

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: ~~0662-6P1025~~ 0662-6R4069
CP# 14 - 37

PROJECT NAME: Pomona Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements

PREPARED BY: Trina R. Torres

DATE: January 8, 2015

APPROVED BY: _____

DATE: 1-16-15

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

☐ 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: Pursuant to Section 15303 (d) of the CEQA guidelines, the project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. (d) *Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.* 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: <u>Benicia</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>D-9</u>	Parcel #: <u>N/A</u>
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The Project is located on Pomona St. between 2nd Ave. to approximately 700 feet east of Rolph Park Dr. in the unincorporated town of Crockett, west Contra Costa County [Figures 1 - 8].
2. **Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to install sidewalk and crosswalk enhancements to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to nearby schools and facilities, as well as increase driver awareness at existing crosswalks.

The Project consists of clearing, and grubbing, saw cutting, removing and replacing portions of asphalt, curb, gutter, and sidewalk; installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, bulb-outs, pedestrian refuges (medians), landings, and extensions, as well as detectable warning surfaces (rumble), rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFBs), and pedestrian buttons at pedestrian crossings; modifying/adjusting crosswalks and utilities; installing/adjusting storm drains and inlets, installing new storm drain pipes; removing, replacing, and adjusting signage; and re-stripping roadway as needed.

- **Pomona St. / 3rd Ave. (Figure 5):** On the south side of Pomona St. at 3rd Ave.: Excavate roadway, install a new drainage inlet and storm drain pipe (approximately 18-inches by 150 lf.) to connect to an existing drainage inlet on 2nd Ave.; widen sidewalk, and install curb and gutter; install ADA compliant bulb-out with detectable warning surfaces (rumble), pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs; install pedestrian refuge/median (approximately 6 ft. x 30 ft.) on Pomona St. (center of roadway). On the north side of Pomona at 3rd Ave.: Excavate roadway, install a new drainage inlet and storm drain pipe (approximately 18-inches x 20 LF) to connect to an existing drainage inlet; extend sidewalk and install ADA compliant curb ramps.
- **Pomona St. / Rolph Ave. and Rolph Park Dr. (Figure 6):** Sawcut existing roadway and concrete, install a pedestrian refuge / median (approximately 8ft. by 20 ft.) on roadway, and install an ADA compliant bulb-out on Pomona St. at Rolph Ave.; install an ADA compliant bulb-out, curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Pomona St. at Rolph Park Dr.; install detectable warning surfaces (rumble), pedestrian buttons on both sides of each crosswalk, re-stripe roadway as needed; and, upgrade existing curb ramps by installing ADA compliant curb ramps.
- **Rolph Ave. (Figure 7):** Install ADA compliant curb ramp on east side of crosswalk; install detectable warning surfaces (rumble), pedestrian buttons, double-faced RRFBs, on both sides of the crosswalk; and restripe roadway as needed, near John Swett High School and Crockett Community Center.
- **Pomona St. / Crockett Community Center (Figure 8):** Approximately 700 feet east of Crockett Community Center, install two ADA compliant curb ramps, detectable warning surfaces and double-faced RRFBs on both sides of crosswalk. Also, two trees may need to be removed on the south side of the crosswalk.

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The Project will maintain the existing drainage pattern. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drains and inlets.

Two trees may need to be removed: one 2-inch diameter at breast height (dbh) ginkgo sapling and one 14-inch dbh bay tree in order to accommodate the curb ramps. The two trees slated for removal will be removed outside nesting bird season (February 15 – August 30) or a nesting bird survey will be conducted prior to initiating work. Tree and shrubbery trimming may be necessary throughout the Project area. In order to minimize damage to trees, any roots exposed during construction activities will be clean cut and tree branches will be trimmed.

One lane will be open at all times during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real property transactions including right-of-way may be necessary in support of the Project.

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

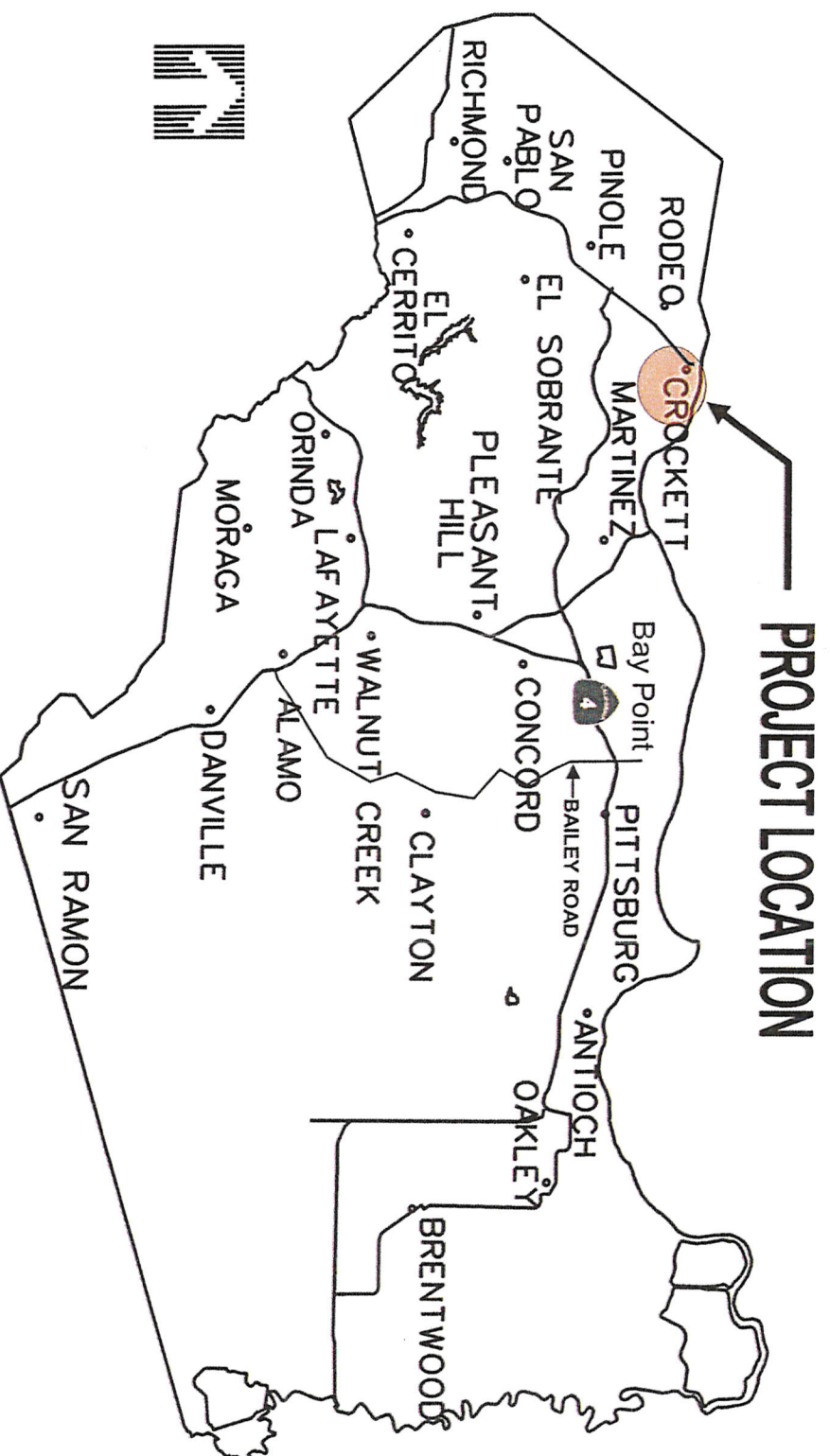
☐ Yes ☒ **No** ☐ maybe (Nature of concern):

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

☐ No ☐ No ☒ **Maybe:** John Swett School District, C&H Sugar Company, and Crockett Community Center.

5. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city? No

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Contra Costa County
Public Works
Department

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

Pomona Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

DB: JS CB:

DATE: NOV 14

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Figure 1

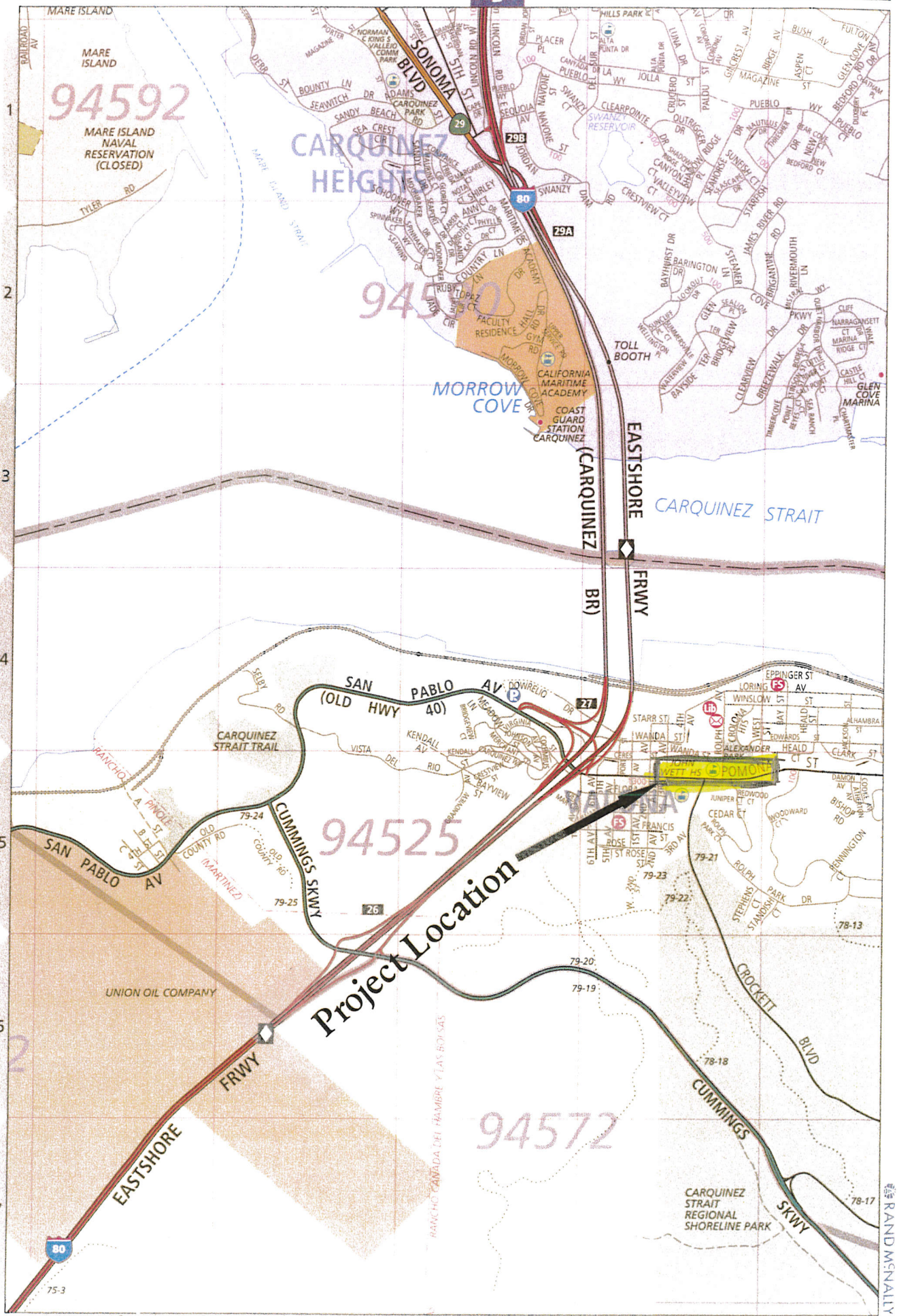


Figure 2

Pomona Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project Project Location Map



Figure 3

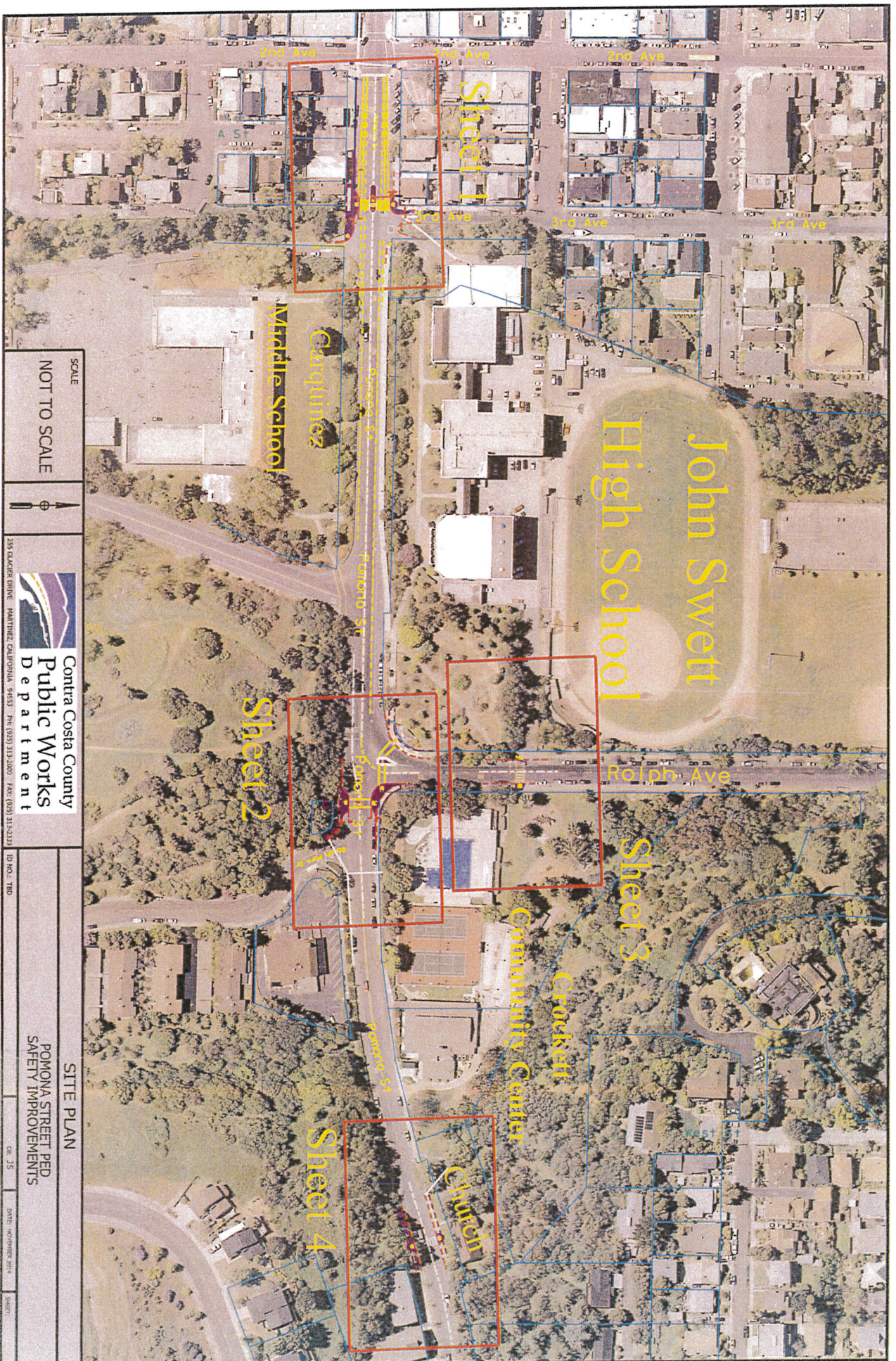


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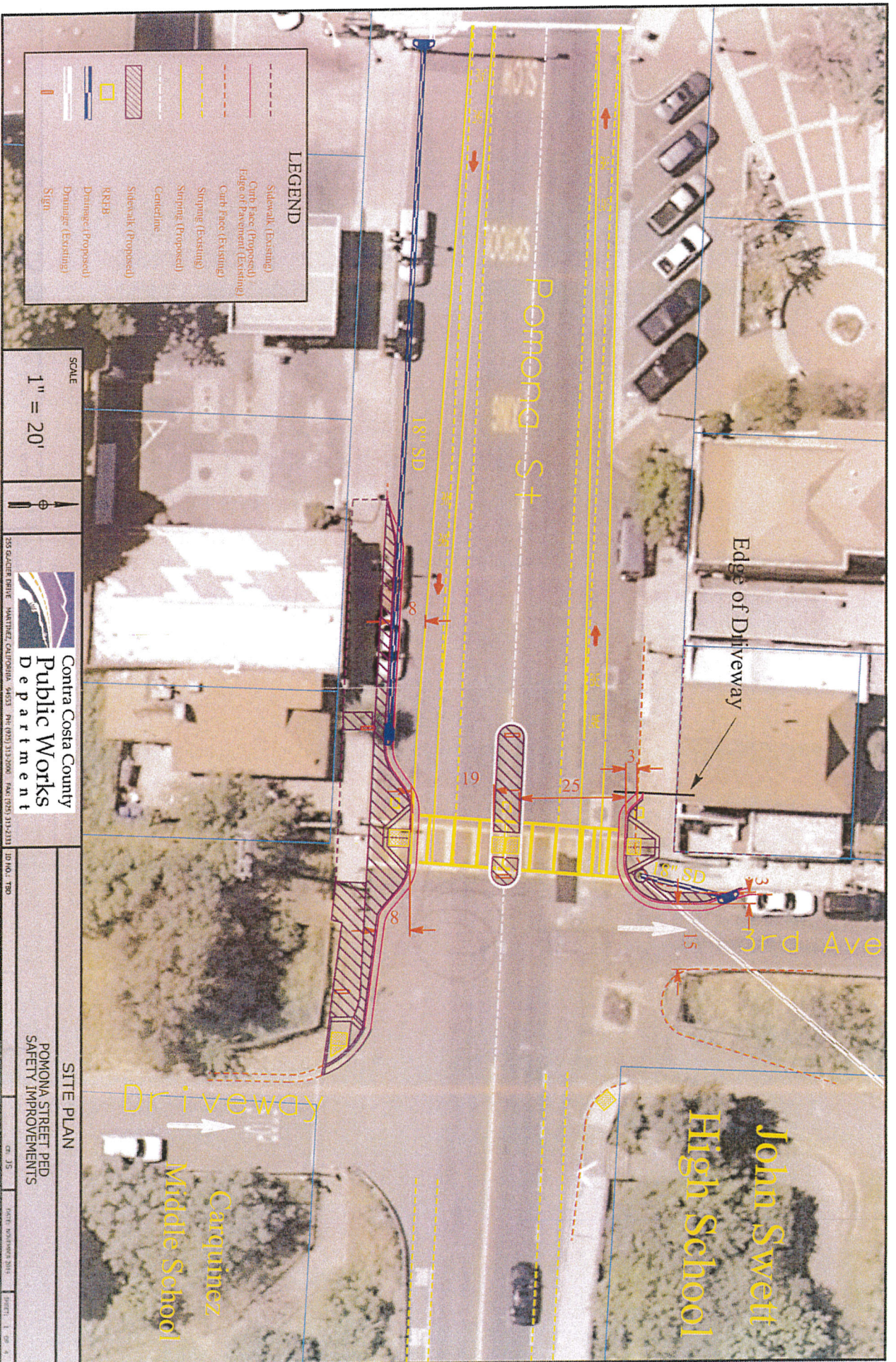


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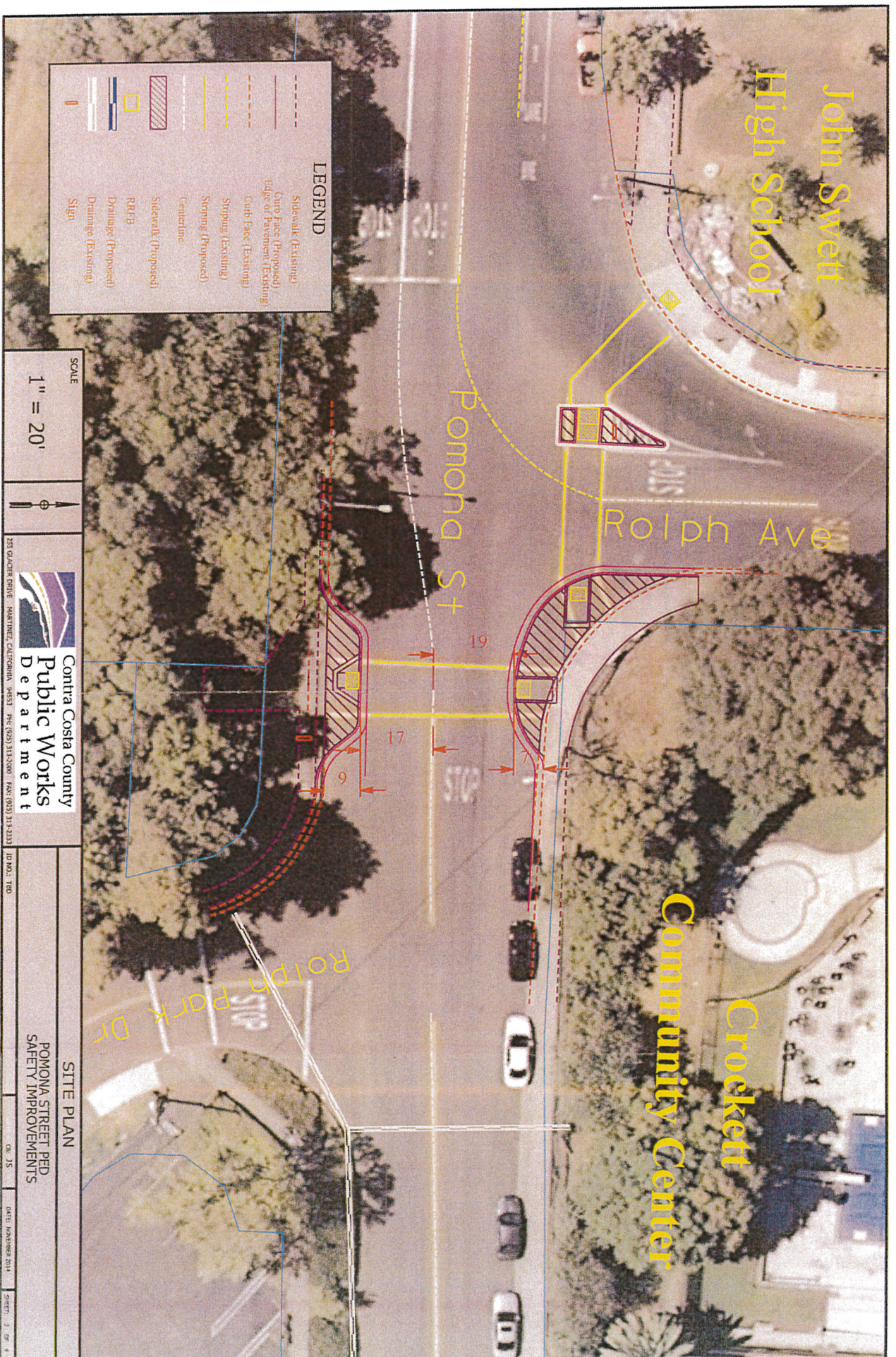


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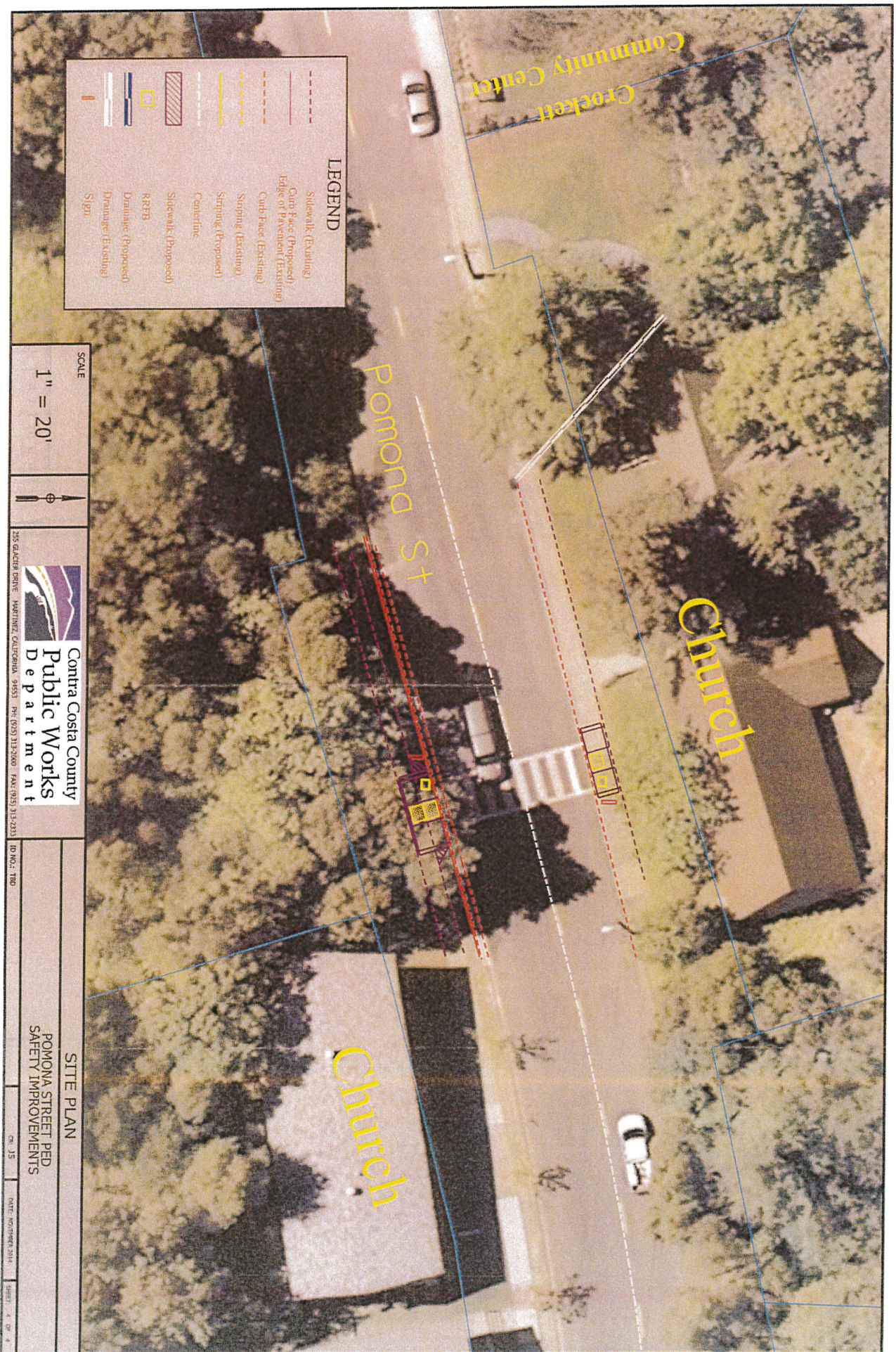


Figure 8

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 (Name & Number): Pomona Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements
Project No. 0662-6R4069 / CP# 14-37
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department
Project Location - Specific: Pomona Street in the unincorporated town of Crockett.
Project Location: West Contra Costa County
Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is to install sidewalk and crosswalk enhancements to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to nearby schools and facilities, as well as increase driver awareness at existing crosswalks.
The Project consists of clearing, and grubbing, saw cutting, removing and replacing portions of asphalt, curb, gutter, and sidewalk; installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, bulb-outs, pedestrian refuges (medians), landings, and extensions, as well as detectable warning surfaces (rumble), rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFBs), and pedestrian buttons at pedestrian crossings; modifying/adjusting crosswalks and utilities; installing/adjusting storm drains and inlets, installing new storm drain pipes; removing, replacing, and adjusting signage; and re-striping roadway as needed. Project locations are as follows:
> Pomona St. / 3rd Ave.: (between 2nd Ave. and 3rd Ave., near John Swett High School and Carquinez Middle School)
> Pomona St. / Rolph Ave. / Rolph Park Dr.: (near Rolph Memorial Monument)
> Rolph Ave.: (near John Swett High School and Crockett Community Center)
> Pomona St. near Crockett Community Center: (approximately 700 feet east of Crockett Community Center; near the churches)

The Project will maintain the existing drainage pattern. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drains and inlets. Two trees may need to be removed: one 2-inch diameter at breast height (dbh) ginkgo sapling and one 14-inch dbh bay tree in order to accommodate the curb ramps. The two trees slated for removal will be removed outside nesting bird season (February 15 – August 30) or a nesting bird survey will be conducted prior to initiating work. Tree and shrubbery trimming may be necessary throughout the Project area. In order to minimize damage to trees, any roots exposed during construction activities will be clean cut and tree branches will be trimmed. One lane will be open at all times during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real property transactions including right-of-way may be necessary in support of the 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;
[] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption: Class 3d
[] Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.:
[] General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to Section 15303 (d) of the CEQA guidelines, the project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. (d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Trina R. Torres - Public Works Dept. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2176

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: Trina R. Torres
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2176
Department of Fish and Game Fees Due
[] EIR - \$3,069.75
[] Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.00
[] DeMinimis Findings - \$0
[X] County Clerk - \$50
[X] Conservation & Development - \$25
Total Due: \$ 75.00
Total Paid \$
Receipt #: