

## Circulation is General Plan key issues topic

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CHICO — An upcoming General Plan meeting will focus on how residents get around town — and how that could be better.

One in a series of "key issues" meetings for the in-progress Chico General Plan update, the Tuesday night workshop will look at circulation and mobility, as well as public services.

Chico city planner Holly Keeler said the two-hour workshop will look at how people get around the city and the condition of the roadways. As well as finding out if residents view traveling around town as safe, Keeler said the city is also looking for feedback on whether people use public transit or why they don't.

The meeting will also take a look at business mobility, with the city wanting to know how goods get shipped out and if businesses have adequate freeway access.

On the subject of public services, Keeler said the city wants to "delve into" why the public said public safety was their No. 1 concern in a recent community survey for the General Plan.

"I think it will be a really valuable for people ... both learning something about traffic and public safety and (the city) being able to know what are most important because our budgets are tight and we need to know where people would like us to spend our money," Keeler said.

The Butte County Association of Governments,

which manages the bus system, and the California Water Service Co., which supplies the city's water, will also be at the workshop.

Keeler said congestion ranked as another top concern of residents. She said the workshop will begin with an "interesting presentation" from the city's traffic consultant for the General Plan. The presentation will seek to show the tradeoffs to having wide-open intersections drivers can speed through to other priorities such as keeping the city small and safe for bikers and cutting down on air pollution.

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