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Title: Sacramento Area Council of Governments Biennial Federal Programming Call for Projects

Location: District 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8

Issue: The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has announced a call for projects for transportation funding for capital projects.

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

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Division: Funding & Project Development

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Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has announced a call for projects for SACOG-administered federal transportation funding for capital projects in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. SACOG’s call for projects is issued in three separate program areas: the Local/Regional program, the Bicycle/Pedestrian program, and the Community Design program. Staff has 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 General Plan goals of improving and expanding public safety, enhancing livability, and promoting economic vitality.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This activity is not considered a project as defined by CEQA guidelines Section 15378. 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
I-5 Riverfront Reconnection Phase One	Capitol Mall - install new bike lanes and sidewalk widening; new 2nd Street bridge to Capitol Mall; new sidewalk on south side of O Street bridge	\$10,800,660	Local/Regional (capital)

I-5 Riverfront Reconnection Phase Two	Front Street – final design for a new viaduct connecting Front Street to Capitol Mall at 2 nd Street.	\$1,505,000	Local/Regional (capital)
Freeport Blvd Bike Lanes	Reduce travel lanes and install bike lanes along Freeport Blvd between Sutterville Road and 4th Avenue/21st Street.	\$ 863,787	Local/Regional (maintenance)
12 th Street Streetscape	12 th Street between North B and Richards Boulevard - install pedestrian improvements on the east side of 12 th Street adjacent to the light rail tracks.	\$1,135,000	Community Design
R Street Phase II Streetscape Improvements (Market Plaza)	R Street – reconstruction with streetscape enhancements, new accessible pedestrian walkways, new crosswalks and pedestrian oriented intersections at 16th, 17th, and 18th Streets.	\$ 2,700,000	Community Design
Meadowview Road and 24 th Street Streetscape – Preliminary Engineering	Meadowview Road – Freeport to Mack Road; 24 th Street – Florin Road to Meadowview Road. Preliminary engineering and design for highest priority segments.	\$500,000	Community Design
Richards Boulevard Streetscape Construction	Construction of a landscaped median to provide safer pedestrian/bicycle crossings and improved aesthetics	\$1,335,000	Community Design
Broadway Bridge	Preliminary engineering, and preliminary environmental analysis, and funding identification for a new crossing of the Sacramento River.	\$500,000	Community Design
Two Rivers Trail	Construction of a multi-use trail along the American River from the Sacramento Northern Trail crossing of the American River to the H Street bridge.	\$2,235,000	Bicycle/ Pedestrian
South Sacramento Parkway	Preliminary engineering and construction for a new class I bike trail connecting the Freeport Shores bike trail to the existing North Delta Shores bike trail.	\$845,000	Bicycle/ Pedestrian

Financial Considerations: Federal 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 State Transportation Improvement Program (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

Background

In May 2013, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) issued a call for projects as part of the biennial process of allocating federal transportation funds that are programmed through SACOG. Funding sources available are the federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). SACOG allocates the funding for eligible jurisdictions in the four counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, and Yuba.

SACOG has solicited candidate projects through three separate program areas: The Regional/Local program, the Bicycle/Pedestrian program, and the Community Design program. The programs are outlined below, and more information is available at the SACOG web page <http://www.sacog.org/regionalfunding/fundingprograms.cfm>.

Regional/Local

The Regional/Local Funding Program is SACOG's largest competitive program. The emphasis of the program is to fund projects that provide regional benefits; projects of varying size and type are eligible to apply. The program seeks to promote effective and efficient use of limited state and federal funding resources to both develop and maintain the regional transportation network. Candidate projects must be Federal Aid eligible and be able to begin construction no later than 2017. The project must meet one or more of SACOG's policy considerations, which are:

- Honor prior funding commitments
- Emphasize cost-effective programming decisions
- Fix it first, or maintain facilities in a state of good repair
- Focus on small or medium sized capital projects
- Support project development phases for future funding opportunities

Candidate projects must also demonstrate how they meet one or more of the Program Performance Outcomes, which are:

- Support a regional reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Support a regional reduction in congested VMT
- Support an increase in multi-modal/alternative travel/choice of transportation options
- Provide long-term economic benefit within the region
- Improve goods movement, including farm to market travel
- Significantly improve safety and security

- Demonstrate “state of good repair” benefits that improve the efficiency of the existing transportation system

Bicycle/Pedestrian

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Funding Program provides funding for capital and non-capital bicycle and pedestrian projects emphasizing facilities for walking and biking in the cities and towns of the region, and providing connections between them. In SACOG’s preferred Blueprint Scenario, bicycling and walking are integral to the types of development patterns depicted in the Blueprint preferred scenario and are necessary for its successful implementation. Projects and programs funded through this program must support the implementation of the Blueprint preferred scenario and planning principles. Specific SACOG selection criteria are:

- Project demonstrates the potential for placemaking by supporting bicycle/pedestrian travel as a means to achieve the MTP/SCS performance goals and the land use vision for the area, as described in the SCS and the local general/specific plan
- Project creates new access for users
- Project utilizes designs that prioritize the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists (documentation of safety issues should be included, if applicable)
- Project design is context-sensitive and appropriate for surrounding environment
- Project improves safety/security for bicyclists and pedestrians, and includes documentation of safety issues (if applicable)
- Project demonstrates cost effectiveness, which is achieved by minimizing projected capital and operating expenditures while offering strong performance benefits
- Projects are not serving primarily recreational trips or equestrians, and are not part of developer-funded basic good practices
- Sponsor agency commitment to implement the project, as evident by non-SACOG source funding commitments and inclusion in local policy documents

Community Design

The Community Design Funding Program provides funding to local jurisdictions seeking to construct specific development and public improvements that will help foster Blueprint-friendly communities. Projects are evaluated against two criteria.

The first project criterion evaluates how well the project promotes Blueprint Project Principles. The Blueprint Principles are:

- Transportation choices
- Housing diversity
- Compact development
- Mixed land uses
- Use of existing assets
- Natural resource protection
- Quality design

The second criterion evaluates how, realistically, the project can be implemented within the program timeline. This favors projects that have completed environmental review and final design, as it indicates their readiness for construction in the near term.

Recommended Projects

Based on these criteria and evaluation of funding needs, staff recommends the following projects for application for funding. Project eligibility and local priority are summarized in Table 1. In addition to the SACOG criteria listed above, factors considered by staff in developing these recommendations include project readiness for final design or construction, prior project funding allocations and approvals by the City Council, leveraging outside non-federal funding for grant match or to fund project development activities, project ranking within the approved 2010 Transportation Programming Guide, and regional transportation system integration.

I-5 Riverfront Reconnection- Phase One (*Regional/Local*)

Project Description: This Project proposes multi-modal connectivity of the Riverfront across the I-5 freeway to downtown Sacramento. Capitol Mall, between 3rd Street and Front Street, will be improved by closing of the slip ramps which will allow elimination of one traffic lane in each direction, widening of the sidewalks to 18 feet, and the addition of on-street bicycle lanes. In addition, a direct 2nd Street Bridge connection from Capitol Mall to the intersection of L and 2nd Street in Old Sacramento is proposed. Widening of the O Street overcrossing of I-5 is proposed to add sidewalk on the south side of the structure.

Grant Request (construction phase only): \$ 10,800,660

I-5 Riverfront Reconnection- Phase Two (*Regional/Local*)

Project Description: The Project proposes multi-modal connectivity of the Riverfront across the I-5 freeway to downtown Sacramento and other points of interest. Phase II of the project will realign Front Street south of Capitol Mall and will utilize a bridge connection to the intersection that was created by the Phase I project. The realignment of new Front Street and existing Front Street/Neasham Circle will both include pedestrian access and bicycle lanes. This project will mitigate the disconnection of the Sacramento downtown from the Riverfront due to the construction of I-5 and provide multi-use connectivity between Downtown, Crocker Museum, Riverfront, Historic Old Sacramento, and future Railyard development.

Grant Request (final design): \$1,505,000

Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes (*Regional/Local*)

Project Description: The Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project will improve bicycle connectivity along Freeport Boulevard between Sutterville Road and 4th Avenue/21st Street by reducing travel lanes and installing bike lanes. Proposed improvements include resurfacing the existing roadway, restriping the roadway to reduce travel lanes and install bike lanes and a two-way left turn lane, reconstructing curb and gutter on the west side and a portion of the east side, constructing new curb ramps, constructing two bus turnouts, installing pedestrian enhancements, modifying two existing traffic islands, and relocating a traffic signal pole.

Grant Request (construction phase only): \$863,787

12th Street Streetscape (*Community Design*)

Project Description: On 12th Street between North B and Richards Boulevard construct a new concrete sidewalk and landscaping to provide an aesthetically pleasing safe path of travel for bicyclists and pedestrians on the east side of 12th Street. This project leverages \$90,000 in Community Design Block Grant funding for design.

Grant Request (construction phase only): \$1,135,000

R Street Phase II Streetscape Improvements (Market Plaza) (*Community Design*)

Project Description: The R Street Phase II Streetscape Improvements Project, 16th to 18th Street is the second phase in the series of streetscape infrastructure projects for the R Street Corridor. The project goal is to provide street improvements to enhance the

pedestrian experience, ensure universal access, and create a stimulating and enriching public realm. Additionally, the project will include enhancements to underground water and drainage utilities to increase capacity and provide adequate service to accommodate future development of surrounding properties.

Cost Estimate (construction phase only): \$2,700,000

Meadowview Road and 24th Street Streetscape – Preliminary Engineering and Design (*Community Design*)

Project Description: The project goal is to provide street improvements that create a community gateway, with monuments, public plazas, and enriching public realm with expanded streetscapes. The project limits are on Meadowview Road from Freeport Boulevard to the Light Rail Station, and on 24th Street from Florin Road to Meadowview Road.

Grant Request (preliminary engineering): \$500,000

Richards Boulevard Streetscape Construction (*Community Design*)

Project Description: This project will construct raised landscaped medians for approximately 1.4 miles on Richards Boulevard between Interstate-5 and North 12th Street. The existing roadway is a 4 lane arterial with a two-way left turn lane (TWLTL) and bike lanes. Construction of a landscaped median will provide a physical separation of vehicles travelling in opposite directions; provide safer pedestrian/bicycle crossings and an aesthetically pleasing greenscape element to the roadway.

Grant Request (construction phase only): \$1,335,000

Broadway Bridge (*Community Design*)

Project Description: The City of Sacramento will be a co-applicant with the City of West Sacramento taking the lead on the proposed bridge project. This planning grant will be used for scoping the Broadway Bridge Project though planning level design, cost estimating and opportunities and constraints level of environmental review.

Grant Request (preliminary planning): \$500,000

Two Rivers Trail Construction (*Bike/Pedestrian*)

Project Description: This project will construct a new multi-use trail along the American River from the Sacramento Northern Trail crossing of the American River to the H Street Bridge. This project has received funding from SACOG for the design and environmental analysis portion, the process of which is already underway. What remains is funding for right of way acquisition and construction.

Grant Request (Construction Phase): \$2,235,000

South Sacramento Parkway West (*Bike/Pedestrian*)

Project Description: This is an application to fund the preliminary engineering and construction for a new Class I bike trail connecting the Freeport Shores Bike Trail to the existing North Delta Shores Bike Trail. The project includes the design, environmental documentation, right of way, and construction phases. This project will provide intra-community routes for bicycling and walking to the Bill Conlin Youth Sports Complex and connections to the Sacramento River Trail.

Grant Request (Design and Construction Phases): \$845,000

Table 1 Projects and SACOG/City Criteria

Project Title	Project Funding Need	Transportation Programming Guide Ranking	SACOG Criteria*	Notes
I-5 Riverfront Reconnection – Phase One	\$10,800,660	#4, #29,	1,2,3,4,7	Local/Regional Program
I-5 Riverfront Reconnection – Phase Two	\$1,505,000	#4, #29	1,2,3,4,7	Local/Regional Program
Freeport Bike Lanes	\$863,787	#7	1,2,7	Local/Regional Program
12 th Street Streetscape	\$1,135,000	#3	14,15	Community Design
R Street Phase II Streetscape Improvements (Market Plaza)	\$2,700,000	#11	14,15	Community Design
Meadowview Road and 24 th Street Streetscape – Preliminary Engineering	\$500,000	#1	14,15	Community Design
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Broadway Bridge	\$500,000		14,15	Community Design
Two Rivers Trail	\$2,235,000	#3,#4	8,9,10,11,12,13	Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
South Sacramento Parkway	\$845,000	#1	8,9,10,11,12,13	Bicycle/Pedestrian Program

***SACOG Criteria**

Regional/Local Program

- 1 - Does the project support a regional reduction in 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 good movement, including farm-to-market travel, in the region
- 6 - Does the project significantly improve safety and security
- 7 - Does the project improve efficiency of the existing transportation system

Bicycle/Pedestrian Program

- 8 - Does the project increase access to transit services
- 9 - Does the project increase access to schools
- 10 - Does the project eliminate gaps in the existing bicycle/pedestrian network
- 11 - Does the project remove physical barriers in the bicycle and pedestrian network
- 12 - Does the project facilitate completion;
- 13 - Does the project reduce VMT by encouraging bicycling

Community Design Program

- 14 - Does the project promote Blueprint Development Principles
- 15 - Will the project be implemented within the program timeline

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 Transportation funding.
- B. Funding is available through three SACOG programs:
 - Regional/Local program
 - Community Design program
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian program
- C. Staff has evaluated eligible projects and availability of local matching funds and developed recommended candidate projects.

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 funds. The cost estimates may change as staff further refines the estimates.

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Broadway Bridge	Scoping the Broadway Bridge Project though planning level design, cost estimating, and opportunities and constraints level of environmental review.	\$500,000	Community Design (planning)
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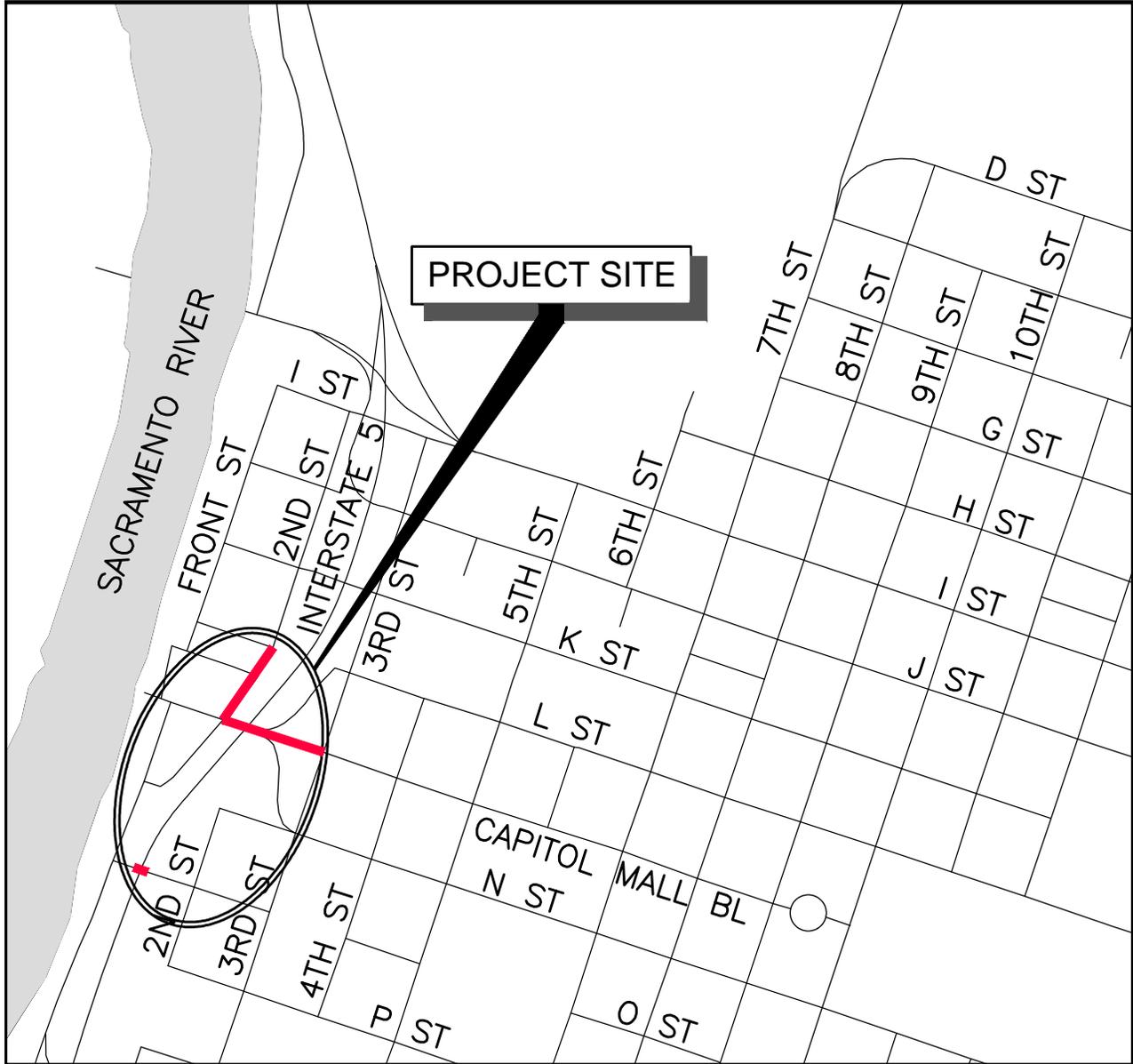
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**Riverfront Reconnection
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(PN: T15998100)**



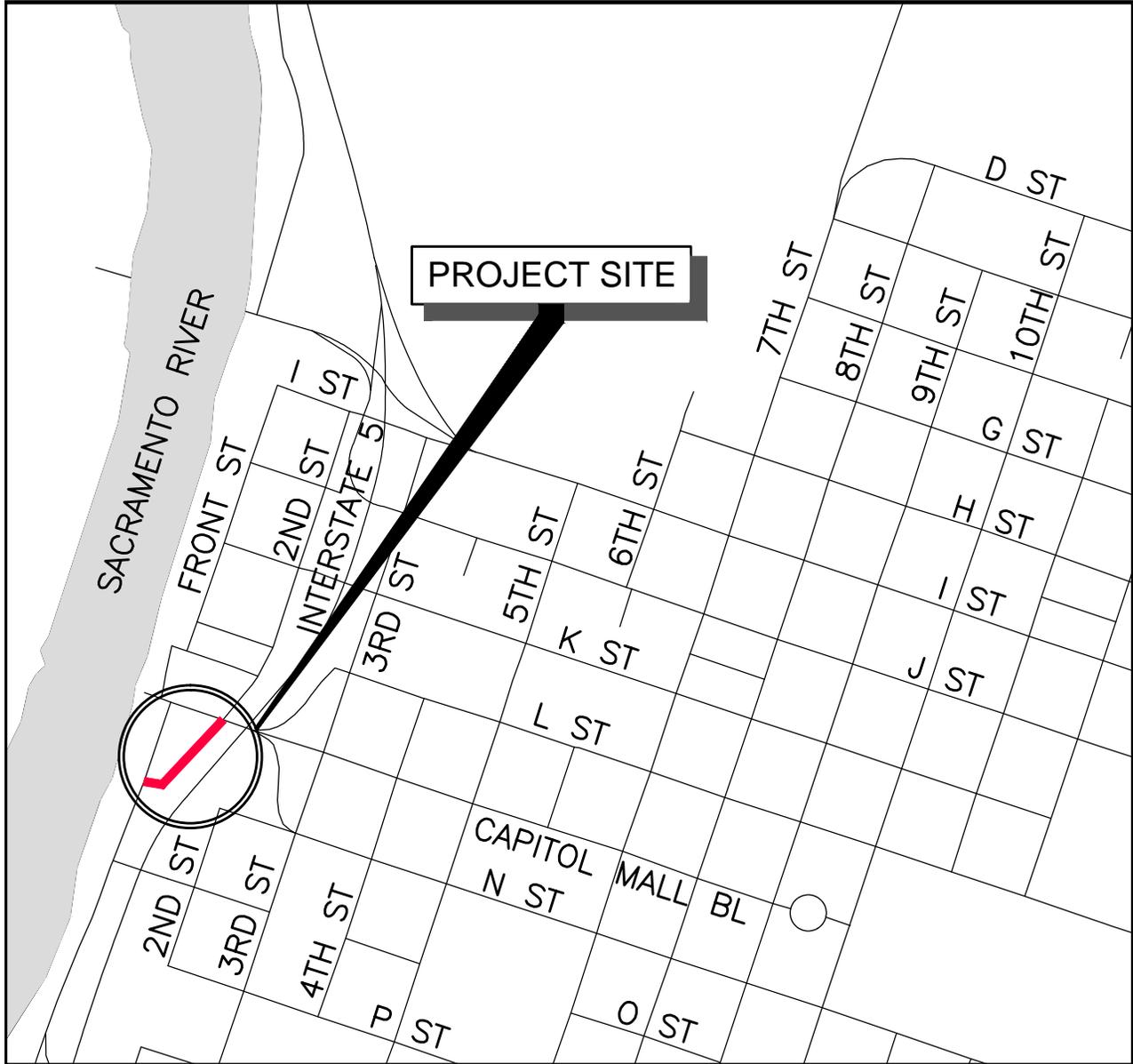
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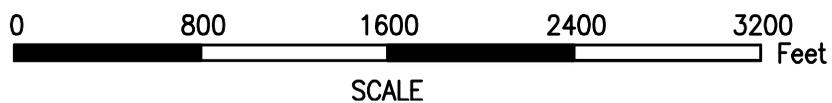
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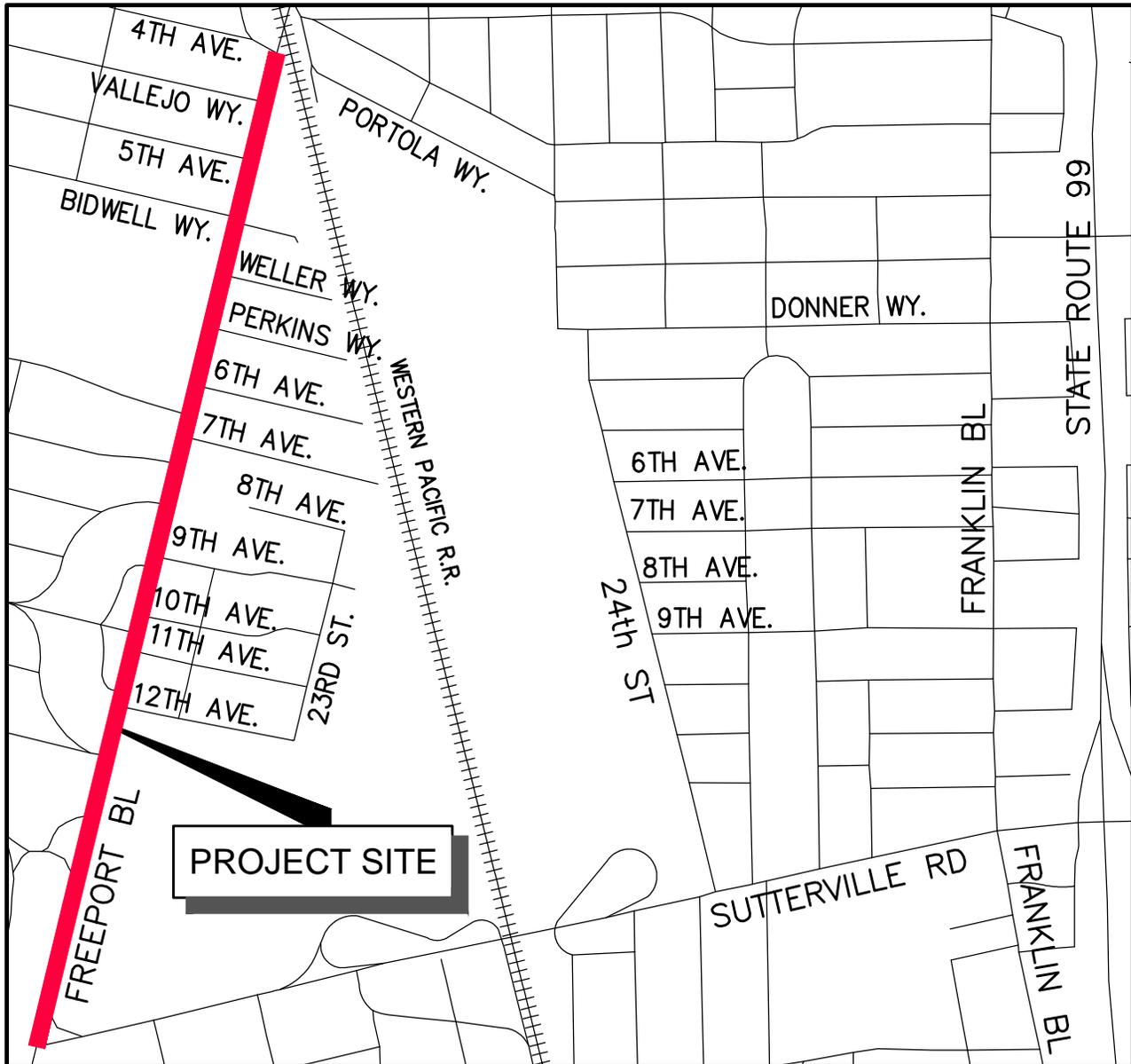
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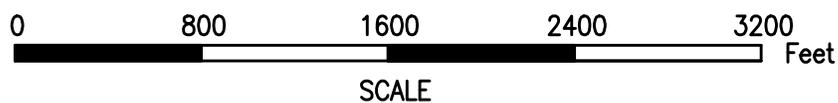
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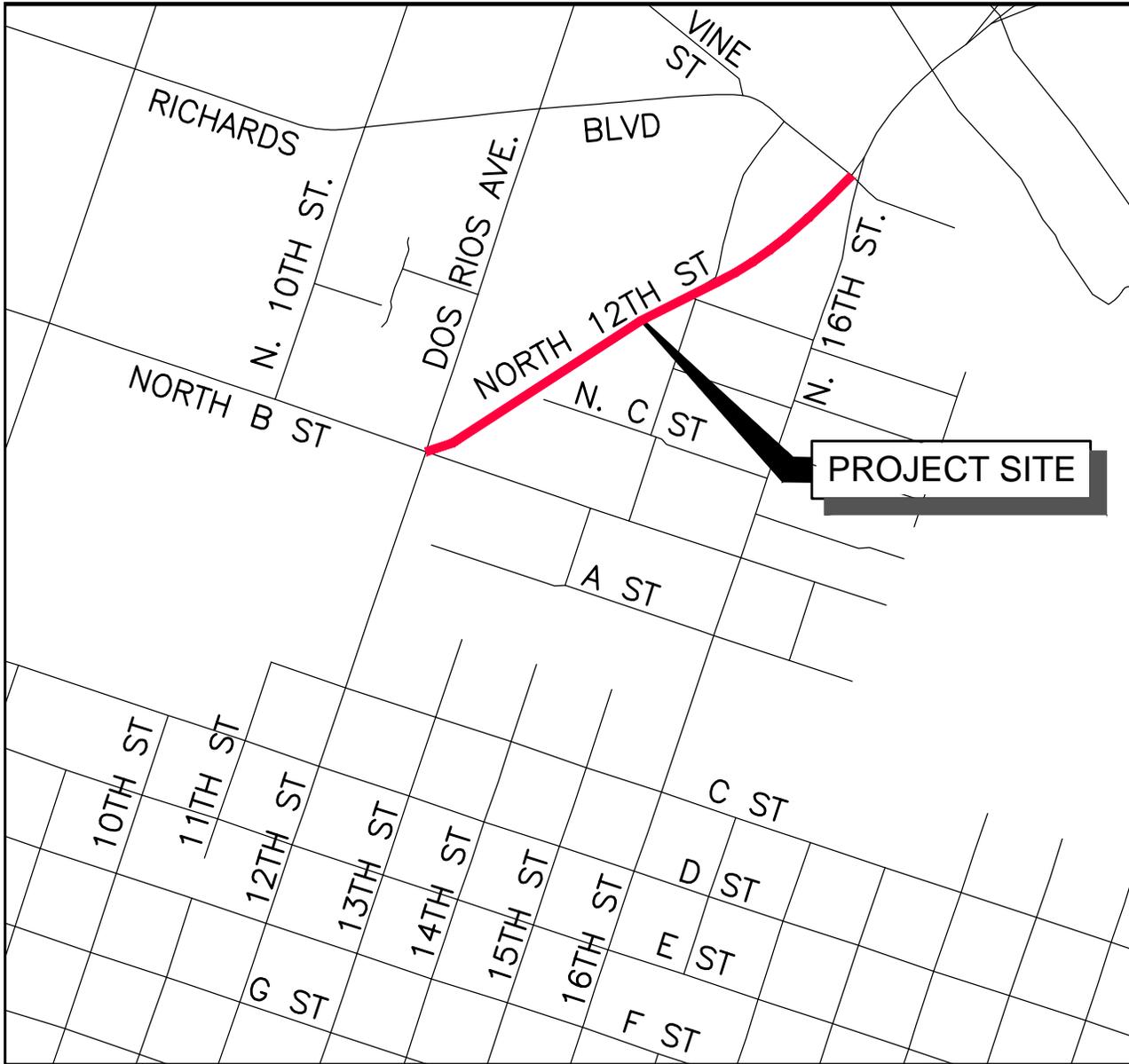
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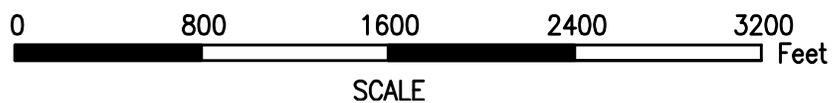
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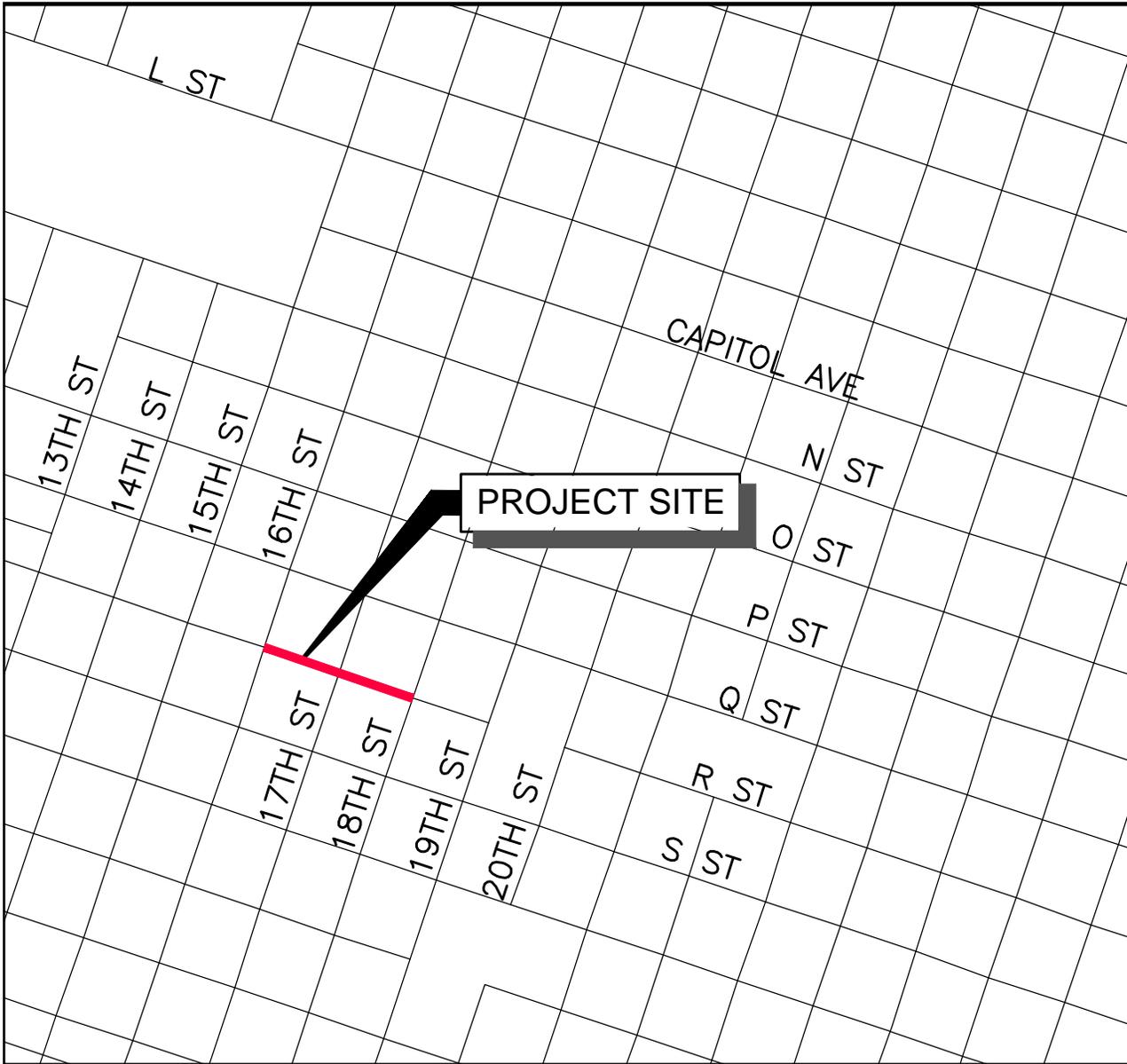
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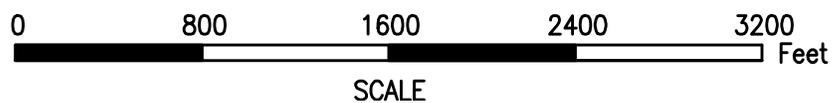
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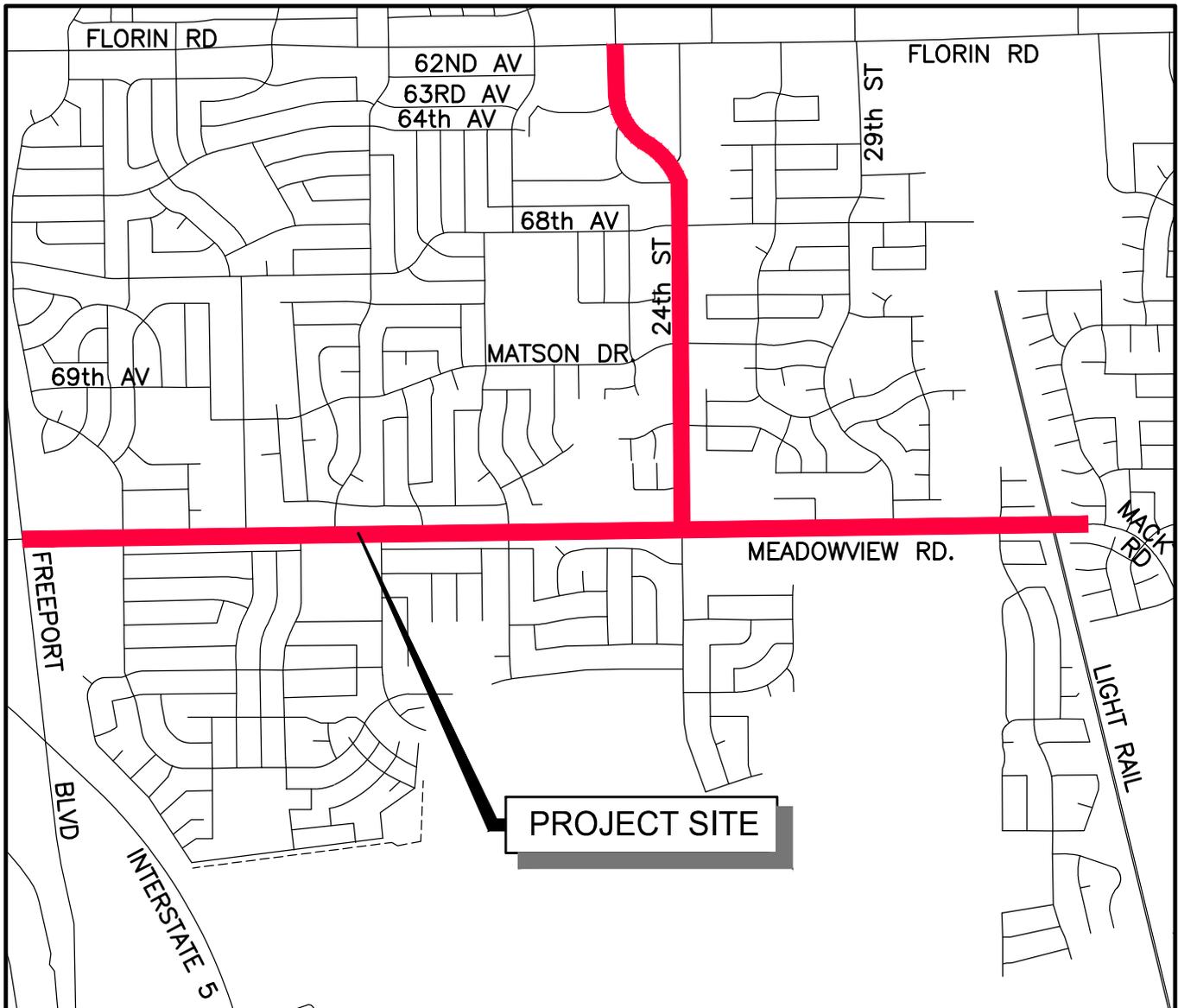
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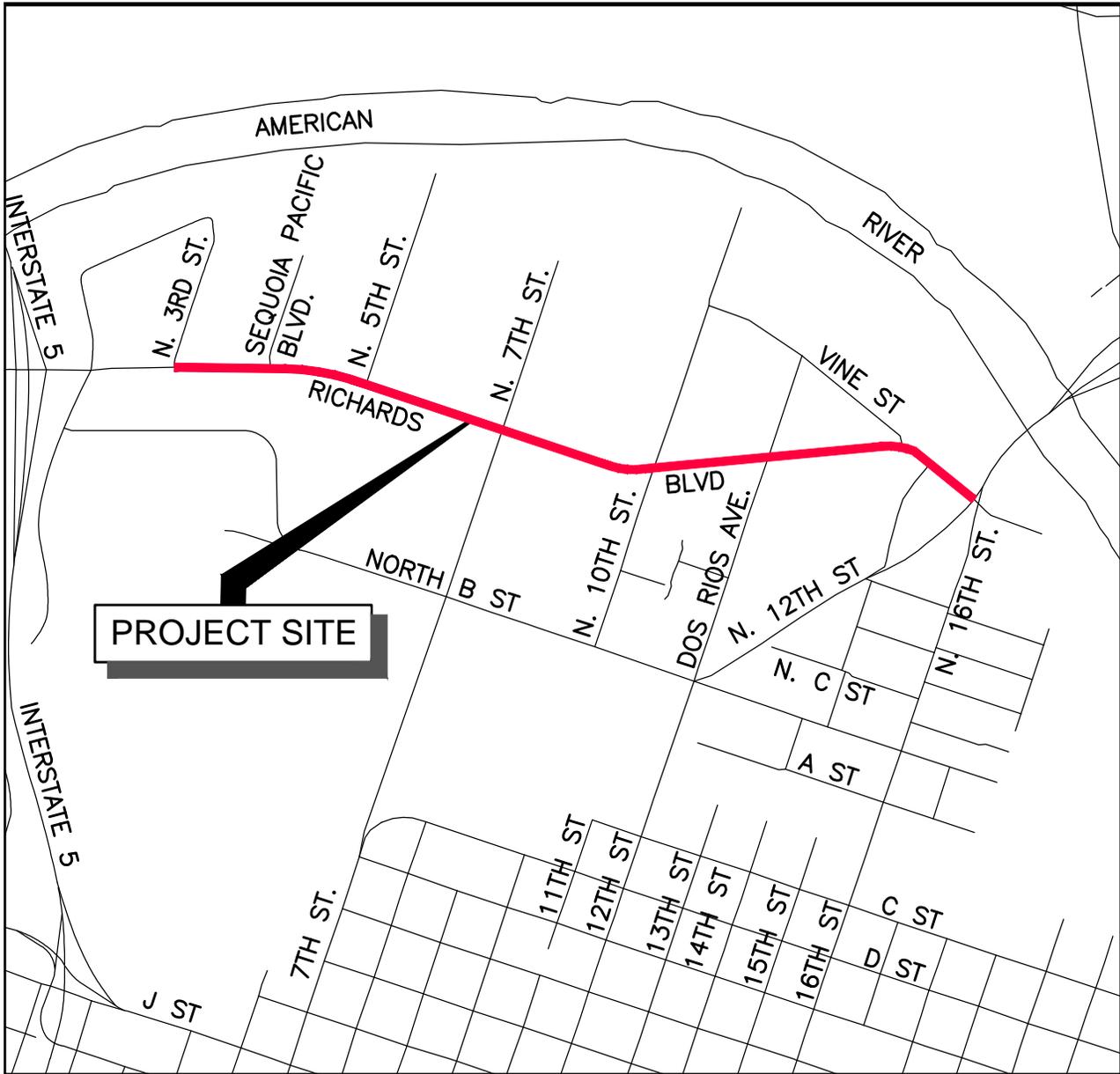
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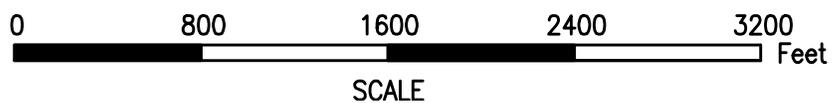
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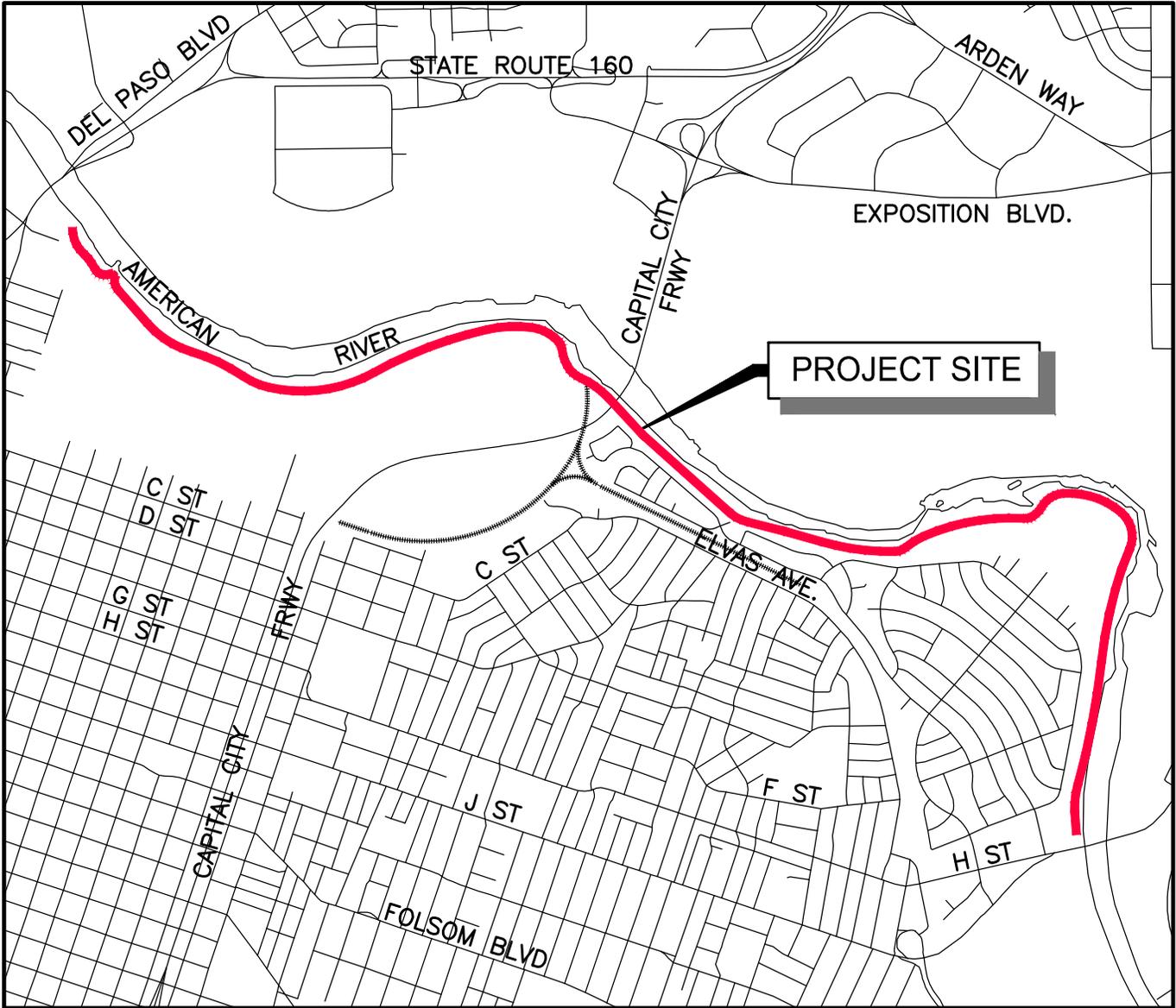
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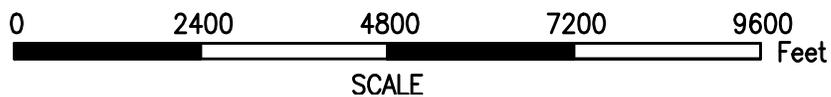
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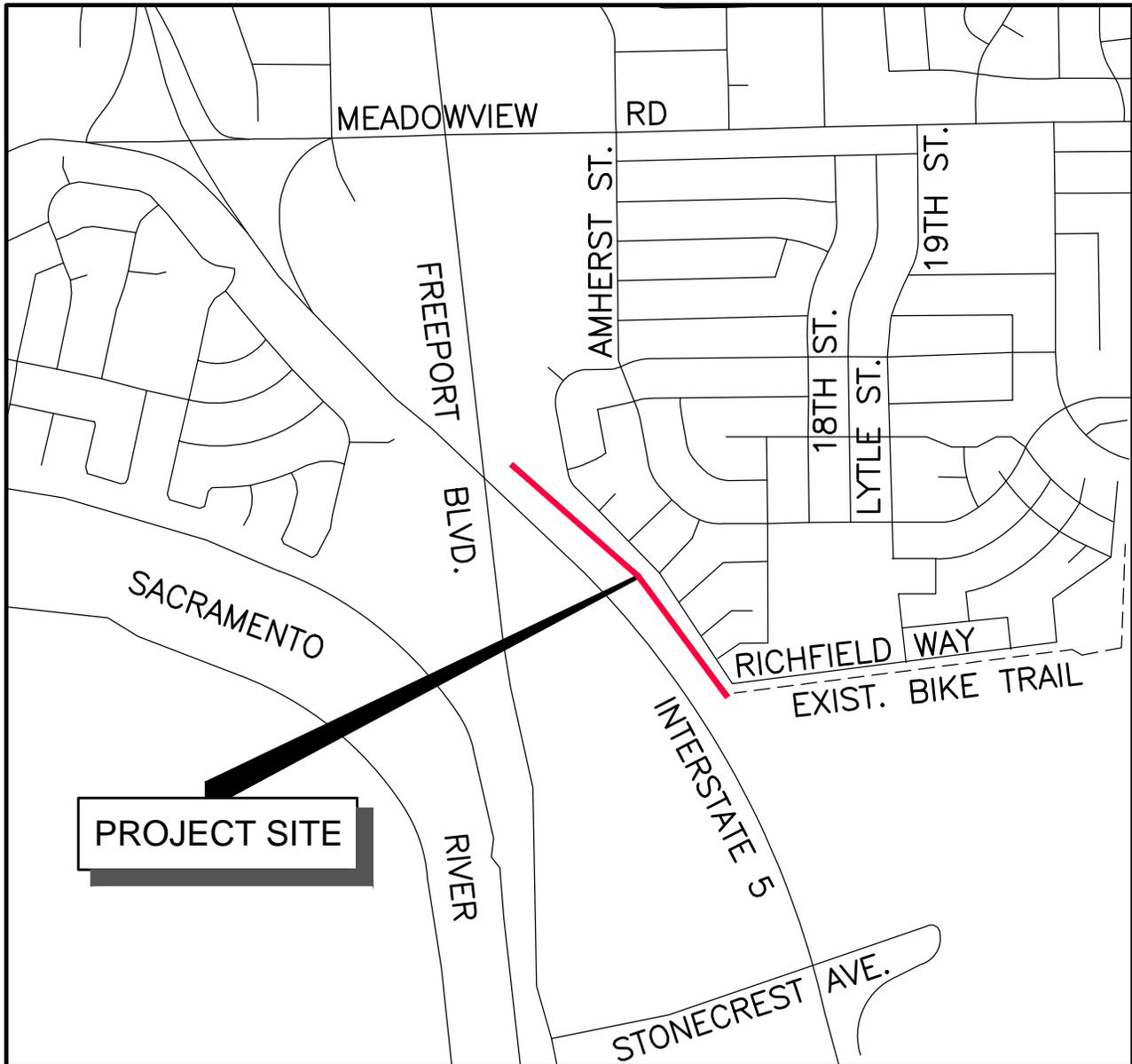
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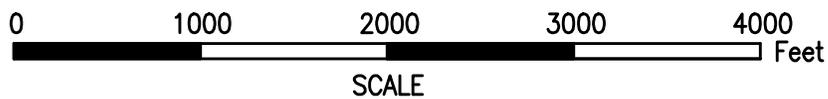


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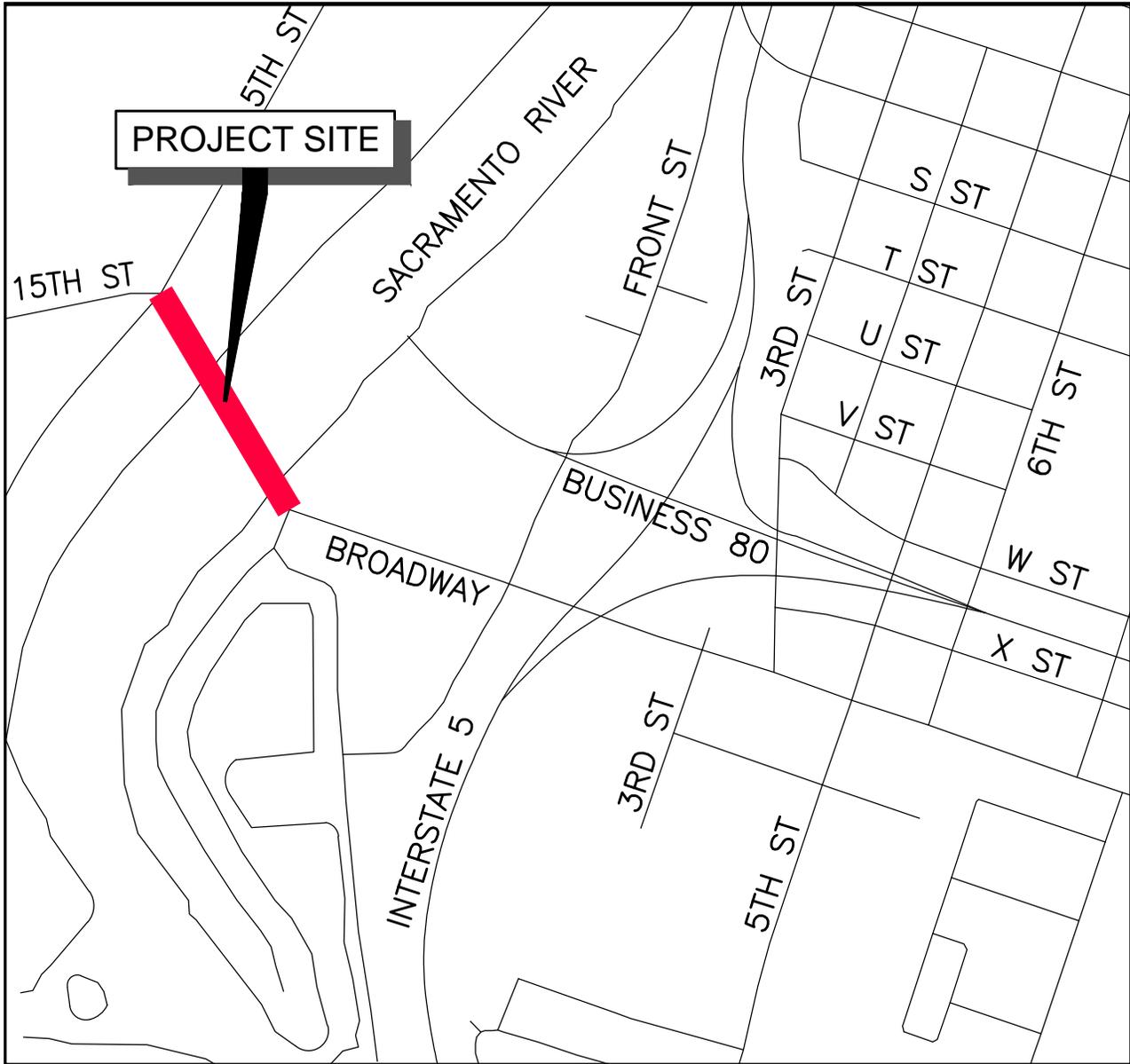


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