

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: 0676-6P1025  
CP# 19-44

PROJECT NAME: Westminster and Kenyon Avenue Accessibility Project

PREPARED BY: Sandeep Singh, Environmental Services Division <sup>AB</sup> DATE: January 21, 2020

APPROVED BY: *Jan B. Moore* DATE: 1/21/2020

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Categorical Exemption: §15301 [Class 1(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 streets, sidewalks, and gutters with no expansion of 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: <u>Richmond</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>M-7</u>	Parcel #: <u>N/A</u>
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located at selected intersections near Kensington Elementary School, Kensington Park, Kensington Community Center, and Kensington Library in the unincorporated Kensington area [Figures 1-2].

2. **Project Description:**

The purpose of this project is to improve the pedestrian infrastructure in the unincorporated Kensington area by providing ADA compliant curb ramps along Westminster Avenue and Kenyon Avenue. This area experiences a large volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic during school drop-off and pick-up hours for Kensington Elementary School.

The project consists of installing 14 curb ramps at selected intersections near Kensington Elementary School, Kensington Park, Kensington Community Center, and Kensington Library.

In general, the construction process for curb ramps will consist of saw-cutting, concrete removal, base rock placement and compaction, formwork construction, and concrete placement.

The old curb ramps that need to be upgraded and partial sidewalks will be demolished to make room for improvements. Excavation will be made to the required depth to accommodate forms for concrete placement, and is estimated to be 3 feet. The existing drainage inlets and valley gutters may be modified as needed.

Tree and shrubbery trimming may be necessary throughout the project area. In order to minimize damage to trees, any roots exposed during construction activities will be clean cut. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented during construction. Utility adjustments or relocation may be necessary in support of the project. One lane will be open 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?**

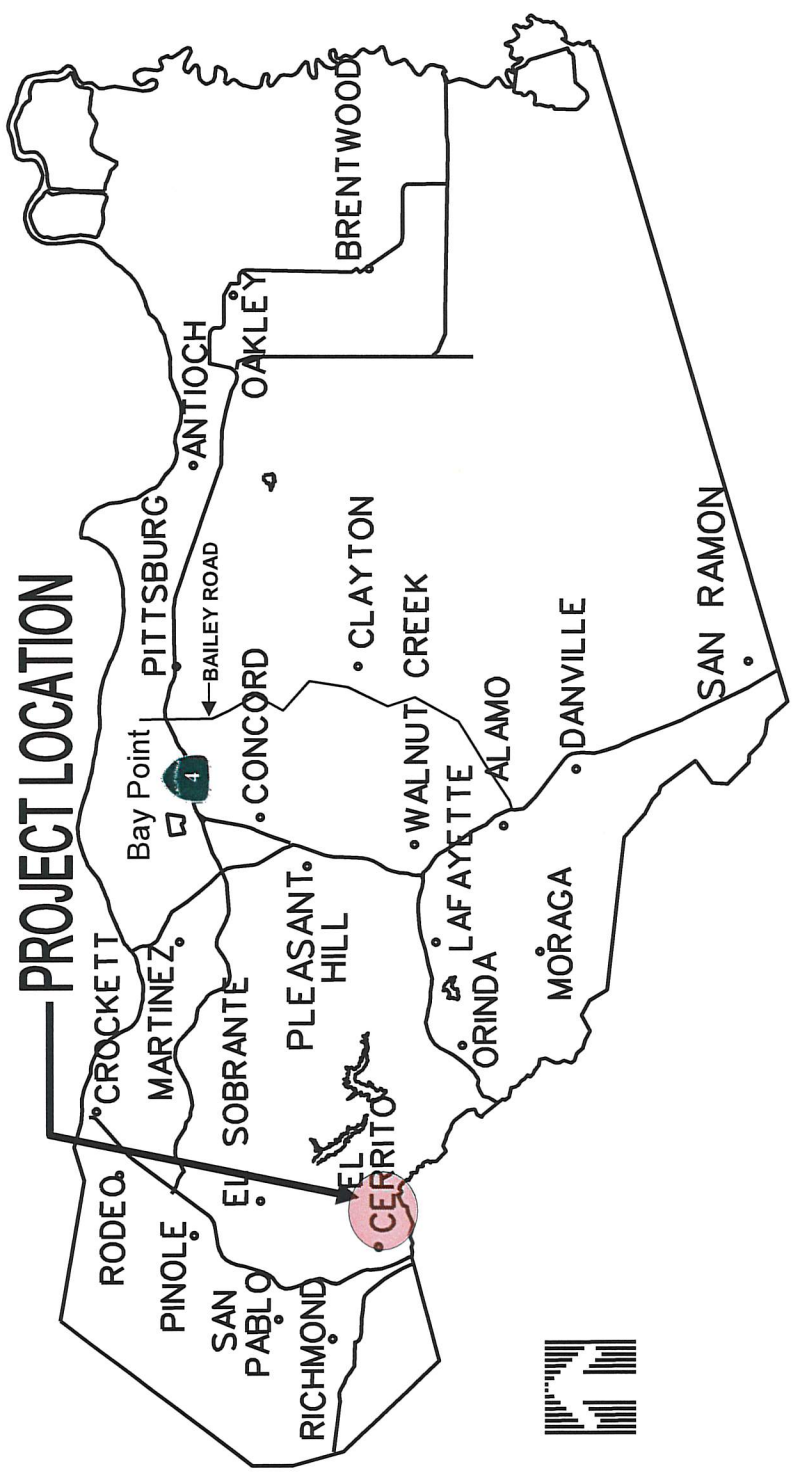
Yes  No  maybe (Nature of concern):

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

Yes  No

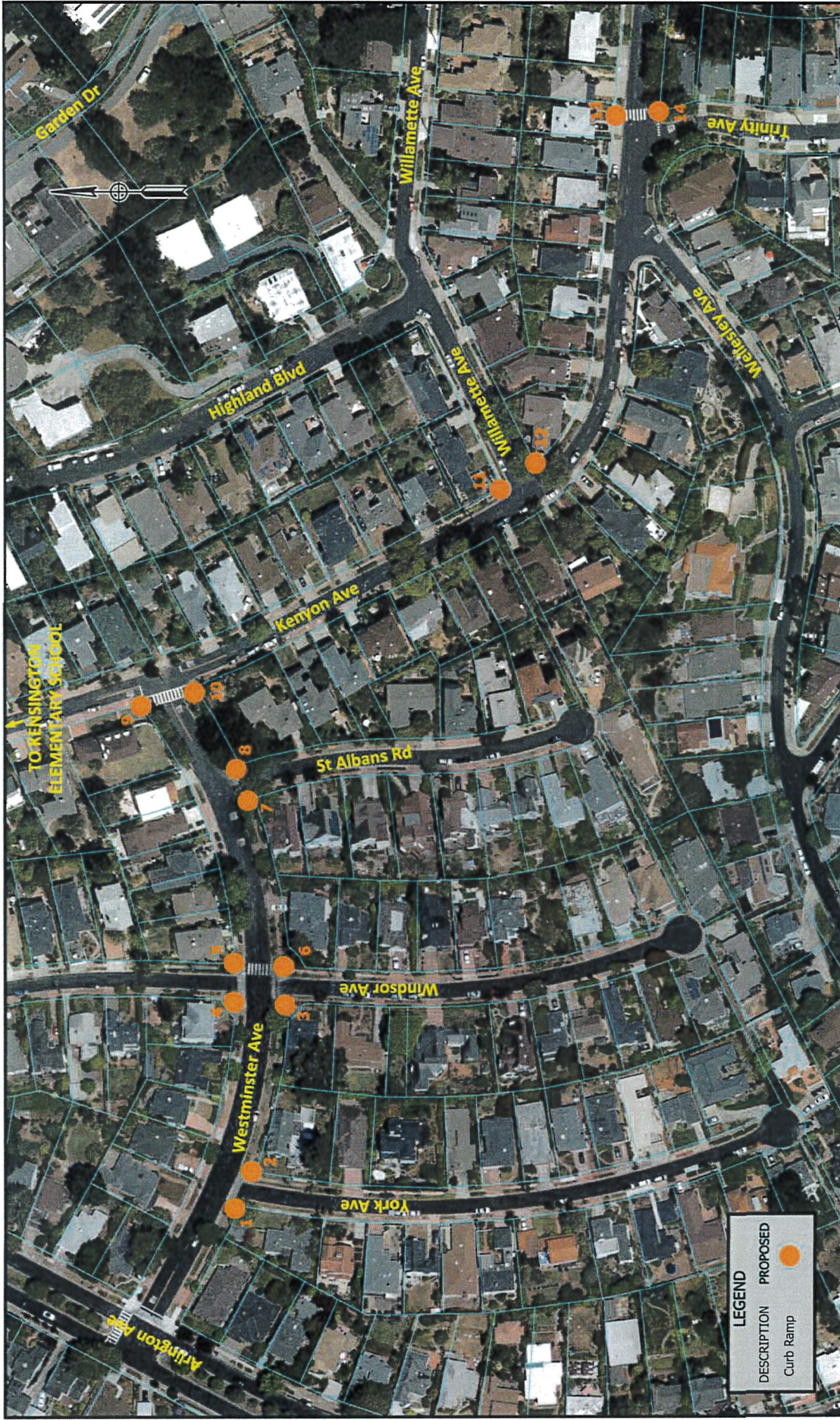
5. **Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** No

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CALIFORNIA



 <p>Contra Costa County <b>Public Works Department</b> 255 GLACIER DRIVE, MARTINEZ, CA 94553 PH: (925) 318-2000 FAX: (925) 313-2333</p>	<b>PROJECT LOCATION MAP</b>		
	<b>Westminster and Kenyon Avenue Accessibility Project</b>		
	DB: OL CB: JV	DATE: NOV 19	SHEET 1 OF 1

Figure 1: Project Location Map



LEGEND	
DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED
Curb Ramp	

SCALE 1:100



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PRELIMINARY LAYOUT

WESTMINSTER AND KENYON AVENUE ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

FEDERAL ID NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: NOV 2019

BB: OL CR: \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET 1 OF 1

Figure 2: Regional Location Map

**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:** Westminster and Kenyon Avenue Accessibility Project  
Proj. No. 0676-6P1025, CP#19-44

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

**Project Location:** Select locations in unincorporated Kensington in West Contra Costa County

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

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

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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 1(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 alteration of existing streets, sidewalks, and gutters with no expansion of use, pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: **Sandeep Singh - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2022**

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: Sandeep Singh**  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2022

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**

- EIR - \$3,343.<sup>25</sup>  
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,406.<sup>75</sup>  
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0  
 County Clerk - \$50  
 Conservation & Development - \$25

**Total Due: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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