

Contra  
Costa  
County

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT # 0676-6P1025

CP# 09-94

PROJECT NAME: *Pacheco Blvd. Sidewalk (Windhover Way to Goree Court)*

PREPARED BY: *Avé Brown*

DATE: *December 21, 2009*

APPROVED BY: *Mauricio Vazquez*

DATE: *Dec 28, 2009*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

☒ **Categorical Exemption (Class 1c)**

☐ 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 operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond what is previous existing. 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:** *Vine Hill*

**Base Map Sheet #:** *F-13*

**Parcel #:** *N/A*

**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- 1. Location:** The project is located in central Contra Costa County (County) in the unincorporated community of Pacheco. The proposed roadway improvements would occur on the north site of Pacheco Boulevard approximately 1,300 feet west of Las Juntas Elementary School between Goree Court and Windhover Way in the Vine Hill area of unincorporated Contra Costa County (Figs. 1-4).
- 2. Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to provide pedestrian facilities along a segment of Pacheco Boulevard which students from Las Juntas Elementary use to walk to and from school. The project will extend the distance of uninterrupted sidewalk, provide safe access to the mobility impaired, and provide more paved area for bicyclists. Accordingly, this project will improve safety for children walking and biking to school, residents of the surrounding neighborhood, and the general public. (Fig. 4).

The project will construct 480 linear feet of 6.5-foot wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of Pacheco Boulevard between Windhover Way and Goree Court. Three ADA compliant curb ramps and a Class II bike lane will be installed as part of the project. Also included are ADA compliant driveway conforms at the properties fronting the project roadway. In addition to construction of pedestrian facilities, the project will include the installation of a drainage inlet at the corner of Goree Court and Pacheco Boulevard, relocation of three utility poles, relocation of a roadway sign, relocation of water meters, and roadway widening. The project will require removal of two segments of existing sidewalk, excavation, placement and compaction of aggregate base, and paving and restriping. Right of way acquisition will be needed in two separate locations to provide for the sidewalk alignment.

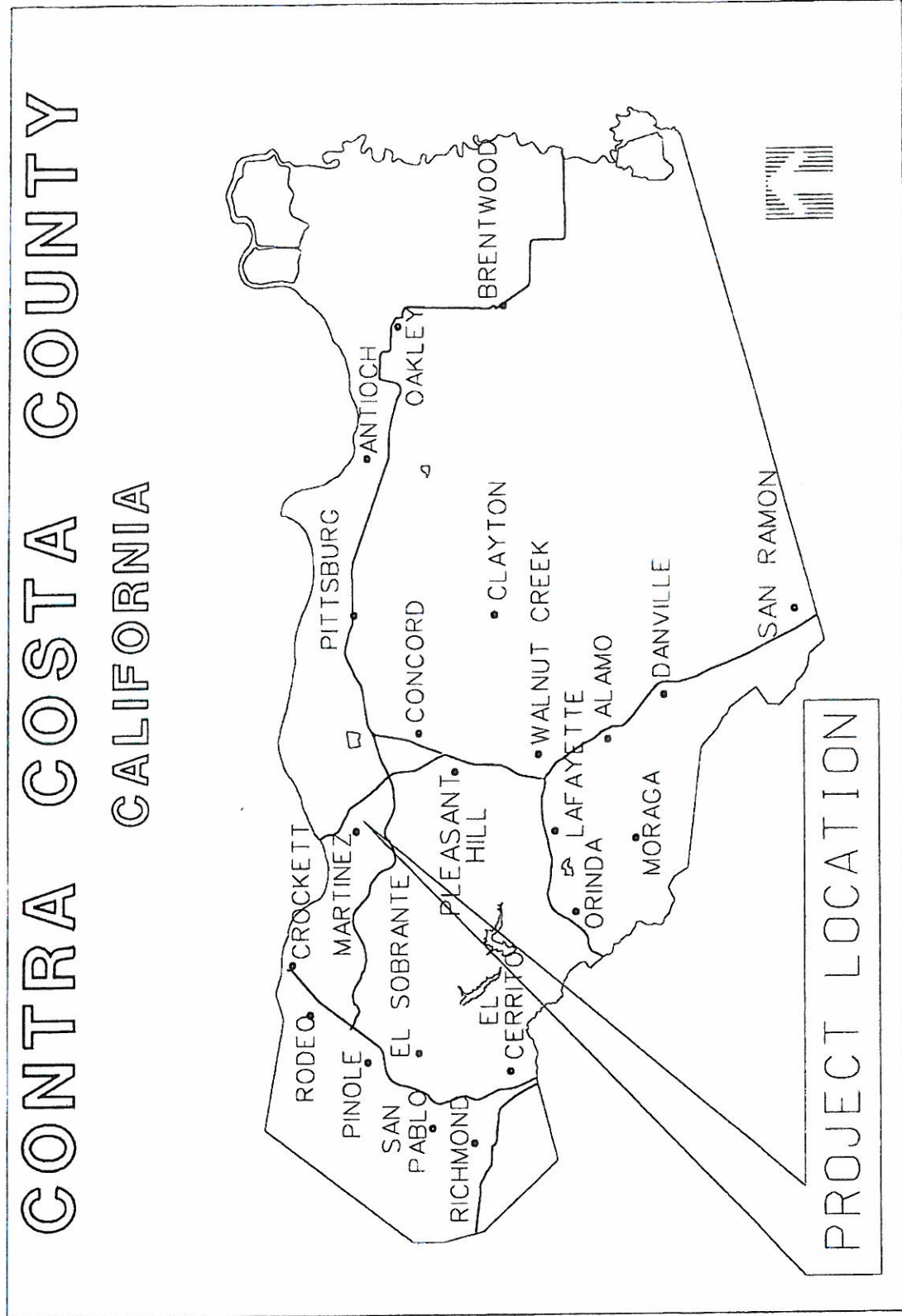
A dirt mound along the shoulder, approximately 70 feet long and up to 5 feet high, will be excavated and re-graded to conform to roadway and sidewalk elevations and a three-foot-high wooden retaining wall will be installed to contain the remaining slope. Additionally, limited tree and vegetation removal may be necessary to accommodate the proposed improvements. If needed, vegetation and tree removal will consist of one non-native tree and one native shrub. In order to minimize damage to any other nearby trees, any roots exposed during excavation will be cut cleanly and tree branches will be trimmed.

Real property transactions and utility relocations will be necessary in support of this project. At least one lane of traffic will be open at all times during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

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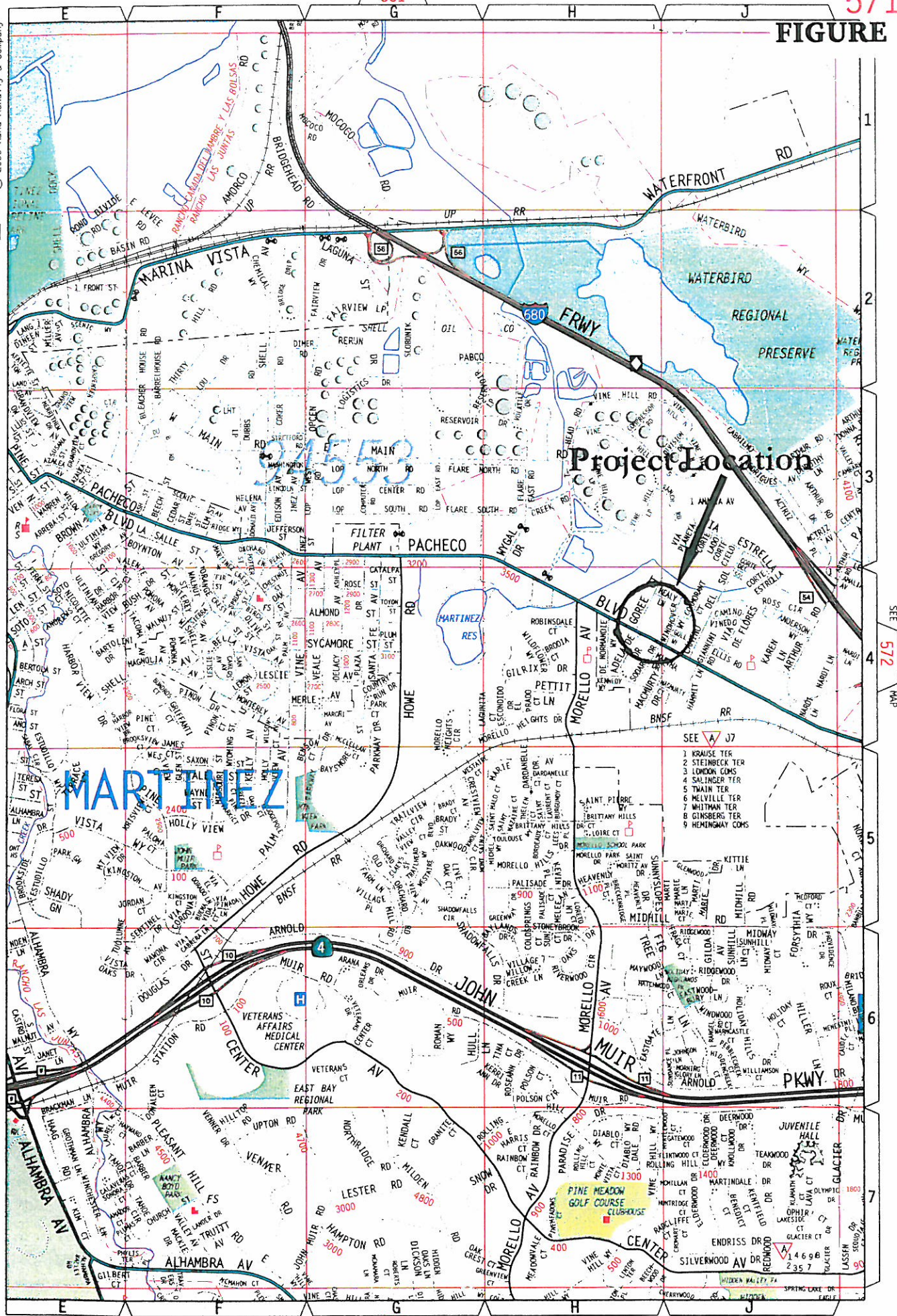
3. Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?  
☐ yes ☒ no ☐ maybe (Nature of concern):
4. Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?  
☐ yes ☒ no (Agency Name/s):
5. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city? **Yes; Martinez**

FIGURE 1



LOCATION MAP: Pacheco Boulevard Sidewalk Project  
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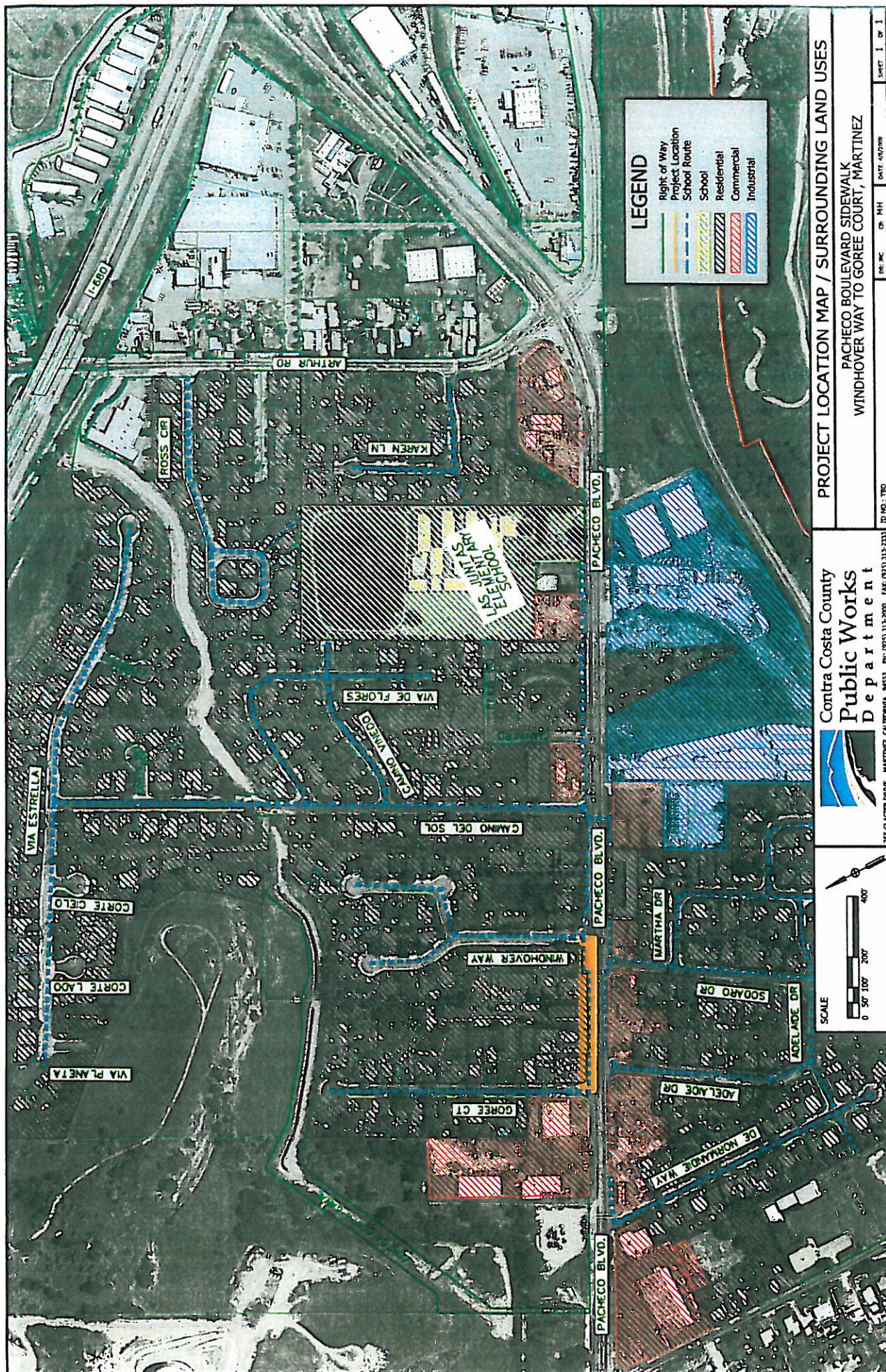




FIGURE 4

