

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: **0676-6P1025**
CP# **14-36**

PROJECT NAME: **Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements-East & Central Contra Costa County**

PREPARED BY: Trina R. Torres

DATE: December 18, 2014

APPROVED BY: _____

DATE: 1-16-15

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 involves the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond previously existing pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines. 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>Walnut Creek, Honker Bay, Woodward Island, and Clifton Court Forebay.</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>multiple</u>	Parcel #: <u>N/A</u>
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Location:** The project locations are in Knightsen & Discovery Bay (East); and, Bay Point & Walnut Creek (Central) Contra Costa County. [Figures 1-6].
- Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to construct pedestrian crosswalk enhancements to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, as well as increase driver awareness at existing crosswalks located near schools in East and Central Contra Costa County.

The Project consists of removing and replacing portions of existing curb and sidewalk; installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, bulb-outs, landings, paths, and extensions, as well as detectable warning surfaces, rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFBs), and pedestrian activated buttons at pedestrian crossings; modifying / adjusting crosswalks, storm drain inlets; adjusting utilities; removing and replacing signage, and re-stripping roadway.

- **Site 1 (Delta Road, Knightsen):** Install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage on both sides of the crosswalk near Knightsen Elementary School (school) on Delta Rd.; Also, install ADA compliant landing on north side of Delta Rd. and ADA compliant curb ramp on south side of Delta Rd, near school.
- **Site 2 (Newport Drive, Discovery Bay):** Install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage on both sides of the crosswalk near Timber Point Elementary School at the Newport Drive/Preston Dr. intersection. Also, install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage on both sides of the crosswalk at the Newport Drive/Worthing Way intersection. Upgrade existing curb ramps by installing ADA compliant curb ramps at both sides.
- **Site 3 (Discovery Bay Blvd., Discovery Bay):** Install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage on both sides of the crosswalk near Discovery Bay Elementary School near Discovery Bay Blvd./Willow Lake Rd. intersection.

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- **Site 4 (Marina Blvd., Bay Point):** Install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage, ADA compliant curb ramps, and bulb-outs/extensions on both sides of the crosswalk at the Marina Blvd./Island View Dr. intersection, near Shore Acres Elementary School. Install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage, ADA compliant curb ramps, and bulb-outs/extensions on both sides of the crosswalk at the Marina Blvd./Lakeview Dr. intersection, near Shore Acres Elementary School.
- **Site 5 (Pacifica Ave., Bay Point):** Install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage, ADA compliant curb ramps, and bulb-outs/extensions on both sides of the crosswalk at the Pacifica Ave./Breaker Dr. intersection, near Riverview Middle School; and, adjust drainage inlet to accommodate curb bulb-outs. Install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian activated buttons, double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage, ADA compliant curb ramps and curb bulb-outs on both sides of the crosswalk at the Pacifica Ave./Delta Dr. intersection near Riverview Middle School; and, adjust/modify drainage inlets to accommodate curb bulb-outs.
- **Site 6 (Castle Rock Rd., Walnut Creek):** Install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian buttons, activated double-faced RRFBs, and advanced warning signage, and an ADA compliant curb ramp on the west side of the crosswalk, north of the Pine Creek Rd.; restripe crosswalk; install an asphalt landing, detectable warning surface treatment, and an asphalt path (approx.. 6 ft. by 300 ft.) on east side of crosswalk for trail access to neighborhoods, near North Gate High School.
- **Site 7 (Magnolia Way, Walnut Creek):** Install advanced warning signage on Magnolia Way; install detectable warning surfaces, poles, pedestrian buttons, activated double-faced RRFBs on both sides of crosswalk at Magnolia Way/Maple Lane intersection, near Parkmead Elementary School.

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

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. No tree removal will be required.

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

General Plan Conformance is necessary from the City of Walnut Creek for Site 6.

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

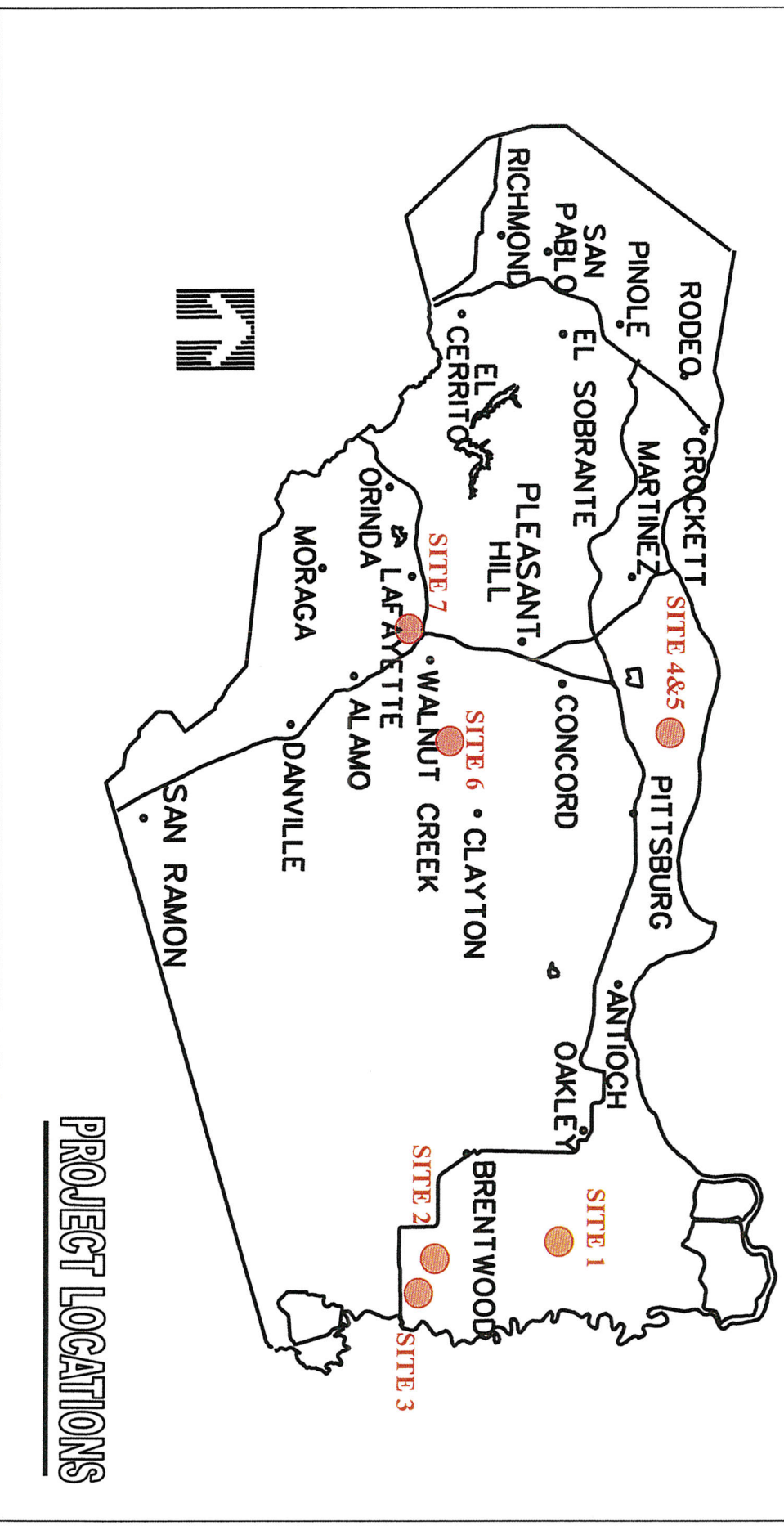
☐ Yes ☒ **No** ☐ maybe (Nature of concern):

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

☐ No ☐ No ☒ **Maybe:** Discovery Bay School District, Knightsen School District, Mt. Diablo School District, and Walnut Creek School District

5. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city? Pittsburg (Sites 4 & 5) and Walnut Creek (Sites 6 & 7)

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LOCATION MAP

PROJECT LOCATIONS

Figure 1

VICINITY MAP FOR RTI FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ENHANCEMENTS (TDA GRANT 2014)

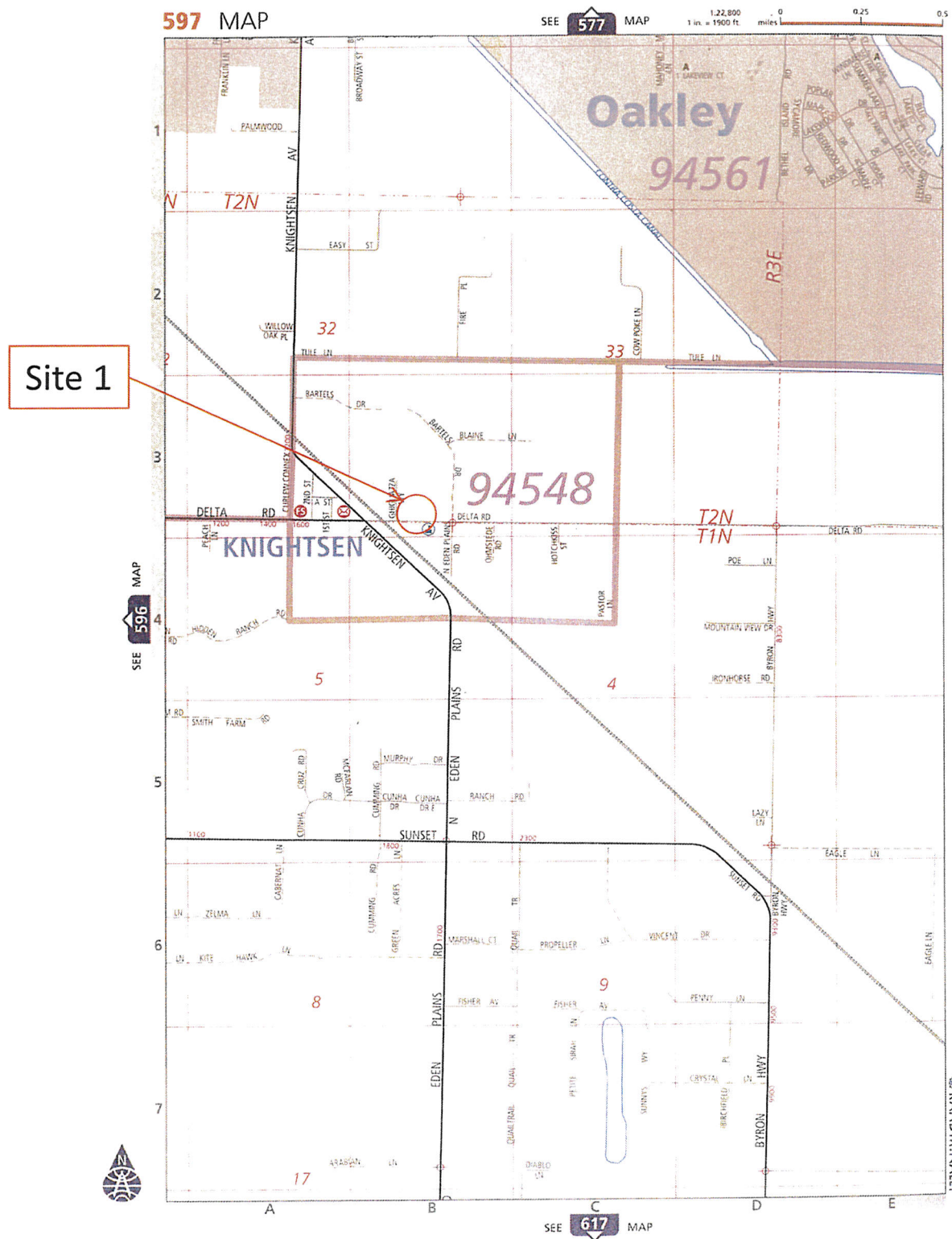


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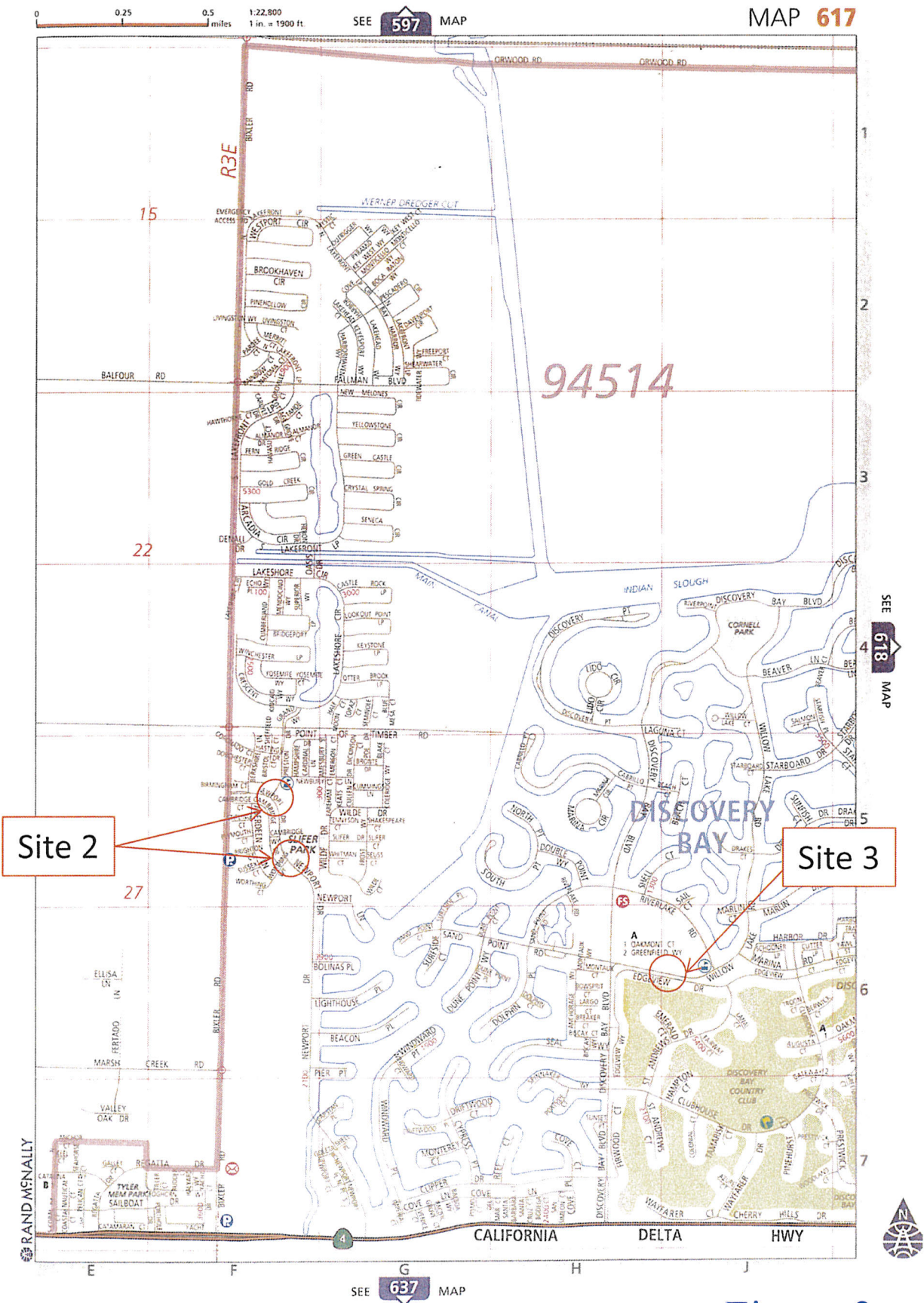


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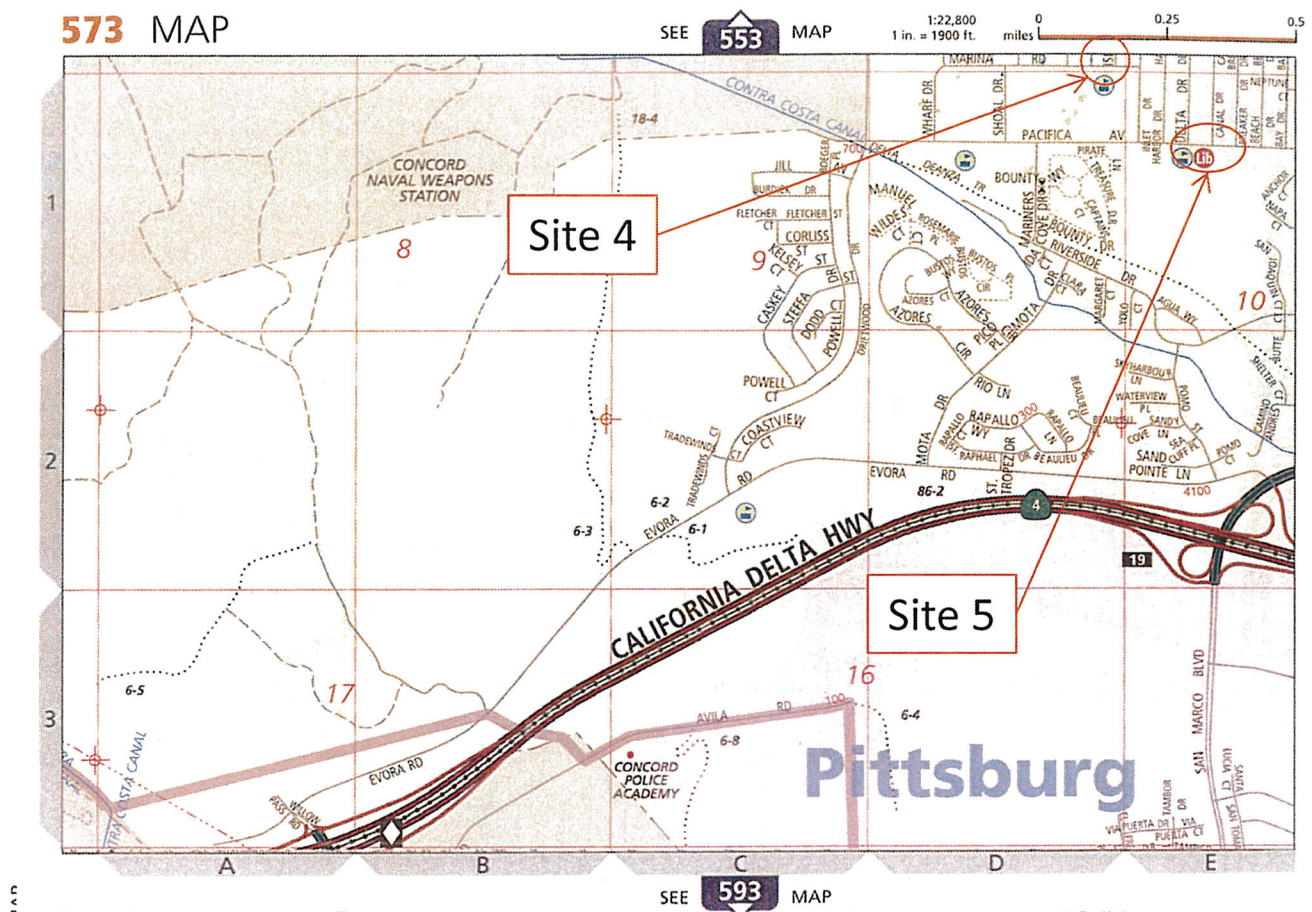


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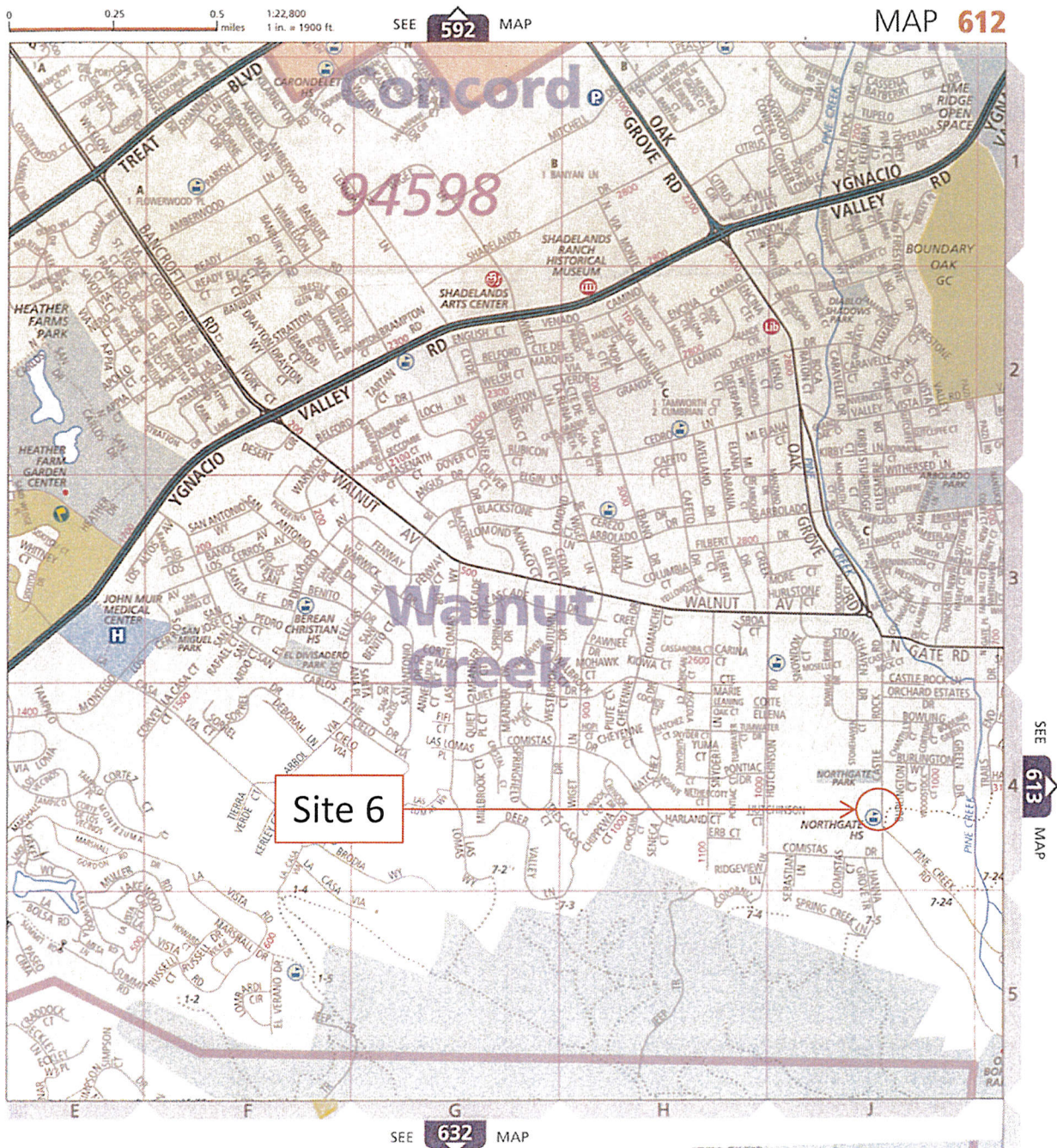
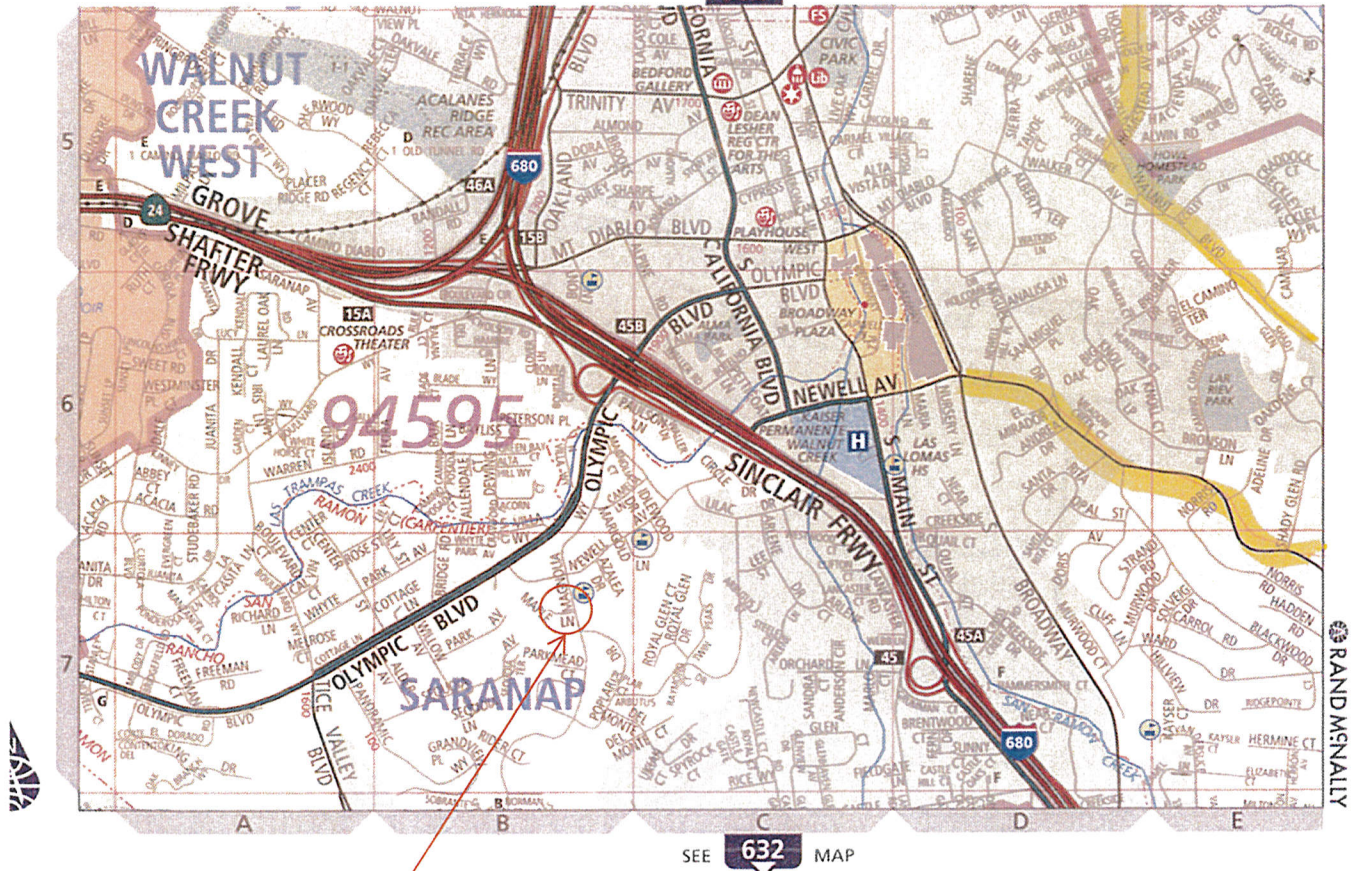


Figure 5

1:22,800
1 in. = 1900 ft.



Site 7

Figure 6

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): Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements-East & Central Contra Costa County
Project No.# 0676-6P1025 / CP# 14-36
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department
Project Location - Specific: Knightsen & Discovery Bay (East); and, Bay Point & Walnut Creek (Central) Contra Costa County.
Project Location: East and Central Contra Costa County
Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this Project is to construct pedestrian crosswalk enhancements to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, as well as increase driver awareness at existing crosswalks located near schools in East and Central Contra Costa County.

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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));
[] Categorical Exemption: Class 1c
[] Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.:
[] General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond previously existing pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines. 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: Department of Fish and Game Fees Due
Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Trina R. Torres
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2176
[] EIR - \$3,069.75
[] Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.00
[] DeMinimis Findings - \$0
[] County Clerk - \$50
[] Conservation & Development - \$25
Total Due: \$ 75.00
Total Paid \$
Receipt #: