businesses. A set of stairs will allow access on the north side of East 20<sup>th</sup> Street and a ramp will provide access to the south side of East 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The overcrossing abutments, as well as the stair and ramp structures will be placed within the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) right-of-way. Bikeway users would be separated from congestion of vehicular traffic on East 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The overcrossing bridge will have architectural features that will provide the City of Chico with a unique, context sensitive structure.

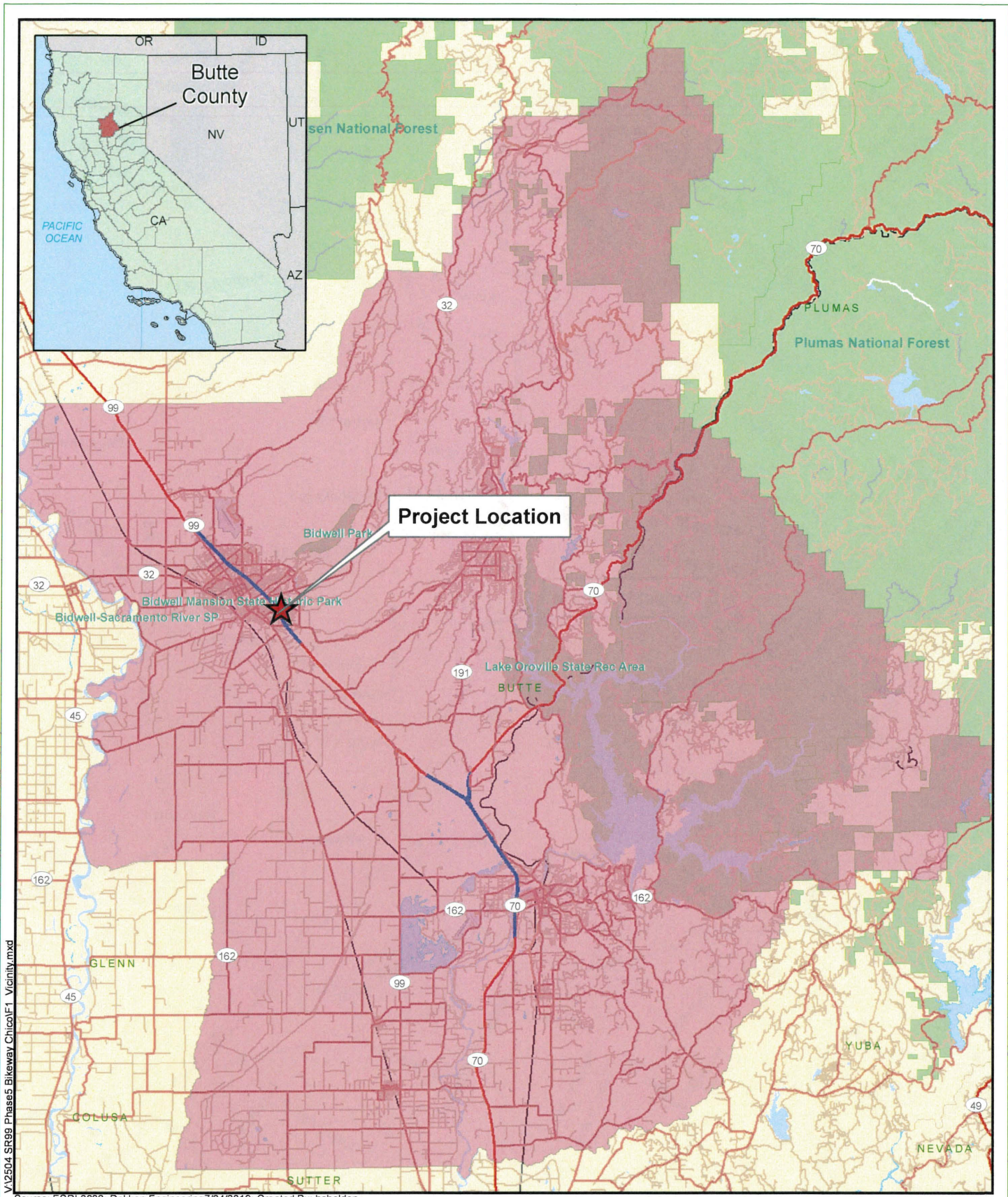
The Project will require vegetation and tree removal, utility relocations, sign relocations, right-of-way acquisition, temporary construction easements and the removal of parking spaces associated with commercial businesses adjacent to the Project. The Project will impact approximately nine parcels on the east side of SR 99 on/off ramps.

The total construction cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$11 million. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2022.

No-Build Alternative

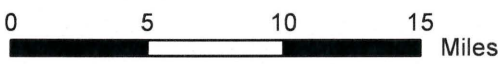
Under the no-build alternative a gap would exist between Phase 2 and Phase 4 of the SR99 Corridor Bikeway Facility Project. The intersection at East 20<sup>th</sup> Street would remain congested with vehicular traffic and would not provide an ideal crossing for pedestrians or bicyclists.





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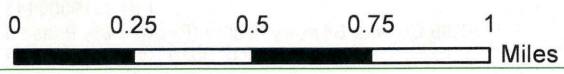
**FIGURE 1**  
**Project Vicinity**

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City of Chico, Butte County, California



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**FIGURE 2**  
**Project Location**

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City of Chico, Butte County, California