

**Contra
Costa
County**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE**

PROJECT # WO 1031
CP# 09-06

PROJECT NAME: Market Avenue Sidewalk Improvements (7th St. to Soto St.), North Richmond area

PREPARED BY: Trina R. Torres *YU*

DATE: February 9, 2009

APPROVED BY: TANNER HUMISTON *J-H*

DATE: 24 Feb 2009

RECOMMENDATIONS:

☒ Categorical Exemption [*Class 3(d)*]

☐ Negative Declaration

☐ Environmental Impact Report Required

☐ Conditional Negative Declaration

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is based on the following: The project consists of construction of limited small new structures, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (15303 Class 3d). The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource.

What changes to the project would mitigate the identified impacts: N/A

USGS Quad Sheet: *Richmond*

Base Map Sheet #: *J-4*

Parcel #: *N/A*

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located in West Contra Costa County, in the unincorporated area of North Richmond, along the north side of Market Avenue (*Figs. 1-3*).
2. **Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to provide a pedestrian pathway to improve pedestrian safety along the north side of Market Ave., between 7th and Soto St., west of the Union Pacific Railroad crossing. Pedestrians currently utilize a rough and uneven terrain between 7th St. and Soto St., which makes it difficult for pedestrian travel.

The project consists of excavating soil (approximately 12 inches deep), removing existing curbs and gutters, installing Americans with Disabilities (ADA) curb ramps, curbs, gutters, and a concrete sidewalk (approximately 5 foot wide by 350 feet long), installing detectable warning surfaces, relocating/modifying existing drainage inlets, grinding, saw-cutting, and conforming portions of pavement, installing two concrete driveways to an existing business, installing signs, and adjusting existing utilities.

Since the area once housed shipping, railway, and petroleum industries, soil testing for contaminants will be completed prior to construction. Contract plans and specifications will require that any impacted soil be classified for disposal and transported to the appropriate landfill.

Real property transactions, including right-of-way acquisition, may be necessary in support of this project. At least one lane of traffic will be open at all times during construction activities. Emergency vehicle access will be allowed at all times. In order to minimize damage to any nearby trees, any roots exposed during excavation will be cut cleanly. Tree branches and shrubbery may need trimming throughout the project.

3. **Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**

☐ yes ☒ no ☐ maybe

4. **Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?**

☐ yes ☒ no

5. **Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** Richmond

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice of Exemption

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
651 PINE STREET 2ND FLOOR NORTH WING MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA 94553

Telephone: (925) 313-2176

Contact Person: Trina Torres - Public Works Dept.

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This project is exempt from **CEQA** as a:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 15268) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Class 3(d) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption, Section |
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for the following reason(s): The project consists of construction of limited small new structures pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (15303 Class 3d). The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource.

Date: _____ By: _____
Dept. of Conservation and Development Representative

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature

Title

Applicant:	Department of Fish and Game Fees Due	
Public Works Department 255 Glacier Drive Martinez, CA 94553 Attn: <u>Trina Torres</u> Environmental Section	<input type="checkbox"/> EIR - \$2,768. ²⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> Neg. Dec. - \$1,993. ⁰⁰ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk - \$50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Conservation and Development -\$25	Total Due: \$ 75.00 Total Paid \$ _____ Receipt #: _____

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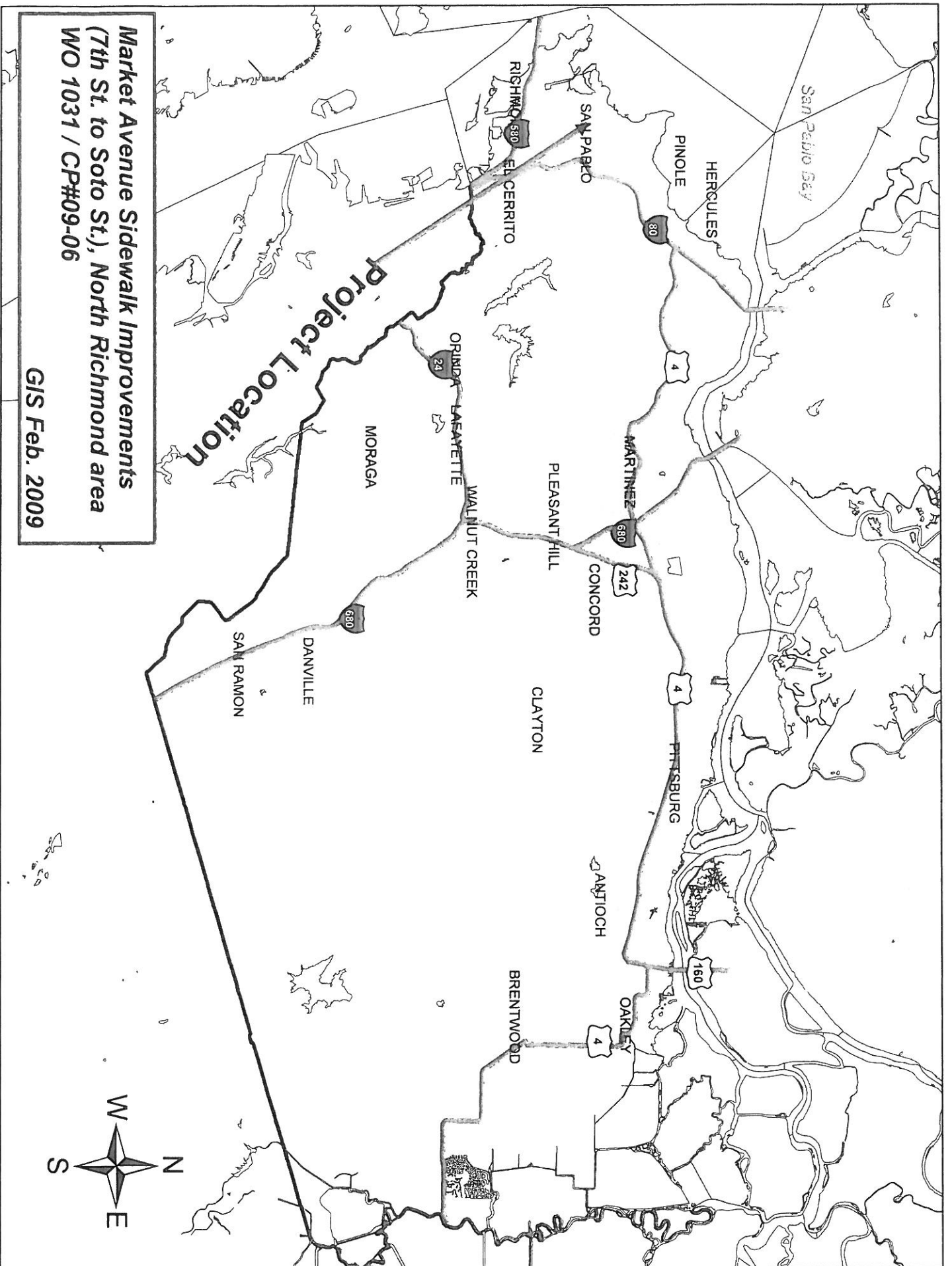


Figure 1

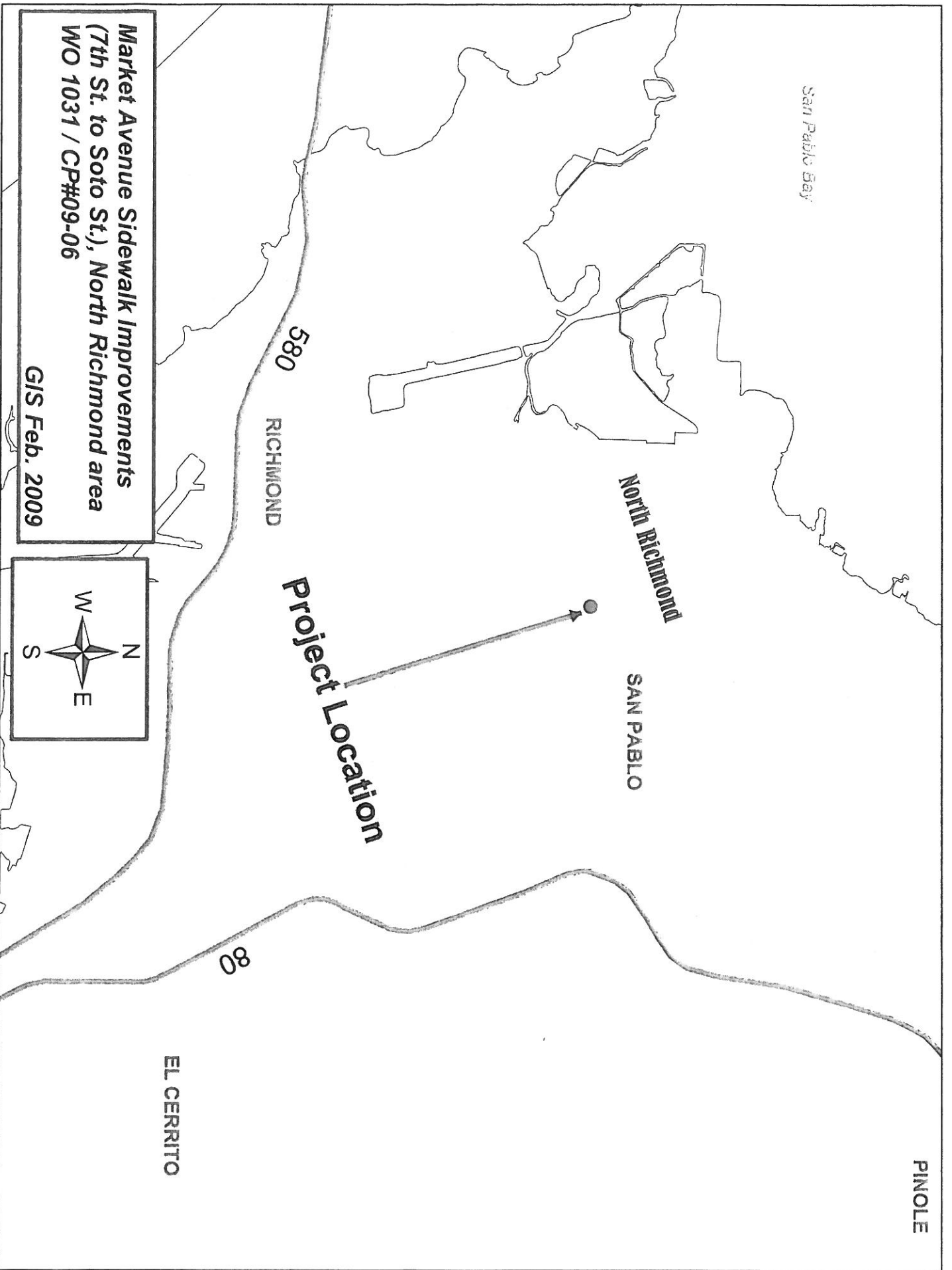


Figure 2

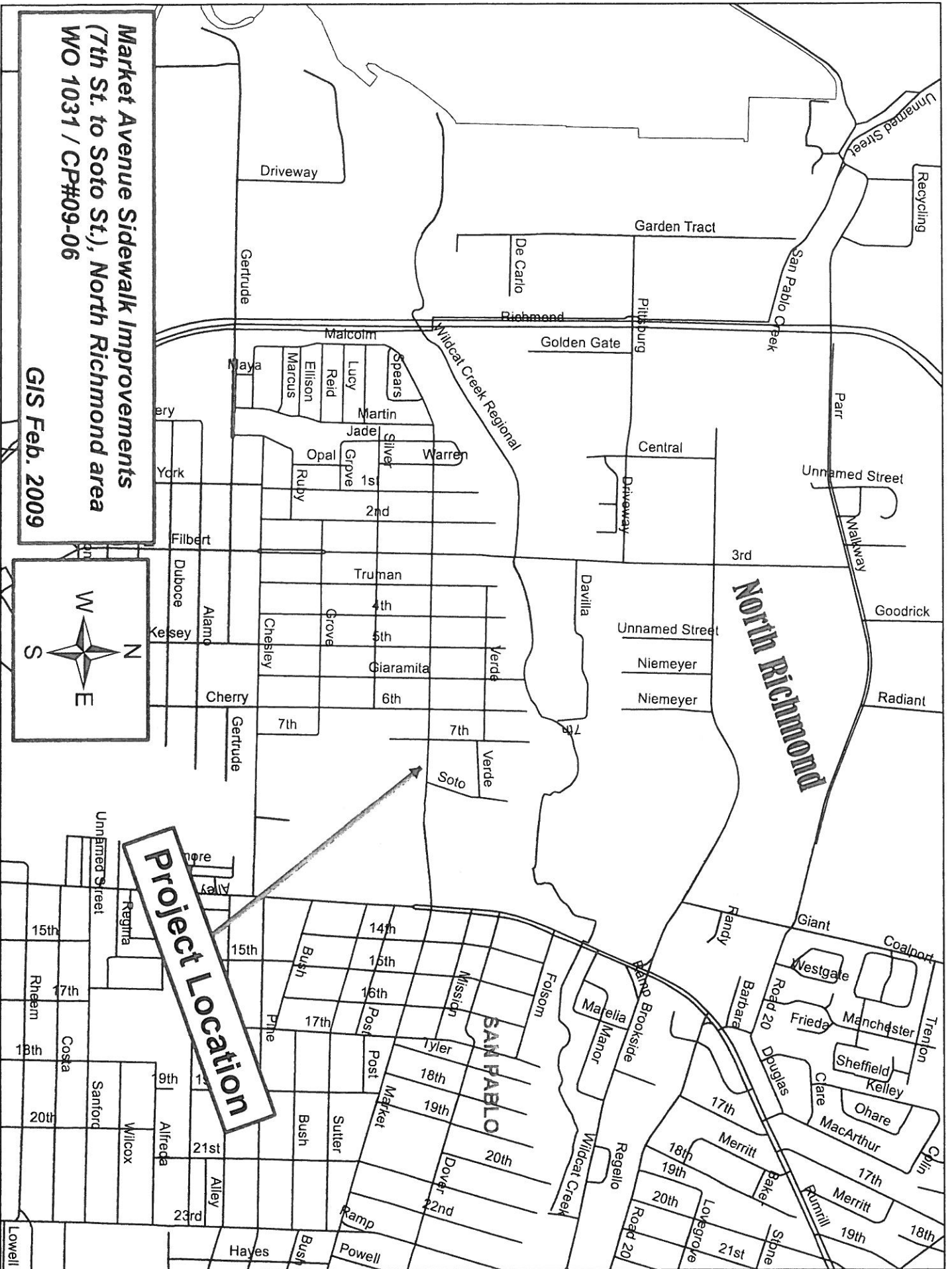


Figure 3