

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: 0676-6P1025  
CP# 18-46

PROJECT NAME: 7<sup>th</sup> Street Crosswalk Improvements

PREPARED BY: Laura Cremin, Environmental Services Division *LB*

DATE: January 31, 2019

APPROVED BY: *Leon B. Mora*

DATE: 1/31/2019

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Categorical Exemption: 15301(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 alterations of existing streets and sidewalks, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: Mare Island	Base Map Sheet #: E-7	Parcel #: N/A
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**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Location:** The project is located on 7th Street between the intersections of Napa Avenue and Vallejo Avenue in unincorporated Rodeo in West Contra Costa County (Figures 1-2).
- Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian safety at existing crosswalk location used by children and community members to access St. Patrick Elementary School and Catholic Church.

The project consists of consolidating two crosswalks on 7th Street into one location, installing safety features, and constructing sidewalk improvements (Figure 3). The current crosswalks are at the intersections of 7th Street and Napa Avenue and 7th Street and Vallejo Avenue. The new crosswalk will be placed between the two existing crosswalks. The crosswalk will be placed on a raised speed table, which is a feature that is similar to a speed bump but with a gentler transition to travel over. Associated striping and signage and a pedestrian-actuated rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) will be installed at the new crosswalk. A speed feedback sign will be installed at the intersection of 7th Street and Sonoma Avenue..

Sidewalks will be installed in the gap between the new crosswalk location and Vallejo Avenue. Curb ramps will be installed at the new crosswalk and also at the two corners of the same block to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

All improvements will be constructed within the existing right-of-way. The project will maintain the existing drainage pattern and will not create new impervious areas. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. No tree removal will be necessary. One lane will be open during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

- Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**

Yes  No  maybe (Nature of concern):

- Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?**

Yes  No

- Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** No

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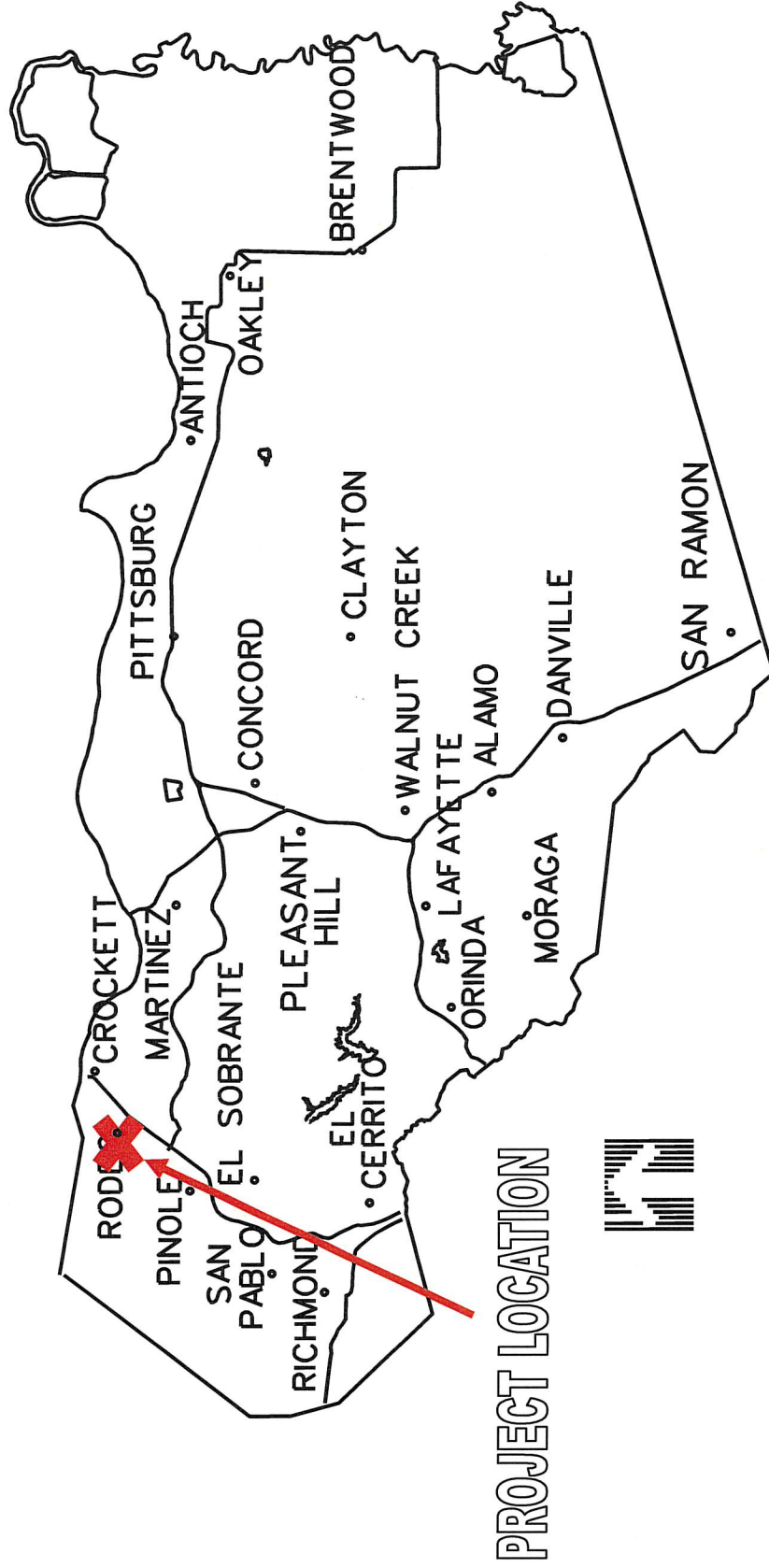
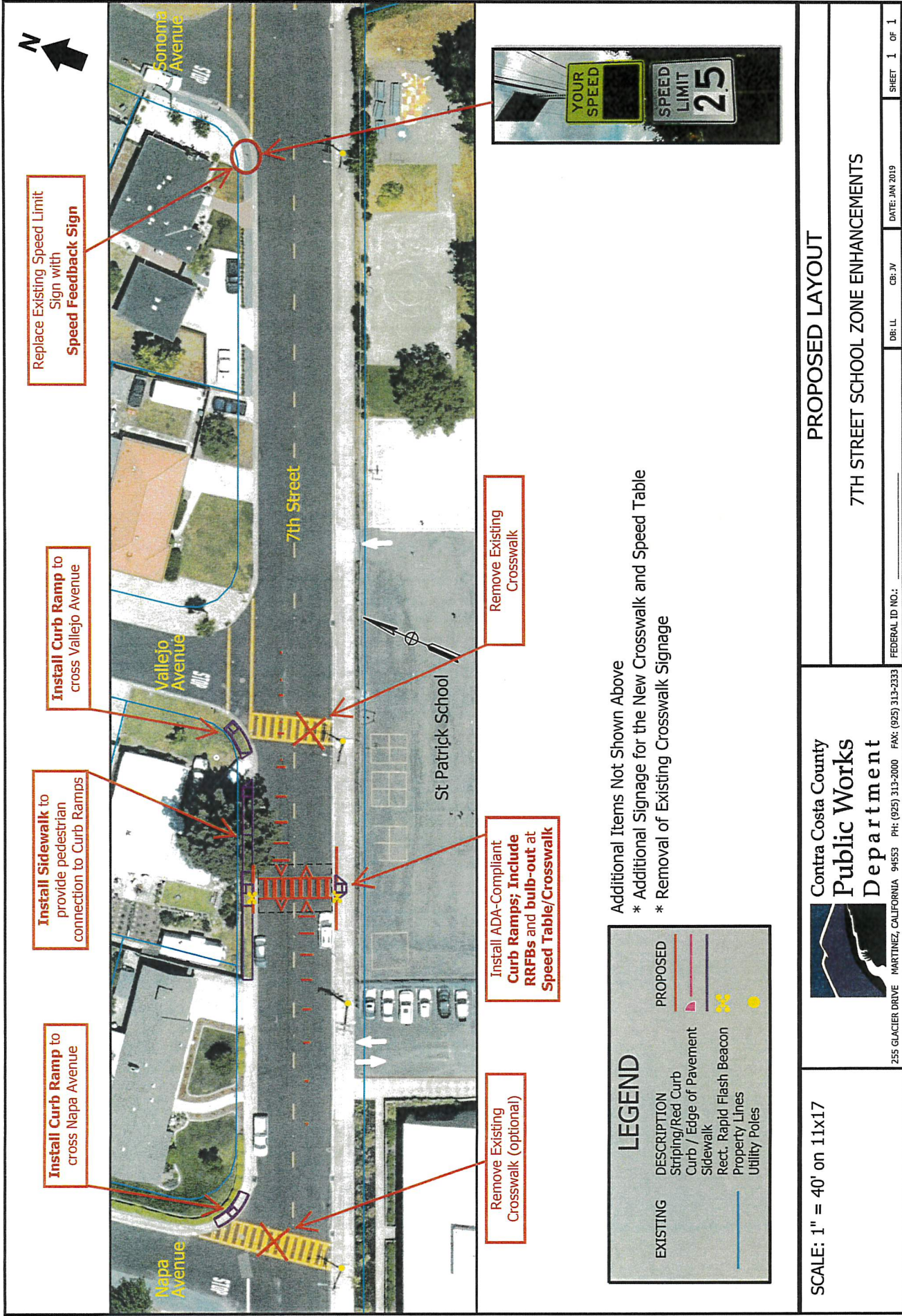


FIGURE 1: Regional Location Map



FIGURE 2: Project Vicinity Map



Replace Existing Speed Limit Sign with **Speed Feedback Sign**

**Install Curb Ramp** to cross Vallejo Avenue

**Install Sidewalk** to provide pedestrian connection to Curb Ramps

**Install Curb Ramp** to cross Napa Avenue

Remove Existing Crosswalk

Install ADA-Compliant **Curb Ramps; Include RRFBS and bulb-out at Speed Table/Crosswalk**

Remove Existing Crosswalk (optional)

LEGEND	
EXISTING	Striping/Red Curb
	Curb / Edge of Pavement
	Sidewalk
	Rect. Rapid Flash Beacon
	Property Lines
	Utility Poles
PROPOSED	Striping/Red Curb
	Curb / Edge of Pavement
	Sidewalk
	Rect. Rapid Flash Beacon
	Property Lines
	Utility Poles

Additional Items Not Shown Above  
 \* Additional Signage for the New Crosswalk and Speed Table  
 \* Removal of Existing Crosswalk Signage



SCALE: 1" = 40' on 11x17

Contra Costa County  
**Public Works**  
**Department**

PROPOSED LAYOUT

7TH STREET SCHOOL ZONE ENHANCEMENTS

FIGURE 3: Project Layout

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
**Notice of Exemption**

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: 7<sup>th</sup> Street Crosswalk Improvements  
Proj. No. 0676-6P1025 CP#18-46

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location – **Specific:** 7<sup>th</sup> Street between the intersections of Napa Avenue and Vallejo Avenue

Project Location: Rodeo

Project Location – County: West Contra Costa

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

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The project consists of consolidating two crosswalks on 7th Street into one location, installing safety features, and constructing sidewalk improvements. The current crosswalks are at the intersections of 7th Street and Napa Avenue and 7th Street and Vallejo Avenue. The new crosswalk will be placed between the two existing crosswalks. The crosswalk will be placed on a raised speed table, which is a feature that is similar to a speed bump but with a gentler transition to travel over. Associated striping and signage and pedestrian-actuated rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) will be installed at the new crosswalk. A speed feedback sign will be installed at the intersection of 7th Street and Sonoma Avenue.

A sidewalk will be installed along the north side of 7th Street in the gap between the new crosswalk location and Vallejo Avenue. Curb ramps will be installed at the new crosswalk and also at the two corners of the same block to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

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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:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268;     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: <u>Class 15301(c)</u>         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); | <input type="checkbox"/> General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)] |

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of minor alterations of existing streets and sidewalks, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines

Lead Agency Contact Person: Laura Cremin - Public Works Dept. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2015

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: Laura Cremin  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2015

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**

- EIR - \$3,271.<sup>00</sup>  
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,354.<sup>75</sup>  
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0  
 County Clerk - \$50  
 Conservation & Development - \$25

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

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

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