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City to Release Draft Public Facilities Assessment

Document identifies public facilities needs and discusses potential funding mechanisms

Chico, Calif. – In support of the City of Chico's 2030 General Plan Update, a draft Public Facilities Assessment (PFA) will be released for public review on Friday, July 30th. The purpose of the PFA is to describe and assess the feasibility of financing the capital facilities needed to support build-out of the 2030 General Plan Land Use Diagram. The types of facilities described in the PFA include, roadways, bicycle facilities, parks and recreation facilities, police and fire protection facilities, general government offices, green waste facilities, storm water infrastructure, and wastewater facilities. Beyond describing these facilities, the PFA estimates their costs and identifies potential funding mechanisms.

The PFA describes four types of funding mechanisms: 1) Subdivision Exactions and Dedications, 2) Development Impact Fees, 3) Debt Financing, and 4) General Fund, Redevelopment Funds, Grants and Other Local Sources. These programs provide a range of options to finance the public facilities necessary to support build-out of the 2030 General Plan Land Use Diagram.

The PFA will provide background information for the upcoming Impact Fee Nexus Study Update, which will serve as a basis for adoption of updated impact fees, a major source of funding for capital facilities. The PFA will also aid in development of future 5-year Capital Improvement Plans because it is expected that projects identified in the PFA will likely be incorporated into a CIP.

The PFA and the Parks, Public Facilities and Services Element of the draft 2030 General Plan will be the topics of discussion at the August 21st joint Council/Commission workshop.

The PFA is available at the City of Chico Planning Services Department, located at 411 Main Street. Hard copies of the document can be purchased for \$10 and electronic copies are available for free on CD or for download at <http://www.chicogeneralplan.com/>

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