

**Contra
Costa
County**

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

PROJECT NUMBER# 0662-6R4054

CP# 13-46

PROJECT NAME: Port Chicago Highway and Willow Pass Road Sidewalk Improvements

PREPARED BY: Kimani Birden

DATE: January 24, 2014

APPROVED BY:

DATE:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

☒ Categorical Exemption **Class 3**

☐ 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 the construction of limited numbers of small new facilities and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the structure, pursuant to section 15303 of the CEQA guidelines.**

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

USGS Quad Sheet: **Honker Bay**

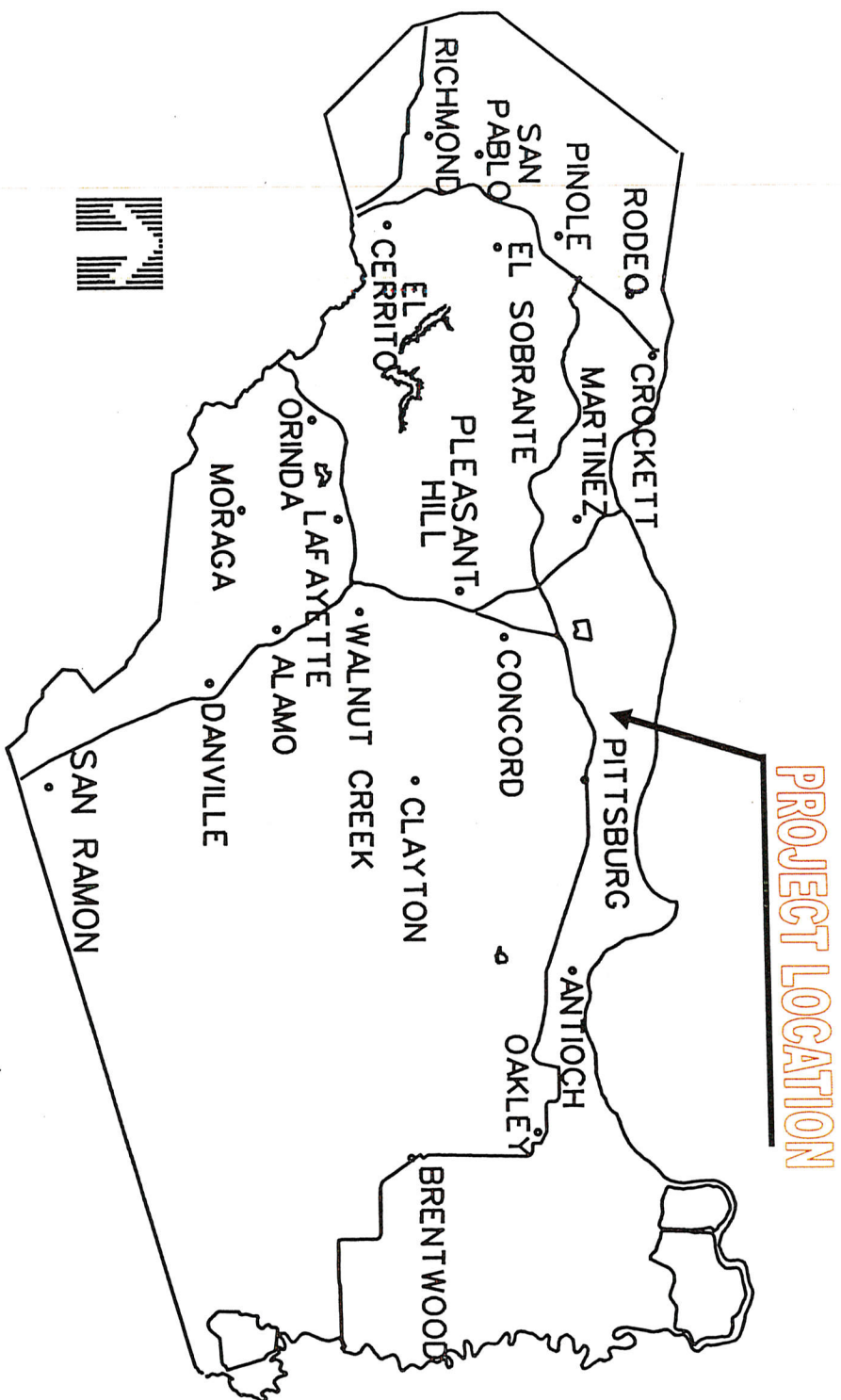
Base Map Sheet: **E-17**

Parcel #: **N/A**

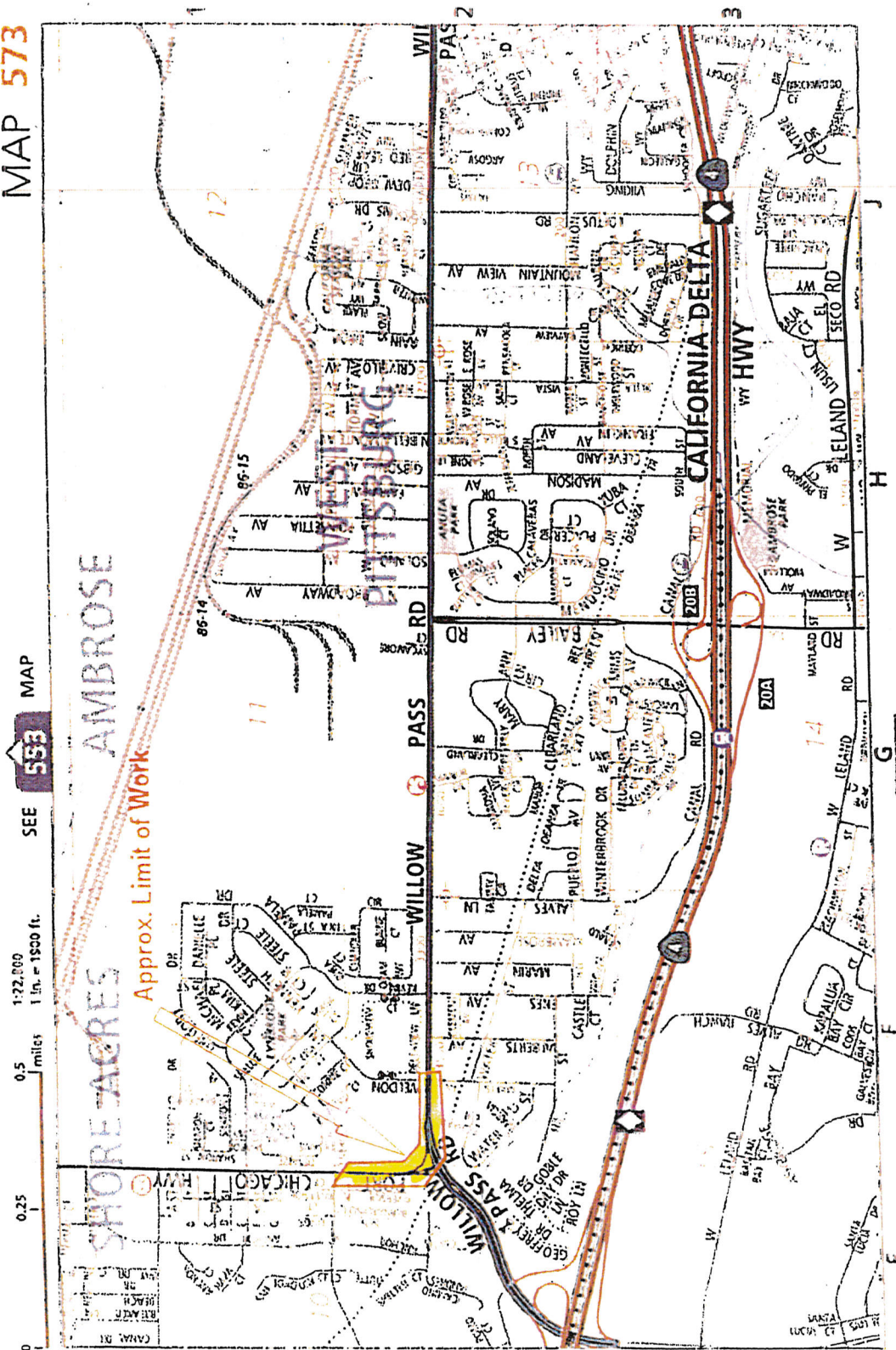
GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located in eastern Contra Costa County; in the unincorporated community of Bay Point (Figs. 1-3)
2. **Project Description:** The purpose of the project is to construct 1,400 LF of sidewalk and bike lane improvements at the intersection of Port Chicago Highway and Willow Pass Road. Currently there is a gap between the two segments of existing sidewalk and bike lane approximately 300 feet south of Lynbrook Drive and Port Chicago Highway intersection and the intersection of Willow Pass Road and Weldon Street. This project will convert the existing bike route to a Class II bike lane that will connect to a existing Class II bike lane along Willow Pass Road to the existing bike lanes along Port Chicago Highway and Pacifica Avenue. To accommodate the new bike lane and new northbound travel lane, the roadway pavement on Port Chicago Highway will be widened approximately 21 feet. The project will remove a free right turn lane for motorists traveling west bound on Willow Pass Road to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The removed stretch of travel lane will be replaced by the addition of a right turn pocket (about 260 linear feet plus taper) along Willow Pass Road to allow vehicles to continue to turn right onto Port Chicago Highway. The new intersection configuration will provide a more conventional T-intersection to replace the free right turn. The pavement markings for the travel lanes and bike lane will be adjusted and restriped accordingly. The area also experiences storm water runoff from the northeast side of the intersection and may require modification of the existing storm drain system. One to three eucalyptus trees; none larger than (8) inch Dbh (Diameter breast height), located on the traffic island at the intersection of Port Chicago Highway and Willow Pass Road will be removed. Prior to tree removal a nesting bird survey will be conducted or the tree will be removed outside of nesting season. In order to minimize damage to any nearby trees, any roots exposed during excavation will be cut cleanly and tree branches will be trimmed. All curb ramps will meet American with Disabilities (ADA) requirements. Real Property transactions and utility relocations may be necessary in support of this project.
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
5. **Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** ☒ Yes ☐ No
The City of Pittsburg.

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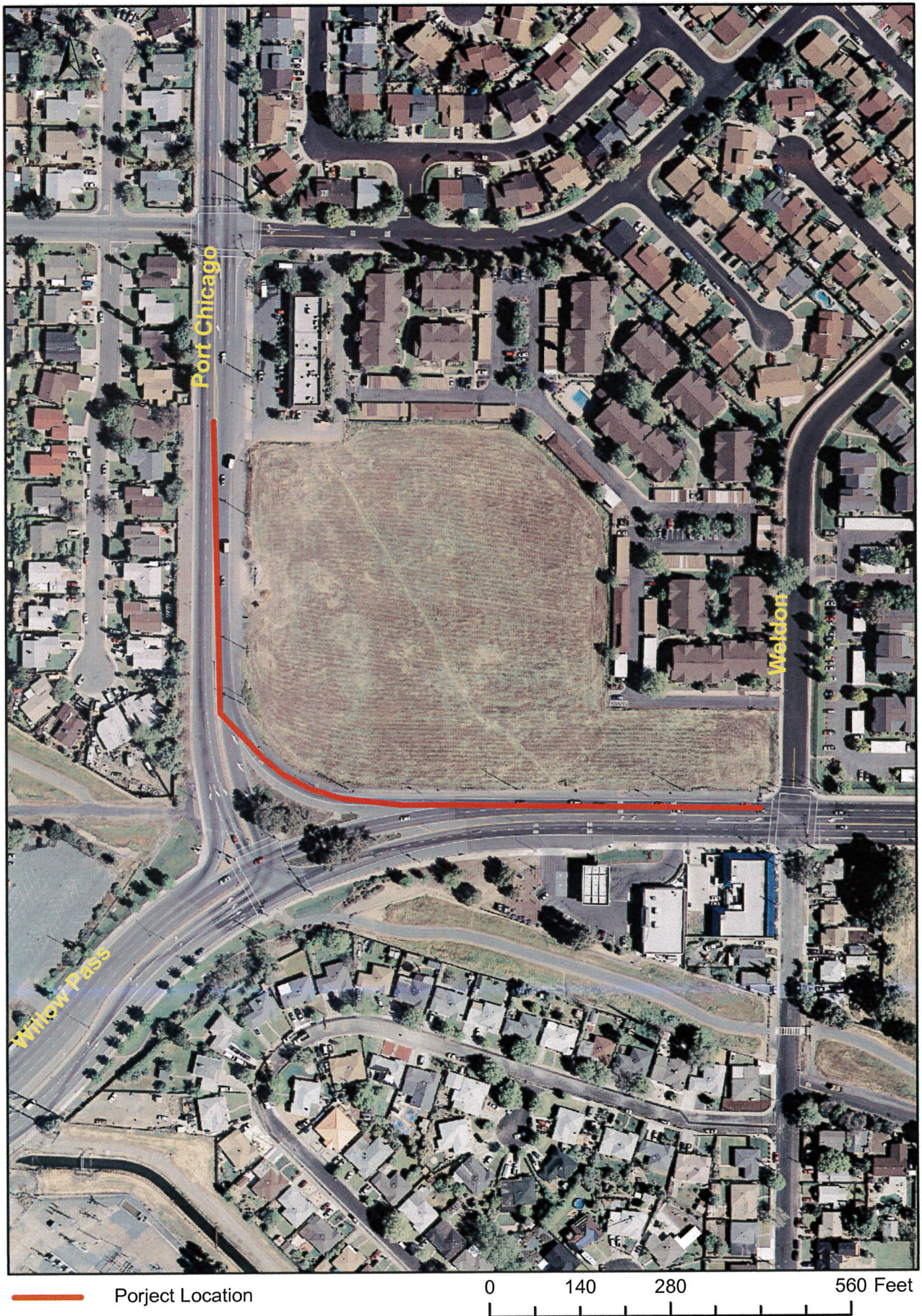
LOCATION MAP



Project Location

figure 2

Port Chicago Project /Willow Pass Road Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project - Project Location



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice of Exemption

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

☒ County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

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

Project Title: Port Chicago Highway and Willow Pass Road Sidewalk Improvements, 0662-6R4054, CP# 13-46

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location: The project is in unincorporated Bay Point

Project Location: Eastern Contra Costa County

Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the project is to construct 1,400 LF of sidewalk and bike lane improvements at the intersection of Port Chicago Highway and Willow Pass Road. Currently there is a gap between the two segments of existing sidewalk and bike lane approximately 300 feet south of Lynbrook Drive and Port Chicago Highway intersection and the intersection of Willow Pass Road and Weldon Street. This project will convert the existing bike route to a Class II bike lane that will connect to a existing Class II bike lane along Willow Pass Road to the existing bike lanes along Port Chicago Highway and Pacifica Avenue. To accommodate the new bike lane and new northbound travel lane, the roadway pavement on Port Chicago Highway will be widened approximately 21 feet. The project will remove a free right turn lane for motorists traveling west bound on Willow Pass Road to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The removed stretch of travel lane will be replaced by the addition of a right turn pocket (about 260 linear feet plus taper) along Willow Pass Road to allow vehicles to continue to turn right onto Port Chicago Highway. The new intersection configuration will provide a more conventional T-intersection to replace the free right turn. The pavement markings for the travel lanes and bike lane will be adjusted and restriped accordingly. The area also experiences storm water runoff from the northeast side of the intersection and may require modification of the existing storm drain system. One to three eucalyptus trees; none larger than (8) inch Dbh (Diameter breast height), located on the traffic island at the intersection of Port Chicago Highway and Willow Pass Road will be removed. Prior to tree removal a nesting bird survey will be conducted or the tree will be removed outside of nesting season. In order to minimize damage to any nearby trees, any roots exposed during excavation will be cut cleanly and tree branches will be trimmed. All curb ramps will meet American with Disabilities (ADA) requirements. Real Property transactions and utility relocations may be necessary in support of this project.

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:

☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268;

☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 3

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☐ General Rule of Applicability [Article 5,Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agencies determination, pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kimani Birden - Public Works Dept. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2190

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:

Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Kimani Birden
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2190

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

☐ EIR - \$3,029.⁷⁵
☐ Neg. Dec. - \$2,181.²⁵
☐ DeMinimis Findings - \$0
☒ County Clerk - \$50
☒ Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$ 75.⁰⁰
Total Paid \$ _____
Receipt #: _____