

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: 0662-6R4141  
CP# 15-21

PROJECT NAME: Rio Vista Elementary School Pedestrian Connection Project  
PREPARED BY: Alex Nattkemper DATE: August 3, 2015  
APPROVED BY: DATE: 08-14-15

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ☒ **Categorical Exemption** [Class 1c]
- ☐ Environmental Impact Report Required
- ☐ Negative Declaration
- ☐ 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 minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that 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: Honker Bay	Base Map Sheet #: E-17	Parcel #: N/A
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located in central Contra Costa County in the unincorporated community of Bay Point. The improvements will occur along Pacifica Avenue, from Mariners Cove Drive to 150 feet west of Wharf Drive [Figures 1-4].
2. **Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to provide pedestrian facilities along a segment of Pacifica Avenue, which students at Rio Vista Elementary School, Shore Acres Elementary School and Riverview Middle School use to walk to and from the school sites. The project will extend the distance of sidewalk along Pacifica Avenue, provide improved access for the mobility impaired and provide paved area for bicyclists. Overall, the project will improve safety for children walking and biking to the school sites and residences in the surrounding neighborhood. This project will provide approximately 525 linear feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk, curb, gutter, driveways, driveway conforms, ADA compliant curb ramps, storm drain improvements and a 5 foot wide bike lane on the north side of Pacifica Avenue, from Mariners Cove Drive to 525 feet west.

The project will include pavement repair, base failure repair, slurry seal and road widening. Widening of the road embankment with fill material may also be required to allow for construction of the new sidewalk from approximately 120 feet west of Mariners Cove Drive to 420 feet west of Mariners Cove Drive. The new slope will be 2:1 or steeper if feasible, depending on the type of material used. A retaining curb or wall may be constructed in the fill/cut areas. A storm drain inlet and pipe may be constructed to connect to existing facilities near the Mariners Cove Drive intersection.

From 420 feet west of Mariners Cove Drive to 525 feet west, new sidewalk, curb and gutter will be constructed to connect with the existing sidewalk on the western end of the project. The connection between the new sidewalk and existing sidewalk will require pavement widening, since the existing sidewalk is 8 feet behind the proposed sidewalk. This pavement widening will allow a 60 to 80 feet long parking lane to be constructed east of an existing driveway and improve sight distance for the vehicles exiting this driveway. Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs) will be installed on the north and south sides of Pacifica Avenue at the existing crosswalk located in front of Rio Vista Elementary School. A school zone speed feedback sign will also be installed on eastbound Pacifica Avenue approximately 150 feet west of Wharf Drive.

Approximately 260 feet west of Mariners Cove Drive there is a 24" culvert discharging to an open field. Construction of the sidewalk will require minor filling of the embankment and construction of a custom concrete headwall at the pipe end. Extension of the pipe end may be necessary and will be determined during final design. Fencing on the headwall and back of sidewalk may also be necessary.

The Project will maintain the existing drainage pattern. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. Three palm trees and two non-native landscape trees will be removed for the proposed project. 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 for traffic during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real Property transactions, including right-of-way acquisitions from adjacent properties, may be required. Utility adjustments and relocations may be necessary for the proposed improvements.

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?** City of Pittsburg

# Rio Vista Pedestrian Connection Project

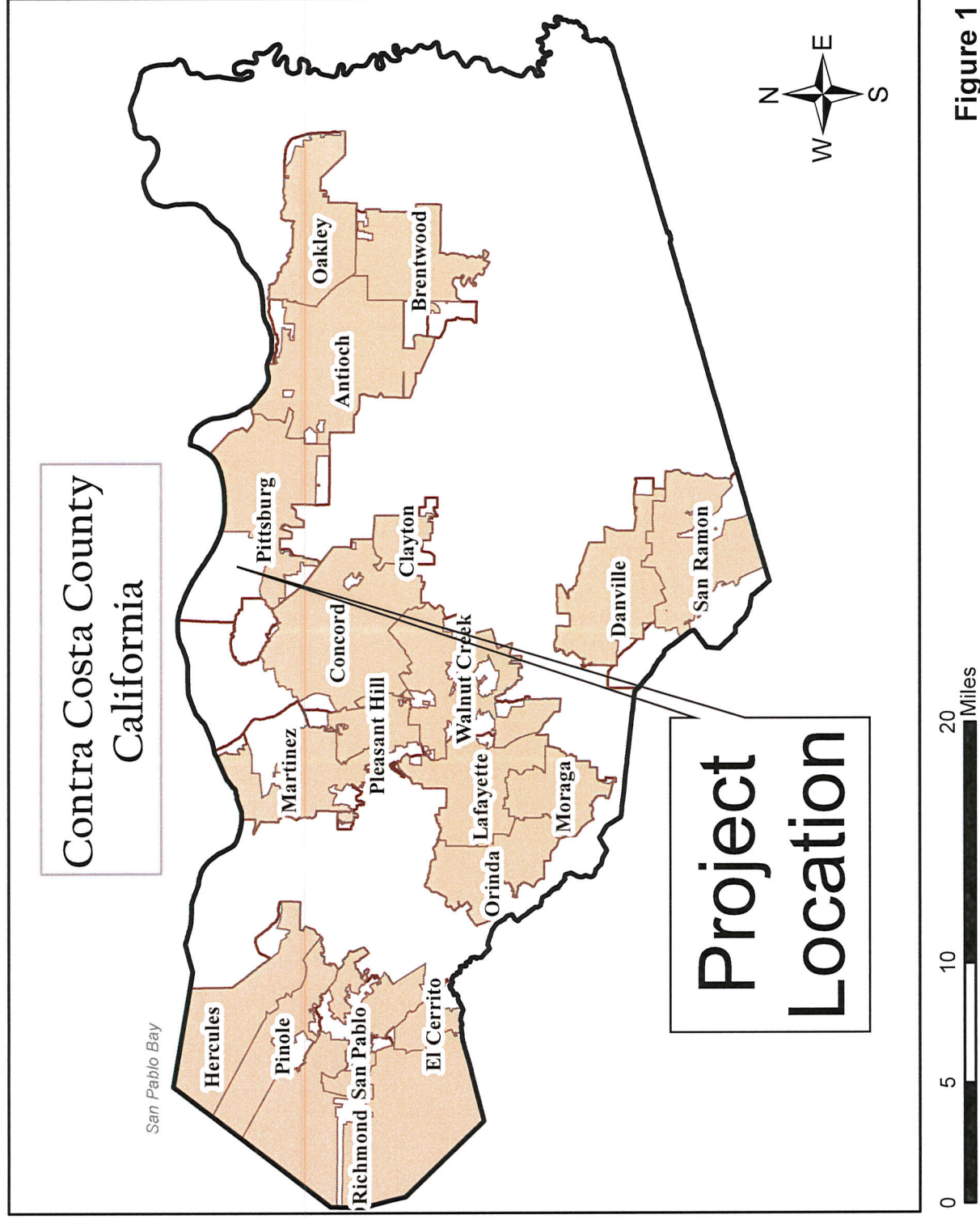


Figure 1



# Community of Bay Point

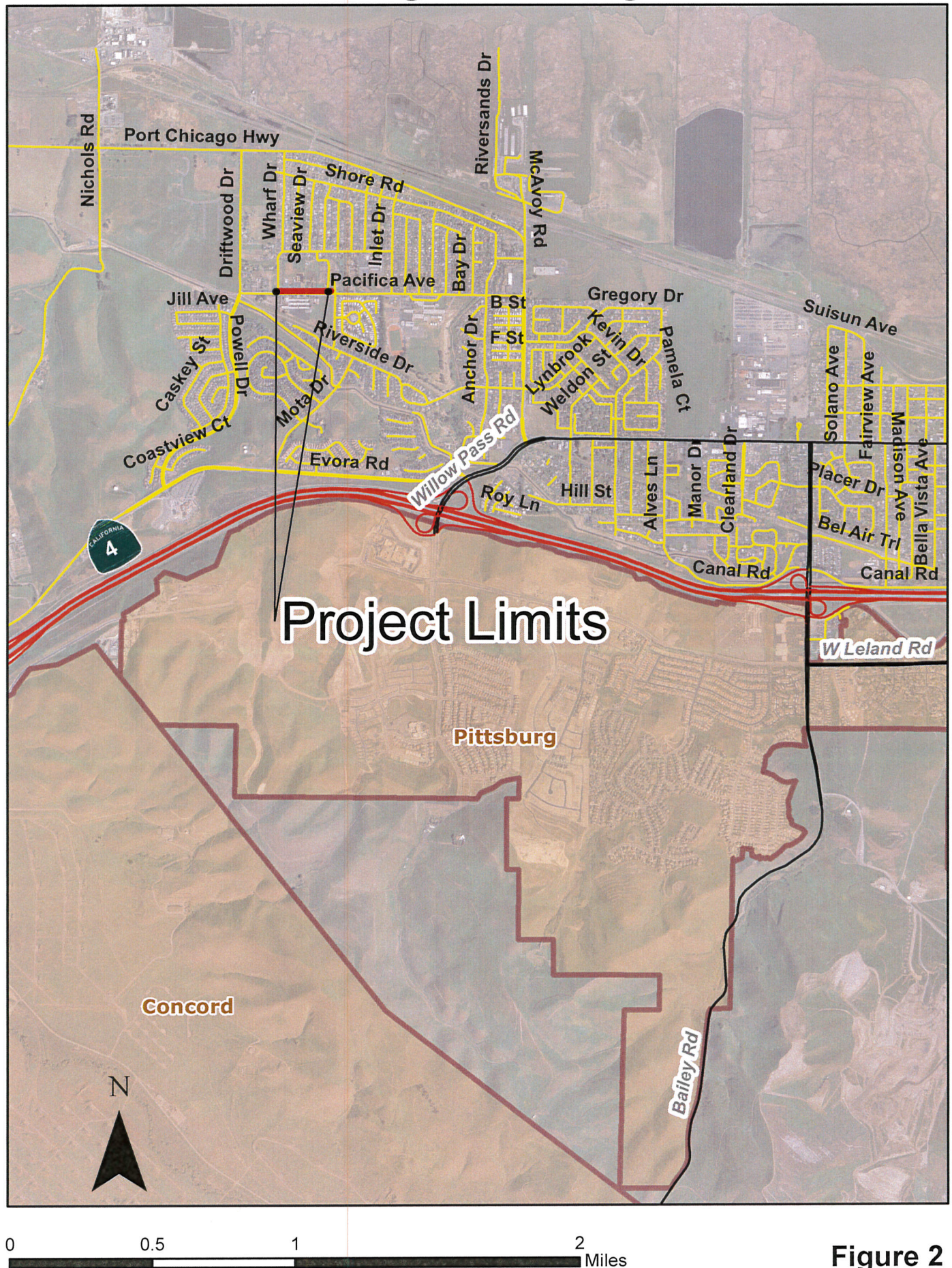
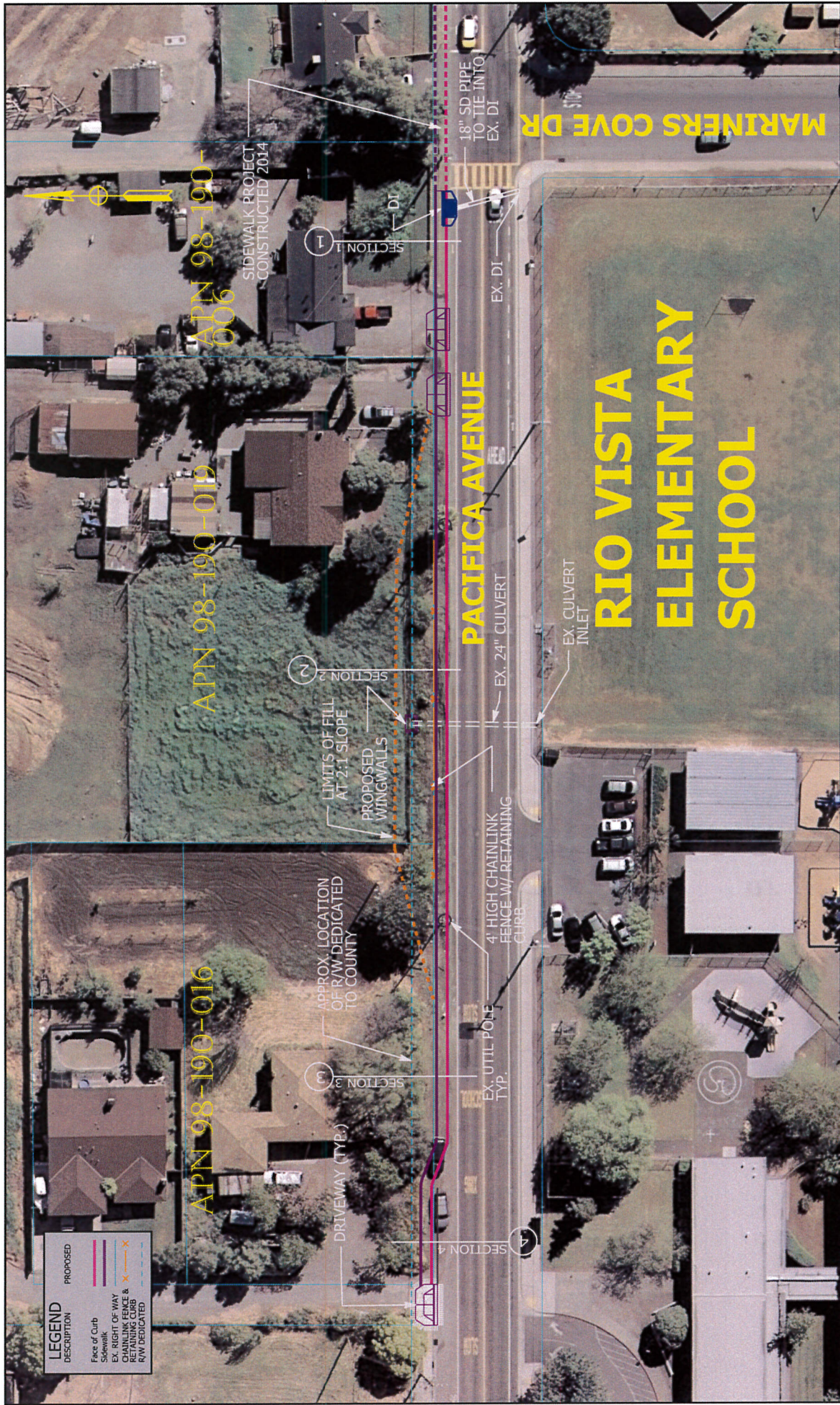


Figure 2





SCALE: 1" = 40'

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**SITE PLAN**

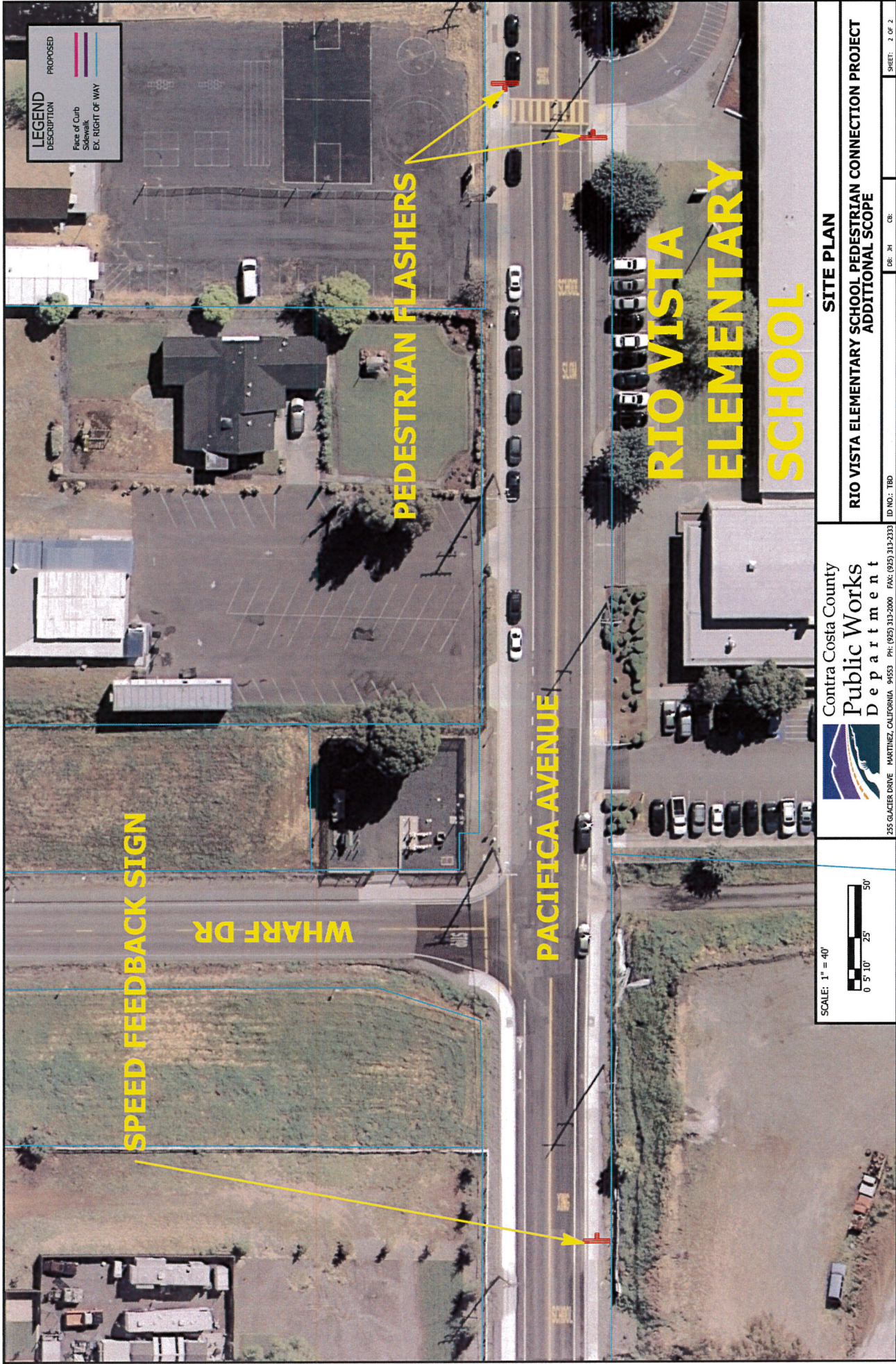
**RIO VISTA SIDEWALK CONNECTION PROJECT**

ID NO.: TBD

DR: RWL CB:

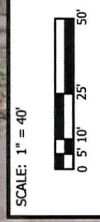
SHEET: 1 OF 2





**LEGEND**

DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED
Face of Curb	<span style="color: blue;">—</span>
Sidewalk	<span style="color: green;">—</span>
EX. RIGHT OF WAY	<span style="color: yellow;">—</span>



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<b>SITE PLAN</b>	
<b>RIO VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION PROJECT ADDITIONAL SCOPE</b>	
<small>ID NO.: TBD</small>	<small>DR: JH CB: <span style="color: red;">—</span></small>
<small>SHEET: 2 OF 2</small>	



## Notice of Exemption

**COPY**

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: Rio Vista Elementary School Pedestrian Connection Project, Project No. 0662-6R4141 & CP# 15-21

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location – **Specific:** Along Pacifica Avenue, from Mariners Cove Drive to 150 feet west of Wharf Drive.

Project Location: Unincorporated Community of Bay Point

Project Location – County: **Contra Costa**

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of this project is to provide pedestrian facilities along a segment of Pacifica Avenue, which students at Rio Vista Elementary School, Shore Acres Elementary School and Riverview Middle School use to walk to and from the school sites. The project will extend the distance of sidewalk along Pacifica Avenue, provide improved access for the mobility impaired and provide paved area for bicyclists. Overall, the project will improve safety for children walking and biking to the school sites and residences in the surrounding neighborhood. This project will provide approximately 525 linear feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk, curb, gutter, driveways, driveway conforms, ADA compliant curb ramps, storm drain improvements and a 5 foot wide bike lane on the north side of Pacifica Avenue, from Mariners Cove Drive to 525 feet west. The project will include pavement repair, base failure repair, slurry seal and road widening. Widening of the road embankment with fill material may also be required to allow for construction of the new sidewalk from approximately 120 feet west of Mariners Cove Drive to 420 feet west of Mariners Cove Drive. The new slope will be 2:1 or steeper if feasible, depending on the type of material used. A retaining curb or wall may be constructed in the fill/cut areas. A storm drain inlet and pipe may be constructed to connect to existing facilities near the Mariners Cove Drive intersection. From 420 feet west of Mariners Cove Drive to 525 feet west, new sidewalk, curb and gutter will be constructed to connect with the existing sidewalk on the western end of the project. The connection between the new sidewalk and existing sidewalk will require pavement widening, since the existing sidewalk is 8 feet behind the proposed sidewalk. This pavement widening will allow a 60 to 80 feet long parking lane to be constructed east of an existing driveway and improve sight distance for the vehicles exiting this driveway. Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs) will be installed on the north and south sides of Pacifica Avenue at the existing crosswalk located in front of Rio Vista Elementary School. A school zone speed feedback sign will also be installed on eastbound Pacifica Avenue approximately 150 feet west of Wharf Drive. Approximately 260 feet west of Mariners Cove Drive there is a 24" culvert discharging to an open field. Construction of the sidewalk will require minor filling of the embankment and construction of a custom concrete headwall at the pipe end. Extension of the pipe end may be necessary and will be determined during final design. Fencing on the headwall and back of sidewalk may also be necessary. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. Three palm trees and two non-native landscape trees will be removed for the proposed project. 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 for traffic during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real Property transactions, including right-of-way acquisitions from adjacent properties, may be required. Utility adjustments and relocations may be necessary for the proposed improvements.

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 consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that 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: **Alex Nattkemper - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2364**

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: Aug 14, 15 Title: Principal Planner

☐ 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: Alex Nattkemper  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2364

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**

- ☐ EIR - \$3,069.<sup>75</sup>  
☐ Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.<sup>00</sup>  
☐ DeMinimis Findings - \$0  
☒ County Clerk - \$50  
☒ Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$ 75.<sup>00</sup>

Total Paid \$

Receipt #: