

REPORT TO COUNCIL

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STAFF REPORT
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Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: State and Federal Transportation Grant Funding – Selection of Projects

Location/Council District: Various/All

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the submission of projects to Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for federal and state funding.

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Description/Analysis

Issue: The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) announced a call for projects on September 24, 2009, for SACOG-administered federal and state transportation funding for capital projects in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. SACOG estimates that about \$68 million will be available to the four-county region for this programming round, which generally covers Federal Fiscal Years 2012 to 2014. An estimated \$59.8 million will be programmed for Local and Regional Scale projects and \$8.6 million for Bicycle/Pedestrian projects. Staff evaluated potential projects based on SACOG's criteria, eligibility requirements, and City priorities to identify recommended projects.

Policy Considerations: The action requested supports the City's Strategic Plan goals of improving and expanding public safety, enhancing livability, and promoting economic vitality. Leveraging of local funds with state or federal funding is consistent with Council priorities of fiscal soundness.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. The activity does not involve physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact on the environment (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3)).

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with the City Sustainability Plan by focusing on improving and optimizing transportation infrastructure and encouraging walking and bicycling.

Other: None

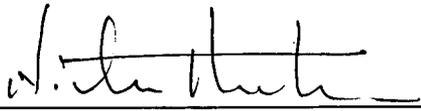
Commission/Committee Action: None

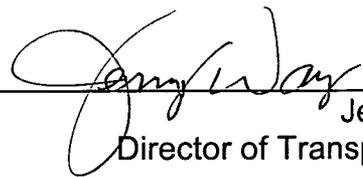
Rationale for Recommendation: Staff is recommending that Council adopt the projects listed below for submittal to SACOG, as they best meet the SACOG criteria and City funding priority needs.

Project Name	Description	Fund Request	Program Area
Pocket Road Rehabilitation	Freeport to Greenhaven, add bike lanes	\$1.5 million	Local/ Regional
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South Sacramento Parkway	Bike connection across I-5	\$2.0 million	Bike/Ped
West Side Access to Intermodal Facility	Improvement to I Street	\$1.75 million	Local/ Regional
Meadowview Road Streetscaping	Streetscaping	\$3.4 million	Local/ Regional

Financial Considerations: Federal and state funding is increasingly important for delivery of transportation projects. Local match funding is set-aside annually as part of the Capital Improvement Program to address needs for projects being recommended. Specific match funding will be determined once SACOG approves the City's applications and the specific federal and STIP funds are designated by SACOG. The City's match on federal projects is typically 11.47% and will come from non general fund sources.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

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Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

On September 24, 2009, the Sacramento Area Association of Governments (SACOG) issued a call for projects as part of the biennial process of allocating federal and state transportation funds that are programmed through SACOG. These include the federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds. SACOG allocates the funding for the four counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, and Yuba. SACOG previously issued a call for projects for the federally-funded \$12 million Community Design program.

SACOG estimates that the funding ranges are \$59.8 to \$70 million for the Regional/Local Scale programs, with the expectations that the funding will likely be at the low end of the range due to limited state funding. In addition, \$8.6 to \$14 million is estimated to be available for the Bicycle and Pedestrian program, again, anticipated at the lower end of the range.

Policy Guidance and Screening Considerations

The SACOG Board adopted the following overall policy guidelines for project selection for grant funding:

- Fix it first, or maintain state of good repair (Up to \$10 million of Regional/Local funding will be allocated for roadway rehabilitation projects)
- Support project development phases for future funding opportunities (Up to 5% of total funding will be allocated for project development)
- Emphasize cost-effective programming decisions
- Honor prior funding commitments
- Focus on small or medium-sized projects. This is a change from prior years when the focus was on larger regional projects.

In addition, SACOG adopted the following eligibility criteria:

- Project must be listed in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) or as an eligible lump sum category (e.g., pavement rehabilitation, bike and pedestrian improvements)
- Project must be scheduled to begin construction no later than FFY 2016, with preliminary engineering and environmental analysis scheduled within three years
- Project must have realistic estimated project costs and schedule
- Project must have a project sponsor with track record for technical capacity and reliability
- For construction projects, project must have demonstrated funding for all phases and financial ability for ongoing operations and maintenance
- Projects must be consistent with complete streets requirements (for roadway rehabilitation projects)

Criteria

After these screening mechanisms, the SACOG application for Local/Regional projects evaluates projects against the following criteria to ensure that transportation projects meet the Blueprint principles. Projects must meet a minimum of three of these criteria to be considered, with the exception of road rehabilitation projects, which need to incorporate complete streets criteria (e.g., add bike lanes, sidewalks).

1. Does the project support a regional reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
2. Does the project support a regional reduction in Congested VMT
3. Does the project support an increase in multi-modal/alternative travel/choice of transportation options
4. Does the project provide long-term economic benefit within the region
5. Does the project improve goods movement, including farm-to-market travel, in the region
6. Does the project significantly improve safety and security

Recommended Projects

Based on these criteria and evaluation of funding needs, staff recommends the following projects for application for funding. Table A illustrates how the projects meet the SACOG criteria and other City-adopted priority documents.

Pocket Road Overlay (Greenhaven Drive to Freeport Blvd)

Project Description: Resurfacing of the roadway with rubberized asphalt and constructing ADA-compliant curb ramps along this segment of Pocket Road.

Cost Estimate (Total Project Cost): \$1,500,000

Central City Transportation Study

Project Description: Analyze cost of improvements and priority for improvements in connection with the \$100,000,000 included in Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035 for Downtown Sacramento Circulation Improvements. The study will integrate the General Plan Update, the Railyards Specific Plan, the revised River District Specific Plan, the Regional Transit District Transit Action Plan, the Central City Parking Master Plan, the Pedestrian Master Plan, and Bikeway Master Plan into a broader improvement plan for the Central City.

Cost Estimate (Study): \$1,000,000

R Street Market Plaza (16th St to 18th St)

Project Description: Improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and streetscape improvements within the existing right-of-way along R Street between 16th and 18th Streets, while maintaining the street's historic sense of shared space between pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.

Cost Estimate (Construction Phase only): \$4,200,000

Ramona Avenue Extension

Project Description: The Ramona Avenue Extension project will construct a link between the existing terminus of Ramona Avenue south of U.S. 50 and Folsom Boulevard. The link will provide new access between Cal State Sacramento and the area that is targeted for redevelopment as a green technology center in the Power Inn area. The project will also provide relief for congestion at the intersection of Folsom Boulevard and Power Inn Road.

Cost Estimate (Construction and Right of Way Phases): \$8,200,00

City College Pedestrian Overcrossing

Project Description: This project provides a new alternate modes connection between Sacramento City College and the proposed site of the Curtis Park Village development project. The project will provide a safe and accessible link between Land Park and Curtis Park, enhancing connectivity to the Light Rail station located on the Campus.

Cost Estimate (Design and Construction Phases): \$5,500,000

Two Rivers Trail Phase 2

Project Description: This project would extend the two rivers bicycle trail from the Sacramento Northern trail (in the vicinity of the Blue Diamond Almond plan) along the levee to a connection with the unpaved trail near Capitol City Freeway. The project would also examine the feasibility and assess costs for a future phases of the two rivers trail system.

Cost Estimate (Design and Construction Phases): \$3,200,000

West Side Access Study to the Intermodal

Project Description: This project would construct modifications on I Street in the vicinity of the rail depot. The modifications would include a new traffic signal at the intersection of 4th Street and I Street, narrowing I Street to facilitate shorter pedestrian crossing distances, and modifying the northbound I-5 on-ramp to allow for modifications to the rail depot parking lot and decrease automotive speeds for vehicles entering the interstate.

Cost Estimate (Construction Phase only): \$1,750,000

Meadowview Road Streetscape Improvement Project

Project Description: The project will follow the general guidelines outlined in the Meadowview Urban Design plan. Improvements will entail a raised landscaped median on Meadowview Road from Freeport Boulevard to the Light Rail tracks.

Cost Estimate (Construction Phase only): \$3,400,000

South Sacramento Parkway

Project Description: The South Sacramento parkway project will construct a bicycle trail segment from Freeport Boulevard (south of Meadowview road), under interstate 5, along the eastern side of the freeway, connecting with the existing bicycle trail south of Richfield Way.

Cost Estimate (Construction Phase only): \$2,000,000

Table 1 summarizes how the projects meet the SACOG criteria and where, if applicable, they fall on the City's Transportation Programming Guide (TPG).

**Table 1
Projects and SACOG/City Criteria**

Project Title	Project Funding Need	TPG Ranking	SACOG Criteria*	Notes
Local/Regional Program				
Pocket Road resurface	\$1.5 million	N/A	Meets complete streets criteria	Maintenance required on this facility. Project will bridge bike lane gap over Interstate 5.
Central City Circulation Study	\$1 million	N/A	1,2,3,4,6	2035 MTP includes \$100,000,000 in circulation improvement in the Central City. A study is needed to identify projects. Strongly supported by SACOG
R Street 16th to 18th	\$4.2 million	14	1,3,4	Engineering phases are funded, already federalized, environmental document complete, project will be ready to go in programming year.
Ramona Extension	\$8.2 million	3	2,3,4,6	Engineering phases are funded, already federalized, environmental document being prepared, project will be ready to go in programming year.
City College POC	\$5.5 million	11	1,2,3	Already federalized, feasibility study and environmental document complete, project will be ready to go in programming year.
West Side Access	\$1.75 million	new project for 2010 TPG	1,2,3,4,6	Design and environmental work already funded.
Meadowview Streetscape Improvements	\$3.4 million	1	3,4,6	Urban Design Plan completed in 2003. This project would be a second phase requiring no Right of Way.
*SACOG Criteria (Local/Regional Projects):				
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6. Does the project significantly improve safety and security				
Bicycle/Pedestrian Program				
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Two Rivers Trail, phase II	\$3.2 million	4	1,2,3	Environmental clearance partially in place
South Sacramento Parkway	\$2 million	1	1,2,3	
*SACOG Criteria (Bike/Ped)				
1 - Meets SACOG program goals				
2 - Meets SACOG cost effectiveness goals				
3 - Local jurisdiction priority				
4 - Above and beyond local match available				

Attachment 2**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDING
SELECTION OF PROJECTS****BACKGROUND**

- A. Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has announced a call for projects to receive federal and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding.
- B. SACOG estimates that about \$68 million will be available for programming in the four-county region under the following programs: Bicycle and Pedestrian; Local and Regional.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The following list of projects is approved for submission to SACOG for federal and state funds. The cost estimates may change as staff further refines the estimates.

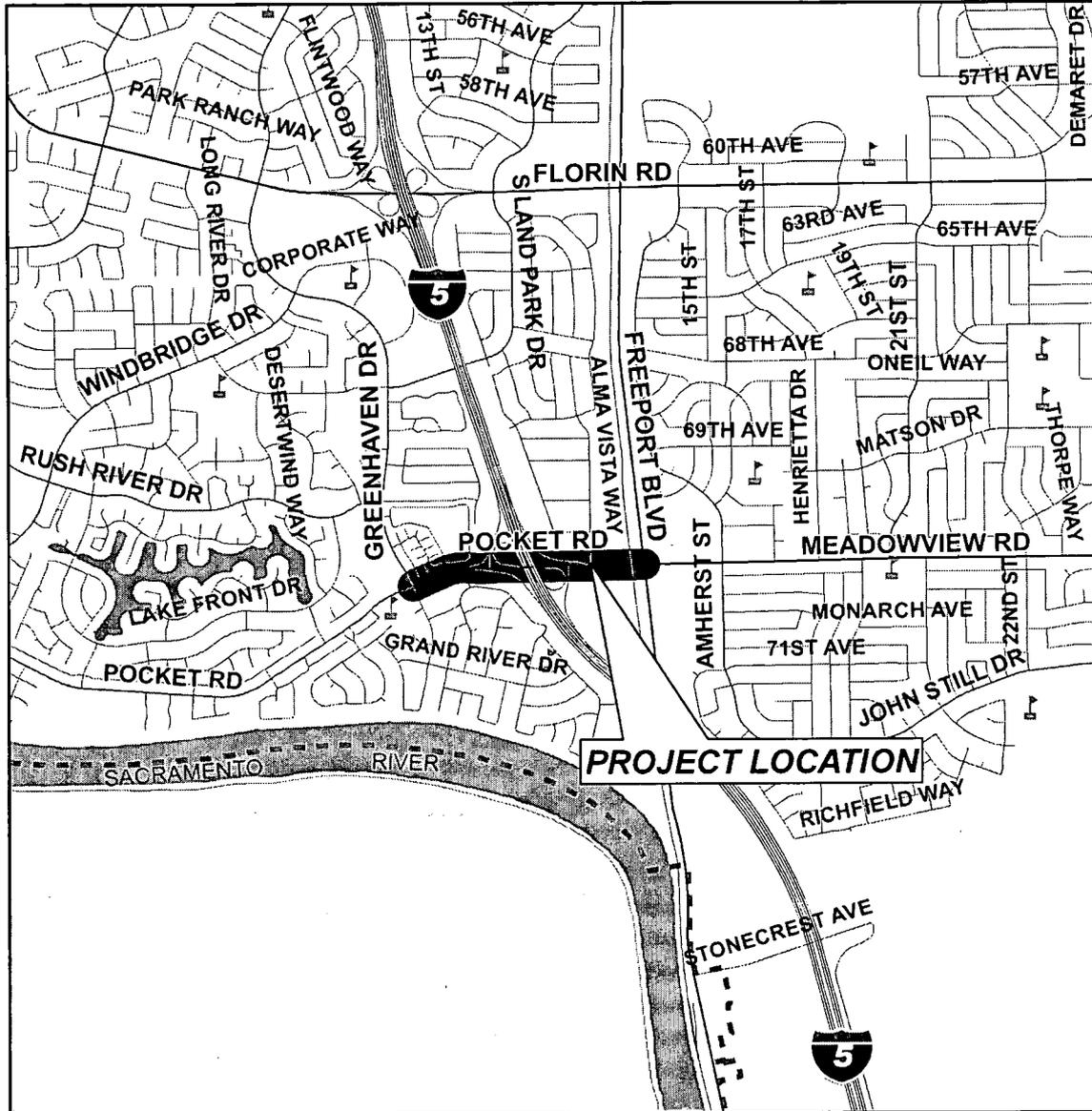
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EXHIBIT A

Location Map for Pocket Road Street Maintenance Project



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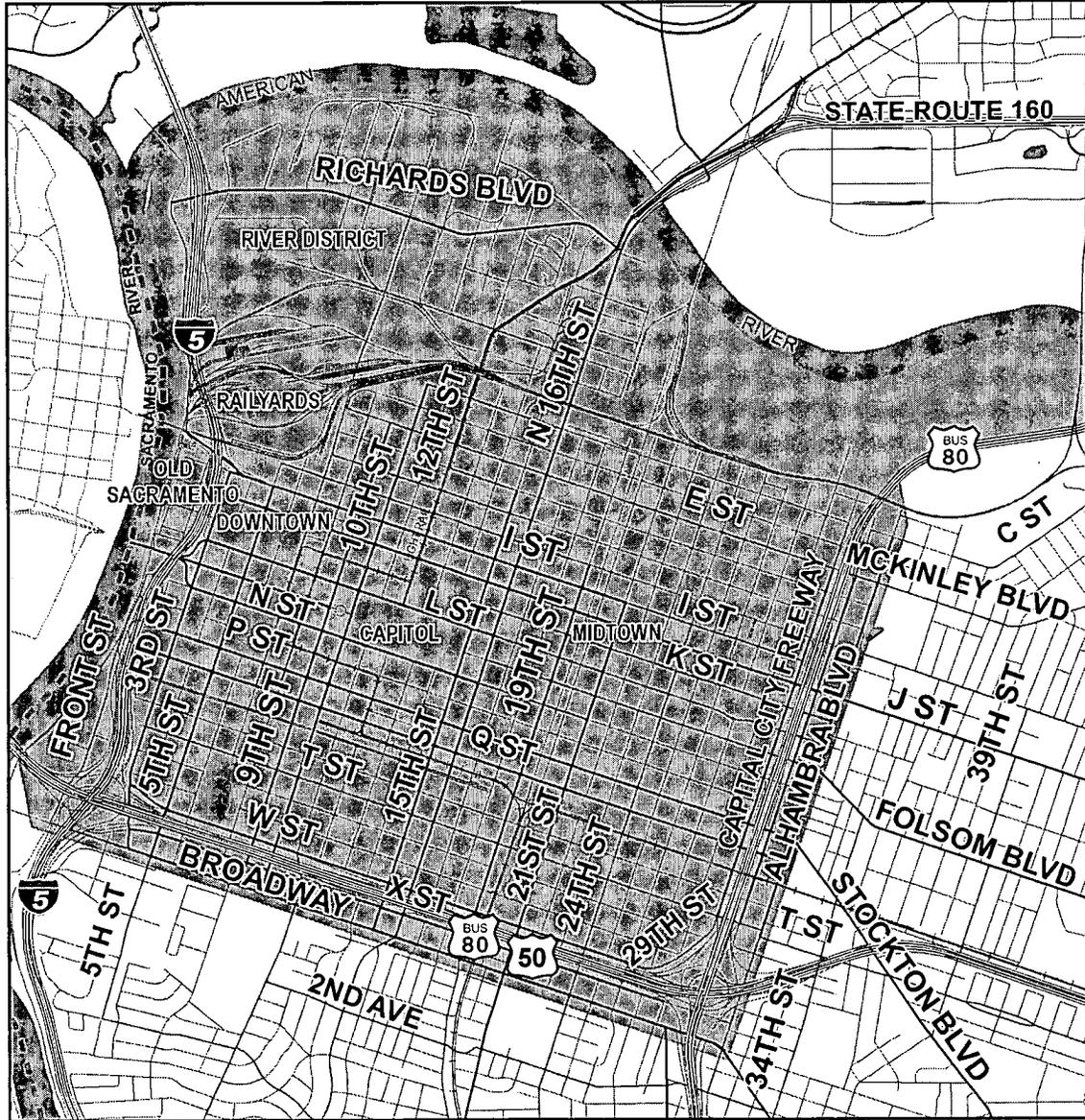
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EXHIBIT B

Location Map for

Central City Circulation Study



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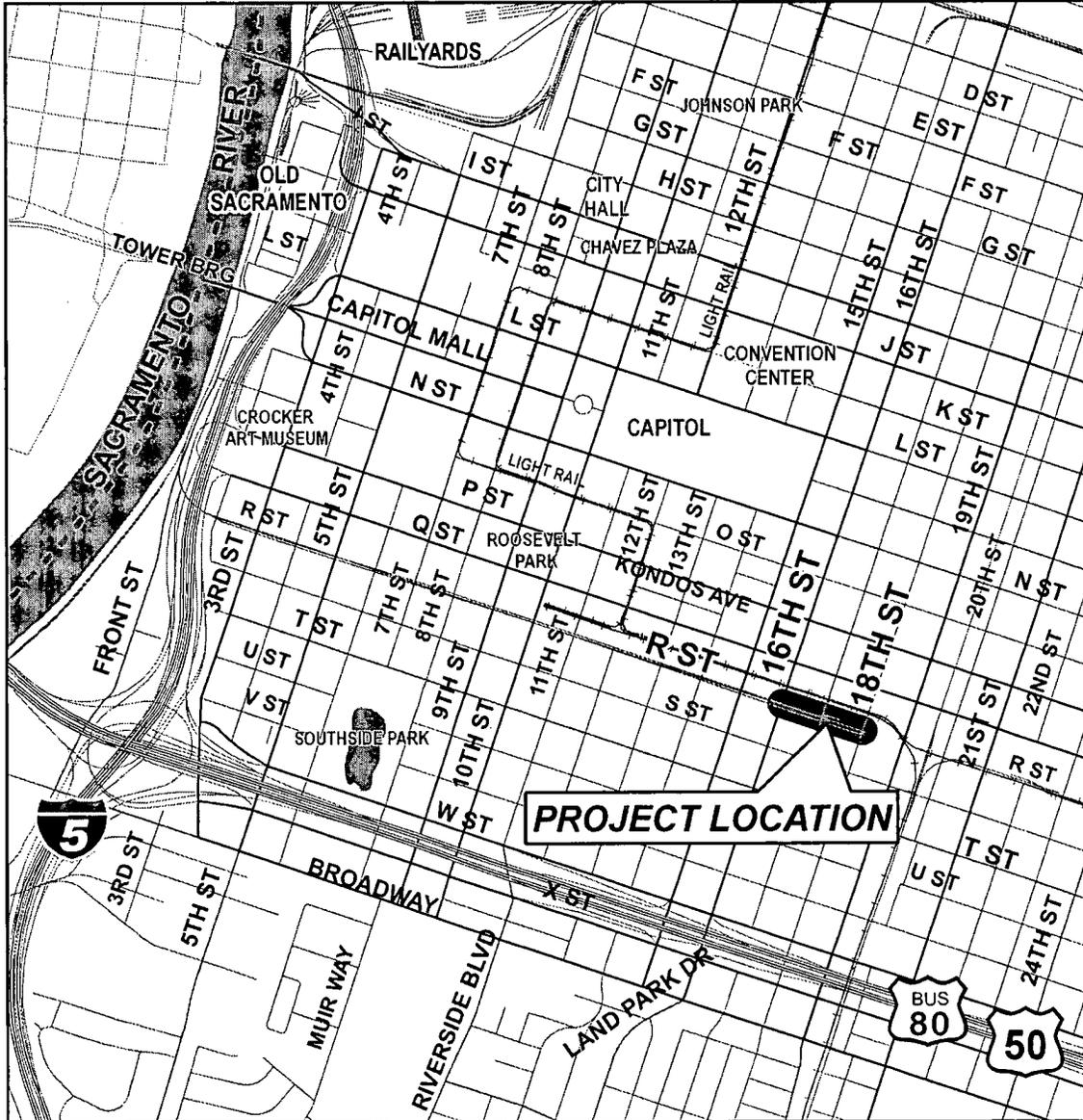
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EXHIBIT C

Location Map for

R Street Market Plaza Project (T15068300)



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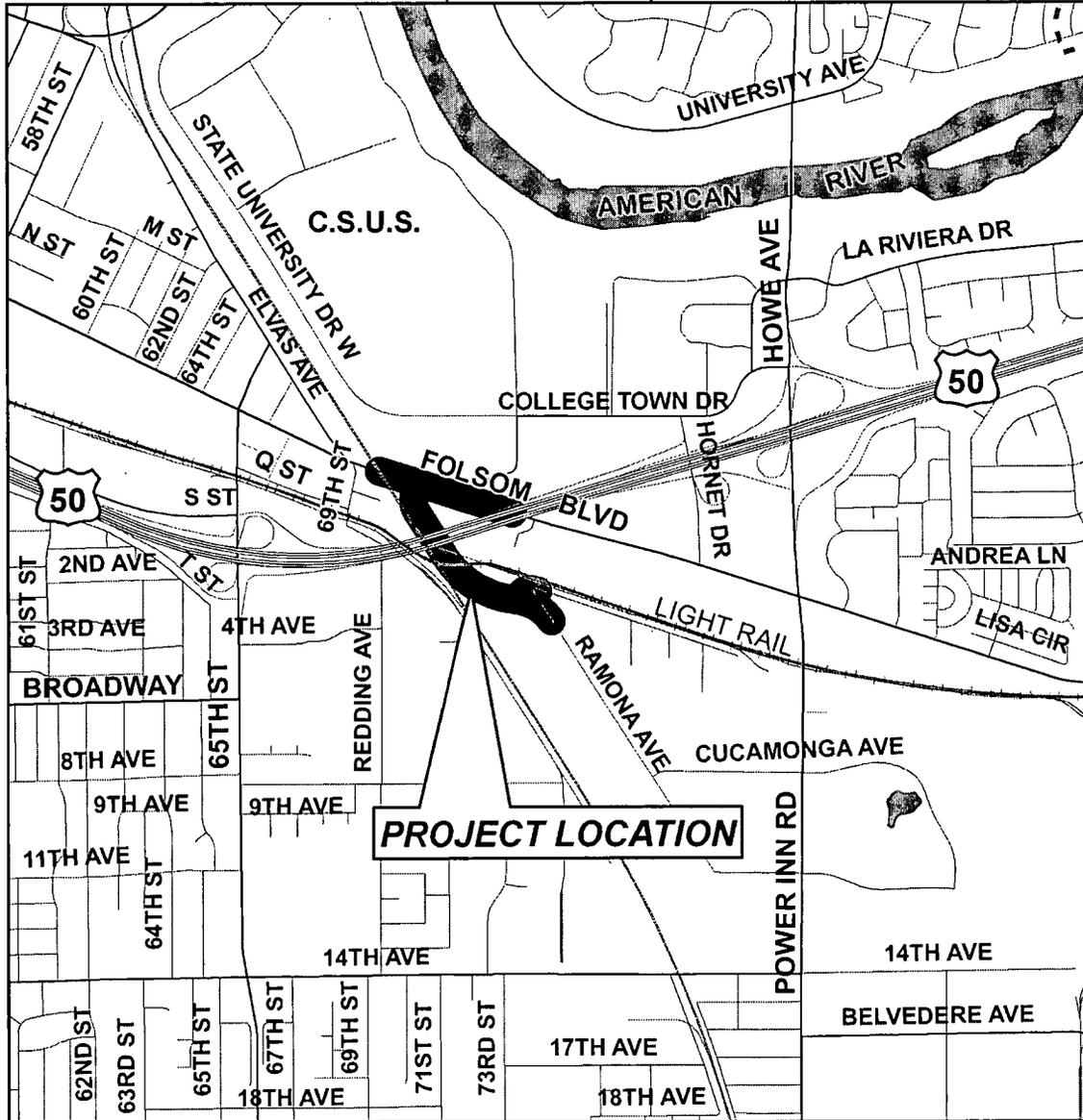
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EXHIBIT D

Location Map for

Ramona Avenue Extension Project (T15018400)



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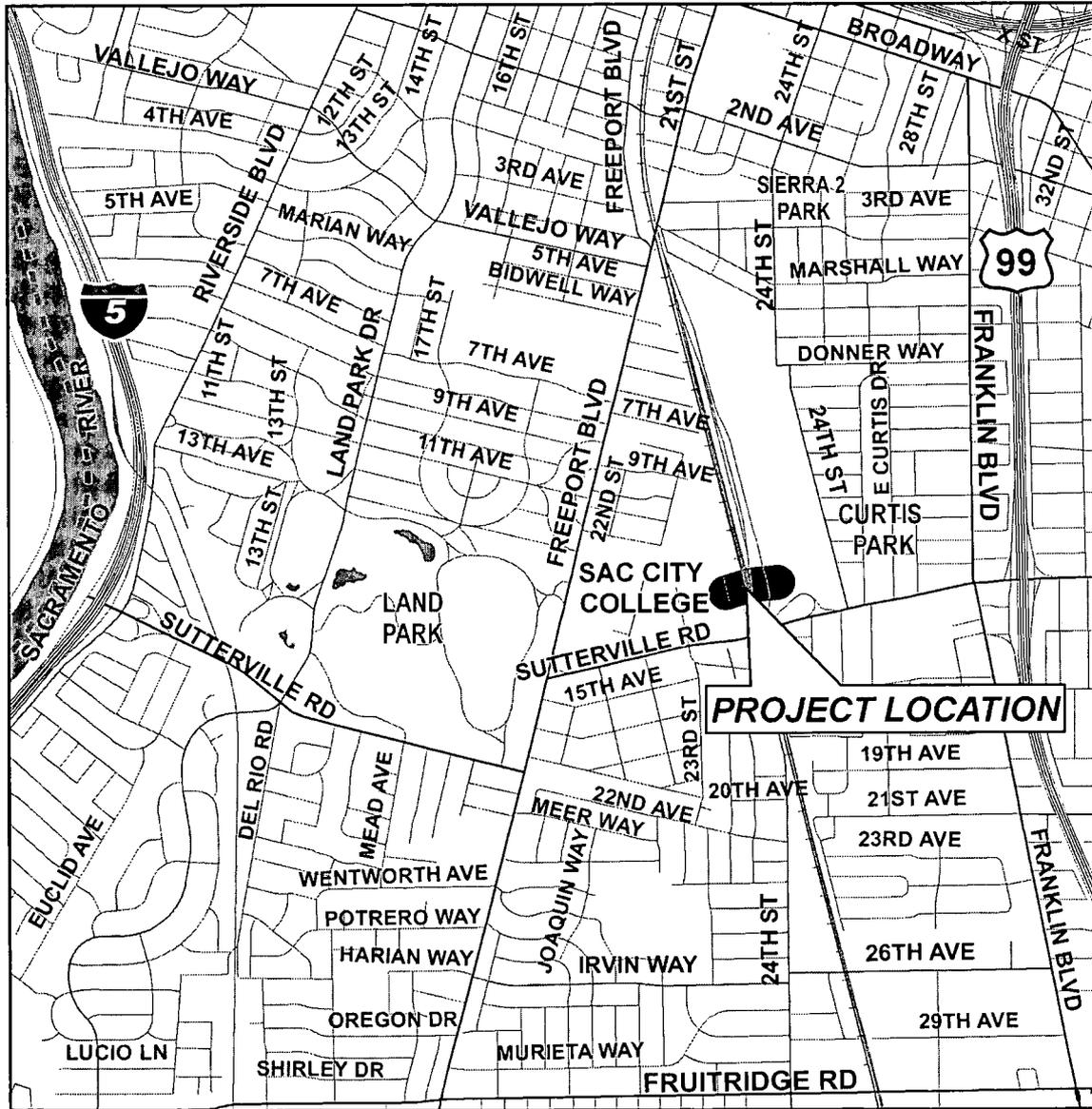
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EXHIBIT E

Location Map for Sacramento City College Pedestrian Overcrossing Project (T15065700)



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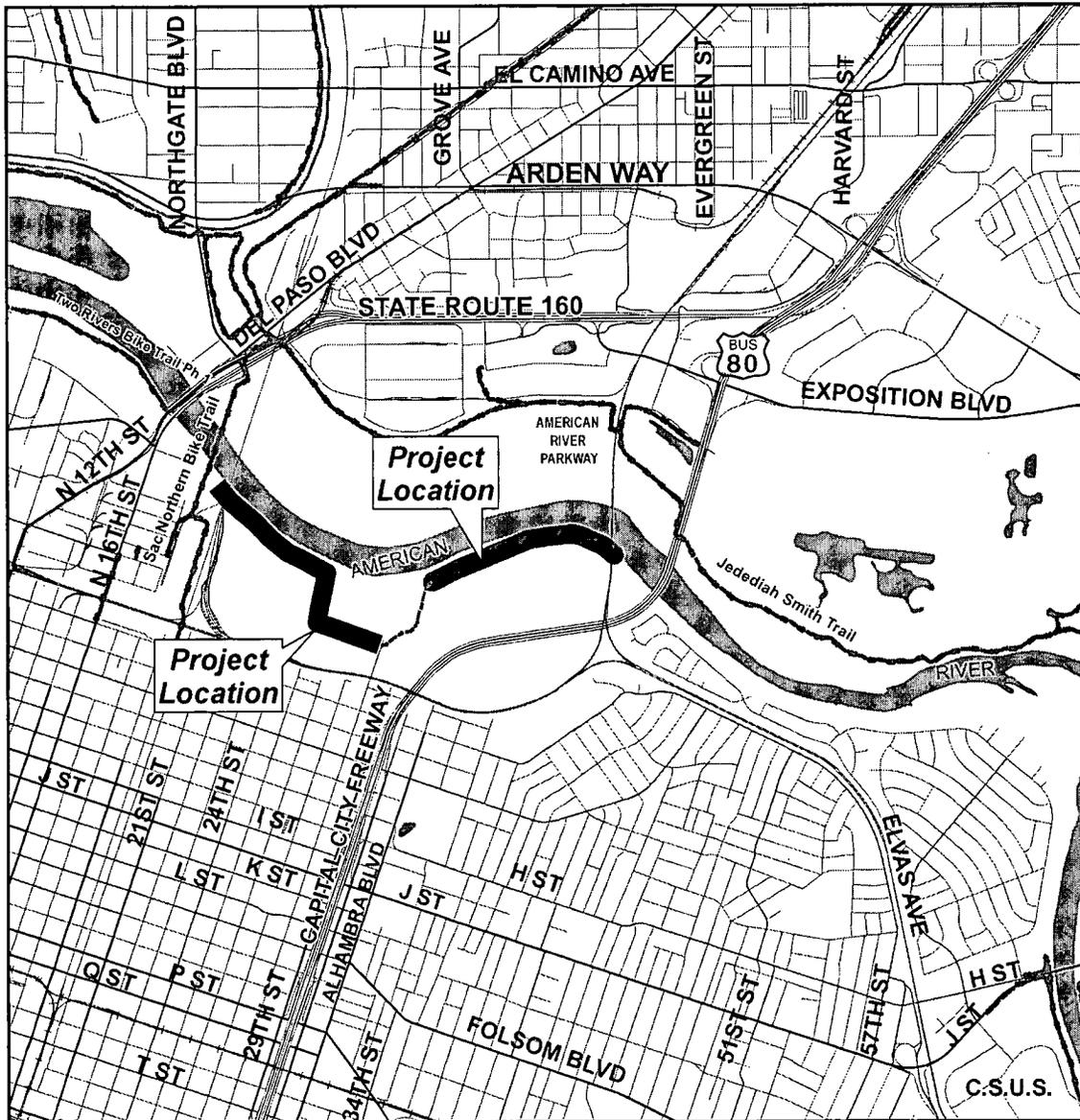
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EXHIBIT F

Location Map for

Two Rivers Trail
Phase II



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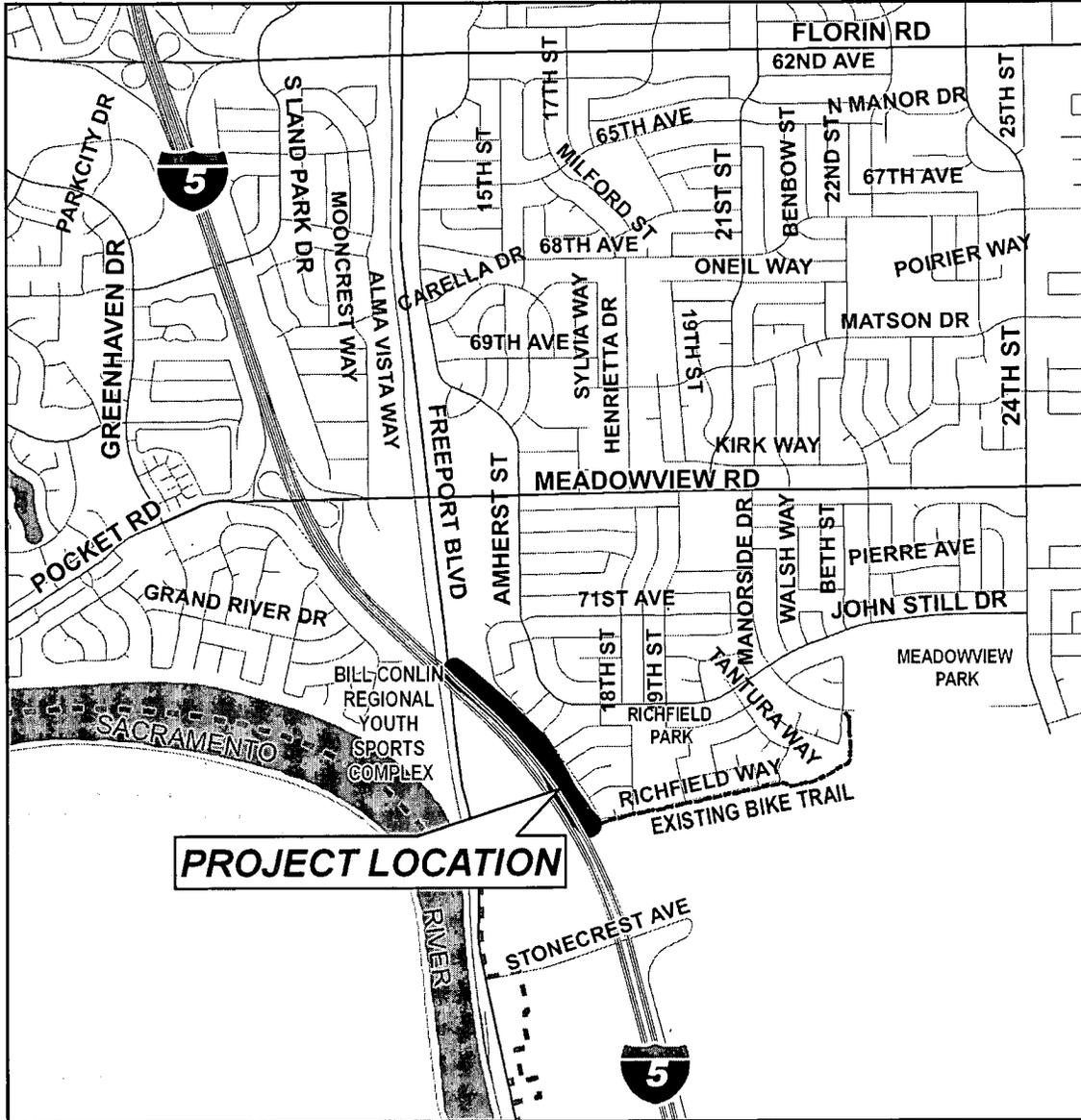
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Location Map for South Sacramento Parkway



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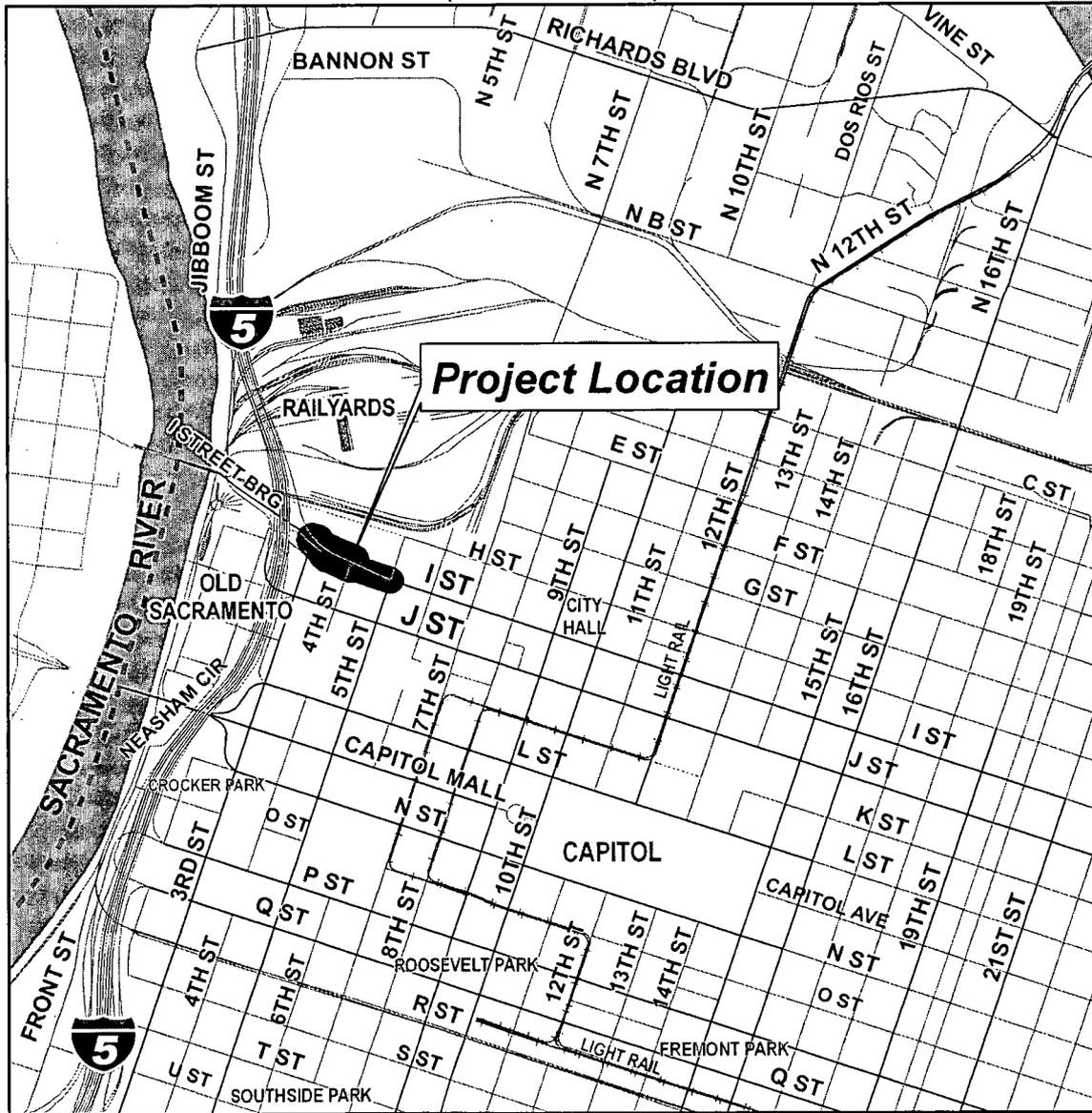
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EXHIBIT H

Location Map for WEST SIDE ACCESS TO THE INTERMODAL (T15068200)



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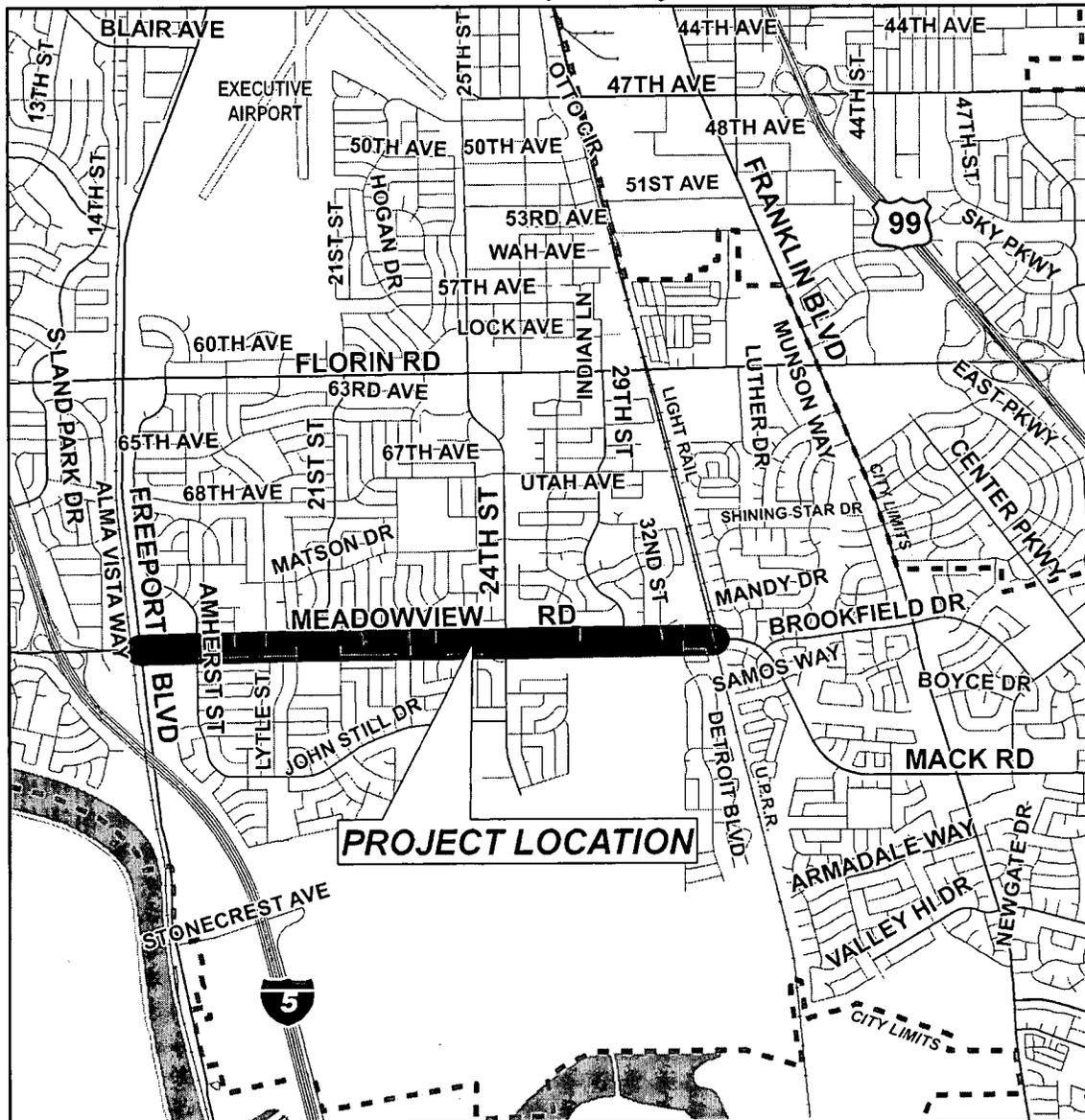
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EXHIBIT I

Location Map for Meadowview Urban Design Plan Streetscape Project



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