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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 **6:00 PM**

REMOTE CONFERENCING ONLY

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1. ROLL CALL

Call to order and self-introductions. Committee bylaws specify that a quorum shall consist of a majority (7) of the number of voting memberships actually filled at that time (13); the existence of any vacancies shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Transportation Agency. Your courtesy to the other Committee members to assure a quorum is appreciated.

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3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the staff recommendations for items listed below by majority vote with one motion. Any member may pull an item off the Consent Agenda to be moved to the end of the **CONSENT AGENDA** for discussion and action.

3.1 APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 3, 2021.

- Montiel

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECEIVE update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project's bicycle and pedestrian connections.

- Jacobsen/Rheinheimer

Monterey-Salinas Transit initiated the environmental analysis and preliminary engineering for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in November 2019. The project team is requesting the Committee's input on the bicycle and pedestrian connections with the corridor.

5. **RECEIVE** update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the Del Monte and Casa Verde Recreation Trail Crossing Intersection Improvement Project in the City of Monterey.

- Marissa Garcia (City of Monterey)

The City of Monterey was recently awarded a grant for this project. City staff is seeking the Committee's input early on in the project's development.

- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or COMMENTS
- 7. ADJOURN

ANNOUNCEMENTS Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6pm

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CORRESPONDENCE, MEDIA CLIPPINGS, & REPORTS

Correspondence

C 1. RECEIVE correspondence attached online.

Media Clipping

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Reports - No items this month.



Memorandum

То:	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From:	Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant
Meeting Date:	April 7, 2021
Subject:	Draft March Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

APPROVE minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of March 3, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

D Draft March Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC) **Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee** Draft Minutes of March 3, 2021

Held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic

Voting Members	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	ОСТ 20	NOV 20	JAN 21	FEB 21	MAR 21
Eric Petersen, District 1	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vacant – District 2	0	Р	Р	Р	-	-	-	-
(David Tavarez)								
Mike Novo – District 3, Chair		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Jeff Wriedt, District 4	М	E	Р	P(A)	Р	Р	Р	Р
(Frank Henderson)								
Martin Wegenstein, District 5, Vice Chair	E	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(A)	P(A)
(Jeff Lindenthal)								
D. L. Johnson, Carmel-By-The Sea	E	Р	-	Р	-	Р	-	Р
Celine Pinet, Del Rey Oaks	Т	-	-	-	-	Р	Р	-
Gonzales - Vacant	I.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernest Gallardo, Greenfield	N	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Michael LeBarre, King City	G	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Hans Hofmann Jr, Marina		Р	E	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Abby Ostovar, Monterey		E	Р	Р	Р	-	-	-
Natalie Popovich, Pacific Grove		-	-	-	-	-	Р	Р
(Jung Hwa Kim)								
Chris Flescher, Salinas		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
(Mark Lasnik)								
Elizabeth (Libby) Sofer, Sand City		-	Р	Р	-	Р	Р	Р
Ralph Wege, Seaside		Р	Р	P(A)	P(A)	Р	Р	Р
Soledad - Vacant		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant, Monterey Salinas Transit		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vera Noghera, Velo Club of Monterey		-	-	Р	Р	-	Р	Р
(Alex Capelli)								
Grant Leonard, N. County Recreation & Park		-	-	-	Р	Р	Р	Р
District								
Vacant - Salinas Public Works		Р	Р	-	-		-	-
Vacant – Monterey County Public Works		Р	Р	-	-		-	-
Caltrans - District 5		-	-	-	-	-		-
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG		Р	P (A)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
(Will Condon)								
Matthew McCluney - CSUMBE - ExcusedVC - Video Conference		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р

E – Excused

VC – Video Conference TC – Teleconference

P(A) – Alternate

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF	JUL 20	AUG 20	SEP 20	ОСТ 20	NOV 20	Jan 21	FEB 21	MAR 21
Debbie Hale, Executive Director		E	E	E	-	E	E	-
Todd Muck, Deputy Executive Director		E	E	E	-	Р	E	-
Ariana Green, Senior Transportation Planner		-		E	-	-	-	-
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Mike Zeller, Principal Transportation Planner		Р		-	-	-	-	-
Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Laurie Williamson, Senior Engineer		Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner		-		-	-	-	-	-
Tracy Burke, Go831 Program Coordinator		Р		Р	-	-	-	-

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mari Lynch	Public	Jessica Perez	Public
Max Rieser	City of Monterey	Enrique Saavedra	Monterey County Public Works
Frederik Venter Frank Henderson	Kimley-Horn District 4 Alternate	Paola Berthoin Michael Hulfactor	Public Public

1. Chair Mike Novo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and self-introductions were made.

2. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>

Michael Hulfactor, member of public, provided public comment on the need for safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure near the schools off Hatton Canyon Road.

Paola Berthoin, member of public, provided public comment on the need for safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure along Highway 1 in Carmel.

Hans Hoffman, Committee member, provided public comment expressing concern with regards to E-BIKES sharing bike lanes.

Mari Lynch, member of public, provided comment expressing the need for educational training on E-BIKES.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

- **M/S/C** Leonard/ LeBarre/ unanimous
- **3.1** Approved minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting of February 3, 2021.
- **3.2** Received summary of the results of the projects in Monterey County which applied to the state's Active Transportation Program.
- M/S/C Leonard/ Taylor
 - Noes: D.L. Johnson

Committee member Grant Leonard pulled item for discussion. Mr. Leonard asked how staff can help increase the scores for applications in Monterey County. Committee members and staff provided comments. TAMC staff advised that the Agency is coordinating a debrief with the state for TAMC's applications and will continue to support the county's applications in future grant cycles.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. <u>CITY OF MONTEREY – NORTH FREMONT GAP PROJECT</u>

The Committee received an update and provided input on the North Fremont Gap Project in the City of Monterey.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the North Fremont Gap Project:

- Consider extending to Canyon Del Rey
- Consider removing a road lane instead of building a bridge
- Concerns with the 12' wide mixed-use path for pedestrian and bicyclist, should consider only as walkway
- Consider extending to Casanova Main Street

5. MONTEREY COUNTY – DAVIS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on Monterey County's Davis Road Bridge Replacement Widening Project.

The Committee had the following comments and input on the Davis Road Bridge Project:

- Consider analyzing utility pole replacement or underground utility replacement
- Examine other traffic relief methods before widening Davis Road to four lanes
- Consider how the bike lanes will be maintained and kept clear of debris
- Consider current need for cleaning Blanco Road

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6. DRAFT DISTRICT 5 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Committee received a presentation on Caltrans District 5's Draft Active Transportation Plan and associate mapping tools that were open for public comment.

• Committee members advised that they are actively submitting their comments to Caltrans staff and are interested in seeing more discussion about implementation of the Plan.

7. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR COMMENTS</u>

Committee member Mike LeBarre suggested the committee have a discussion on electric bikes.

Mari Lynch, member of public, provided comment describing her participation in the League of America Bicyclists Summit.

8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Chair Novo adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.



Memorandum

То:	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From:	Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date:	April 7, 2021
Subject:	SURF! Busway and Rapid Transit Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project's bicycle and pedestrian connections.

SUMMARY:

Monterey-Salinas Transit initiated the environmental analysis and preliminary engineering for the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project in November 2019. The project team is requesting the Committee's input on the bicycle and pedestrian connections with the corridor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The preliminary engineering and environmental analysis phase of the project is budgeted to cost \$1,550,000. Measure X is the primary funding for this phase with Monterey-Salinas Transit contributing \$100,000 of its share of Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds and \$69,000 in federal funding. Funding for all phases of the project is available from Measure X (up to a total of \$15 million). Additional matching funds will be needed to fully fund the project, which currently has an estimated cost of \$52 million for all phases of work.

DISCUSSION:

In 2018, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) completed the Monterey Bay Area Feasibility Study of Bus Operations on State Route 1 Shoulders and the Monterey Branch Line. The study analyzed seven alternatives and concluded that implementing a bus rapid transit corridor on a segment of the Monterey Branch Line would provide the best cost to benefit.

In Fall 2019, MST hired Kimley-Horn for the environmental review and preliminary design phase of work, and the project officially kicked off on November 21, 2019. At the September 2, 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting, Committee members provided input on the preliminary concepts regarding bicycle and pedestrian connections on and across the SURF! Busway. Included below are updates regarding the project's design, public outreach and environmental compliance.

Project Design

The Busway enters the Monterey Branch Line right-of-way at Del Monte Boulevard and Palm Avenue in the City of Marina, and exits the rail right-of-way at California Avenue and Fremont Street in Sand City. The Busway parallels Highway 1 for approximately six miles. The majority of the busway runs on the east side of the rail right-of-way with minimal crossing points over the rail tracks. A video simulation of the project is included as a web attachment.

The project will add an estimated 1-mile of new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, improving connections to the Monterey Bay Recreational Trail. These improvements include a new bicycle connection to Marina Drive (extension of Beach Range Road), the continuation of Beach Range Road from its southern terminus to the Fremont/California/Highway 1 intersection, and a new bikeway connection to the proposed 5th Street Multimodal Transit Station (which connects with the planned Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway).

The project team completed the 15% design milestone in December 2020 and has been working towards the 35% design milestone. The process of reaching 35% design includes refining geometric layout, identifying locations for retaining walls, major drainage facilities and traffic signal improvements. Through this process the project team has been further refining the design of key bicycle and pedestrian connections to and across the Busway.

Attached to the staff report are exhibits of the locations where bicycle and pedestrian facilities cross the Busway for the Committee's review and input. Listed north to south, the locations include the:

- 1. Entry point into the rail corridor from Marina Drive
- 2. 5th Street Underpass (under Highway 1)
- 3. 5th Street Station (transit center)
- 4. Roundabout at California Ave (exit from rail corridor)

Public Outreach

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project team shifted to a virtual outreach program. This included the development of a video simulation (**web attachment**), and the creation of an online survey for public input. The survey was available from January 25 through February 22, 2021. Survey questions enabled community members an opportunity to inform features of the project such as amenities at the transit stops and on-board the buses. At the close of the survey, MST received a total of 162 responses.

Key findings from the survey include:

- Accessing the SURF!: Approximately 55% of respondents indicated they would need bicycle path access and/or sidewalk connections from the surrounding areas to access the SURF! busway. Walking (56%), biking/scootering/wheels (53%) and transit connections (46%) were the top responses for how respondents would access the SURF! busway.
- Stop area features: The top three bus stop area features of interest to respondents included good lighting in waiting and parking areas (79%), shaded benches to wait for the bus (65%), security cameras and security personnel (63%). Results related to bicycle features identified support for secure bicycle lockers (41%), bicycle parking (35%) and a bicycle repair station (15%).
- **Project importance**: When asked "If you don't plan to ride the SURF! line, what aspects of the project are important to you?" almost 80% of respondents indicated reducing traffic congestion along Highway 1. Sixty-six percent (66%) of respondents identified improving, expanding and connecting bicycle and pedestrian trails near the SURF! line as important to the project.
- **On-board Amenities**: Approximately 78% of respondents indicated they would like to have Free Wifi onboard the buses. Fifty-four percent (54%) identified bicycle racks as an amenity that would encourage them to ride.
- **Travel time savings**: When asked "How much travel time savings would encourage you to ride the SURF! line versus driving?", 40% indicated they would be inclined to take the SURF! if it saved them 11 to 15 minutes. Another 27% indicated a savings of 16 minutes or more would encourage them to ride the SURF!.
- **Trip purposes**: The majority of survey respondents indicated they would use the SURF! busway to access recreation (72%) or shopping (68%).

Environmental Compliance

Monterey-Salinas Transit is the Lead Agency for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

MST released a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration on March 13, 2021. The public review period is open from March 13 through April 11, 2021. A public hearing on the project and consideration of the environmental document is tentatively scheduled before the MST Board of Directors on May 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

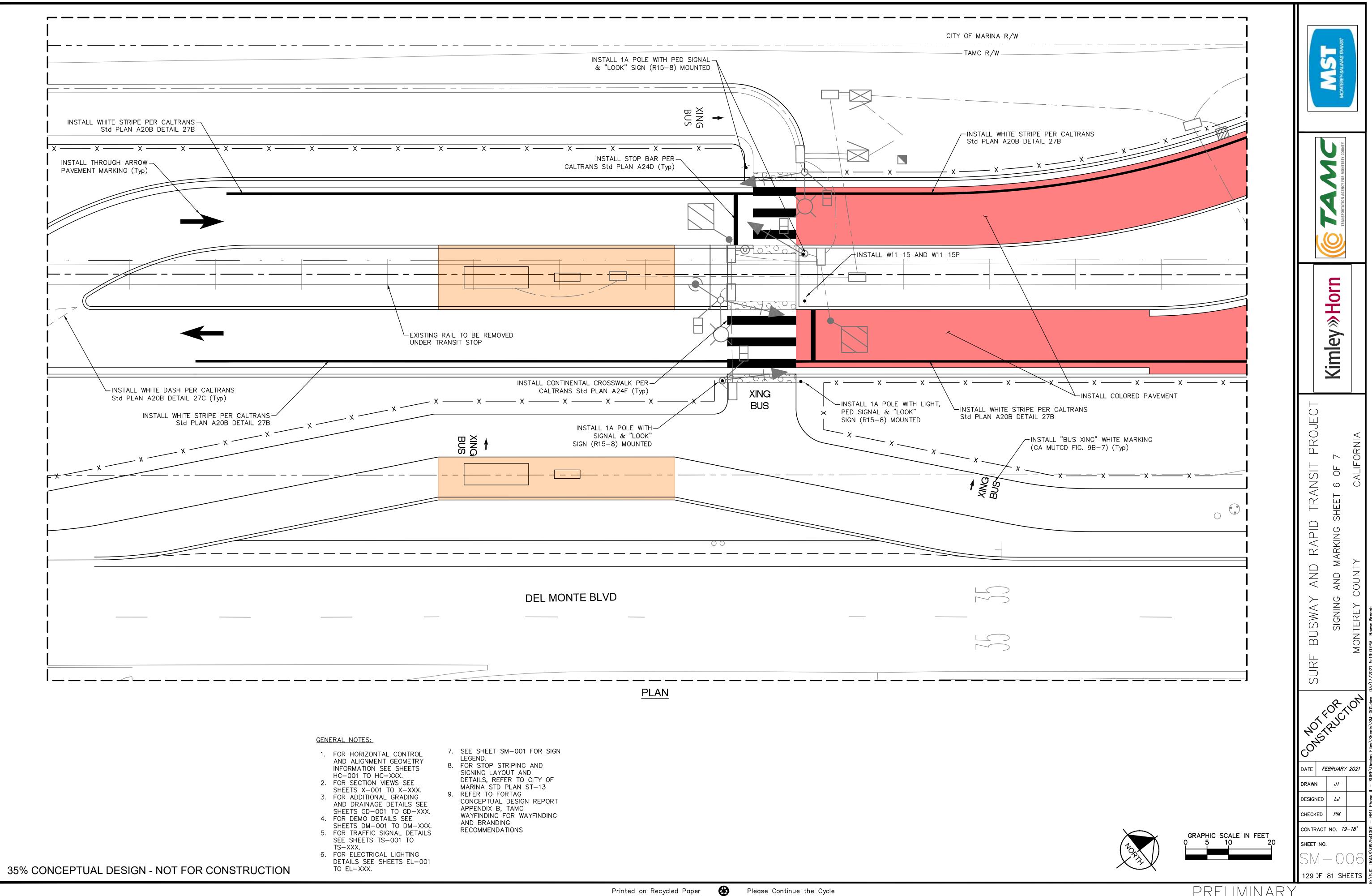
The environmental document is available for review during the circulation period at <u>https://mst.org/about-mst/planning-development/surf</u>.

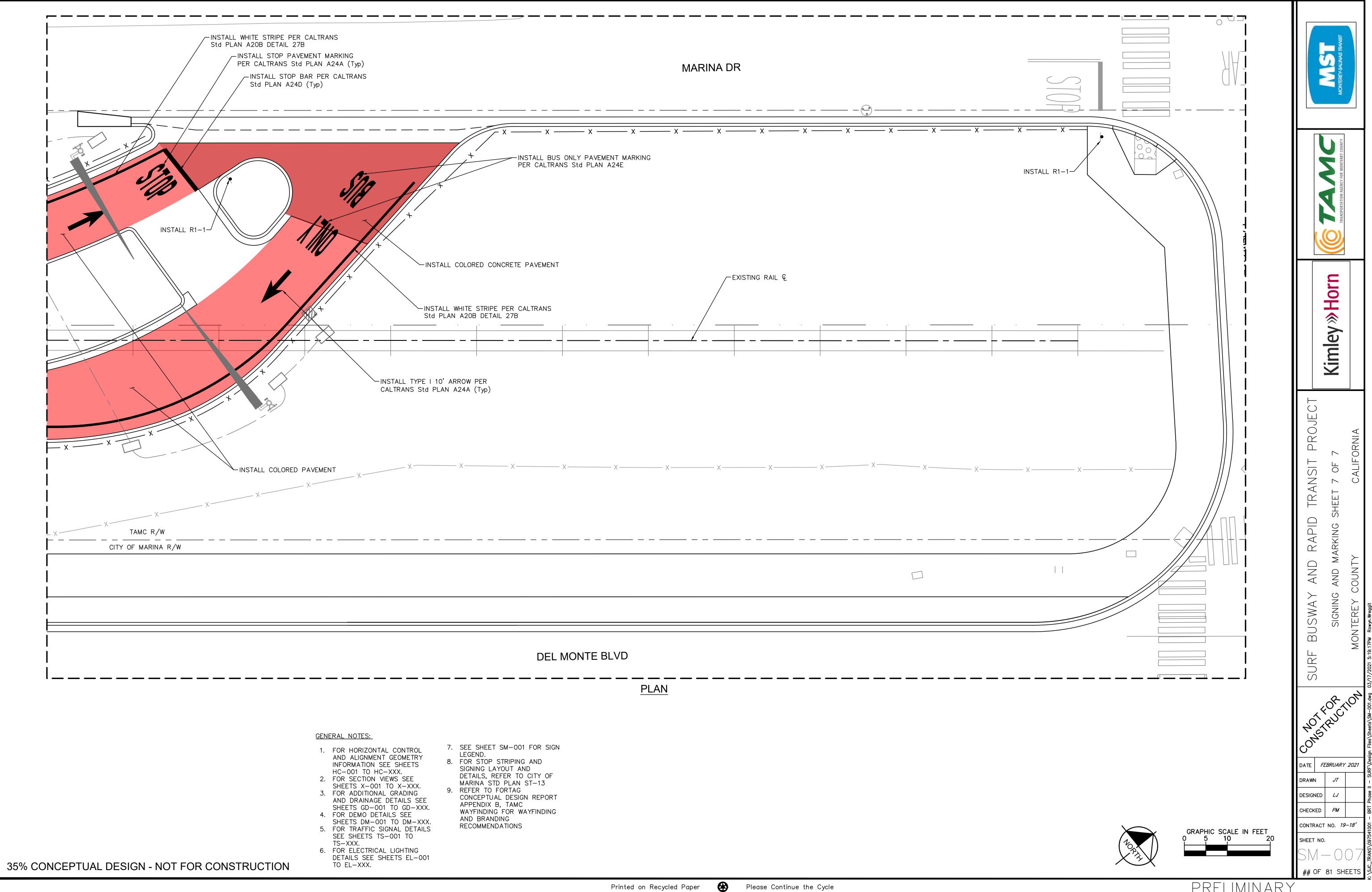
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Bike and Ped Crossings

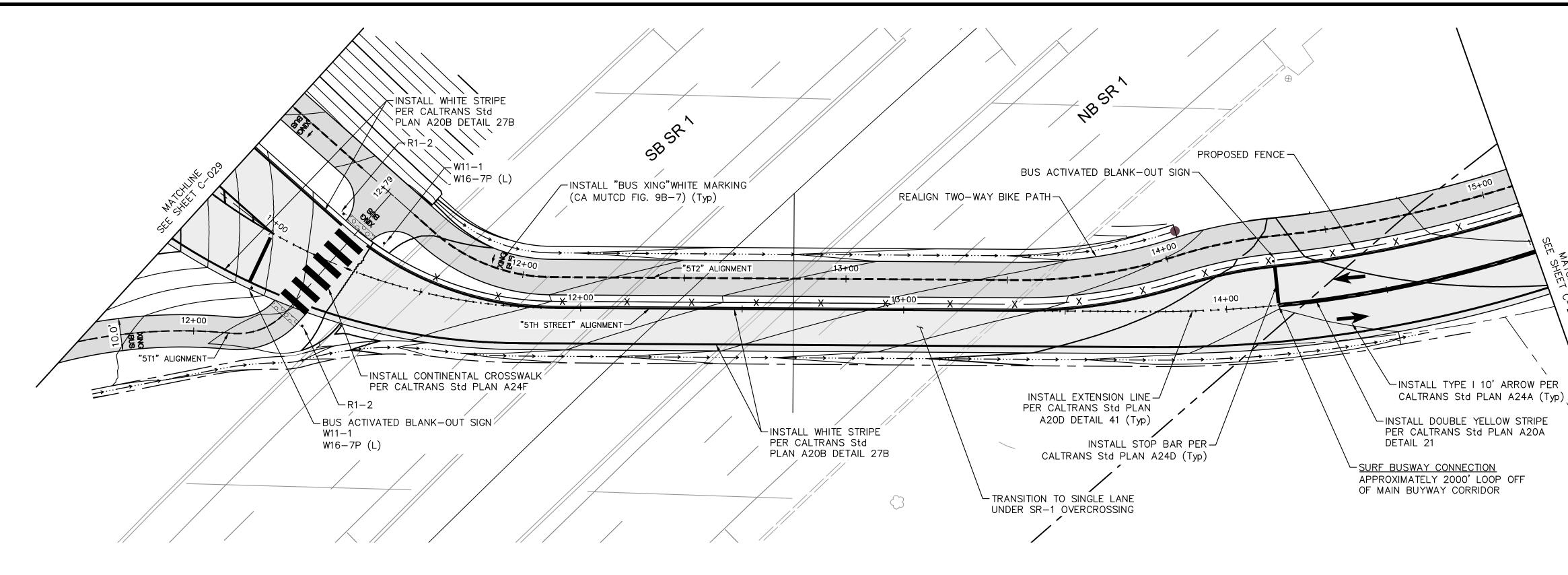
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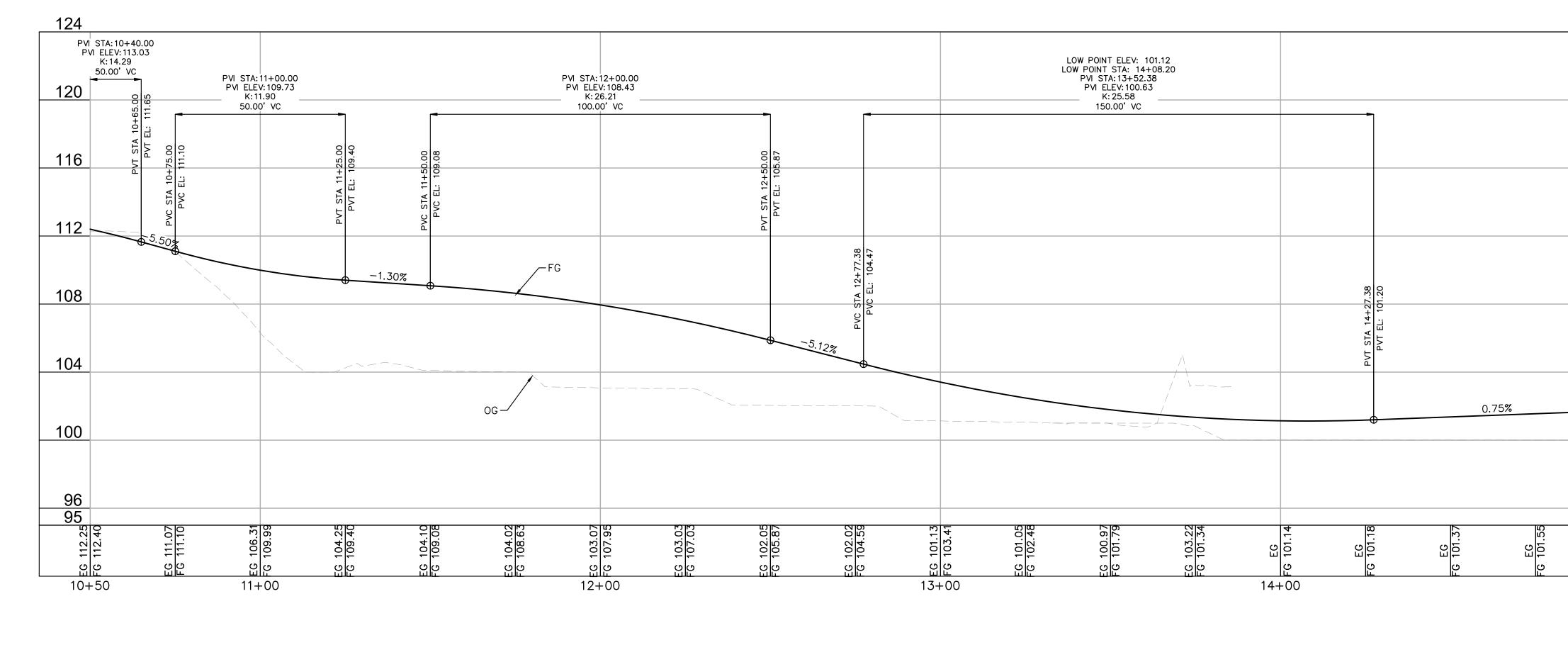
Video simulation of SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project: <u>https://vimeo.com/453809906</u>



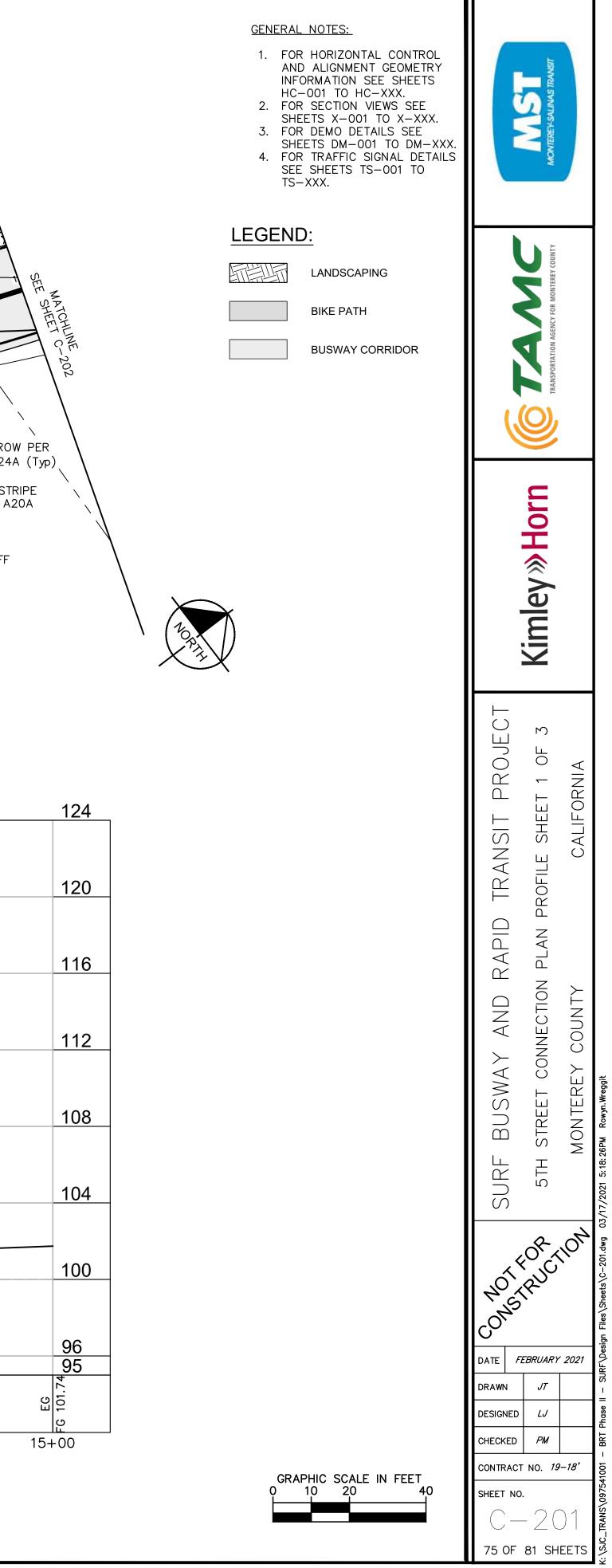


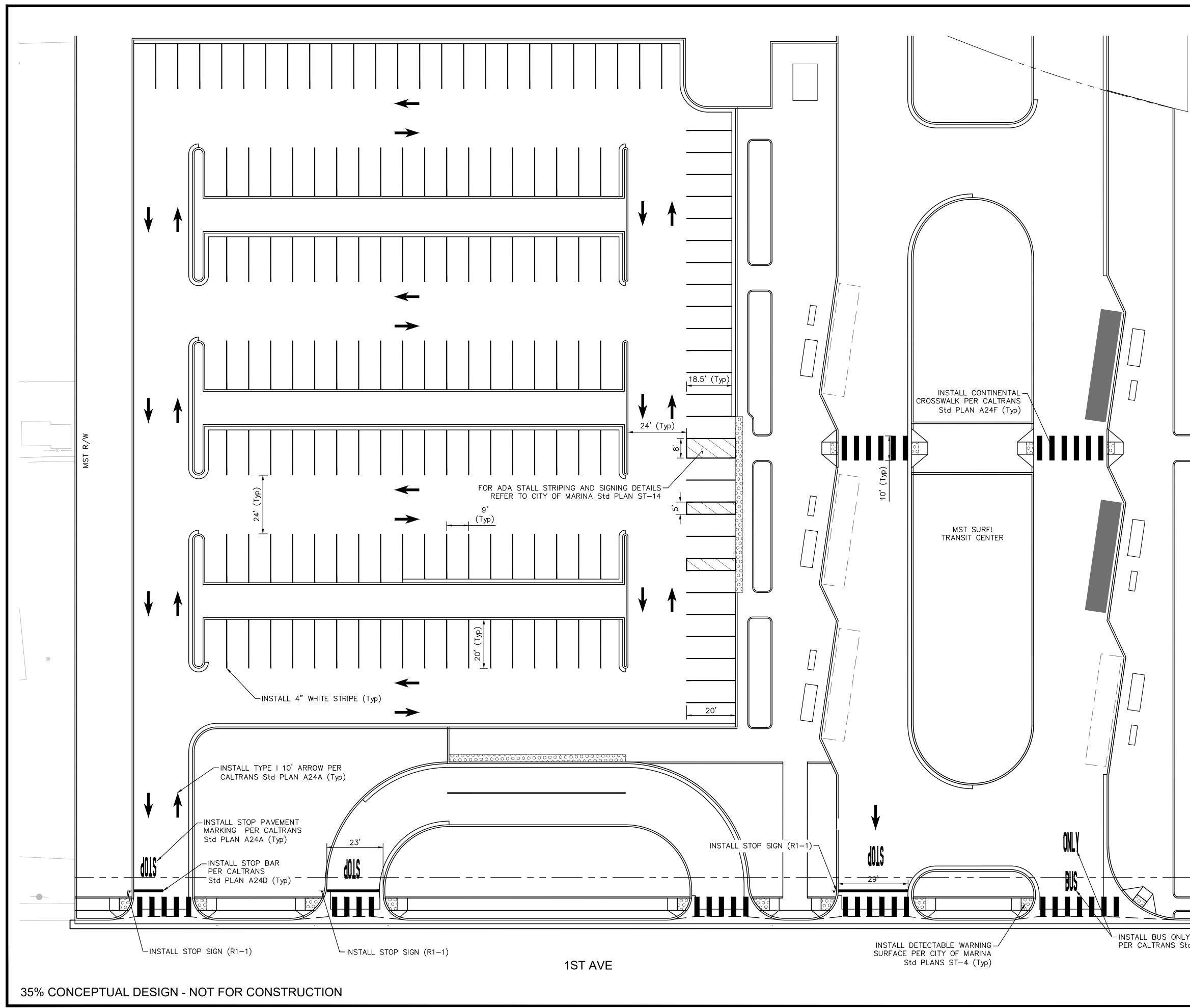


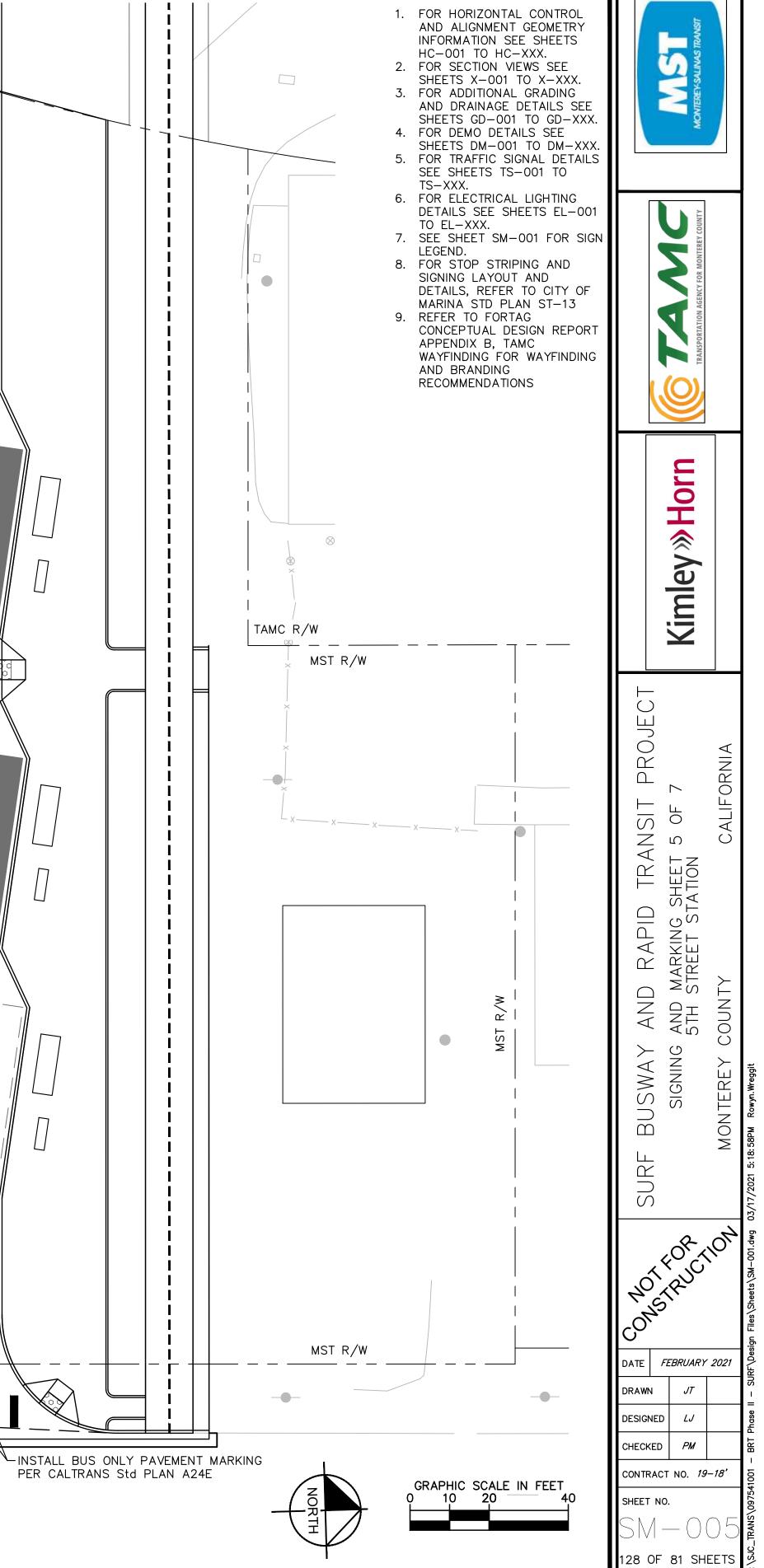




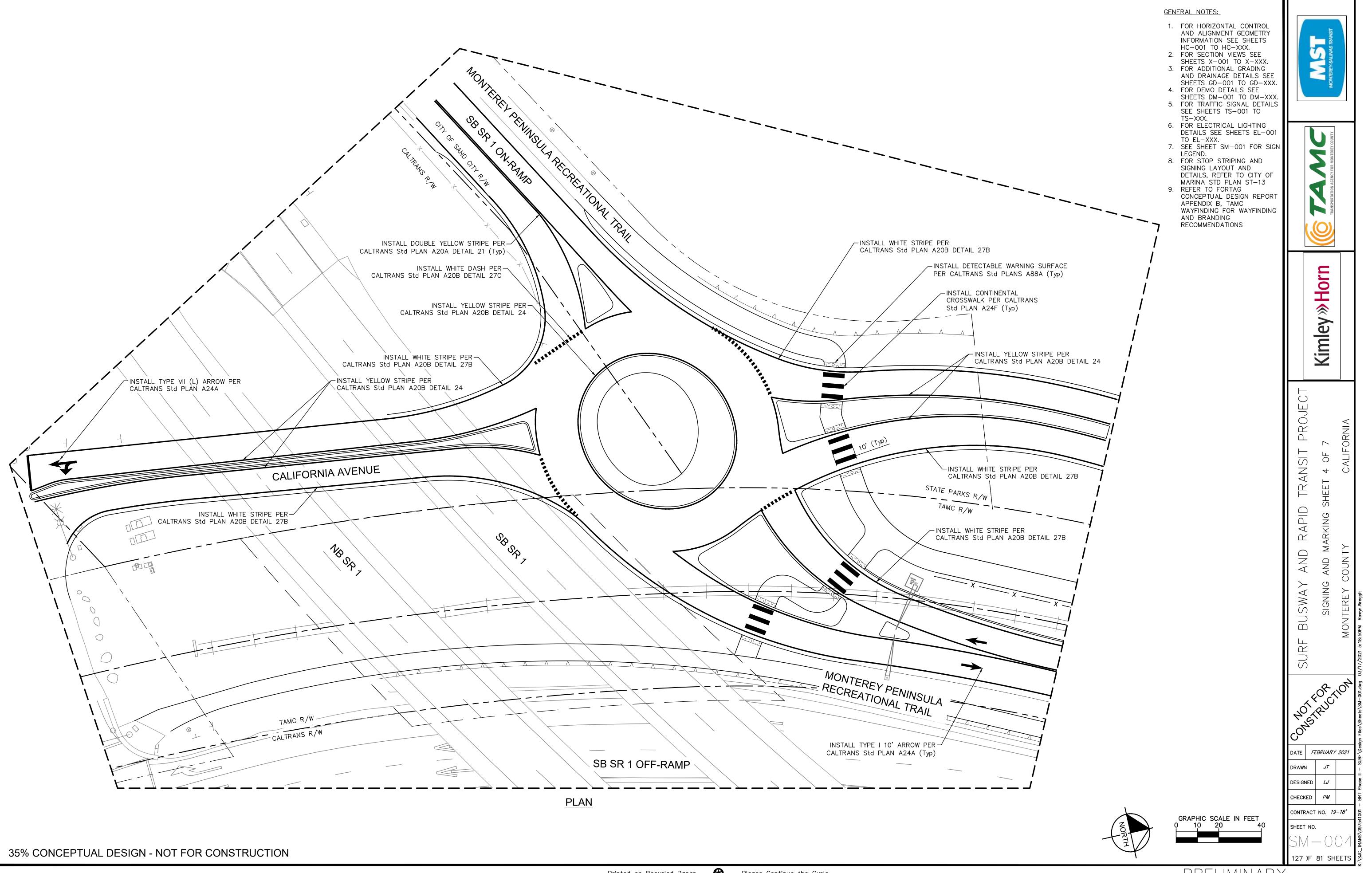
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GENERAL NOTES:





Memorandum

То:	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee
From:	Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation Planner
Meeting Date:	April 7, 2021
Subject:	City of Monterey - Intersection Improvement Project for Del Monte and Casa Verde

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE update and **PROVIDE INPUT** on the Del Monte and Casa Verde Recreation Trail Crossing Intersection Improvement Project in the City of Monterey.

SUMMARY:

The City of Monterey was recently awarded a grant for this project. City staff is seeking the Committee's input early on in the project's development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City of Monterey was awarded \$982,800 in federal funds for the project.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Monterey applied and received grant funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program for the Del Monte and Casa Verde Recreation Trail Crossing Intersection Improvement Project.

Housed within the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), the Highway Safety Improvement Program is aimed at achieving a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal lands. Projects awarded through this program must be identified on the basis of crash experience, crash potential, crash rate or other data-supported means.

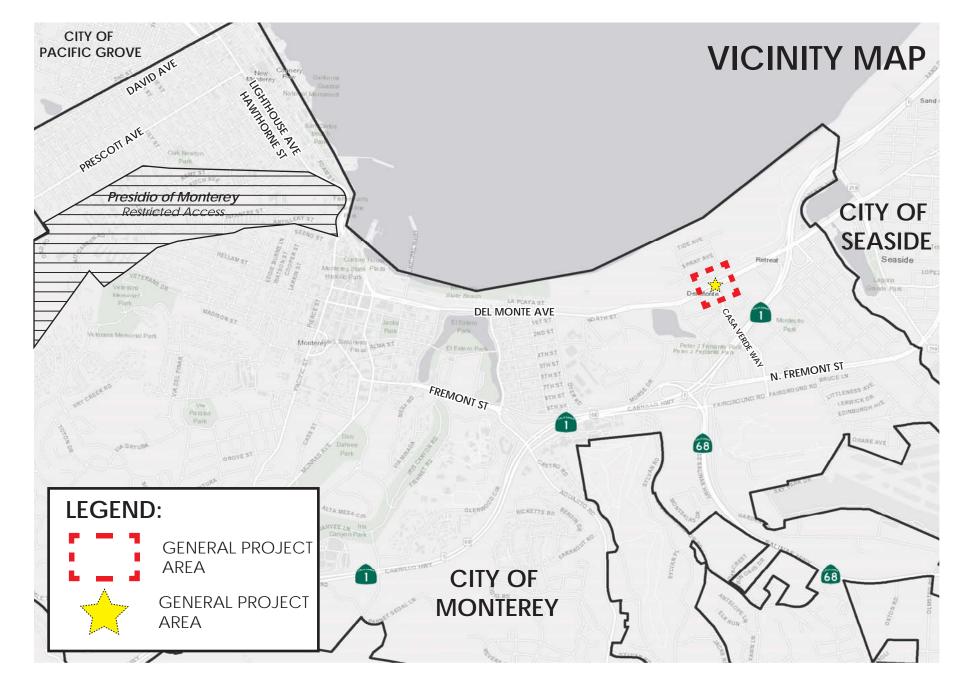
During the Committee meeting, City staff will share initial intersection design concepts and are seeking the Committee's early input.

Below is a list of items included in the scope of the grant award:

- Relocation of the Casa Verde Trail Crossing to the intersection
- Protected left turn phase
- Shorten / restripe crosswalks
- ADA Improvements
- Add Bike crosswalks/signals
- Median improvements
- Leading pedestrian interval phase

ATTACHMENTS:

Project Location Map





Del Monte & Casa Verde Intersection Improvements

Source: Google Earth, 2018

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City of Monterey, California



Memorandum

To:Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory CommitteeFrom:Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation PlannerMeeting Date:April 7, 2021Subject:Correspondence

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE correspondence attached online.

WEB ATTACHMENTS:

• March 9, 2021 letter from TAMC to Audrey Ogden, District 5 Complete Streets Coordinator, Caltrans, re: Comments on Draft District 5 Active Transportation Plan.



Memorandum

To:Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory CommitteeFrom:Madilyn Jacobsen, Transportation PlannerMeeting Date:April 7, 2021Subject:Media Clippings

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECEIVE media clippings attached online.

DISCUSSION:

Local News

- The bike lane to nowhere could soon be a bike lane to somewhere (Weekly)
- <u>Big Sur: Highway 1 to reopen at Rat Creek this summer after \$11.5 million repair</u> (Monterey Herald)

Other News of Interest

- CalBike's Best and Worst of 2020 (CalBike.org)
- <u>Bike-car collisions drop sharply at Mount Diablo with surprisingly simple innovation</u> (SF Chronicle)
- Roads Are Getting Deadlier For Pedestrians; Fatality Rates Are Worse for Minorities (NPR)