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Installation of Multi-Space Smart Meters - Lot 1 & Lot 5

The installation of credit card capable multi-space smart meters in Lot 1 (2nd Street & Flume Street) & Lot 5 (1st Street & Wall Street) is scheduled for the week of November 30th by the City's contractor, IPS Group LLC. Four new Multi-space meters will take the place of over 340 single space meters within these two municipal lots. The new units will be able to notify customers of parking restrictions, including upcoming events and special events, such as the Saturday Farmers Market, on their multi-purpose display screens. Future enhancements for these new units will also include pay-by phone technology for additional customer convenience.

All smart meters will continue to take coin payment. Customers opting to use credit cards will be charged a convenience fee of \$.35 to cover the City's processing costs. The City welcomes public input on ways to improve the new system. All existing parking permits and privately leased parking spaces within the City lots will continue to be valid. The City also acknowledges that as this roll out continues, there may be challenges as the new technology is deployed, but over the next few weeks City staff anticipates overcoming those challenges and working with any member of the public who may be inadvertently impacted by any such potential transitional issues.

For more information about this project, please visit www.GoDowntownChico.com or call the City Engineering Division at 530-879-6900. Questions and comments may be emailed to traffic@chicoca.gov

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