

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: WO# 1025

CP# 15-48

PROJECT NAME: Blackhawk Road Bikeway Project

PREPARED BY: Alex Nattkemper

DATE: January 4, 2016

APPROVED BY: [Signature]

DATE: 1-11-16

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

☐ 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.

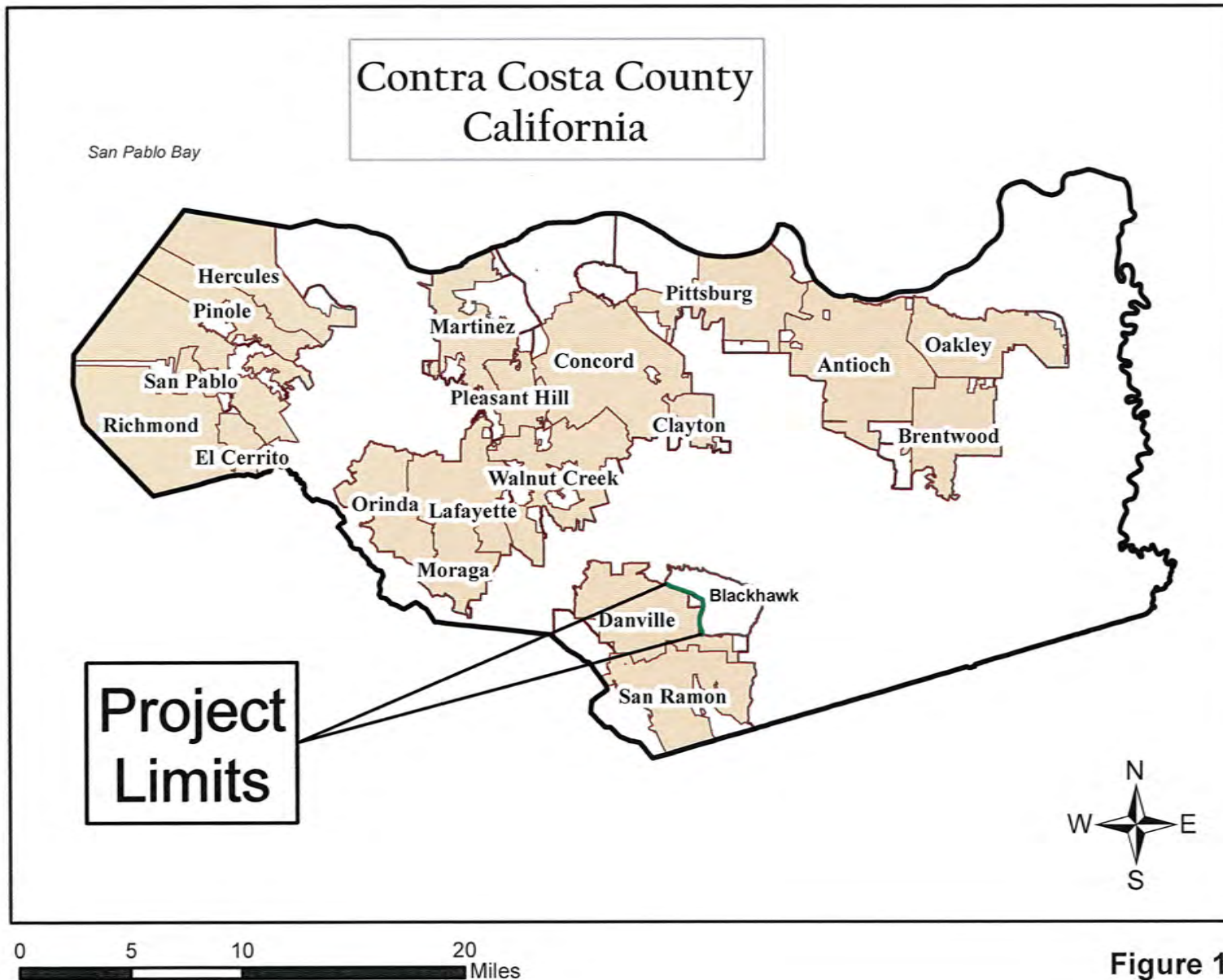
What changes to the project would mitigate the identified impacts: N/A

USGS Quad Sheet: <u>Diablo</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>S-17, S-18, T-18, U-18</u>	Parcel #: <u>N/A</u>
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located in Contra Costa County in the unincorporated community of Blackhawk [Figures 1-15].
2. **Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve bicyclist safety by providing bicycle lanes and related improvements over 3.6 miles of Blackhawk Road, providing an additional mode of transportation for commuting or recreation. There are no existing bicycle facilities along Blackhawk Road between Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard and Camino Tassajara. Blackhawk Road is the main access point for students who attend The Athenian School. This project would provide bicycle access for students and local residents to ride their bikes on Blackhawk Road for transportation or recreational purposes. In addition, the project would provide bicycle access for residents making trips to the shopping mall near Camino Tassajara and Blackhawk Road. There are also bus stops along the project limits, which mean this project will provide multi-modal connections for residents as well. The project consists of striping Class II bicycle lanes on Blackhawk Road from San Andreas Drive to Blackhawk Plaza Circle within the existing roadway. Current lane widths will be narrowed where necessary to accommodate the new Class II bicycle lanes, but will remain at least 11 feet wide. Existing striping will be removed and new striping will be installed between San Andreas Drive to Blackhawk Plaza Circle. This project will also place "sharrow" markings for Class III bike routes from Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard to San Andreas Drive and from Blackhawk Plaza Circle to Camino Tassajara, due to lack of existing roadway width for Class II bicycle lanes. Sign posts will be added along the entire length of the project area to designate the type of bikeway available. The project may include a road surface treatment prior to restriping traffic lanes. There will be no changes to existing drainage or utilities and no rights-of-way or easements will be needed as the project will stay entirely within the existing pavement. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. One lane will be open for traffic during construction activities. Emergency vehicles 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
5. **Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** No

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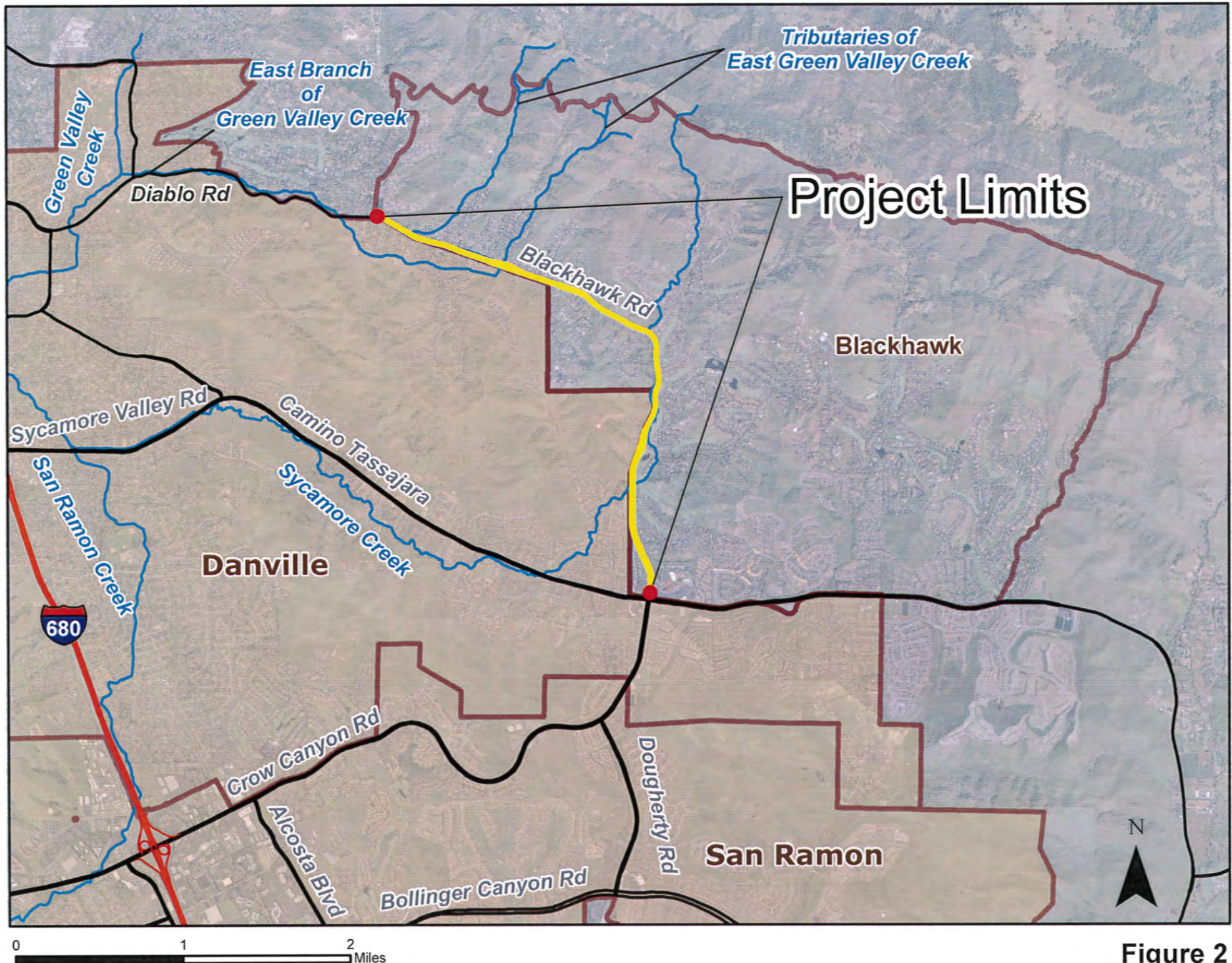
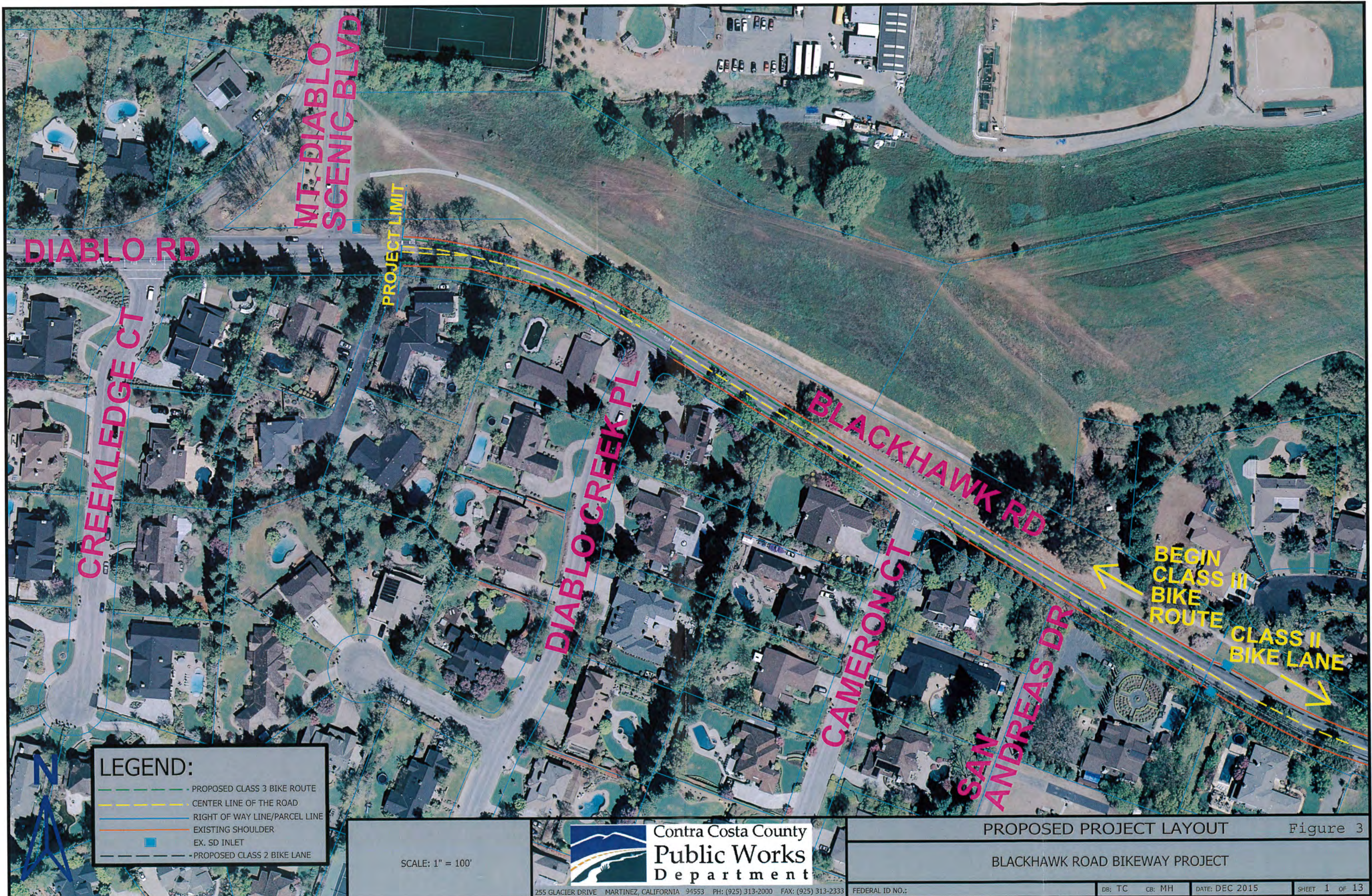
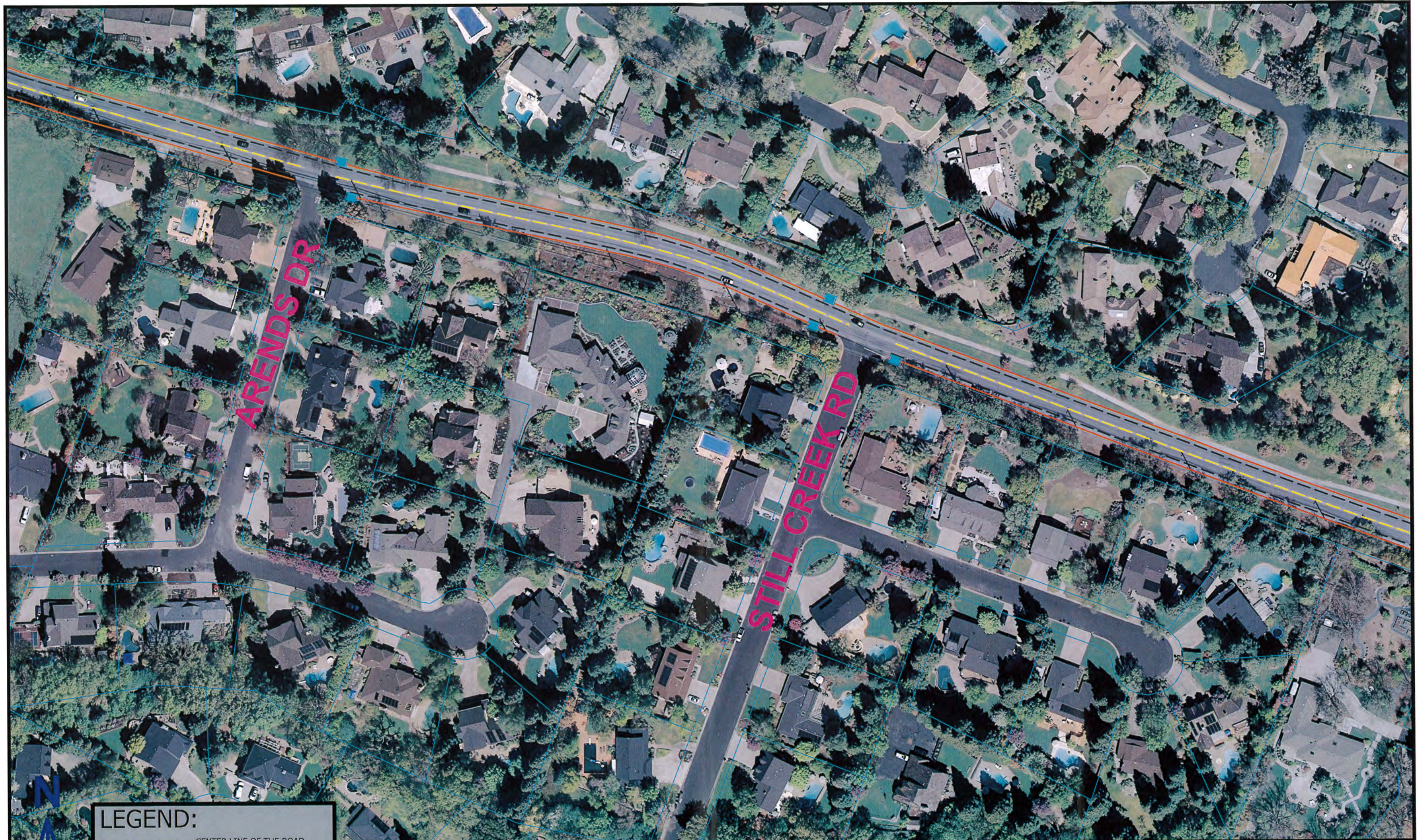


Figure 2





LEGEND:

- CENTER LINE OF THE ROAD
- RIGHT OF WAY LINE/PARCEL LINE
- EXISTING SHOULDER
- EX. SD INLET
- PROPOSED CLASS 2 BIKE LANE

SCALE: 1" = 100'



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PROPOSED PROJECT LAYOUT Figure 4

BLACKHAWK ROAD BIKEWAY PROJECT

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Figure 5

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SCALE: 1" = 100'



PROPOSED PROJECT LAYOUT Figure 6

BLACKHAWK ROAD BIKEWAY PROJECT



LEGEND:

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- RIGHT OF WAY LINE/PARCEL LINE
- EXISTING SHOULDER
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Figure 8

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Figure 9

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- PROPOSED CLASS 2 BIKE LANE

SCALE: 1" = 100'



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- PROPOSED CLASS 2 BIKE LANE

SCALE: 1" = 100'



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Figure 11

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LEGEND:

- CENTER LINE OF THE ROAD
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- EX. SD INLET
- PROPOSED CLASS 2 BIKE LANE

SCALE: 1" = 100'

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PROPOSED PROJECT LAYOUT Figure 12

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- EX. SD INLET
- - - PROPOSED CLASS 2 BIKE LANE

SCALE: 1" = 100'



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Figure 14

BLACKHAWK ROAD BIKEWAY PROJECT



LEGEND:

- PROPOSED CLASS 3 BIKE ROUTE
- CENTER LINE OF THE ROAD
- RIGHT OF WAY LINE/PARCEL LINE
- EXISTING SHOULDER
- EX. SD INLET
- PROPOSED CLASS 2 BIKE LANE

SCALE: 1" = 150'

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Figure 15

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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

☒ County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

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

Project Title: [Blackhawk Road Bikeway Project, WO# 1025 & CP# 15-48](#)

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location – **Specific:** Along Blackhawk Road between Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard and Camino Tassajara

Project Location: Unincorporated Community of Blackhawk Project Location – County: [Contra Costa](#)

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to improve bicyclist safety by providing bicycle lanes and related improvements over 3.6 miles of Blackhawk Road, providing an additional mode of transportation for commuting or recreation. There are no existing bicycle facilities along Blackhawk Road between Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard and Camino Tassajara. Blackhawk Road is the main access point for students who attend The Athenian School. This project would provide bicycle access for students and local residents to ride their bikes on Blackhawk Road for transportation or recreational purposes. In addition, the project would provide bicycle access for residents making trips to the shopping mall near Camino Tassajara and Blackhawk Road. There are also bus stops along the project limits, which mean this project will provide multi-modal connections for residents as well. The project consists of striping Class II bicycle lanes on Blackhawk Road from San Andreas Drive to Blackhawk Plaza Circle within the existing roadway. Current lane widths will be narrowed where necessary to accommodate the new Class II bicycle lanes, but will remain at least 11 feet wide. Existing striping will be removed and new striping will be installed between San Andreas Drive to Blackhawk Plaza Circle. This project will also place “sharrow” markings for Class III bike routes from Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard to San Andreas Drive and from Blackhawk Plaza Circle to Camino Tassajara, due to lack of existing roadway width for Class II bicycle lanes. Sign posts will be added along the entire length of the project area to designate the type of bikeway available. The project may include a road surface treatment prior to restriping traffic lanes. There will be no changes to existing drainage or utilities and no rights-of-way or easements will be needed as the project will stay entirely within the existing pavement. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. One lane will be open for traffic during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

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 1(c)**
☐ 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: _____ 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: [Alex Nattkemper](#)
Environmental Services Division
Phone: [\(925\) 313-2364](#)

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

☐ EIR - \$3,070.⁰⁰
☐ Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.²⁵
☐ DeMinimis Findings - \$0
☒ **County Clerk - \$50**
☒ **Conservation & Development - \$25**

Total Due: \$ [75.⁰⁰](#)
Total Paid \$ _____
Receipt #: _____