

**Contra
Costa
County**

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

PROJECT NUMBER# 0676-6P1025
CP# 13 -02

PROJECT NAME: May Road Sidewalk Extension Project

PREPARED BY: Avé Brown *cy*

DATE: January 15, 2013

APPROVED BY: *John C. Lee*

DATE: 1-17-13

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

☐ 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 an existing use. The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource; pursuant to section **15301 (c)** of the CEQA guidelines.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: Richmond	Base Map Sheet #: J-6	Parcel #: 431-060-010, 431-124-005
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1. Location:** The project is located in west Contra Costa County (County) in the unincorporated community of El Sobrante along May Road in front of Sheldon Elementary School (Figures 1, 2, and 3).
- 2. Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to provide a sidewalk extension along the east side of May Road. The sidewalk extension would connect the end of existing sidewalk north of Bruno Road to an existing crosswalk that provides access across May Road to Sheldon Elementary School (Figure 3).

The project will construct approximately 250 feet of curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the east side of May Road. An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramp will be installed at each end of the existing crosswalk. A permit from the City of Richmond will be necessary to install the ADA curb ramp at the west end of the crosswalk. In addition, two existing advanced warning signals may be modified. The current roadway is wider than necessary for travel lanes. Reducing the lane width to a standard 12-foot lane will provide room for the sidewalk within currently paved areas without impacting an adjacent retaining wall. The road will then be re-striped to provide a 12-foot travel lane. The restriping will extend approximately 500 feet to smoothly transition the new striping with the existing striping. Project implementation will require removal of a low asphalt berm that runs along the edge of the pavement in the area that the new sidewalk will be located. Minor driveway conforms may be necessary. Areas of existing damaged concrete around one advanced warning signal may be replaced. Construction is anticipated to take place when school is not in session. The project design will maintain the existing roadway drainage. Storm drain improvements are not anticipated however; project design will consider any drainage improvements necessary with the installation of curb and gutter. The project may include relocation of existing roadside features (such as signs) and possibly eliminate some on-street parking.

Vegetation trimming may be required. Any roots exposed during excavation will be cut cleanly and tree branches may be trimmed. Some low growing shrubs around the base of the southern advanced warning

signal may need to be removed. Tree trimming will be done outside of the nesting bird season or a nesting bird survey will be done prior to trimming to avoid impacts to nesting birds. Real property transactions including temporary construction easements may be necessary in support of this project. Although not anticipated, utility relocations or adjustments may be necessary. At least one lane of traffic will be open at all times during construction activities. Emergency vehicles and property owners will have access at all times.

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

☐ yes ☒ no ☐ maybe (Nature of concern):

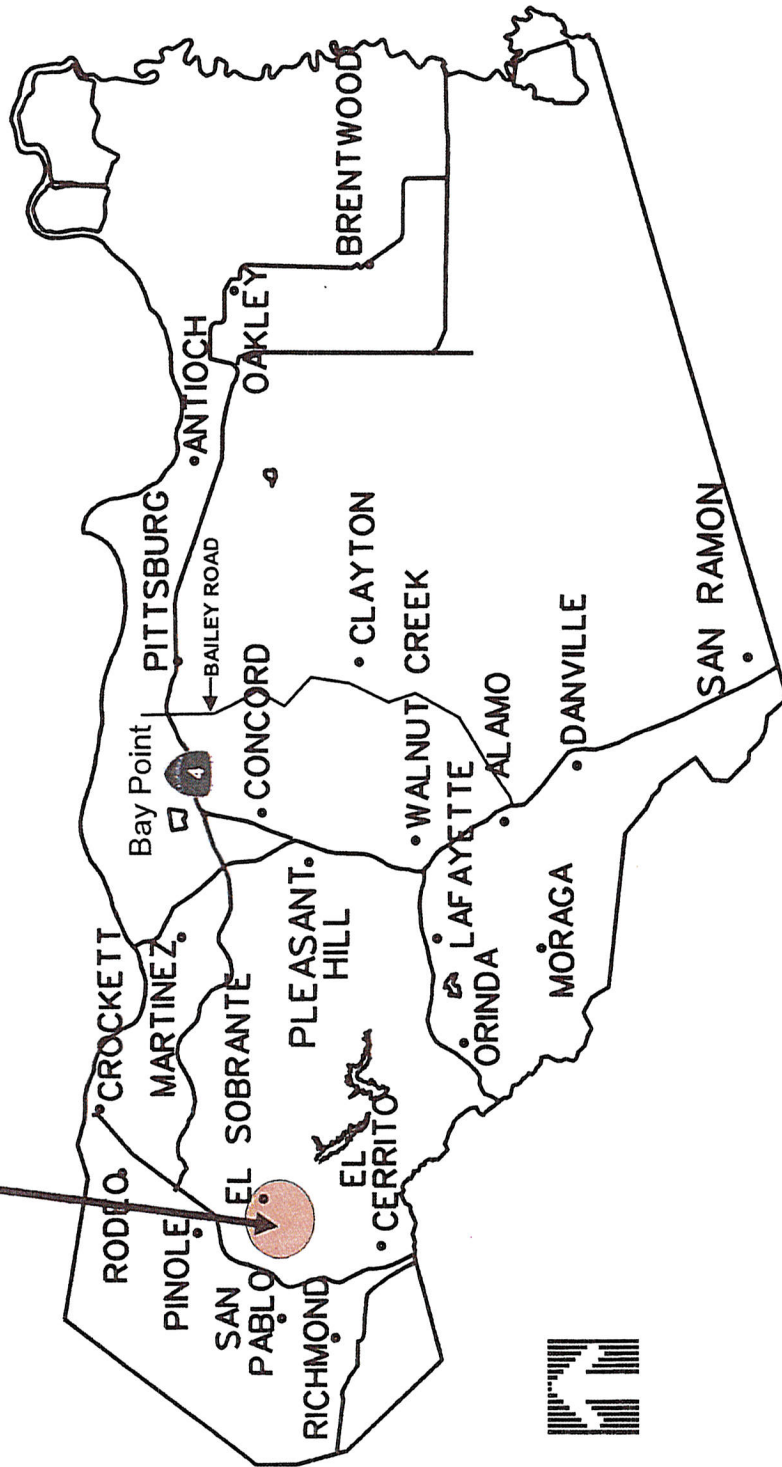
4. Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?

☒ yes ☐ no The City of Richmond

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

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

PROJECT LOCATION



Contra Costa County
Public Works
Department

255 GLACIER DRIVE, MARTINEZ, CA 94553 PH: (925)313-2000 FAX: (925)313-2333

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

May Road Pedestrian Improvement Project

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SUBMITTING PROJECT LOCATION MAP - May Road Pedestrian Improvement Project

DATE: NOV 12

DB: JS CB:

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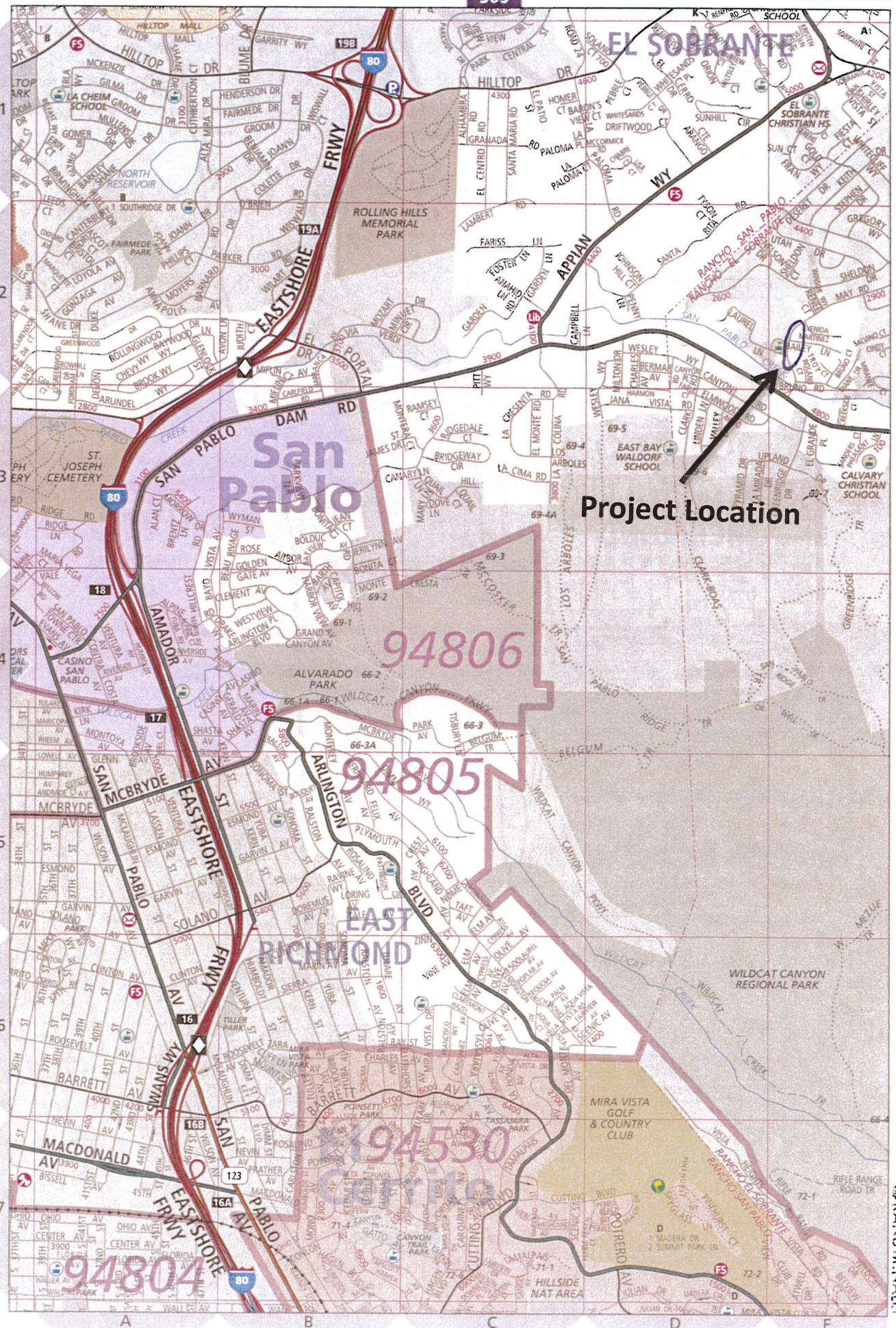
FIGURE 1

FIGURE 2

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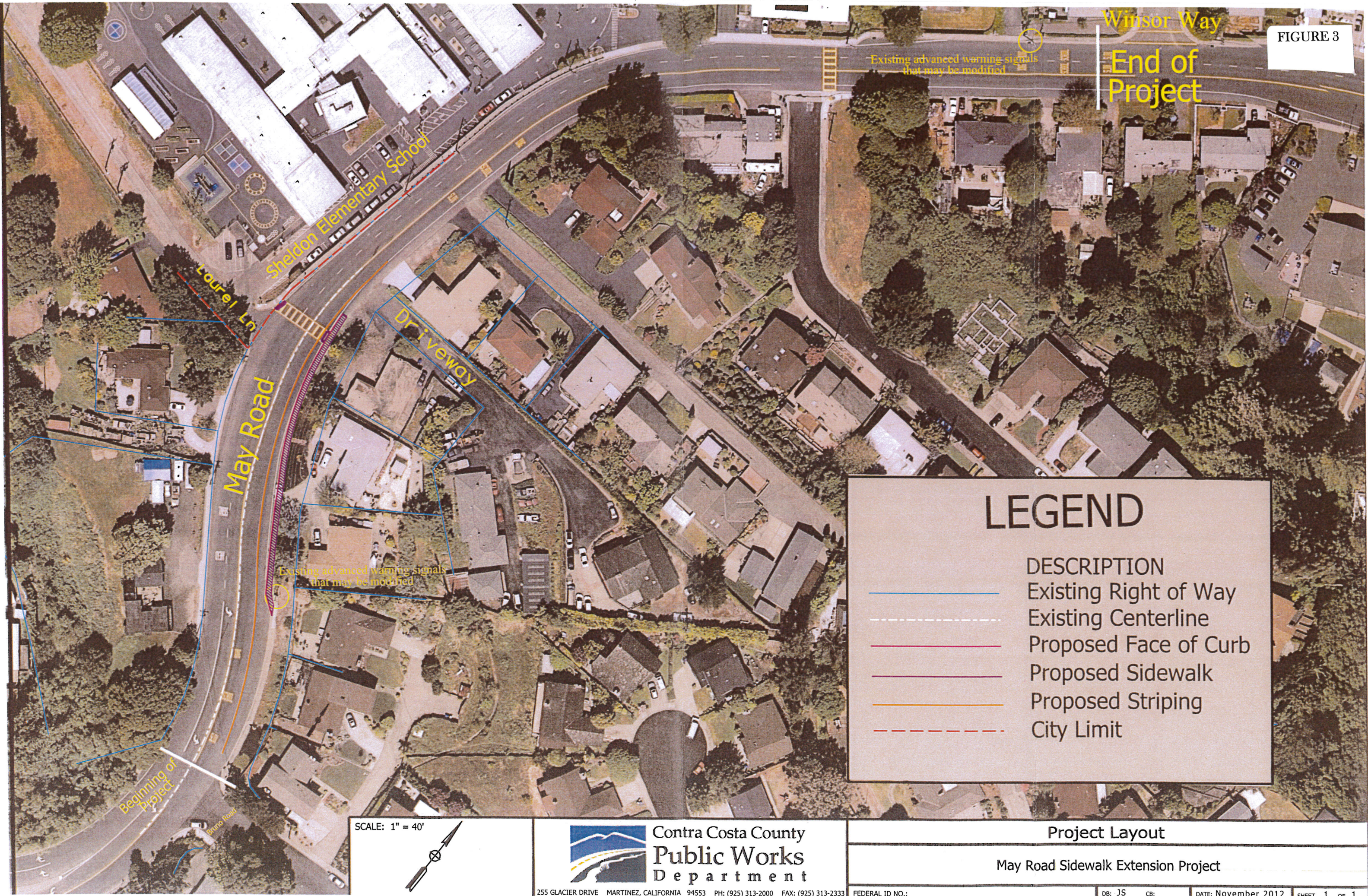
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SEE 609 MAP

FIGURE 3

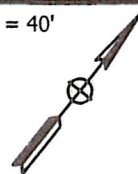


LEGEND

DESCRIPTION

- Existing Right of Way
- Existing Centerline
- Proposed Face of Curb
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Proposed Striping
- City Limit

SCALE: 1" = 40'



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FEDERAL ID NO.:

Project Layout

May Road Sidewalk Extension Project

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DATE: November 2012

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: May Road Sidewalk Extension Project No. 0676-6P1025, CP#13 -02

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Dr., Martinez, CA 94553

Project Location – Specific: The project is located in west Contra Costa County (County) in the unincorporated community of El Sobrante along May Road (just north of Bruno Road).

Project Location – City: El Sobrante (unincorporated)

Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project is located in west Contra Costa County (County) in the unincorporated community of El Sobrante along May Road in front of Sheldon Elementary School (Figures 1, 2, and 3). The purpose of this project is to provide a sidewalk extension along the east side of May Road. The sidewalk extension would connect the end of existing sidewalk north of Bruno Road to an existing crosswalk that provides access across May Road to Sheldon Elementary School (Figure 3). The project will construct approximately 250 feet of curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the east side of May Road. An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramp will be installed at each end of the existing crosswalk. A permit from the City of Richmond will be necessary to install the ADA curb ramp at the west end of the crosswalk. In addition, two existing advanced warning signals may be modified. The current roadway is wider than necessary for travel lanes. Reducing the lane width to a standard 12-foot lane will provide room for the sidewalk within currently paved areas without impacting an adjacent retaining wall. The road will then be re-stripped to provide a 12-foot travel lane. The restriping will extend approximately 500 feet to smoothly transition the new striping with the existing striping. Project implementation will require removal of a low asphalt berm that runs along the edge of the pavement in the area that the new sidewalk will be located. Minor driveway conforms may be necessary. Areas of existing damaged concrete around one advanced warning signal may be replaced. Construction is anticipated to take place when school is not in session. The project design will maintain the existing roadway drainage. Storm drain improvements are not anticipated however; project design will consider any drainage improvements necessary with the installation of curb and gutter. The project may include relocation of existing roadside features (such as signs) and possibly eliminate some on-street parking. Vegetation trimming may be required. Any roots exposed during excavation will be cut cleanly and tree branches may be trimmed. Some low growing shrubs around the base of the southern advanced warning signal may need to be removed. Tree trimming will be done outside of the nesting bird season or a nesting bird survey will be done prior to trimming to avoid impacts to nesting birds. Real property transactions including temporary construction easements may be necessary in support of this project. Although not anticipated, utility relocations or adjustments may be necessary. At least one lane of traffic will be open at all times during construction activities. Emergency vehicles and property owners will have access at all times.

General Plan Conformance is necessary/will be obtained from the City of Richmond.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Exempt Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268; | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Class 1(c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); | <input type="checkbox"/> General Rule of Applicability [Section 15061 (b) (3)] |

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource; pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Avé Brown

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2311

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Title:** _____

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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: Contra Costa County Public Works Department 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553 Attn: <u>Avé Brown</u> Environmental Section Phone: (925) 313-2311	Department of Fish and Game Fees Due <input type="checkbox"/> EIR - \$2,995.25 <input type="checkbox"/> Neg. Dec. - \$2,156.25 <input type="checkbox"/> DeMinimis Findings - \$0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk - \$50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Conservation & Development (DCD) - \$25	Total Due: \$ 75.00 Total Paid \$ _____ Receipt #: _____
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