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**CITY OF CHICO
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE GUYNN AVENUE
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

March 17, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chico Community Development Director intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. The project will be approved administratively unless referred to the City Council for action.

Guynn Avenue Bridge Replacement Project (Capital Project No. 50232) – The proposed Project involves the demolition and replacement of the existing structurally deficient single-lane Guynn Bridge. The new structure will accommodate two 11-foot travel lanes, five-foot shoulders, and a six-foot sidewalk on the east side. The new bridge is anticipated to be a single-span, precast, prestressed concrete box beam approximately 90 feet long. Construction of the bridge will involve excavation for, and construction of, concrete abutments on deep foundations. Temporary work within Lindo Channel includes installation of scour countermeasures at the support locations. Lindo Channel is typically dry during the construction season. However, if water is present, the use of a diversion system to ensure completion of all in-channel activities within the established work window may be necessary. Construction of the roadway approaches will involve the removal of existing pavement and placement of aggregate base and hot mix asphalt pavement. New curb, gutter, and sidewalk will be constructed on the approach roadways.

During construction, Guynn Avenue will be closed to traffic and a detour route made available. Vehicular traffic will be able to cross Lindo Channel at one of two nearby locations. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2028 and will have a duration of approximately 8 months. Questions regarding the environmental review for this project should be directed to Tracy R. Bettencourt, AICP – Senior Planner, Public Works – Engineering Department, who can be reached at (530) 879-6903 or via email at tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov.

An Initial Study for environmental review has been prepared for the project. Based upon the information within the Initial Study, the Public Works – Engineering Department is recommending that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Mitigated Negative Declaration is a determination that a project will not have a significant impact on the environment after the incorporation of specific mitigation measures. A 30-day public review period is being conducted on the Draft Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) commencing on **Monday, March 17, 2025, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025**. The document as well as all applicable technical appendices may be reviewed at the City's website at: <https://chico.ca.us/Departments/Engineering/Capital-Projects/Guynn-Avenue-Bridge-Replacement-Project/index.html>.

Comments relating to environmental concerns and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be filed in writing to the City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Department, P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927 or sent via email to tracy.bettencourt@chicoca.gov during the designated time period.

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