

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: 0676-6P1025  
CP# 16-57

PROJECT NAME: Walnut Creek Crosswalk Improvements Project

PREPARED BY: Avé Brown

DATE: January 5, 2017

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption: 15301[Class (c)]

☐ 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 consists of minor alteration of existing public structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond what is previous 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: Walnut Creek	Base Map Sheet #: M-14	Parcel #: 185-211-016, 173-021-017
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**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Location:** The project is located at the intersections of Olympic Boulevard and Bridgefield Road, and Walden Road and Westcliffe Lane in unincorporated Walnut Creek [Figures 1-5].
- Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian safety at two existing crosswalk locations in unincorporated Walnut Creek.

The project consists of installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) for crosswalks at the intersections of Olympic Boulevard and Bridgefield Road, and Walden Road and Westcliffe Lane. The Olympic Bridgefield location will also have an advance RRFB due to a curve in the roadway. In addition to the RRFBs, at the Olympic/Bridgefield location a landing area will be constructed on the north side of the crossing with an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible curb ramp and detectable warning surface to alert users that they are entering the roadway. At the south side of the crossing, a detectable warning surface will be installed that will tie into the existing Olympic Corridor Trail. Construction of the landing area on the north side may require partial removal of a fence and ivy. The Walden/Westcliffe improvements will include a passive detection system for the RRFBs and detectable warning surfaces will be installed on both sides of the crossing. The Walden/Westcliffe improvements will tie into the existing Iron Horse Trail. Maximum excavation will be approximately three feet for installation of RRFBs.

Real Property transactions may be necessary in support of the project. Utility relocations may be necessary. Temporary full or partial lane closures may be necessary during construction. If closures are necessary, traffic control will be implemented. At least one lane will remain open and emergency vehicles and property owners will have access at all times. No tree removal is anticipated however, some vegetation removal may be necessary. In addition, trees and vegetation may need to be trimmed. If tree roots are impacted during construction, they will be cut cleanly. If construction, or disturbance to trees or vegetation is conducted during the breeding season for migratory birds and raptors (generally February 15 through August 31), a nesting bird survey will be conducted prior to construction. Best management practices (BMPs) will be implemented during construction to protect storm drain inlets. General Plan Conformance will be necessary from the City of Walnut Creek.

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

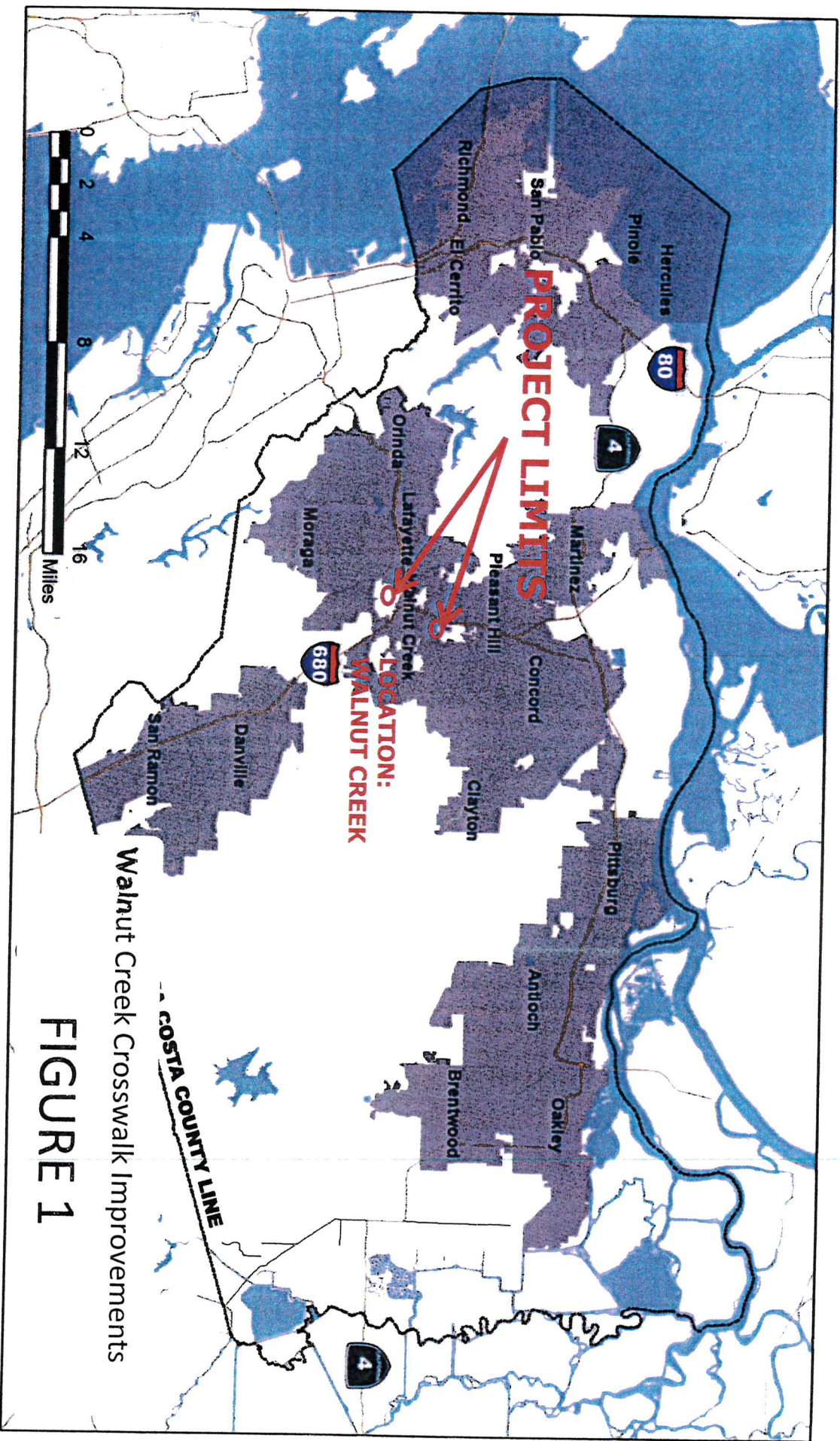
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ maybe (Nature of concern):

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? Yes, the Olympic/Bridgefield location is in the Sphere of Influence of the City of Lafayette, and the Walden/Westcliffe location is in the Sphere of Influence of the City of Walnut Creek.





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# LOCATION MAP

CROSSWALK ENHANCEMENTS  
UNINCORPORATED WALNUT CREEK

255 GLACIER DRIVE, MARTINEZ, CA 94553

PH: (925)313-2000 FAX: (925)313-2333

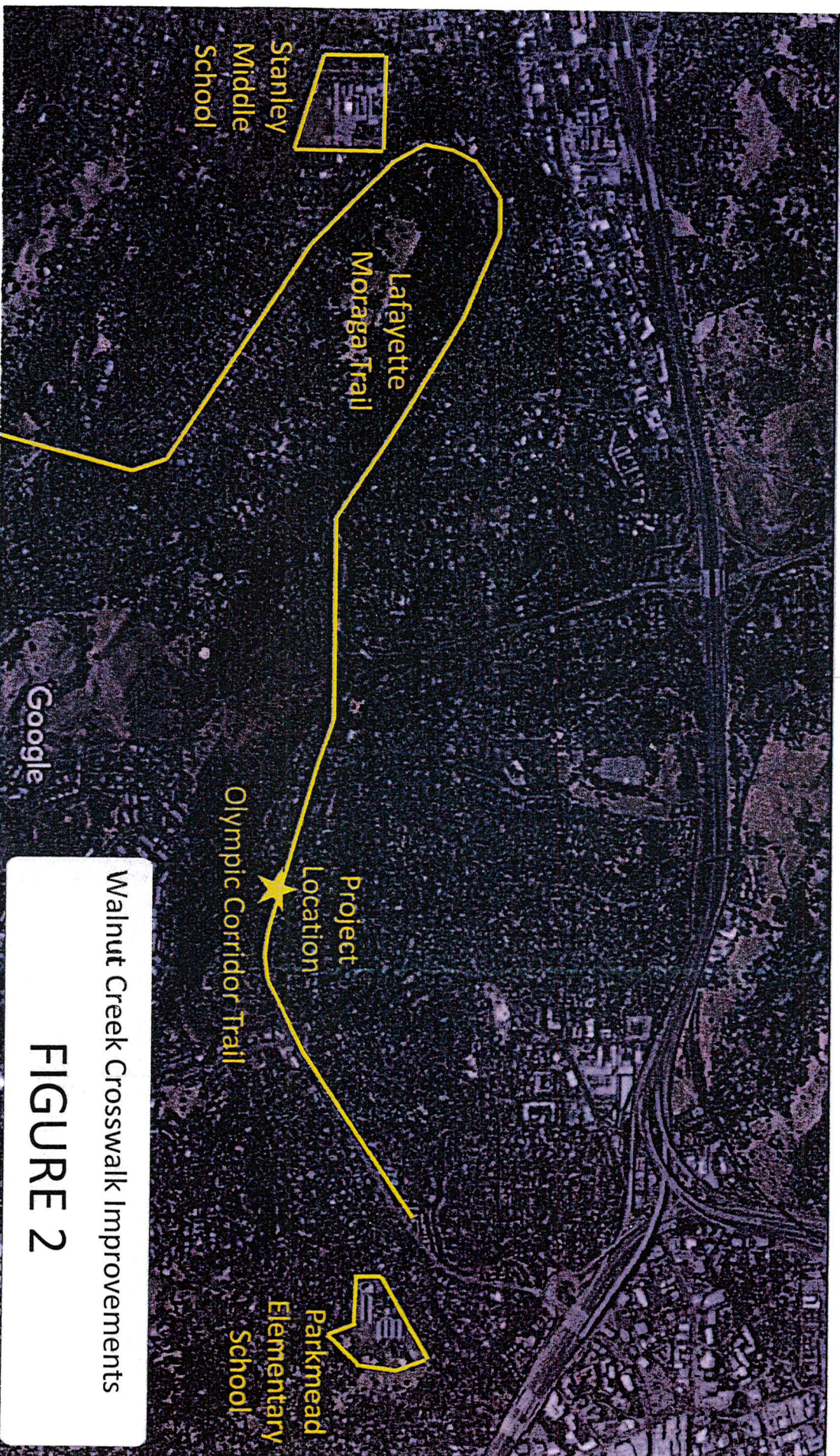
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Walnut Creek Crosswalk Improvements

**FIGURE 2**



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255 GLACIER DRIVE, MARTINEZ, CA 94553  
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VICINITY MAP

OLYMPIC BOULEVARD AND BRIDGEFIELD ROAD  
UNINCORPORATED WALNUT CREEK

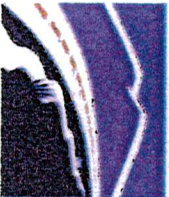
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VICINITY MAP

WALDEN ROAD AND WESTCLIFFE LANE  
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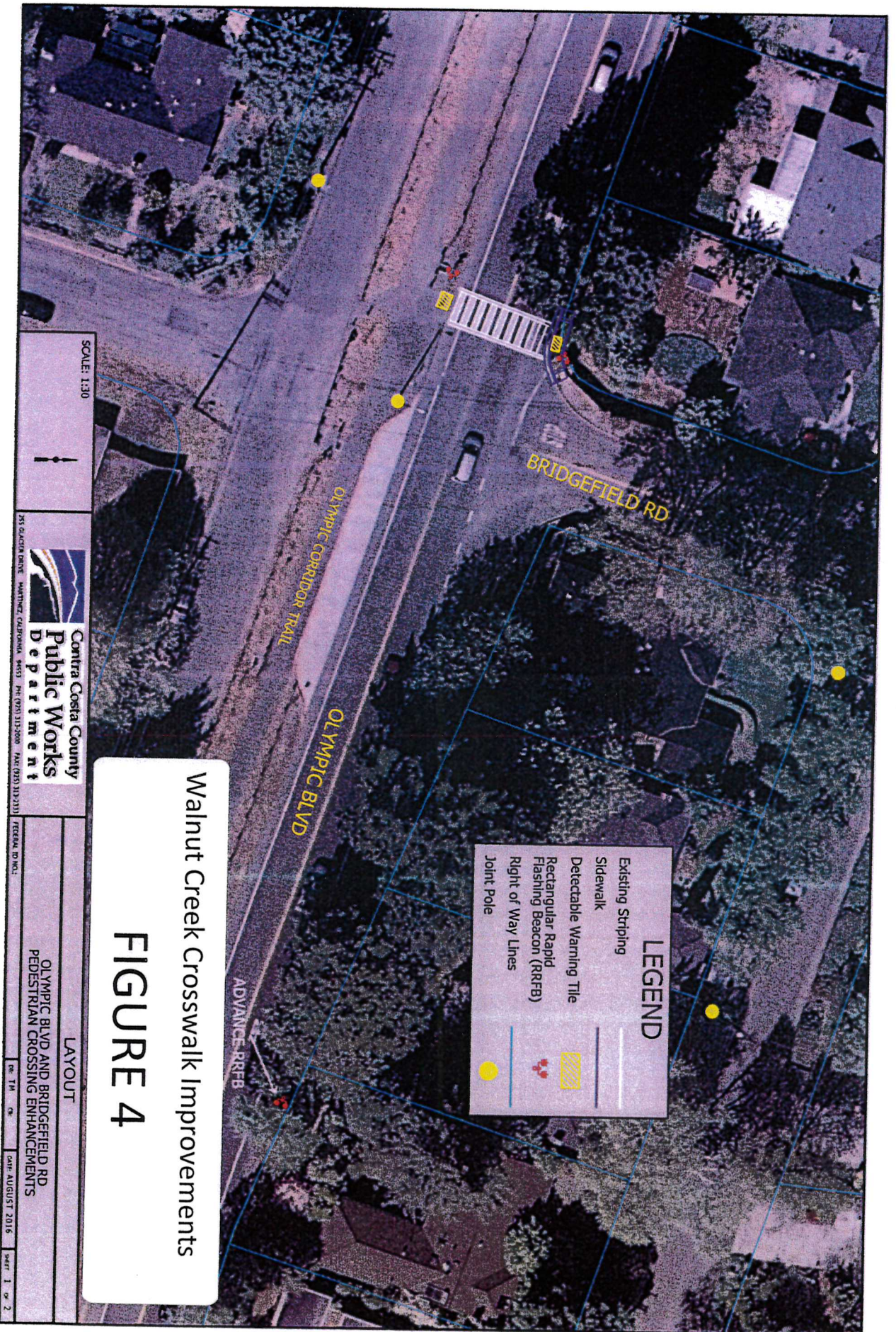
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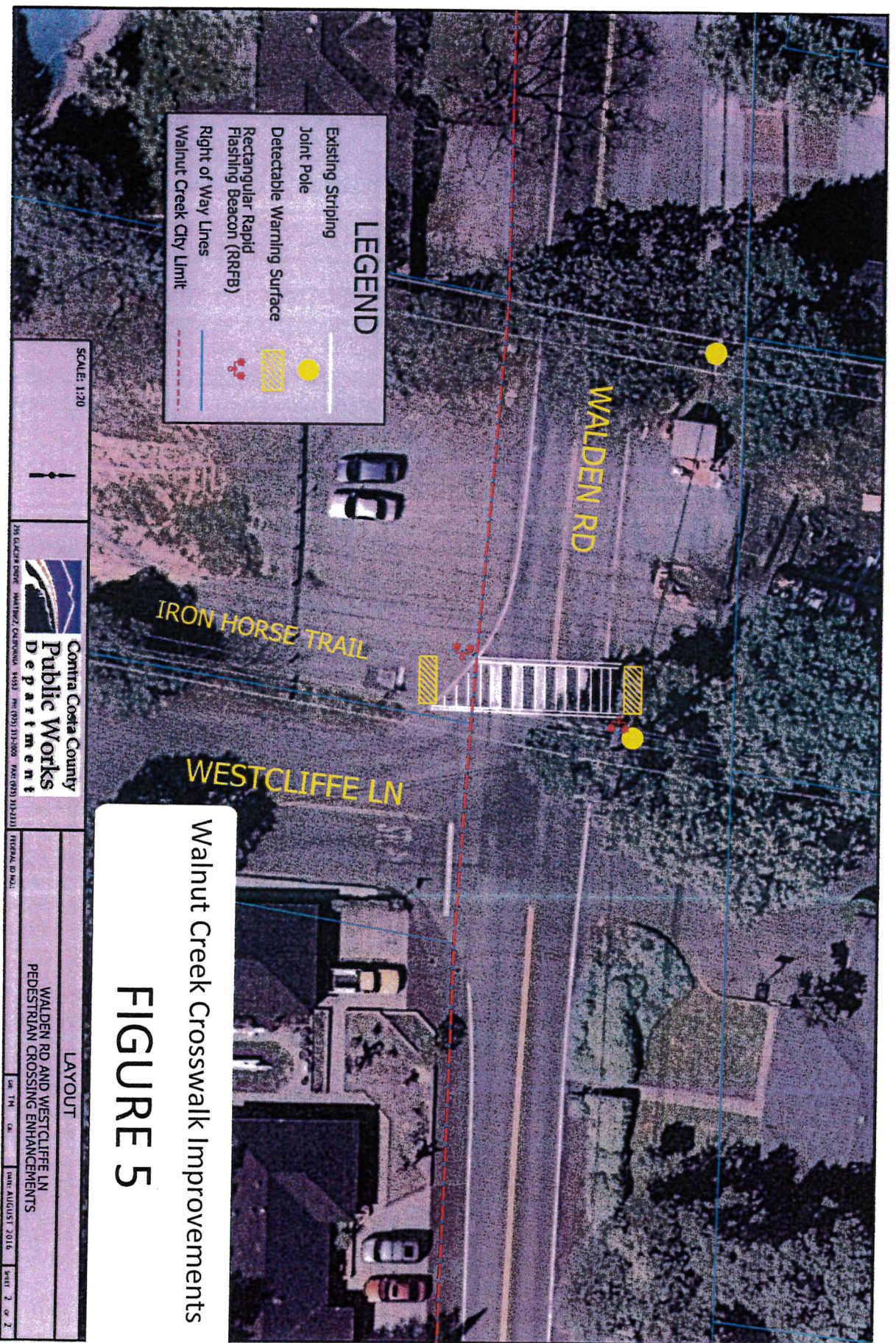
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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
Notice of Exemption

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: **Walnut Creek Crosswalk Improvements Project**  
**Project No. 0676-6P1025, CP# 16-57**

Project Applicant: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**

Project Location – **Specific:** The intersections of Olympic Boulevard and Bridgefield Road and Walden Road.

Project Location: Unincorporated Walnut Creek.

Project Location – County: **Contra Costa**

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian safety at two existing crosswalk locations in unincorporated Walnut Creek.

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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 15301(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 structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond what is previous 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: **Avé Brown - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2311**

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: 1/19/17 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: Avé Brown  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2311

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**

- ☐ EIR - \$3,078.<sup>25</sup>  
☐ Neg. Dec. - \$2,216.<sup>25</sup>  
☐ DeMinimis Findings - \$0  
☒ County Clerk - \$50  
☒ Conservation & Development - \$25

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

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_