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CITY OF UKIAH INVITES COMMUNITY TO OPEN HOUSE FOR EAST PERKINS STREET MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

November 16, 2026; Ukiah, CA – The City of Ukiah invites the community to help shape the long-term future of East Perkins Street at an open house on Wednesday, December 2. Residents, business owners, and anyone who travels the street are encouraged to share what it's like to get around East Perkins, including places where they run into challenges. People can stop by anytime from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street. A brief presentation about the plan will begin at 6 p.m.

At the open house, attendees can learn about the plan, watch video of the street, mark issues on maps, and talk with the project team. Materials will be available in English and Spanish. To request Spanish interpretation or another accommodation, contact the City Manager's Office at cmoffice@cityofukiah.com by Wednesday, November 25.

People who cannot attend can take the project survey online at eastperkinsstreetsurvey.com or on paper, in English or Spanish, through Thursday, December 10. Paper copies are available at Ukiah City Hall, the Ukiah Library, and the Ukiah Senior Center.

The video from the open house is also available online as a virtual tour at cityofukiah.com/eastperkins. It follows the full length of the street so viewers can see real conditions without walking the nearly mile-long route. Viewers can jump to any cross street, then drop pins on the survey map to mark specific locations.

The open house, virtual tour, and survey are part of the East Perkins Street Multimodal Transportation Plan, funded by a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant. The plan covers East Perkins Street from Main Street to Oak Manor Drive.

East Perkins Street serves as a major connection between Highway 101 and downtown Ukiah and is also an important emergency and evacuation route. The plan will look at ways to make the street safer and easier to use for people driving, walking, biking, taking the bus, or using a mobility device, while keeping traffic moving and preparing for future growth. It will consider nearby projects that will change how people use the street.

"The recent paving was a real improvement, but this plan looks five to ten years ahead. With the new courthouse and Courthouse Boulevard both expected to open next year, East Perkins Street is about to change. This is the right moment to plan for how it should work for everyone, and we want that plan to reflect the people who know the street best." said Heather Criss, City Councilmember.

Later in the planning process, the project team will develop and compare possible ideas, such as changes to intersections, sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops, or traffic signals. Each idea will be reviewed based on traffic flow, emergency access, available space, utilities, cost, and community input. At this point, nothing has been decided.

A draft plan is expected for public review in summer 2027. The final plan will then go to the Ukiah City Council for approval. The plan will help the City apply for grants for future projects over the next five to ten years. It does not include near-term construction; any project would need more funding, design, environmental review, and public input first.

Community members are encouraged to stop by the open house on Wednesday, December 2, take the project survey by Thursday, December 10, and visit cityofukiah.com/eastperkins to watch the virtual tour and learn more.

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