

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH# 2013102020

Project Title: Interstate 680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure/Express Lanes Project
Project No. 4660-6X4172, CP# 16-47

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County

Project Location: Interstate 680 from 0.6 mile north of Livorna Road in Alamo to 0.2 mile north of Geary Road in Walnut Creek

Project Description: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) prepared an Initial Study Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact for the Interstate 680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure/Express Lanes Project in June 2014. Caltrans approved the Negative Declaration on July 7, 2014. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and relieve congestion by closing the current 5.4-mile high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) gap on southbound Interstate 680 through the city of Walnut Creek. The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors needs to adopt Caltrans' previously approved Negative Declaration to address necessary real property transactions in support of the I-680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure/Express Lanes Project. The Real Estate Division of the Public Works Department will go before the Chair Board of Supervisors to have the right-of-way services approved to provide real property transactions in Contra Costa County in cooperation with CCTA and Caltrans. The project is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) most recent Regional Transportation Plans, the *Plan Bay Area* MTC 2013; Regional Transportation Plan ID No. 22353. Contra Costa County is adopting the Negative Declaration in support of the necessary real property transactions only. Caltrans and CCTA have analyzed all environmental impacts of the project and will obtain any necessary regulatory permits and environmental clearances prior to project implementation.

The project was approved on: July 7, 2014

1. The project will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Notice of Determination for SCH# 2013102020 was sent to Office of Planning and Research.*

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Contra Costa County Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

Signature (Contra Costa County): _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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 <input type="checkbox"/> EIR - \$3,070. ⁰⁰ <input type="checkbox"/> Neg. Dec. - \$2,210. ²⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> DeMinimis Findings - \$0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk - \$50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation & Development - \$25	Total Due: \$ _____ Total Paid \$ _____ Receipt #: _____
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*Notice of Determination may be sent by fax to (916) 323-3018, if followed up with a duplicate mailed copy.

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

Interstate 680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure Project

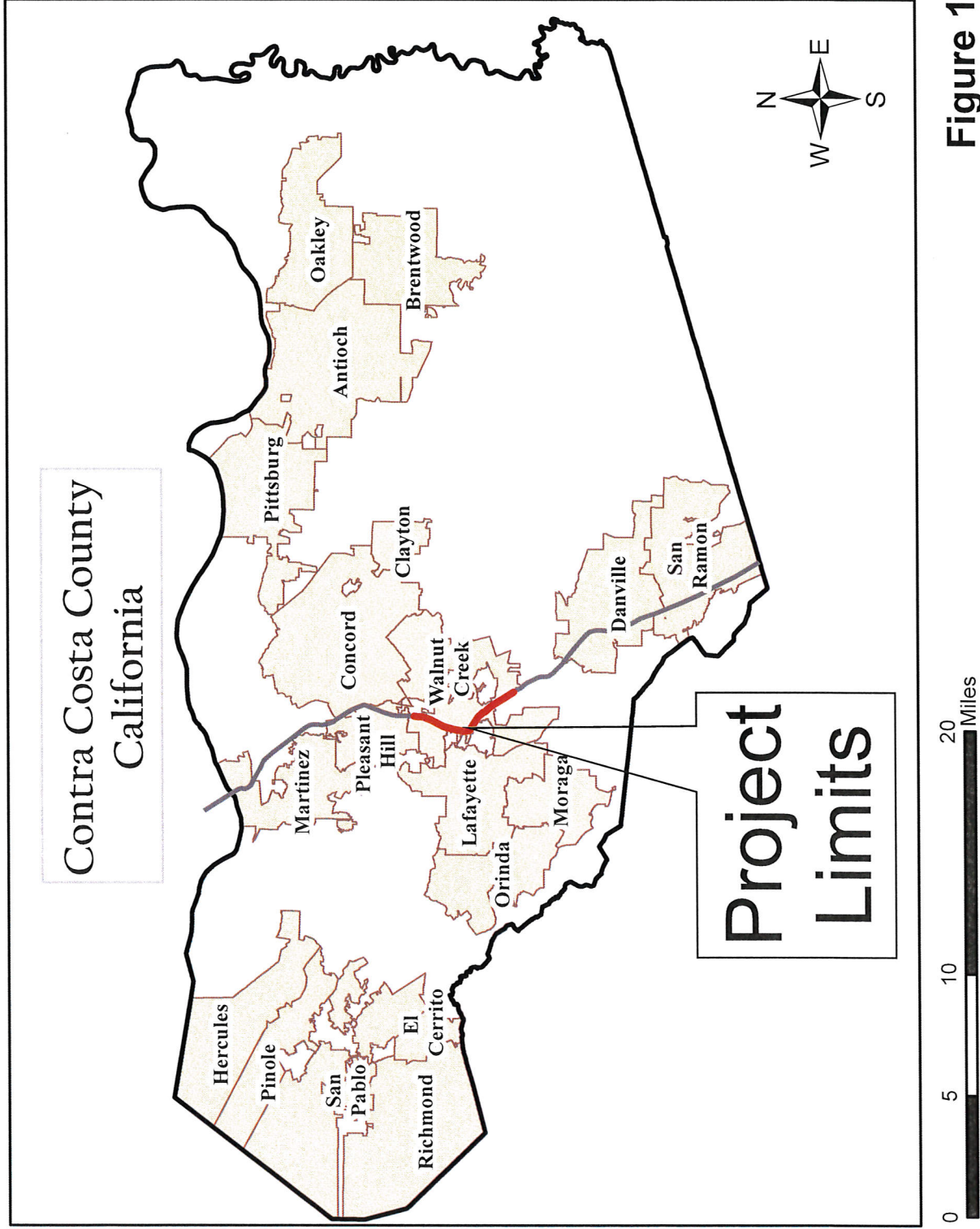
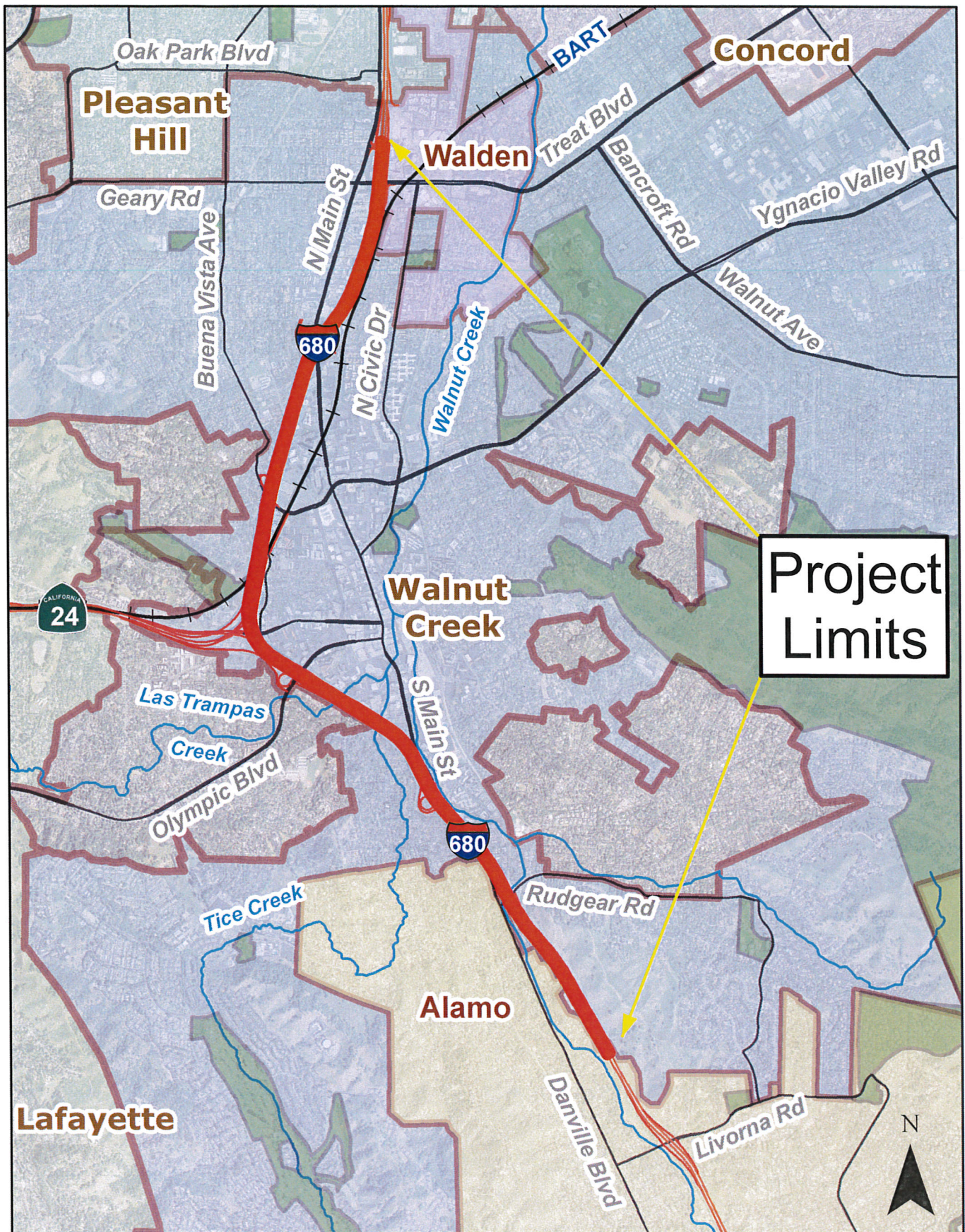


Figure 1

Interstate 680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure Project



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Figure 2