



MEMORANDUM

TO: Biola Community Services District Board of Directors
FROM: Jerry Jones, PE
DATE: May 21, 2020
RE: Alternative Project Scope for FY 20-21 Community Development Block Grant Funding Application

BACKGROUND

In August 2019, the Biola CSD applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through the County of Fresno in the amount of \$250,000. The project submitted for funding consisted of the construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, drive approaches, curb ramps, and streetlights on the north side of C Street between Biola Avenue and 7th Street. In the time since the application was submitted, the District has received opposition to the project from an adjacent property owner. The District may elect to proceed with the project, but the opposition may lead to delays and potential for increased costs.

Furthermore, in recent discussions with the County, Staff have been informed that the subject segment of C Street is to be included in an Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding application during the current ATP funding cycle. The ATP funding application will also include the installation of curb and gutter and sidewalks along Biola Avenue from Shaw Avenue to the F/G Street alley (location of Post Office). A Pedestrian Project Location Map is attached showing the locations of current and proposed projects. The County has already been awarded ATP funding for the preliminary design phase, and the application will be for the construction phase.

SITUATION

Due to the opposition to the construction of curb and gutter and sidewalk along C Street, the Board requested that Staff bring back an alternative project for the Board's consideration. The alternative project scope developed by Staff is as follows:

- West Side of 5th Street: Construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps on the west side of 5th Street between F and G Streets. This scope was included in the 5th Street Sidewalk Project, but was removed due to the project being over budget. As such, the design for this scope has already been completed and no further design work will be required, making it very cost-friendly.
- Biola Avenue & C Street Intersection: Construction of curb bulbouts/extensions, curb ramps, high visibility crosswalk striping, and signage with rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs). This intersection is uncontrolled in the north/south direction and receives a large amount of student traffic due to its location adjacent to Biola-Pershing Elementary. The proposed improvements would be intended to increase visibility and safety of those crossing Biola Avenue.

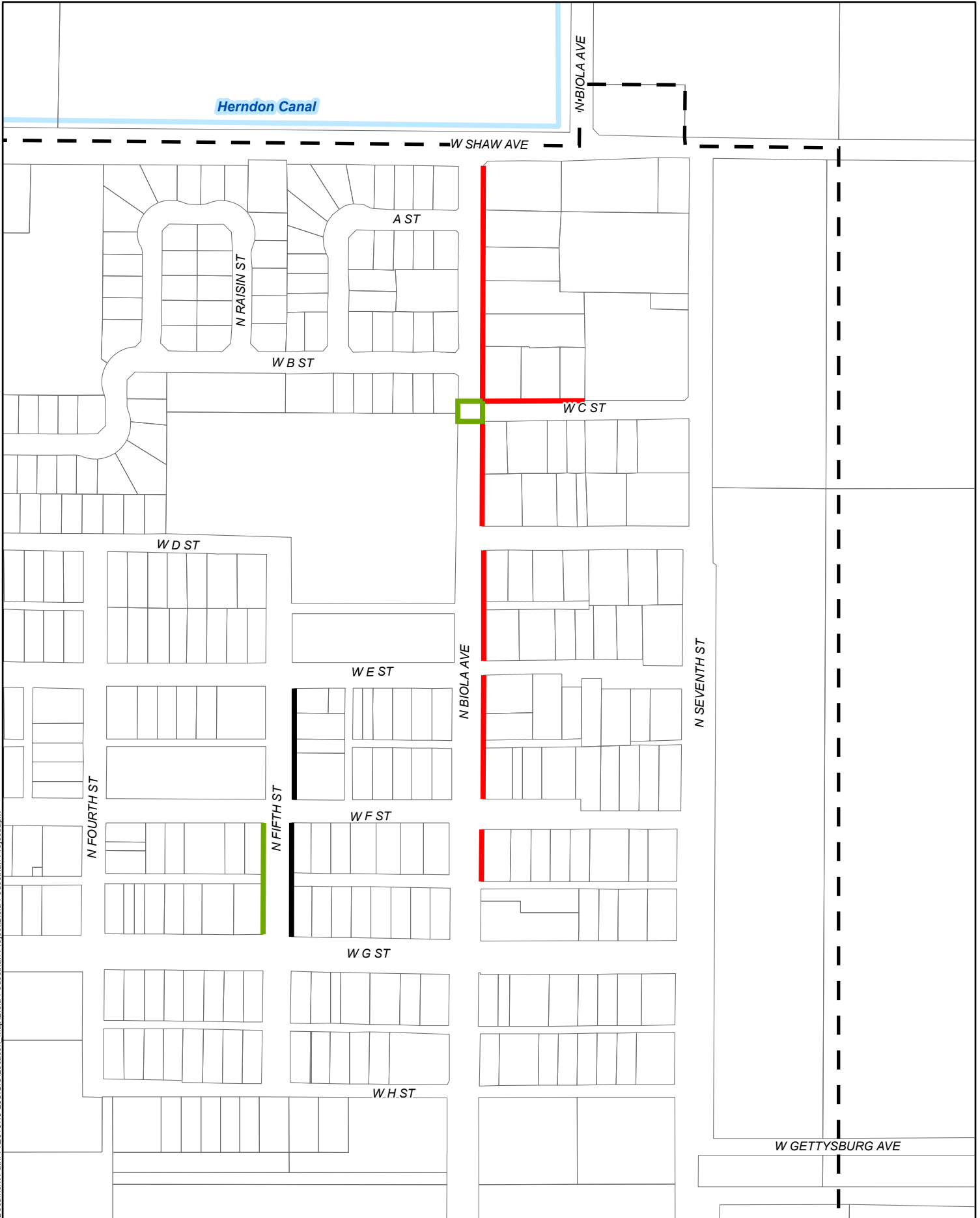
The locations of the proposed improvements for the FY 20-21 CDBG Application are shown on the attached Pedestrian Project Location Map. In addition, an exhibit showing the conceptual high-visibility crossing improvements at Biola Avenue and C Street is attached. If the District moves forward with this alternative project scope, and the County also is awarded ATP funding for the Biola Avenue improvements discussed above, Staff will coordinate the intersection improvements with the County to make sure the final project is cohesive. The estimated costs for the alternative scope for the FY 20-21 CDBG funding application are as shown in the following table.

| Item | Estimated Cost |
|--|----------------|
| West Side of 5 th Street from F to G Street | |
| Construction | \$80,000 |
| Contingency | \$12,000 |
| CM, Inspection, Staking, & Testing | \$14,000 |
| Subtotal = | \$106,000 |
| Biola Avenue & C Street Intersection | |
| Design | \$17,000 |
| Construction | \$95,000 |
| Contingency | \$15,000 |
| CM, Inspection, Staking, & Testing | \$17,000 |
| Subtotal = | \$144,000 |
| Total = | \$250,000 |

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board direct Staff to submit the proposed alternative project scope for the District's FY 20-21 CDBG funding application.

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Proposed FY 20-21 CDBG Application

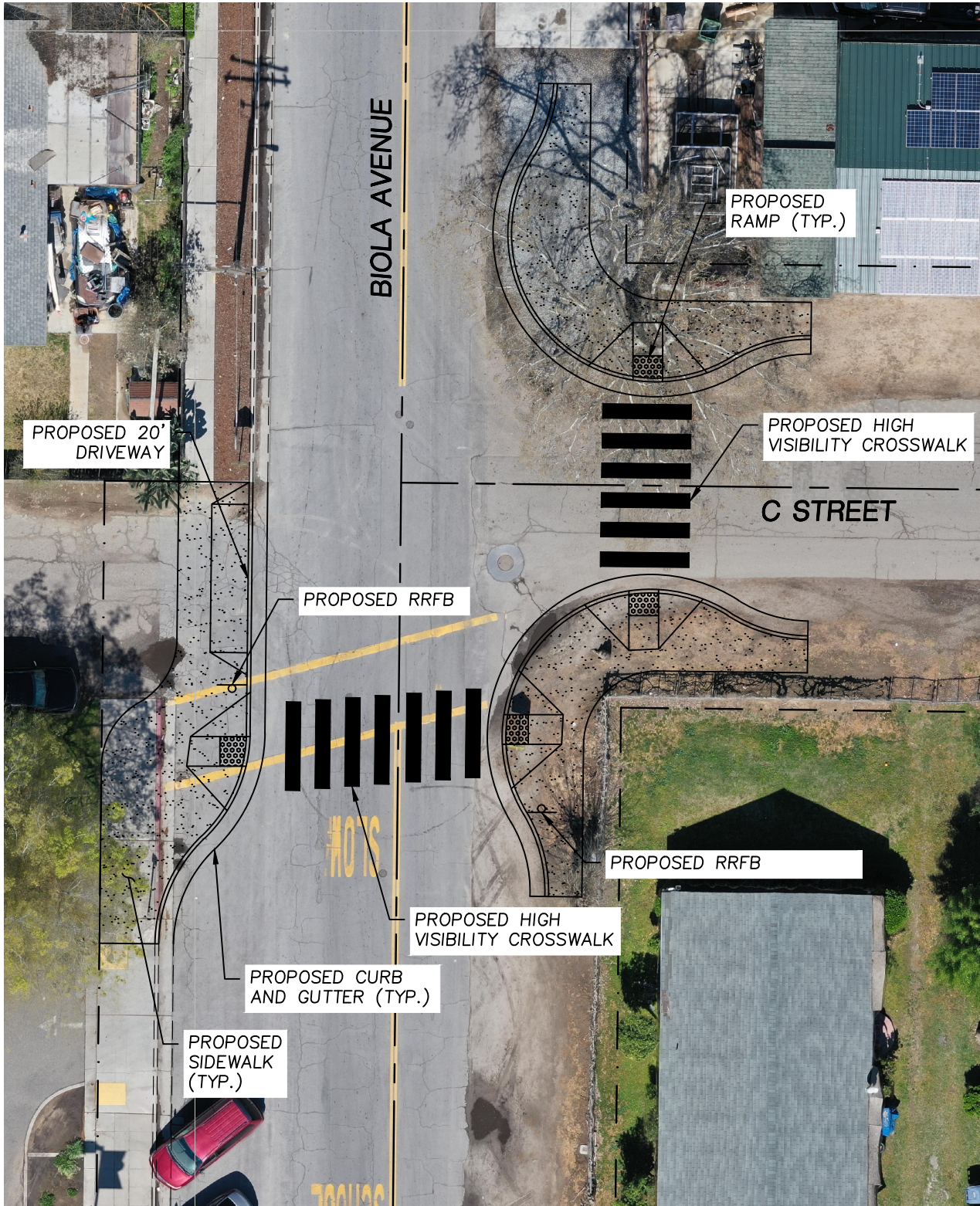


ATP Application



CDBG 5th St. Sidewalk Project

Biola Pedestrian Project Applications



SCALE: 1" = 20'
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PROJECT TITLE
BIOLA AVE & G STREET

SHEET DESCRIPTION
HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSING

Date: 3/13/2020
 Scale: As Noted
 YH Job No. 19-268
 Sheet No. 1
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