

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: WO#1025
CP# 19-43

PROJECT NAME: Mayhew Way and Cherry Lane Trail Crossing Enhancements

PREPARED BY: Laura Cremin, Environmental Services Division ^{MB} DATE: January 6, 2020

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 1/10/2020

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 expansion of existing or former use, pursuant to section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: Walnut Creek	Base Map Sheet #: L-14	Parcel #: N/A
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located at the intersection of Mayhew Way and Iron Horse Regional Trail and the intersection of Cherry Lane and Contra Costa Canal Trail in unincorporated Walnut Creek and the border of the City of Pleasant Hill in Central Contra Costa County (Figures 1 – 2).

2. **Project Description:**
The purpose of this project is to improve trail user safety at two existing crosswalks located in unincorporated Walnut Creek. The crosswalks are for East Bay Regional Park District trail crossings.

The project consists of installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) for two crosswalk locations: 1) at the intersection of Mayhew Way and Iron Horse Regional Trail; and 2) at the intersection of Cherry Lane and Contra Costa Canal Trail. The project will be coordinated with the East Bay Regional Park District, the Contra Costa Water District, the Iron Horse Corridor Management Program Advisory Committee, other utility agencies, and other stakeholders in the area.

The RRFBs will include a passive detection system which automatically activates the flasher for trail users (Figure 3 – 4). At the Cherry Lane intersection, RRFBs will be powered by existing electrical meters and existing pedestrian push-buttons may be co-opted. Both trail crossings will be constructed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including Detectable Warning Surfaces. At both trail crossing locations, pavement will be re-striped with yield lines (in a "shark's teeth" pattern) to increase visibility. At the Mayhew Way crossing, bulb-out islands will be installed for traffic calming. The maximum depth of excavation will be approximately five feet for installation of the RRFB posts. An excavation depth of approximately three feet will be required for utility trenching across the roadway and for bulb-out construction.

Real Property transactions may be required. Utility adjustments or relocation may be necessary in support of the project. 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 will have access at all times. No tree removal is anticipated, however some vegetation removal may be necessary throughout the project area to improve crosswalk visibility. 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. General Plan Conformance will be necessary from the City of Pleasant Hill.

- 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, both crosswalk locations are within the Sphere of Influence of Walnut Creek



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
Department of Conservation & Development
Community Development Division
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
Telephone: 925-674-7205

TO: Development Engineer/Architect

DATE: 1/7/20

FROM: Will Nelson, Advance Planning

(WTR)

SUBJECT: MANDATORY REFERRAL FOR GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE

Community Development staff has reviewed the attached project, **CP#19-43** to determine if mandatory referral for General Plan Conformance, as required by Government Code Section 65402, is necessary.

The project needs no further mandatory referral clearance from County staff subject to the following actions:

- Staff has determined that further 65402 review is not necessary.
- This project has been determined to be exempt from 65402 review in accordance with the Board of Supervisors Resolution 81/522 because the project involves a road alignment project of a minor nature.
- The project site is located within the City of _____. Our Department does not review projects for General Plan Conformance, which are located within a City (refer to Government Code Section 65402).
- Staff makes the following attached recommendation which should be incorporated into the staff report on this matter.

This project needs mandatory referral and County staff will process this project in the following manner:

- 65402 review is required. Staff will carry this matter before County Zoning Administrator.
- 65402 review must be withheld until completion of an Environmental Impact Report on this project.
- Other procedures.

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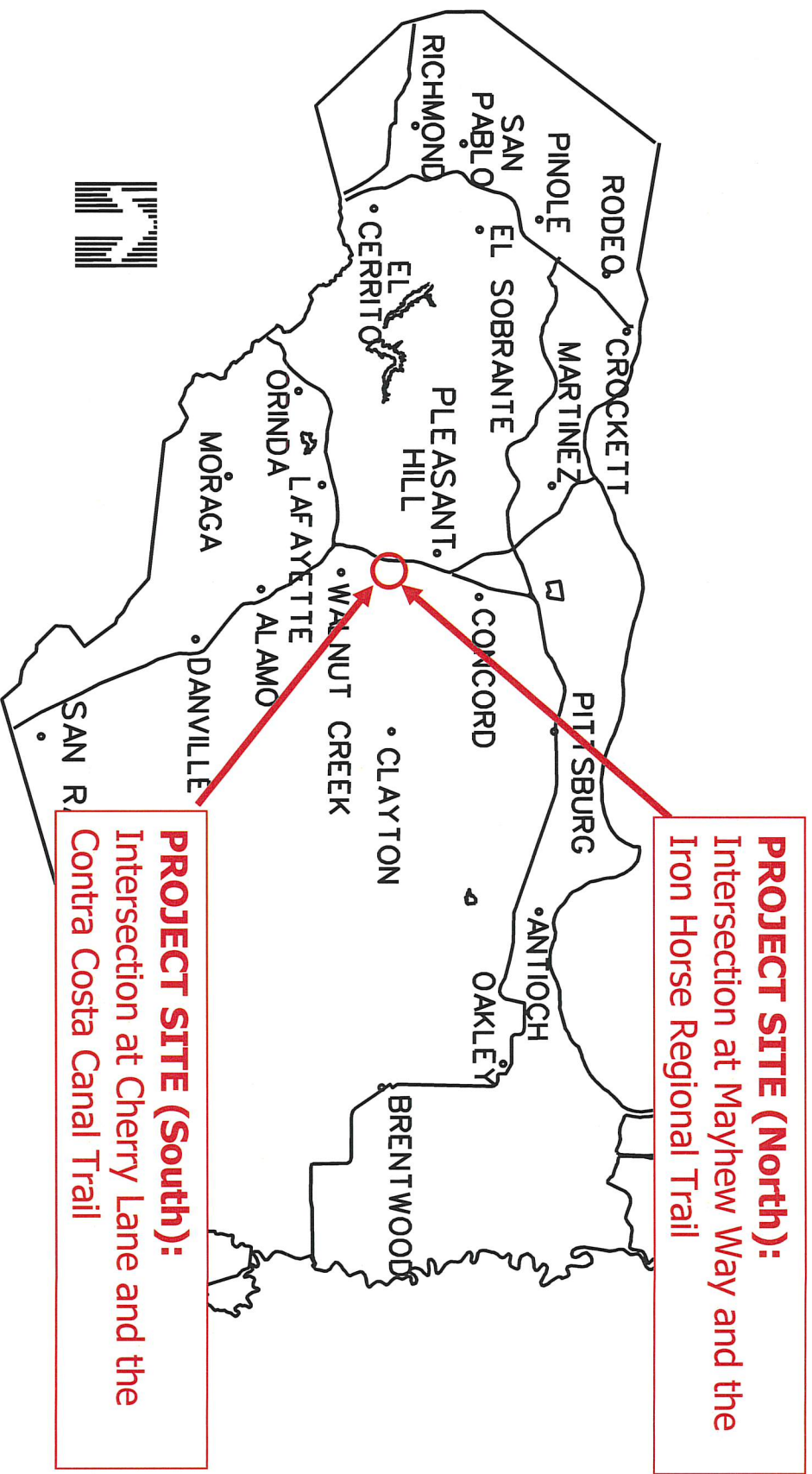


FIGURE 1: Regional Location Map
Mayhew Way and Cherry Lane Trail Crossing Enhancements Project

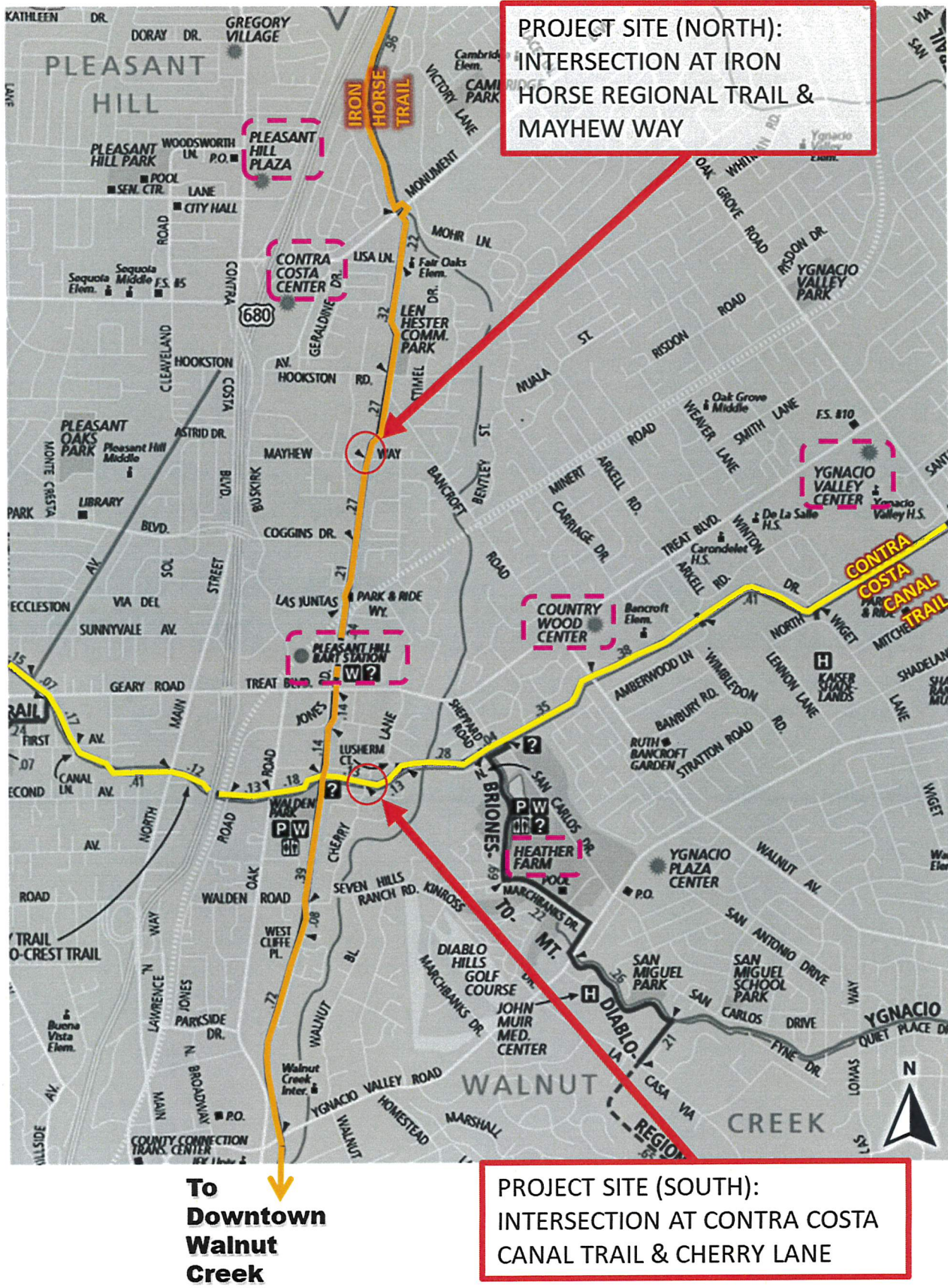


FIGURE 2: Project Vicinity Map
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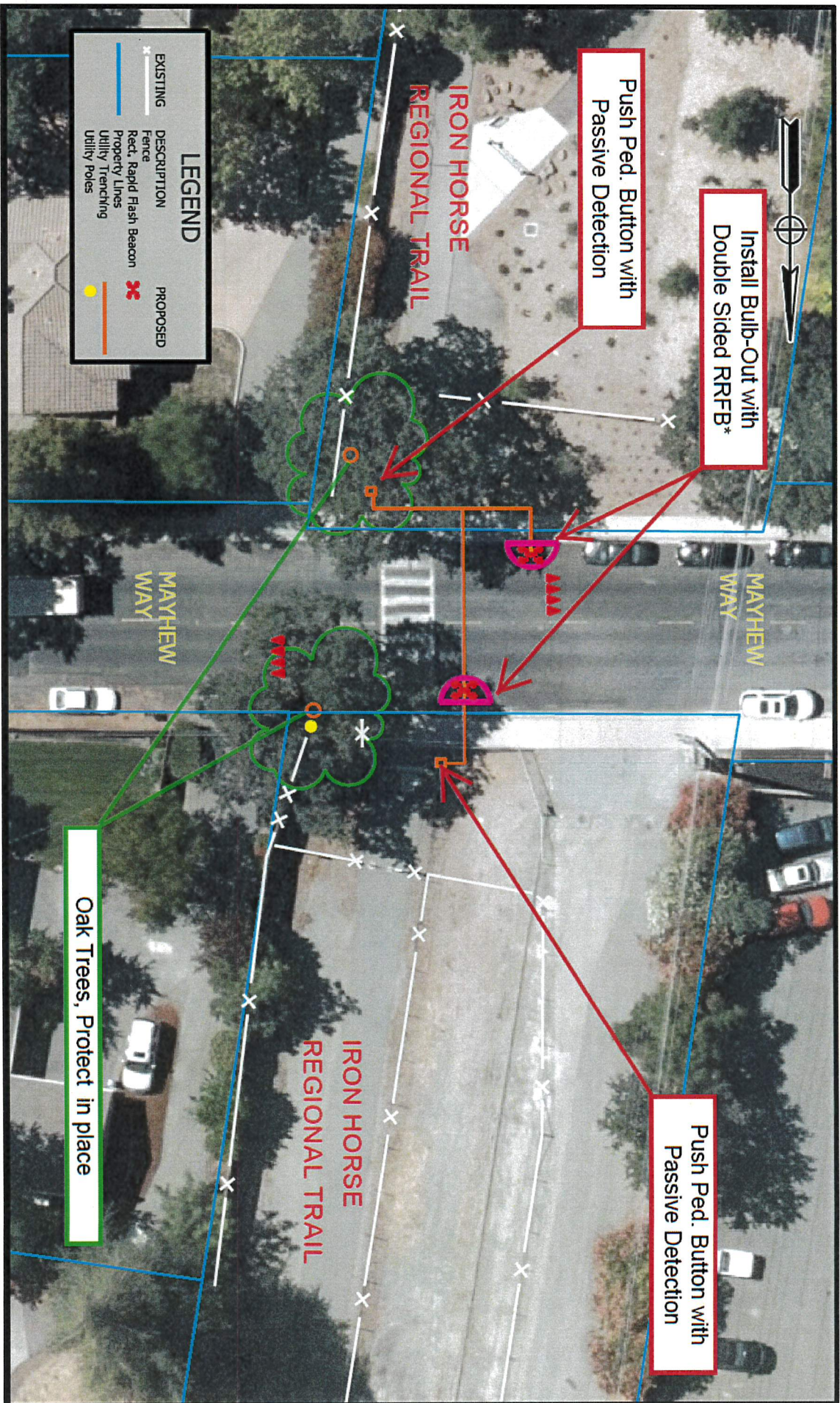
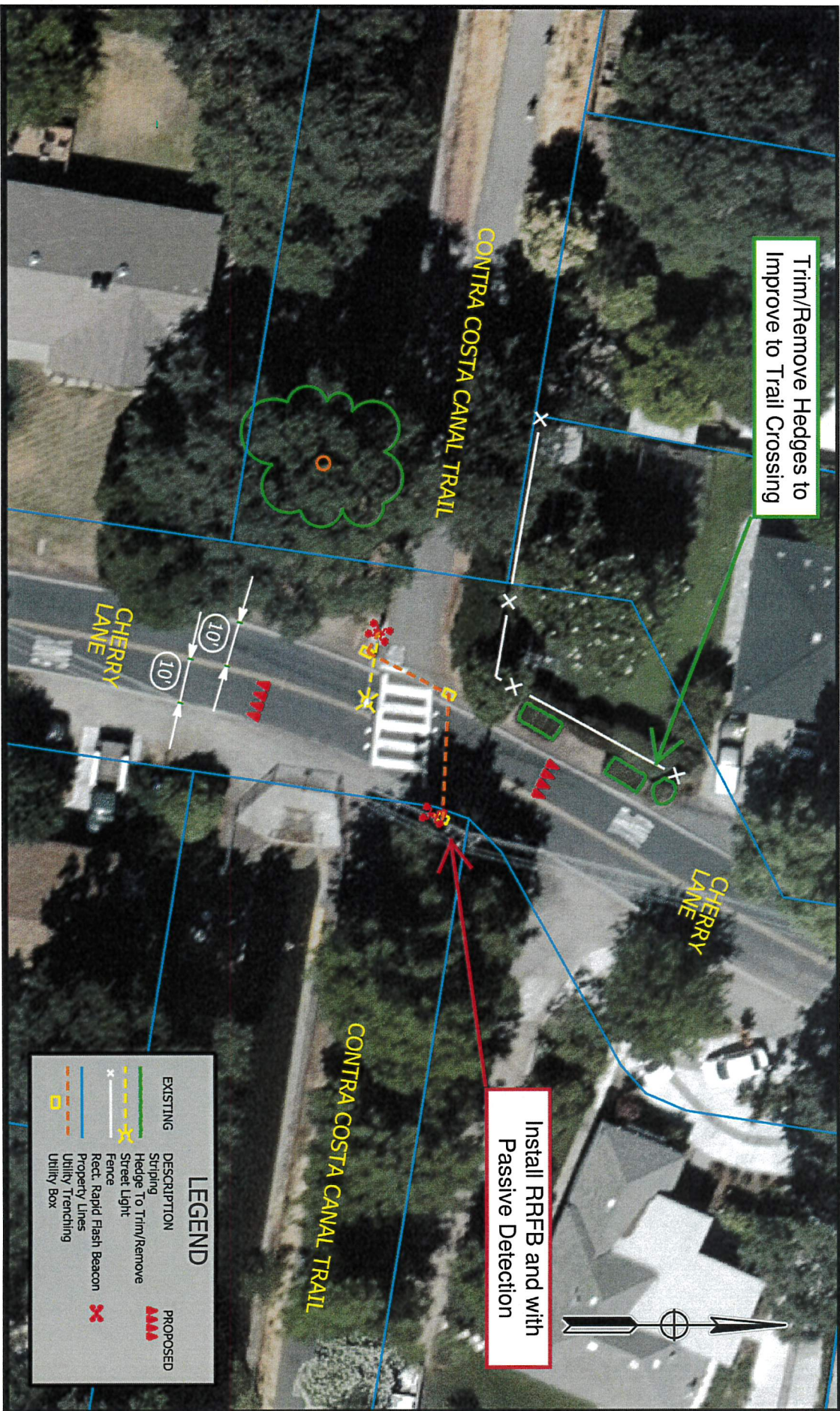


FIGURE 3: Proposed Layout, North Site (Mayhew Way Crossing)
 Mayhew Way and Cherry Lane Trail Crossing Enhancements Project



**FIGURE 4: Proposed Layout, South Site (Cherry Lane Crossing)
Mayhew Way and Cherry Lane Trail Crossing Enhancements Project**

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: Mayhew Way and Cherry Lane Trail Crossing Enhancements
Project No. WO1025, CP#19-43

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

Project Location: The intersection of Mayhew Way and Iron Horse Regional Trail and the intersection of Cherry Lane and Contra Costa Canal Trail in unincorporated Walnut Creek in Central Contra Costa County.

Lead Agency: **Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development**

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is to improve trail user safety at two existing crosswalks located in unincorporated Walnut Creek and on the border of the City of Pleasant Hill. The crosswalks are for East Bay Regional Park District trail crossings.

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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); Categorical Exemption: Class 15301 (c)
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); Common Sense Exemption [Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of minor alterations of existing streets and sidewalks, involving negligible 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: _____

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

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 - \$3,343.²⁵
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,406.⁷⁵
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0
 County Clerk - \$50
 Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$ 75

Total Paid \$ _____

Receipt #: _____