



"Raising Expectations"

**Joint Meeting
Visalia City Council and Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia**

5:00 p.m. dinner - Grand Board Room (Elected officials and senior staff)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Joint Meeting – Ball Room C/D**

City of Visalia
Mayor: Bob Link
Vice Mayor: Amy Shuklian
Council Member: Warren Gubler
Council Member: Steve Nelsen
Council Member: vacant

Visalia Unified School District
President: William A. Fulmer
Clerk: Rodney Elder
Board Member: Tim Chaney
Board Member: Larry Jones
Board Member: Donna Martin
Board Member: Jim Qualls
Board Member: Charles Ulmschneider

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District Board/Visalia City Council. The Board Members and Council ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. The Board/Council members cannot legally discuss or take official action on citizen request items that are introduced tonight. In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes or a total of 20 minutes per topic. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your address.

Additional written materials may be distributed at the meeting

1. Presentation by El Diamante Green Club - Kim Loeb, City of Visalia
2. Federal Safe Routes to School Grant - Adam Ennis & Chris Tavarez, City of Visalia
3. Green Acres Middle School update - Robert Groeber, VUSD

4. Willow Glen, Cottonwood and Royal Oaks project – Robert Groeber, VUSD
5. School site traffic circulation – Robert Groeber, VUSD
6. New school construction update – Robert Groeber, VUSD
7. Trustee area election boundaries – Robert Groeber, VUSD

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, July 18, 2011, 4:00 p.m. Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session – City Hall Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, August 1, 2011, 4:00 Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session - City Hall Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia

Note: Meeting dates/times are subject to change, check posted agenda for correct details.

**Joint Meeting City of Visalia / Visalia Unified School District
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: June 21, 2011

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 1

Agenda Item Wording: Presentation including video by El Diamante HS Green Club on current recycling activities in the community.

Deadline for Action:

Submitting Department: Administration/Natural Resource Conservation

Contact Name and Phone Number:

Kim Loeb, Natural Resource Conservation Manager, 713-4530
Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, 713-4317

Department Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council and Board receive the presentation by the El Diamante HS Green Club.

Summary/background:

Student members of the El Diamante High School Green Club have been very active in promoting a better environment both on campus and in the community. The Green Club has volunteered at City Arbor Day, Earth Day and Make a Difference Day events; has adopted Packwood Creek at County Center Drive and Cameron Avenue in cooperation with the Urban Tree Foundation and Natural Resource Conservation Division; instituted on-campus battery recycling; planted water-efficient plants at Main and Floral Streets; and are starting a water-efficient plant propagation operation at the campus greenhouse. EDHS Green Club members commonly attend Visalia Environmental Committee meetings.

The EDHS Green Club has created a short video of their recycling and other Green Club efforts. The Green Club presented an earlier version of the video at a City Council meeting earlier this year. The video was very well received. The Green Club will present an updated version of the video to the Council and School Board.

Prior Council/Board Actions:

Committee/Commission Review and Actions:

Alternatives:

For action by:

City Council
 Redev. Agency Bd.
 VPFA

For placement on which agenda:

Work Session
 Closed Session

Regular Session:

Consent Calendar
 Regular Item
 Public Hearing

Est. Time (Min.): 5

Review:

Dept. Head _____
(Initials & date required)

Finance _____
City Atty _____
(Initials & date required or N/A)

City Mgr _____
(Initials Required)

If report is being re-routed after revisions leave date of initials if no significant change has affected Finance or City Attorney Review.

Attachments:

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected): N/A

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*

Copies of this report have been provided to:



City of Visalia

Memo

To: Visalia City Council/ Visalia Unified School District Board

From: Chris Tavaréz, Management Analyst
Adam Ennis, Assistant Community Development Director

Date: June 21, 2011

Re: Federal Safe Routes to Schools 2011 Grant and Existing Project Update

Projects for Federal Application in 2011

An application for the 2011 Federal Safe Route To School Grants is currently being prepared. The grant application is due July 15, 2011 and the results of the application are expected in early September of 2011. After review and feedback by various City departments, parents, residents and the Visalia Unified School District Staff the following three projects have been identified, which would improve safety for students walking and bicycling to school. The projects are numbered in order of priority as identified by the above groups.

1. Location: Houston Ave at Mooney Blvd School: Green Acres Elementary

Project: Signalization of the intersection, including re-construction of the ramps to be compliant with the American Disabilities Act.

Need: This intersection has had several incidents of pedestrian (including students) versus vehicle accidents over the last few years and continues to be an area of highly concentrated vehicle and student traffic. This has been identified as a top priority project due to the high volume of traffic this intersection typically handles. A signalized intersection should provide a significant increase in safety.

**2. Location: La Vida and Victor Avenues Schools: Linwood Elementary
La Joya Middle**

Project: Install sidewalk on both sides of La Vida and Victor Avenues from Linwood Street to Chinowth Street.

Status: There is concern about the lack of adequate pedestrian walkways for students to the east of these schools. Due to this lack of adequate pedestrian walkways, school students often are reported to be near the middle of the street during high traffic volumes at the beginning and end of the school day. Concerned

residents and parents have reported the need for sidewalks to improve safety and this would also promote students walking to and from school.

3. Location: Enhanced Lighted Crosswalks Schools: Annie R. Mitchell Elem.
Mountain View Elementary
Pinkham Elementary
Royal Oaks Middle

Project: Provide enhanced lighted crosswalks at; 1) Mountain View Elementary at the intersections of West Street/Beech Avenue and Beech Avenue/Court Street, 2) Annie R. Mitchell Elementary at the Pinkham Street and Laura Avenue intersection, including sidewalk on the east side of Pinkham Street between Laura Avenue and Walnut Avenue, 3) Pinkham Elementary across Tulare Avenue and 2) Royal Oaks Elementary across Woodland Street at Howard Avenue and Blackmon Avenue.

Status: If vehicular and pedestrian traffic meets warrants, these pedestrian safety enhancements will help to increase safety of students during peak drop off and pick times.

Update on Existing Projects

Location: Burke St (Houston to Harold) School: Four Creeks Elementary

Project: Install sidewalk on both sides of Burke Street from Houston Ave to the school site. Install a lighted pedestrian crosswalk at Margalo Ave.

Status: Grant deeds and appraisals for the acquisition of right of way have been completed and acquisition is near completion. Project design is expected to be complete in August 2011. Expected bid date of September 2011. Start of construction is estimated to be October 2011.

Location: Chinowth Ave (Tulare to Myrtle) School: Veva Blunt Elementary

Project: Install sidewalk on both sides of Chinowth Street from Tulare Ave to Myrtle Ave. Install a lighted pedestrian crosswalk across Chinowth at Meadow Ave.

Status: Preparation of grant deeds and appraisals for the acquisition of right of way have been completed and acquisition is near completion. Project design is expected to be complete in October 2011, with bidding in November 2011 and start of construction in December 2011.

Location: Linwood St (Walnut to Cherry) Schools: Linwood Elementary
La Joya Middle School
El Diamante High School

Project: Install curb, gutter, and sidewalks on the west side of Linwood Street from Walnut Ave to Cherry Ave.

Status: Project design and right-of-way acquisition is currently underway. Design is expected to be complete in March 2012 and, depending on the right-of-way process, is expected to go to bid in May 2012.

Location: Tulare Ave (Santa Fe To Pinkham) School: Pinkham Elementary

Project: The Tulare Avenue project will complete sidewalk between Santa Fe Street and Pinkham Street. The project would close the gaps in the sidewalk on the north side of Tulare Avenue, creating a continuous sidewalk for children walking to Pinkham School from neighborhoods to the west. The project is broken up over a length of approximately one mile and will include a railroad crossing.

Status: This project is funded in 2011/2012. Currently Caltrans is processing the authorization for expenditure of the funding. The environmental process has been completed. City staff is beginning the design, right-of-way, and railroad crossing coordination with the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) which should be complete by June 2012. Construction is anticipated for summer 2012. All grant funds must be expended by April 2015.

Locations:

<u>(1) Tulare Ave @ Clover St</u>	<u>School: Royal Oaks Elementary</u>
<u>(2) County Center @ Packwood St</u>	<u>School: Cottonwood Creek Elem.</u>
<u>(3) Ferguson @ Leila</u>	<u>School: Manuel F. Hernandez Elem.</u>

Project: Install lighted pedestrian crossings at three elementary school locations.

Status: Project design and bidding is completed and award of the project is anticipated at the June 20, 2011 City Council meeting. Construction expected to be completed around beginning of new 2011 school year.

Locations:

- (1) Hurley Ave and Marcin St School: Hurley Elementary
(2) Sunnyside and County Center School: Crestwood Elementary

Project: Install lighted pedestrian crossings at two elementary school locations. .

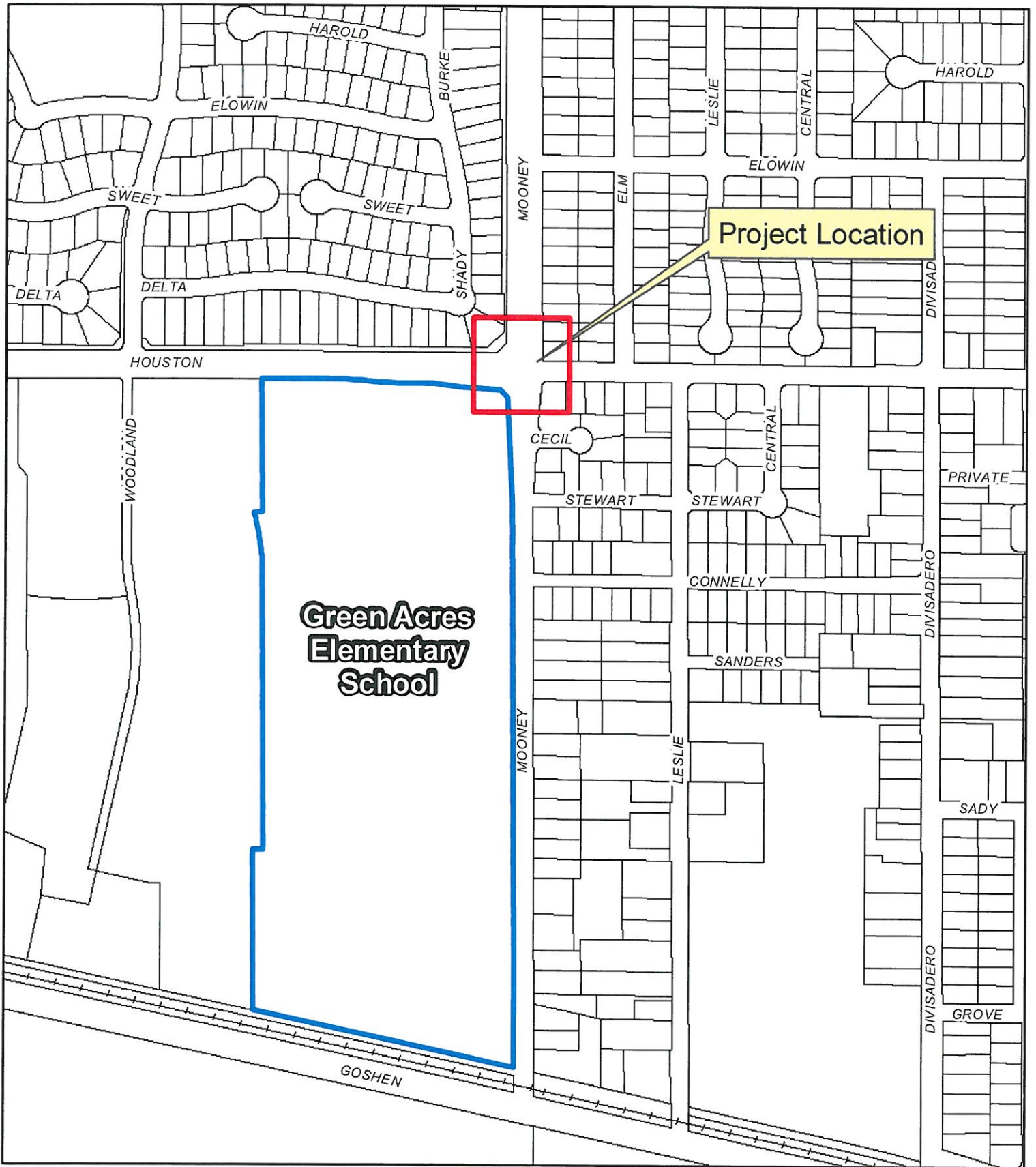
Status: Project design is expected to be complete in August 2012 and is expected to go to bid in September 2012.

Location: Quail Drive (Robin Ave To Wren Ave) School: Fairview Elementary

Project: This project will construct curb/gutter/sidewalk and a bicycle lane along the east side of Quail Drive adjacent to Fairview Elementary School. These improvements will provide a safe location for students walking or riding their bikes to school.

Status: Project design is expected to be complete in August 2012 and is expected to go to bid in September 2012.

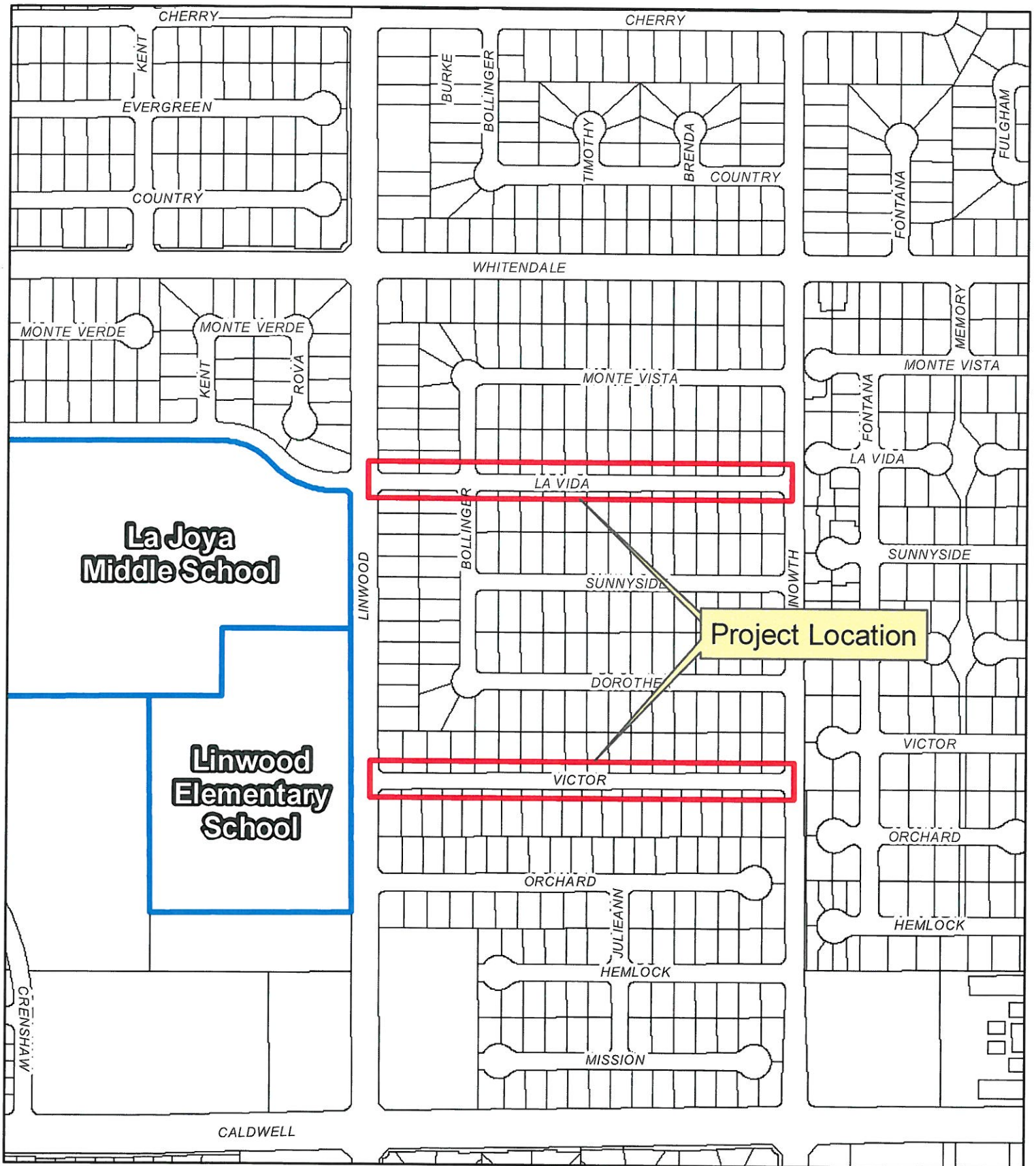
Attachments: Vicinity maps for each project location



Safe Routes to School Grant Application #1
 Houston Ave at Mooney Blvd
 Location Map



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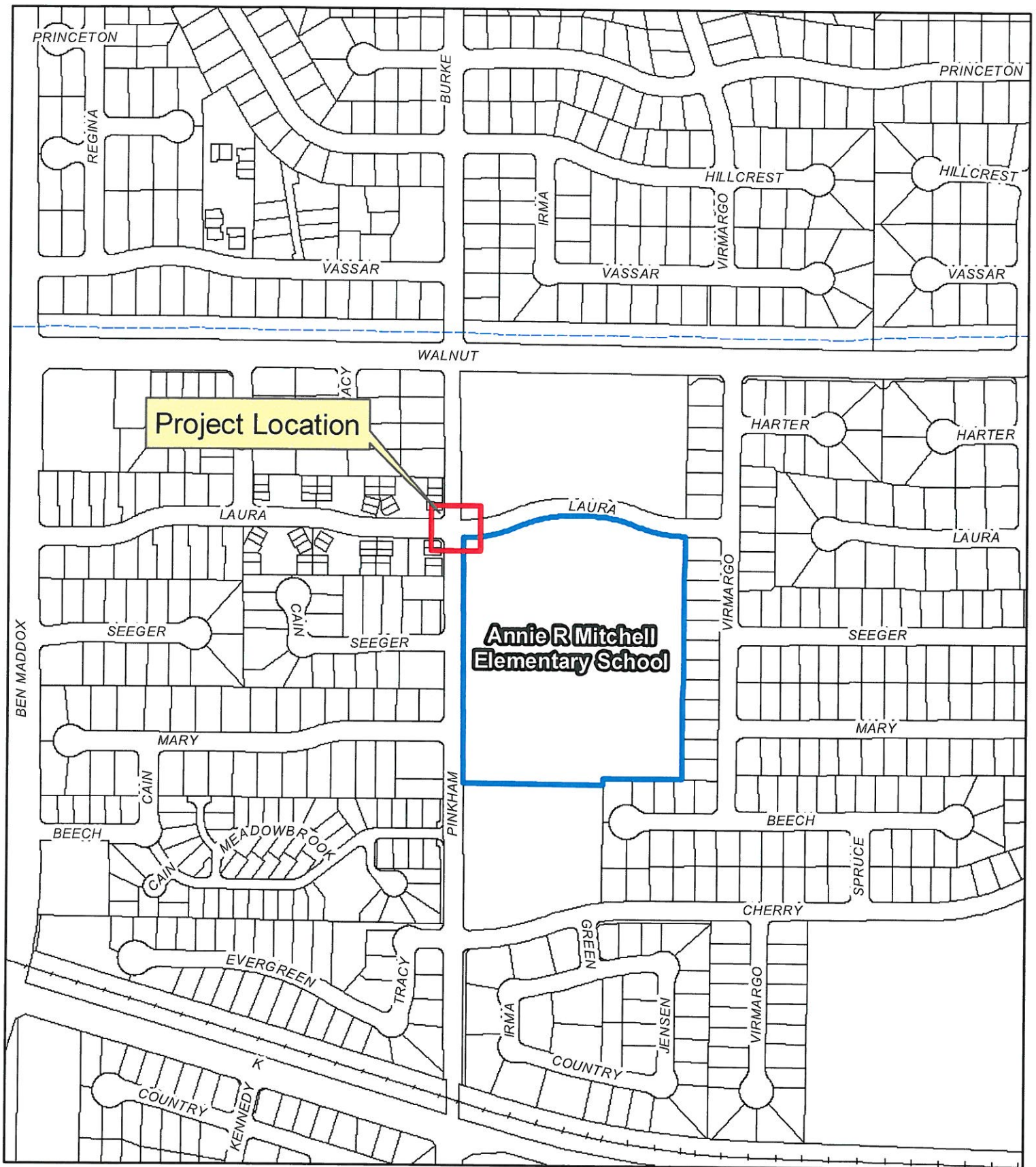
Safe Routes to School Grant Application #2

Victor Ave & La Vida Ave Sidewalk

Location Map



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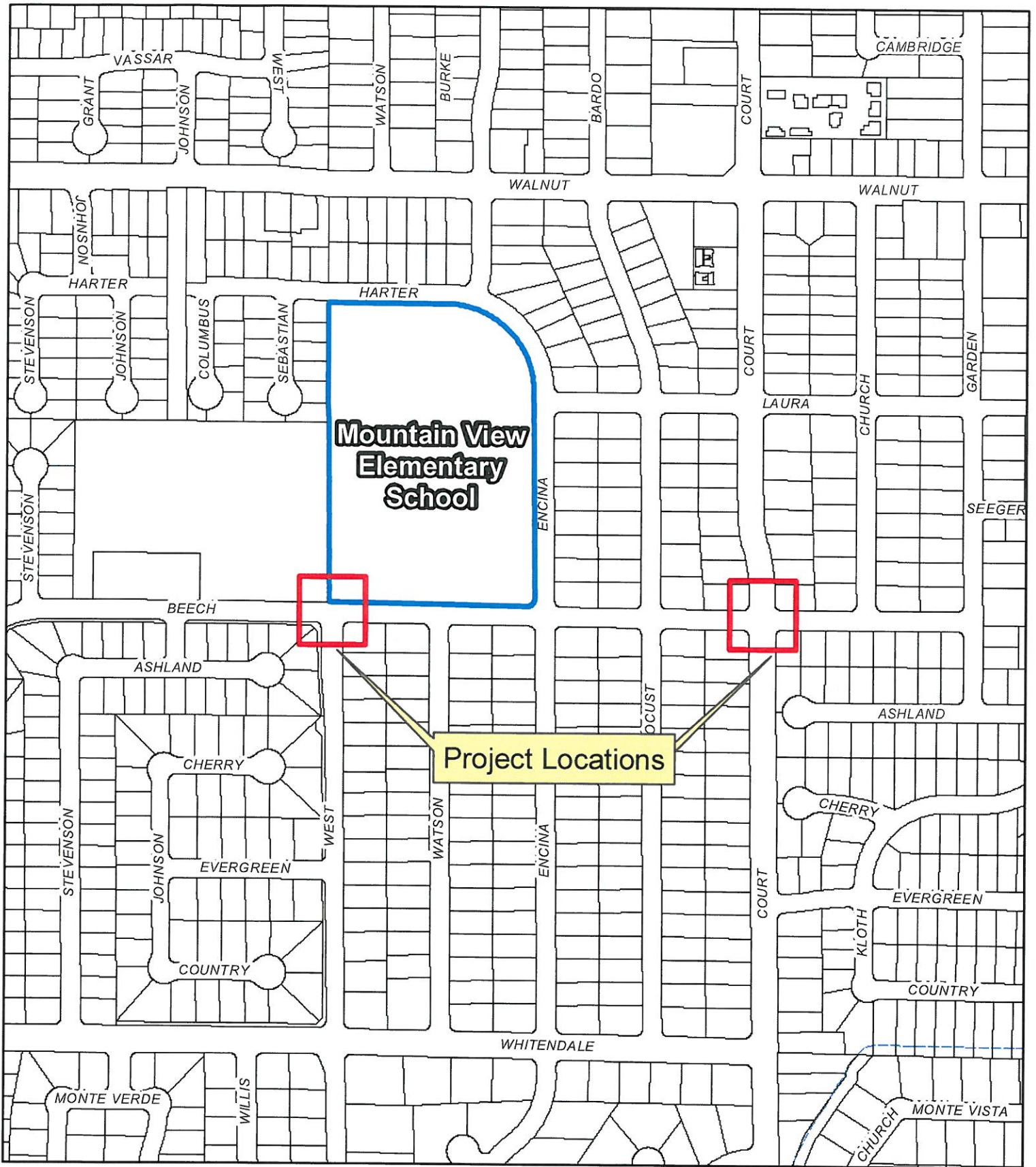


2011 Safe Routes to School Grant Application #3

Enhanced Crosswalk Pinkham & Laura Ave Location Map



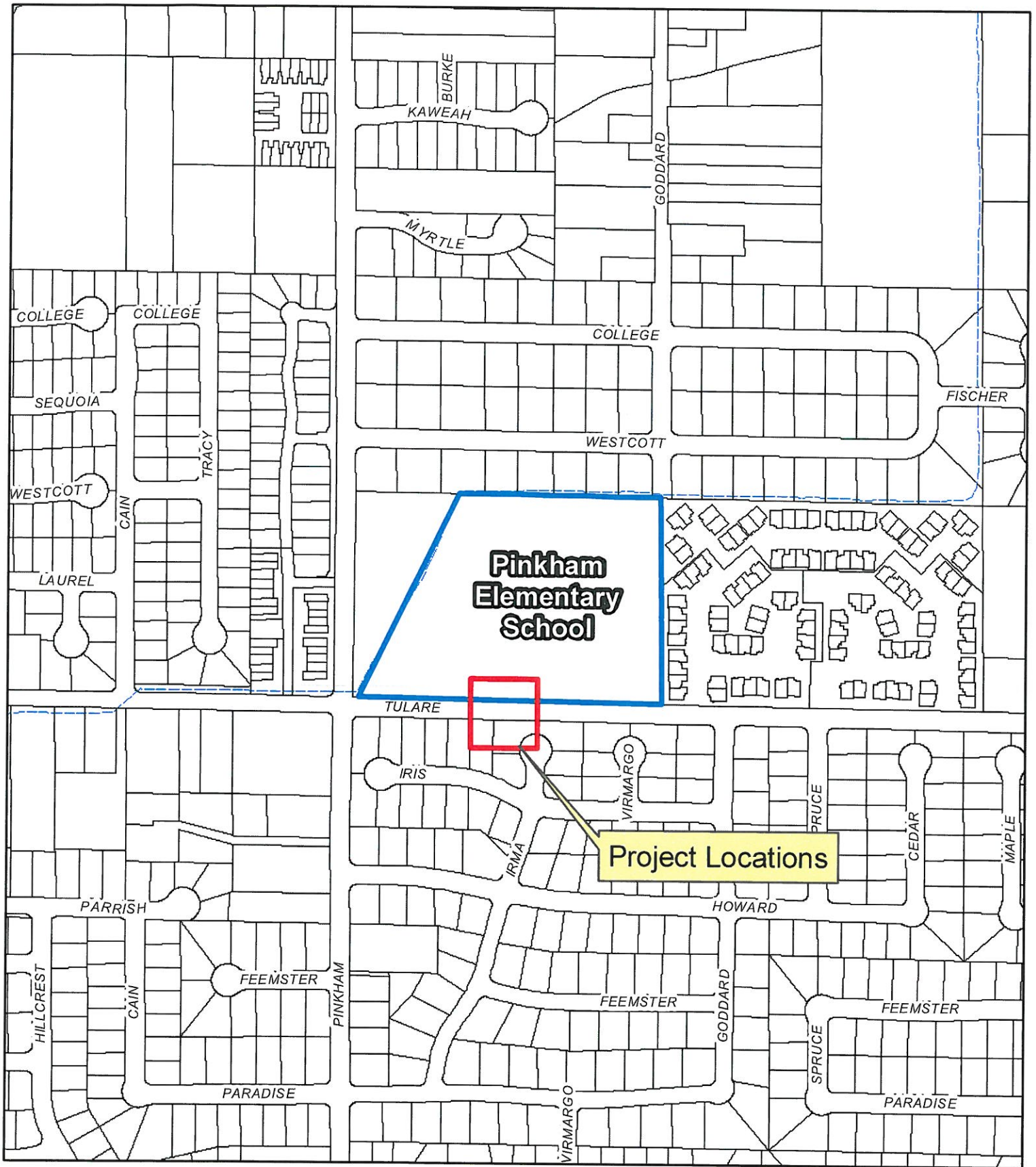
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2011 Safe Routes to School Grant Application #3
 Beech/West and Beech/Court
 Enhanced Crosswalks
 Location Map



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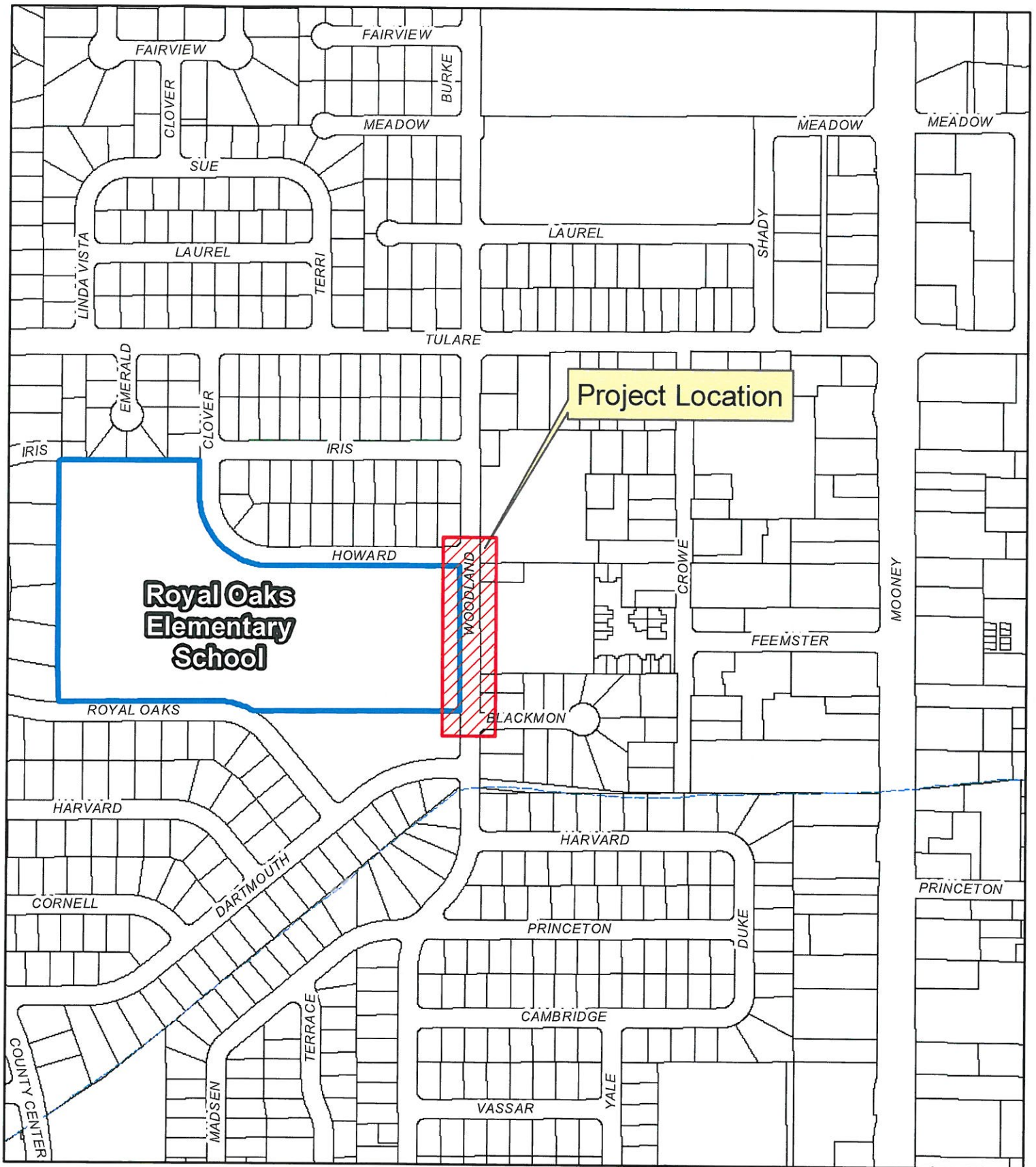


2011 Safe Routes to School Grant Application #3

Tulare Ave Enhanced Crosswalk Location Map



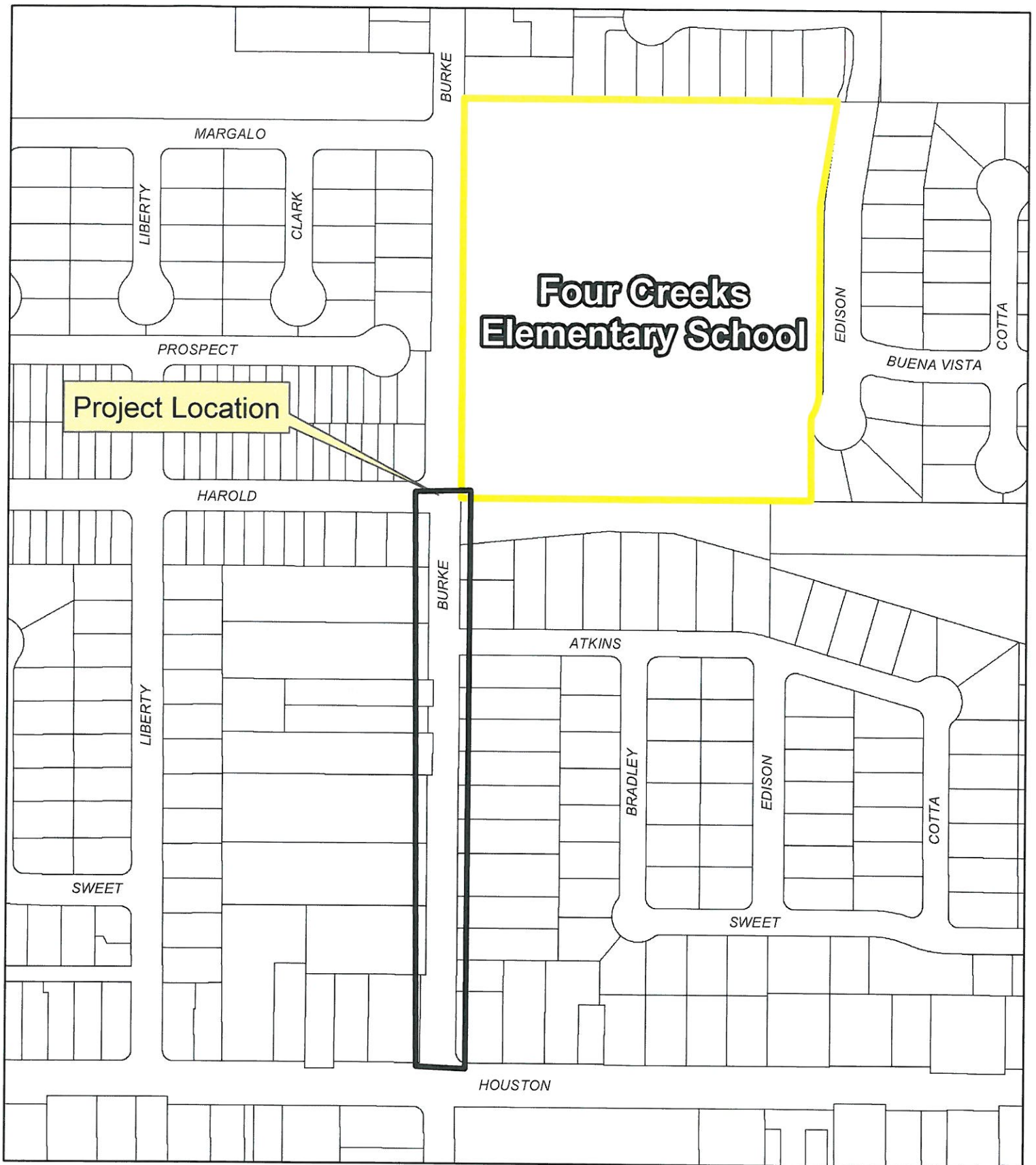
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2011 Safe Routes to School Grant Application #3
 Woodland St - Howard to Blackmon
 Sidewalk Installation
 Location Map



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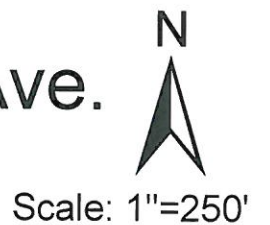
Safe Routes to School Program Burke St. - Houston Ave To Harold Ave Location Map

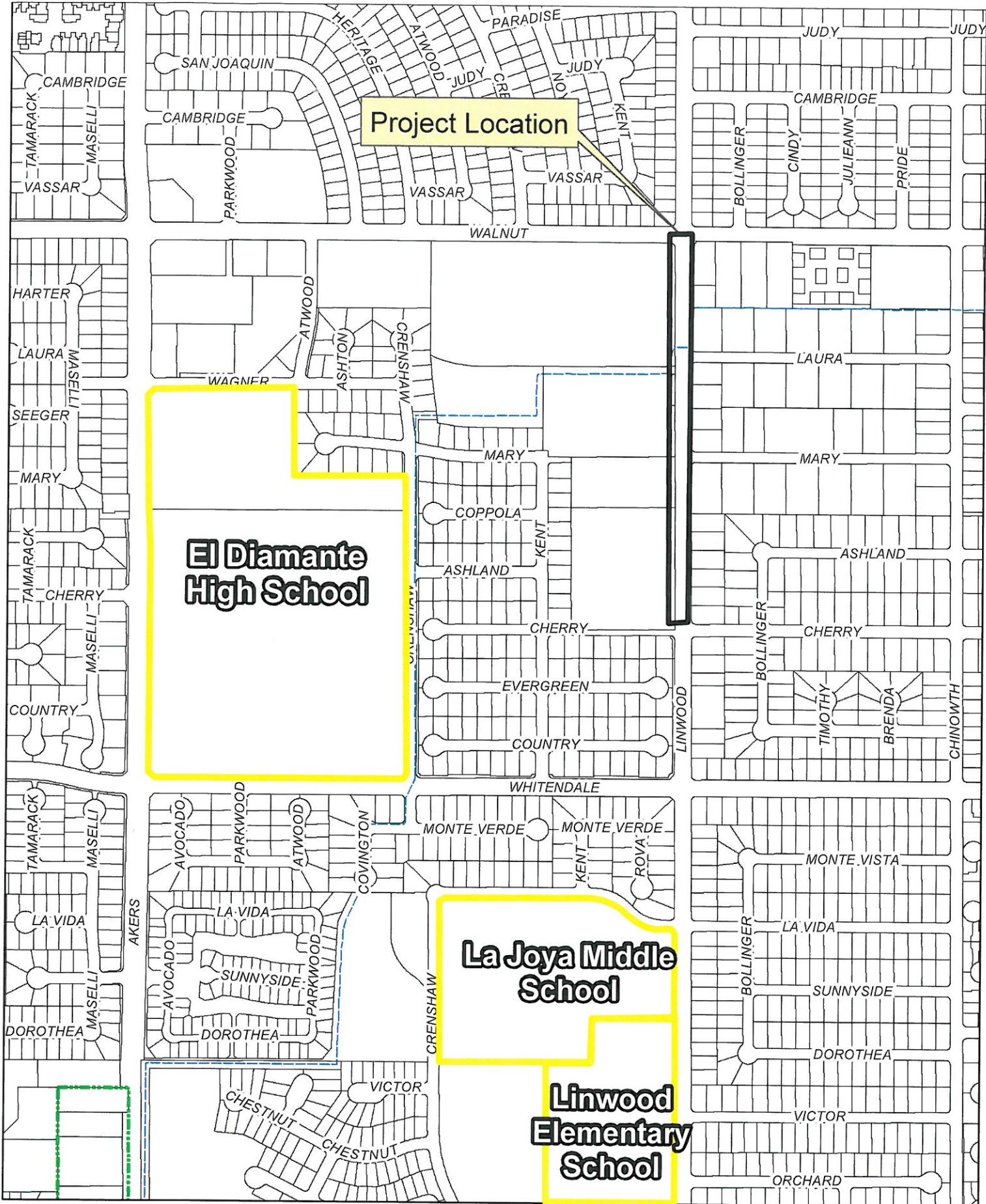


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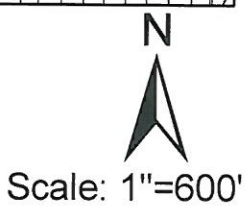


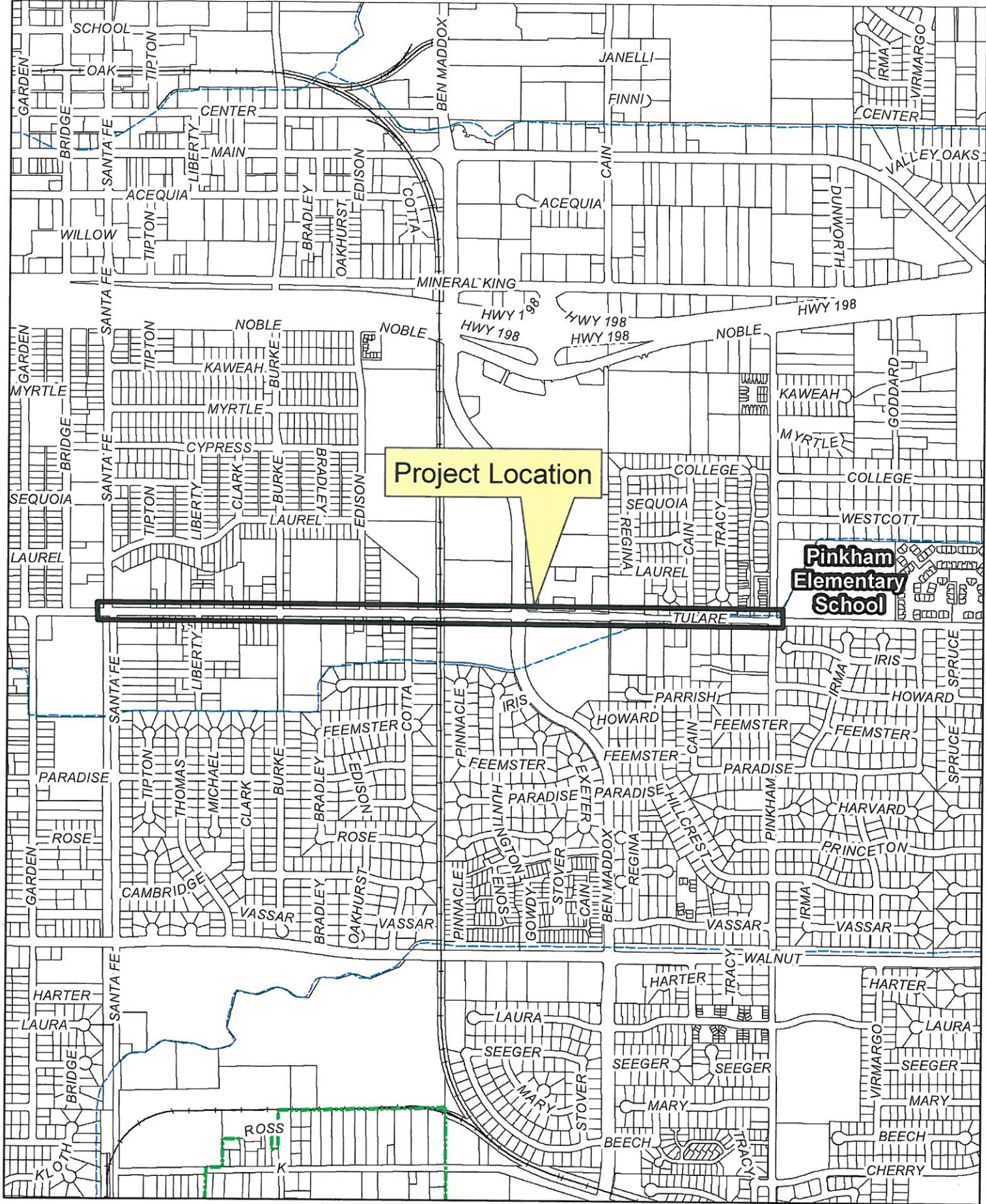
Safe Routes to School Program Chinowth St. - Tulare Ave. To Myrtle Ave. Location Map



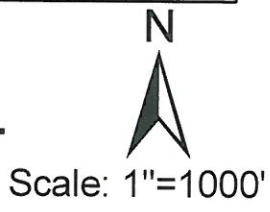


Safe Routes to School Program
 Linwood St. - Cherry Ave. To Walnut Ave.
 Location Map

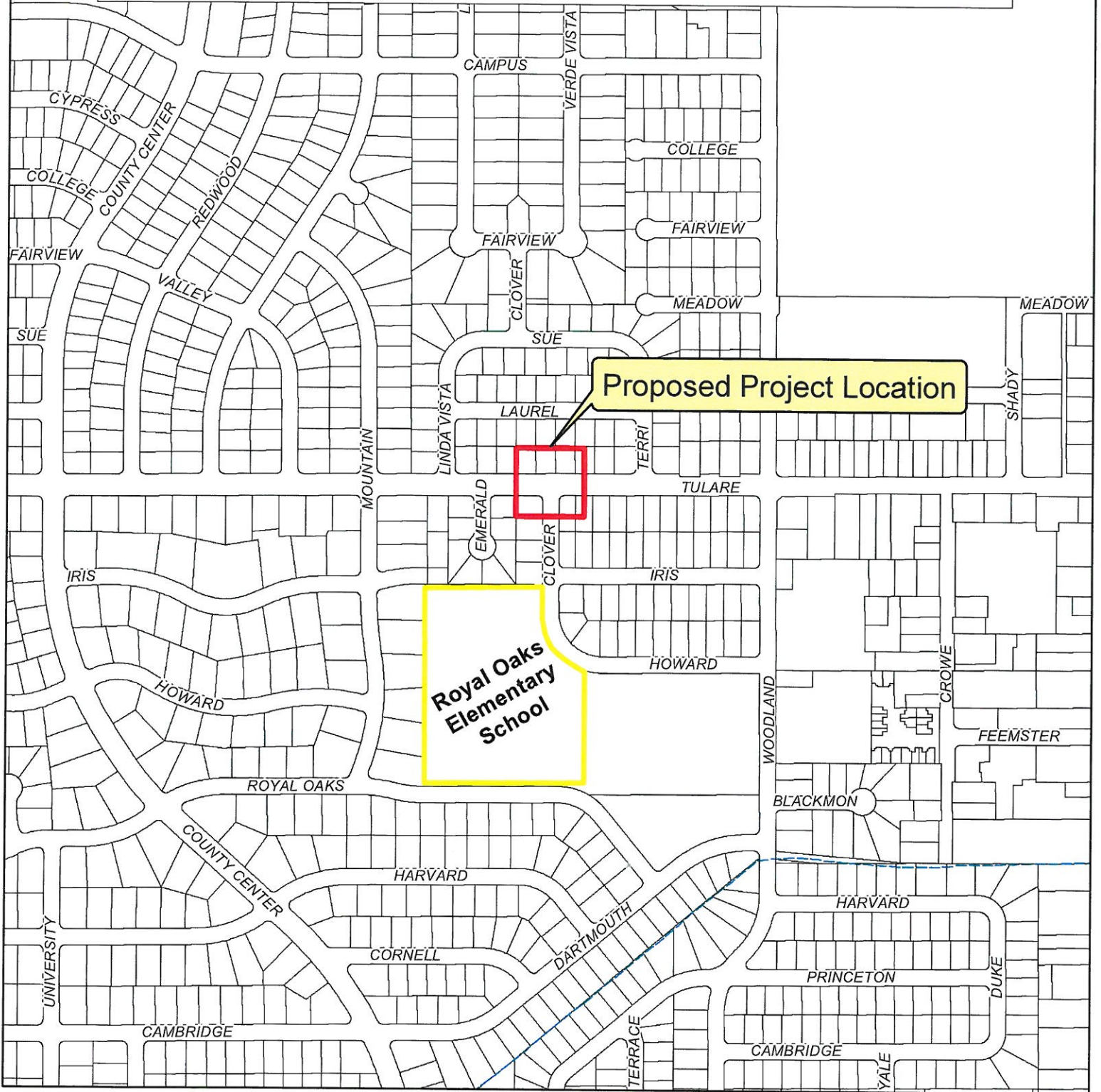




Safe Routes to School Program
 Tulare Ave. - Santa Fe St. to Pinkham St.
 Location Map



Safe Routes to School

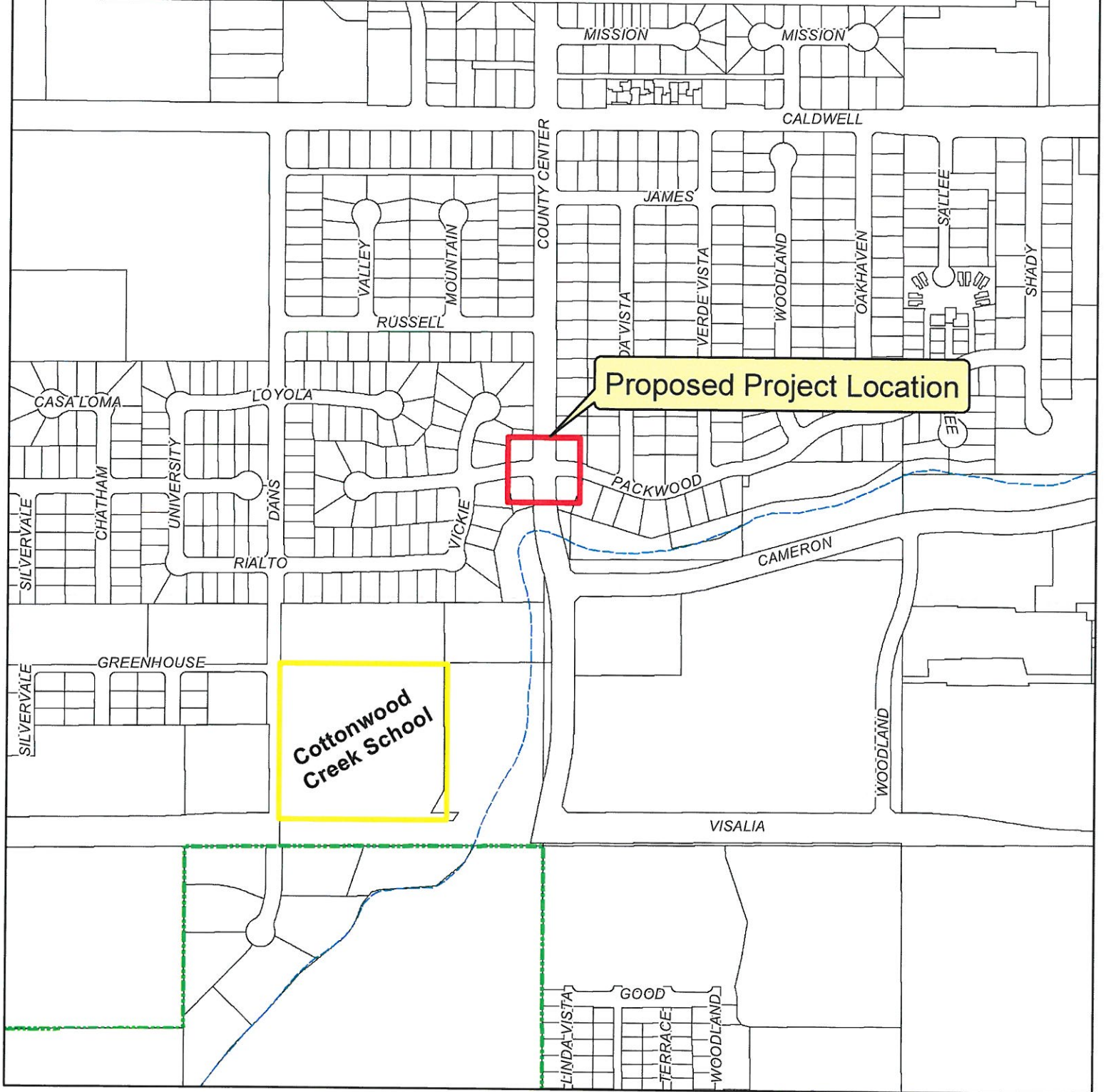


Tulare and Clover LED Crosswalk and Pedestrian Ramp Location Map



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Safe Routes to School

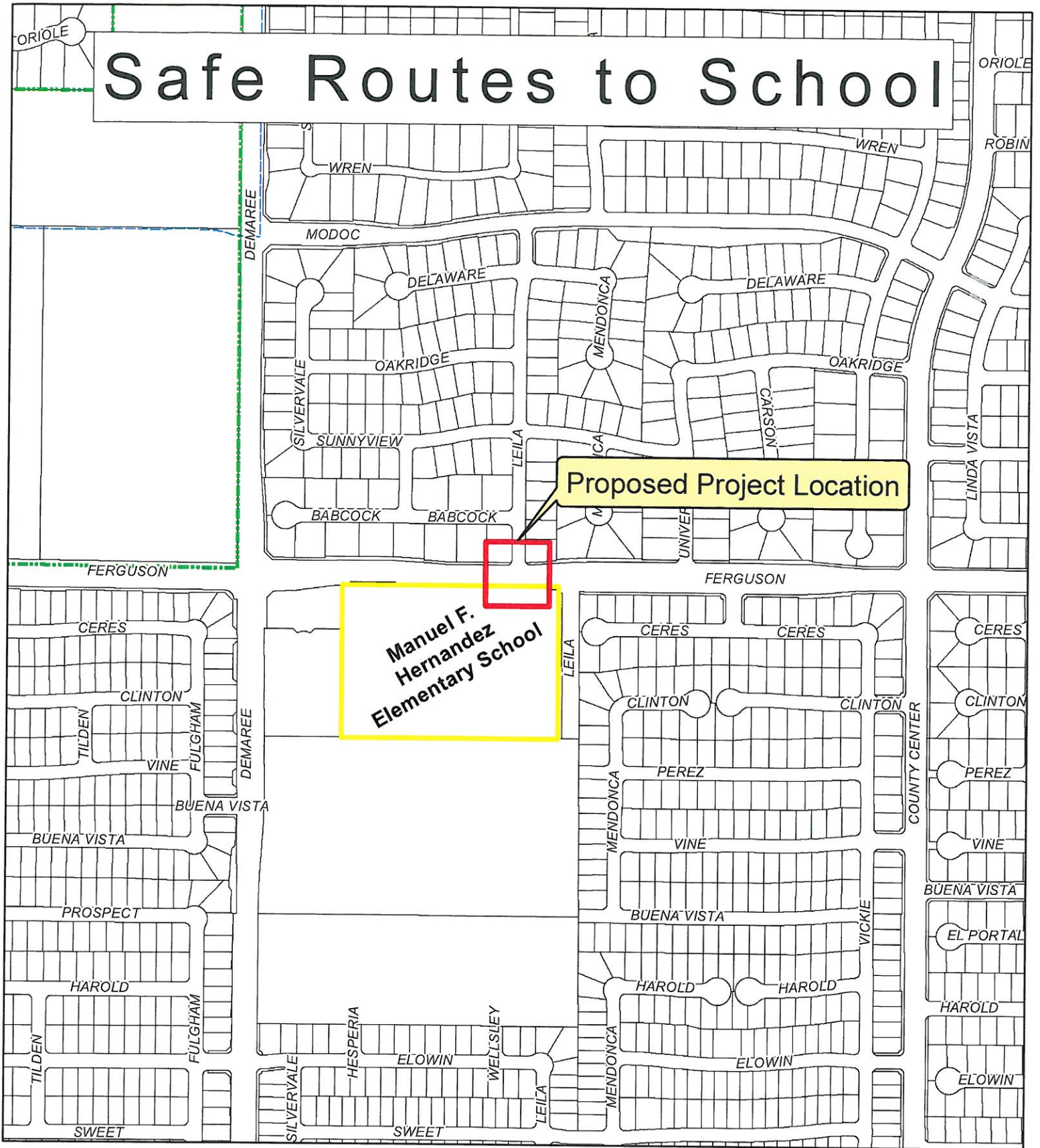


Packwood and County Center
LED Crosswalk and Pedestrian Ramp
Location Map



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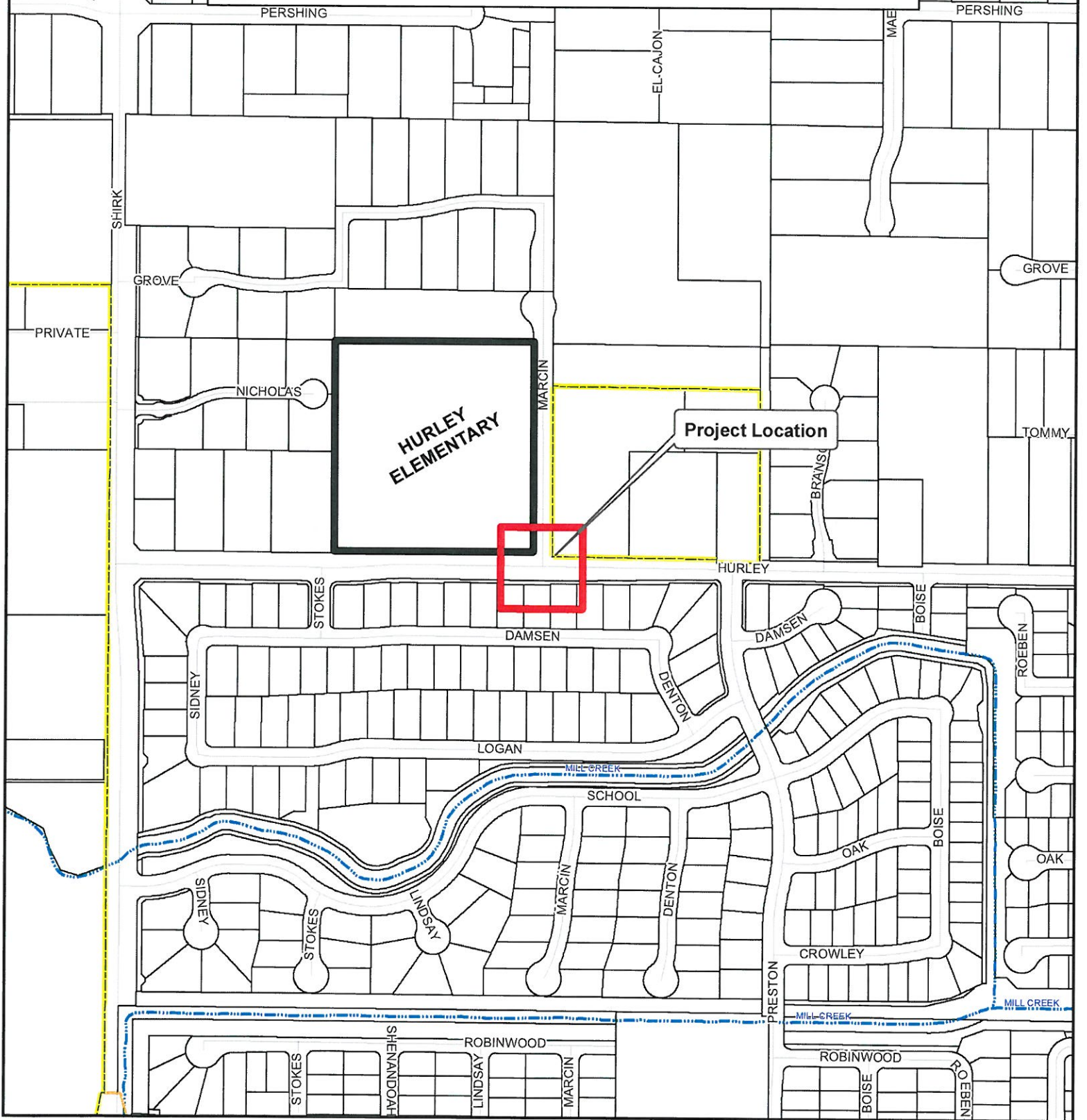


Ferguson and Leila LED Crosswalk and Pedestrian Ramp Location Map



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Safe Routes to School

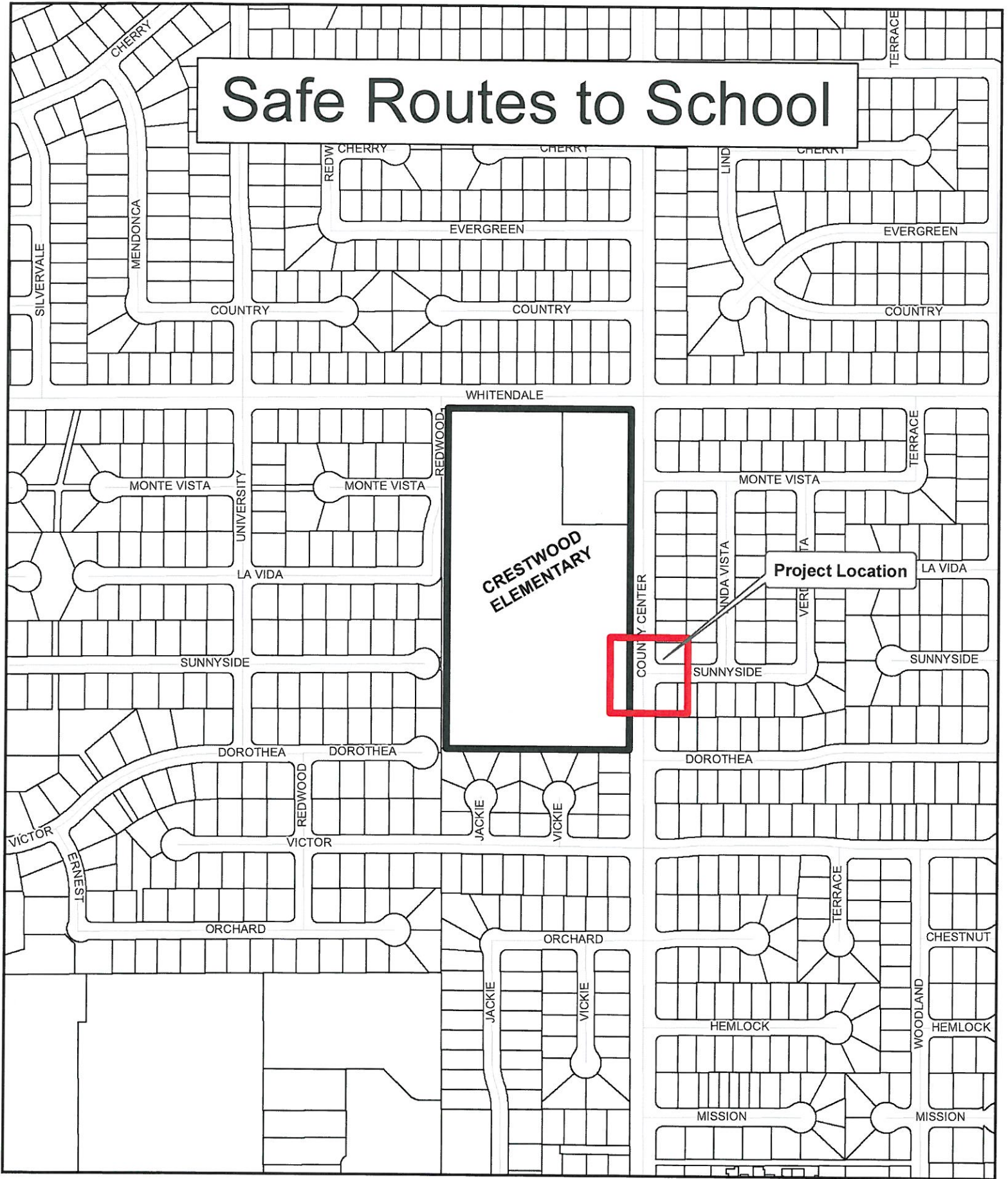


HURLEY AVE & MARCIN ST ENHANCED CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS LOCATION MAP



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Safe Routes to School



CRESTWOOD
ELEMENTARY

Project Location

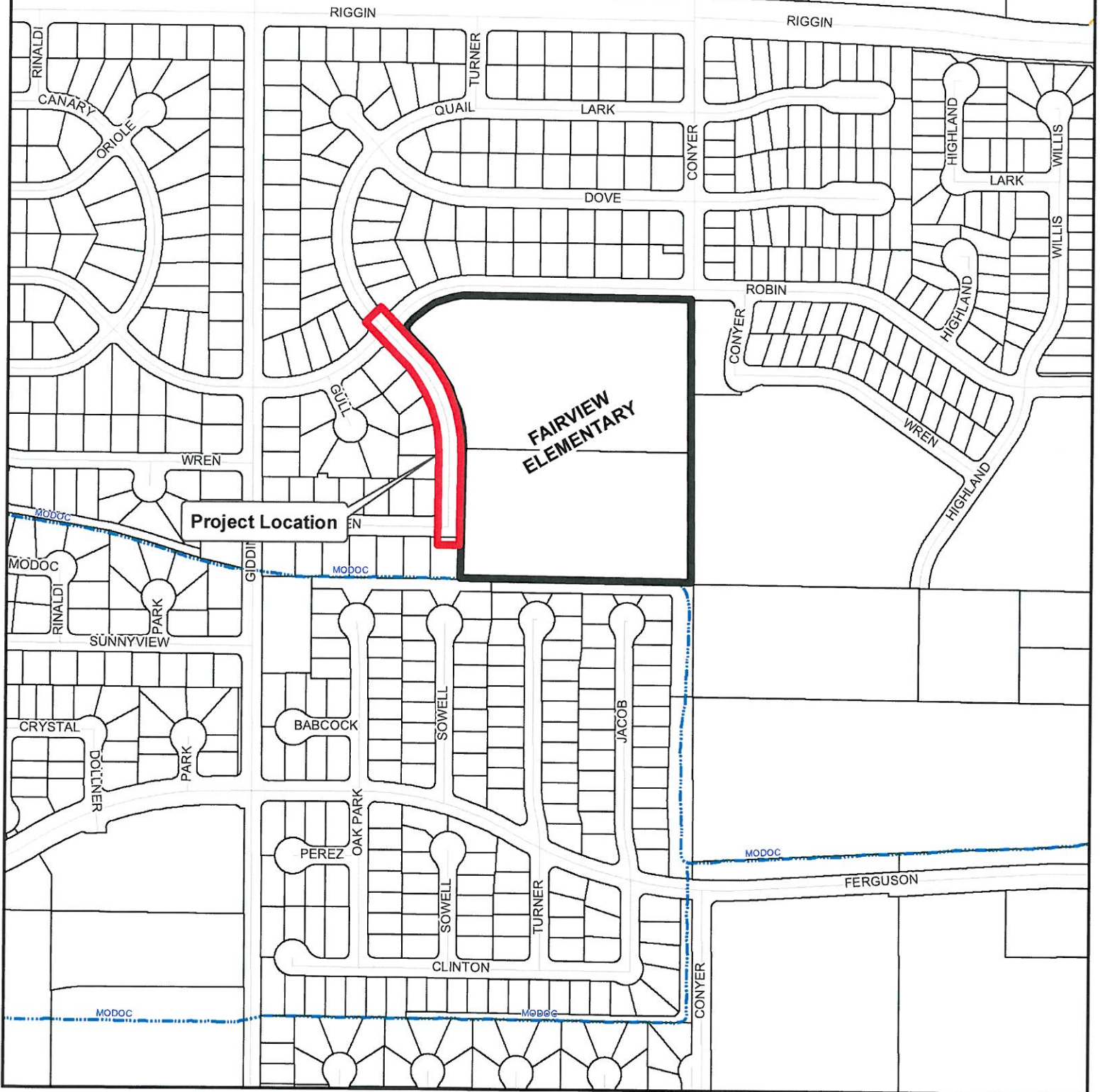


COUNTY CENTER AT SUNNYSIDE AVE ENHANCED CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS LOCATION MAP



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Safe Routes to School



QUAIL DRIVE - ROBIN to WREN AVE PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATION MAP



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