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## CITY OF UKIAH HOSTS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ON DECEMBER 11, 5:30 PM TO SOLICIT INPUT ON SCHOOL STREET IMPROVEMENTS

**Ukiah, CA. December 2, 2025**. – The community is invited to participate in a public forum to provide input regarding an improved corridor plan for School Street. The event will be held on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street.

This forum is a continuation of the School Street Multimodal Transportation Corridor Study, started in December of 2024 and funded by a grant from Caltrans. This study will identify, analyze, and propose enhancements to the vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle network along the School Street corridor in downtown Ukiah from Clay Street to Henry Street. The goal is to preserve the character of School Street for future generations by supporting walkability, economic prosperity, and tree coverage, as well as addressing maintenance issues along the corridor.

Forum attendees will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities to help determine things like sidewalk width, parking, and traffic circulation. Discussion topics will include streetscape amenities like lighting, public art, furniture, and trees. It is important to note that the current tree species, Chinese Pistache, is the *only* allowed tree species for School Street (Downtown Zoning Code, Section 9229.7)

Community members are also invited to participate in a "walking audit" prior to the forum between 3:45 and 5:00. The group will meet at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, and then walk along School Street with engineers and experts to observe existing conditions and learn more about the various facets of the study.

This study does <u>not</u> include funding for any construction or implementation. The City of Ukiah takes a proactive approach to infrastructure improvements, many of which require grant funding to accomplish. This study, along with the community's input, will help provide the foundation for future grant applications to fund the actual improvements.

During the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>, utility companies will be locating their facilities and marking them with paint along School Street. This is not an indication that work will be occurring; it is simply to help guide the decision process and avoid future conflicts with those utilities.

Additional information regarding this project can be found at <a href="https://ghd.mysocialpinpoint.com/school-street-corridor-study/home/">https://ghd.mysocialpinpoint.com/school-street-corridor-study/home/</a>

The forum on December 11<sup>th</sup> will also be presented virtually on Zoom; the link and dial-in info can be found on the webpage under "Public Workshop #3."

For additional information, please contact Deputy City Manager Shannon Riley at sriley@cityofukiah.com.

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