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**Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Categorically
Excluded Subject to Section 58.5
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

Project Information

Project Name: Front Street Improvements

Responsible Entity: City of Crescent City

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): N/A

State/Local Identifier:

Preparer: Roy Hastings, MPPA – R.L. Hastings & Associates, LLC

Certifying Officer Name and Title: Eric Wier, City Manager

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): N/A

Consultant (if applicable): N/A

Direct Comments to: Andrew Leighton, Engineering Project Manager
377 J Street
Crescent City, CA 95531

Project Location: Front Street between Play and L Streets and K Street from 2nd to Front Street

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

Replace Storm Drain under Front Street running between Play and L Streets and on K Street from 2nd to Front Street, and repair roadway.

Level of Environmental Review Determination:

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1) – Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of public facilities (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent (e.g., replacement of water or sewer lines, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, repaving of streets).

Funding Information

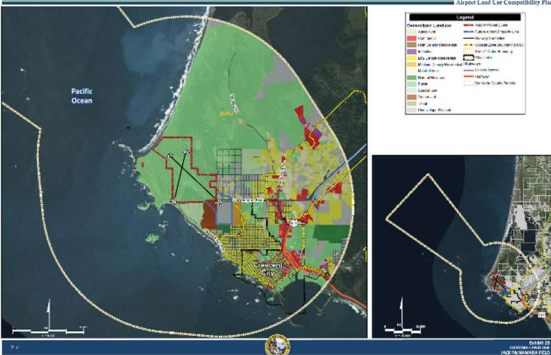
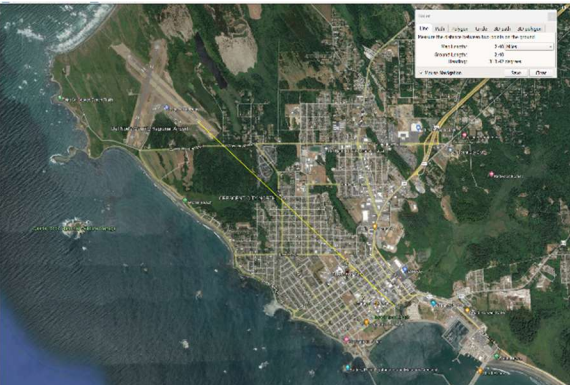
Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
Pending	CDBG	\$3,300,000

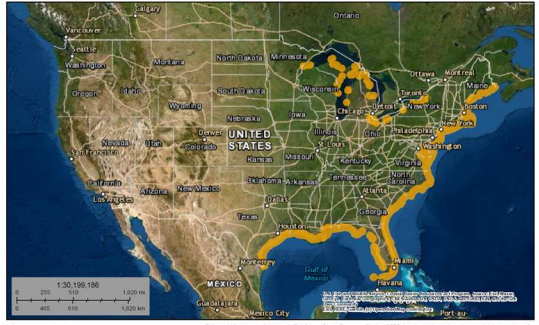
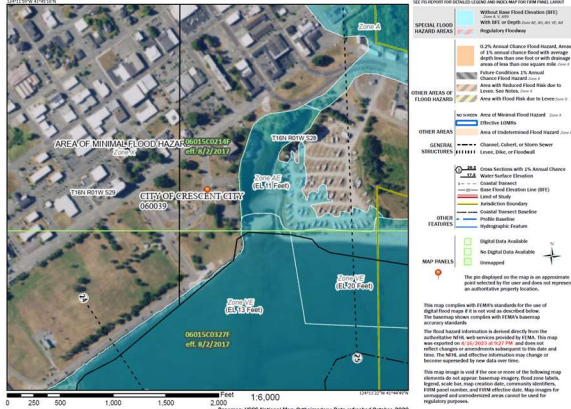
Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$3,300,000

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$3,300,000

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.6		
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	<div> <div>Yes No</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>	<p>- According to City of Crescent City GIS data the project area is located approximately 2.4 miles from the nearest airport runway. Although flight patterns could potentially direct airplanes over the project area (Del Norte County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, 2017) the project does not include the construction of or rehabilitation of any real property. There will be no potential impact.</p> <div>   </div>

		<p>See Attach A – Airport Hazards</p>
<p>Coastal Barrier Resources</p> <p>Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>- According to the Coastal Barrier Resources System Website there are no mapped coastal barriers near the project area. Therefore, the project does not have the potential to impact coastal barrier resources.</p> <div data-bbox="867 512 1446 953">  <p>USFWS CBRS Mapper_None</p> </div> <p>See Attach B – Coastal Barrier Resources</p>
<p>Flood Insurance</p> <p>Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>- The project extension proposes to correct deficiencies in the storm drain system to alleviate road foundation damage. The project area is not located within a special flood hazard area as indicated on FIRM panels 06015C0214F, dated 8.2.17. The project is located in Zone X. Furthermore, the project does not propose the construction of or additions to structures.</p> <div data-bbox="867 1346 1446 1793">  <p>National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette</p> <p>FEMA</p> </div> <p>See Attach C – Floodplain Management</p>

STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5

Clean Air

Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93

Yes ☐ No ☒

- According to the EPA Green Book “Current Nonattainment Counties for All Criteria Pollutants,” current as of September 30, 2023, there are no federal criteria pollutants in Del Norte County classified as nonattainment. The area is in compliance.

- The project will generate fine particulate matter from excavation work and the use of heavy equipment, but this will be temporary and not on a large enough scale to violate Federal or State air quality standards. The project will not generate a short or long term change in traffic volume. Therefore, the proposed project will not violate any Federal air quality standards or cause Crescent City to reach non-attainment status.

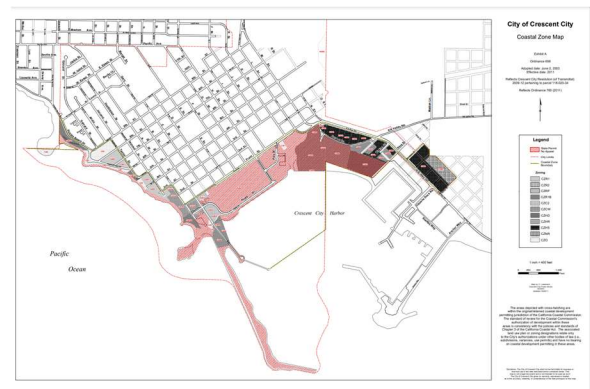
- See Attach D: Clean Air

Coastal Zone Management

Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)

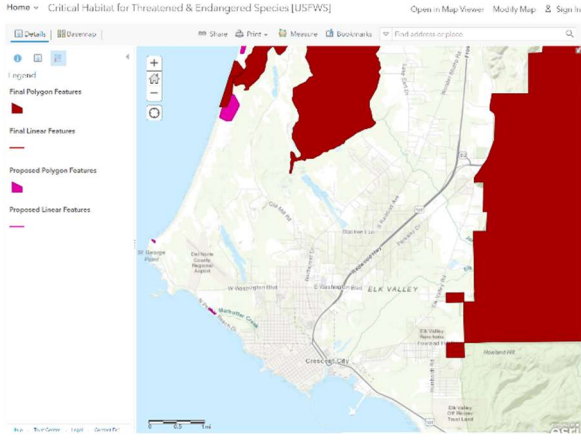
Yes ☐ No ☒

- The proposed project area is not located within a designated coastal zone. According to the 2011 City of Crescent City Local Coastal Program Land Use Map everything to the south of Front Street is within the permitting jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission (CCC) making the project being located just north of the Coastal Zone.



See Attach E – Coastal Zone Management

<p>Contamination and Toxic Substances</p> <p>24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>- The proposed project extension does not involve new development for habitation – the extension includes the installation of underground storm drain lines for the transportation of storm water runoff from City streets to the receiving waters of the Crescent City Harbor.</p> <p>- The project does not include the transportation of or storage of toxic substances.</p> <p>- Geotracker identified one cleanup program site (former Otten Distribution Bulk Plant) near the project area. A December 27, 2017, monitoring report prepared by Blue Rock Environmental states that contamination from the site has not migrated to Front Street. Therefore, the storm drain project site is not impacted by the cleanup program site.</p> <p>- No NPL Superfund, ACRES Brownfield or TSCA Toxic Substances Control Act sites are within the project area. One Toxic Releases Inventory Site, the U.S. Park Service Redwoods National Park Firing Range is located near the project site – no data is available.</p> <p>See Attach F – Contamination & Toxics</p>
<p>Endangered Species</p> <p>Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><i>The proposed project does not involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats due to its location.</i></p> <p>- The project is a small infrastructure project replacing underground storm drains located under Front Street, a fully paved roadway with no habitat of any type.</p> <p>- Additionally, there is no critical habitat on or near the proposed project site.</p>

		 <p>See Attach G – Endangered Species</p>
<p>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</p> <p>24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><i>The proposed HUD-assisted project does not include a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and refineries) nor does it include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion</i></p> <p>- The proposed project includes the placement and replacement of underground storm drain lines and is in conformance with this Factor.</p> <p>See Attach H – Explosive & Flammable Hazards</p>

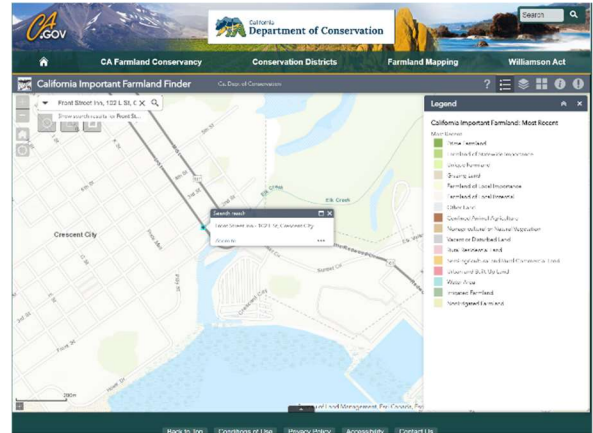
Farmlands Protection

Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658

Yes ☐ No ☒

- The proposed project extension does not propose to convert agricultural lands. The project is entirely within the public ROW. Therefore, there will be no impact to farmlands.

- Per the CA Department of Conservation *California Important Farmland Finder*, there is no agricultural land in the City of Crescent City.



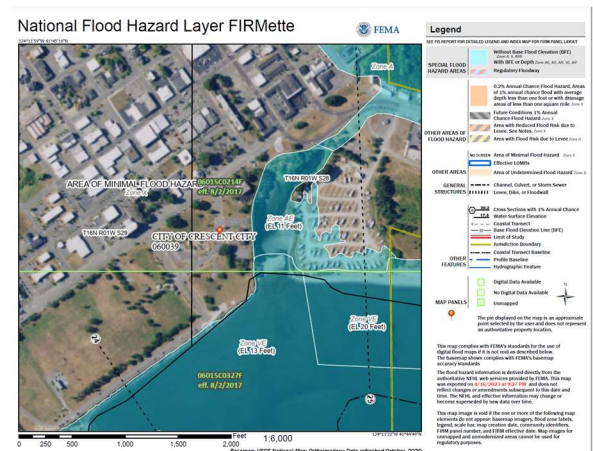
See Attach I – Farmlands Protection

Floodplain Management

Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55

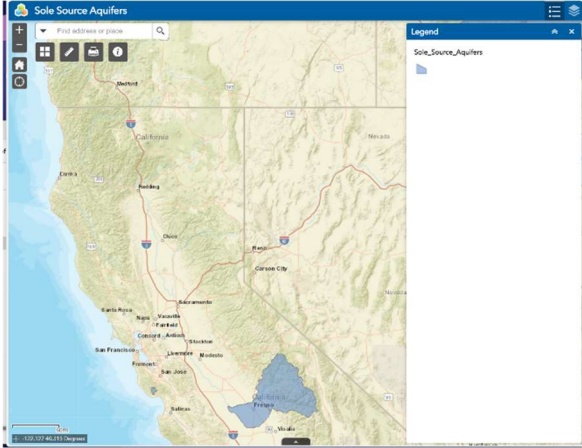
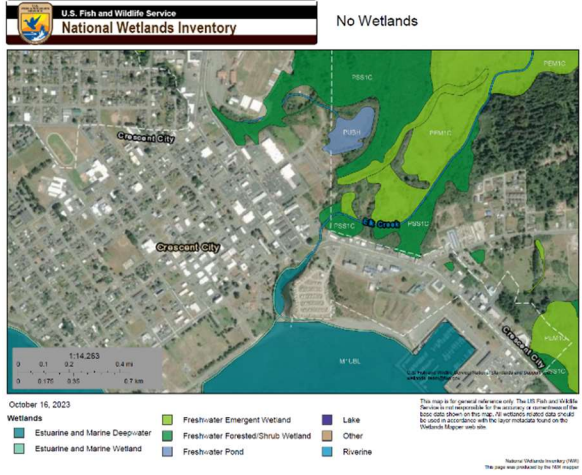
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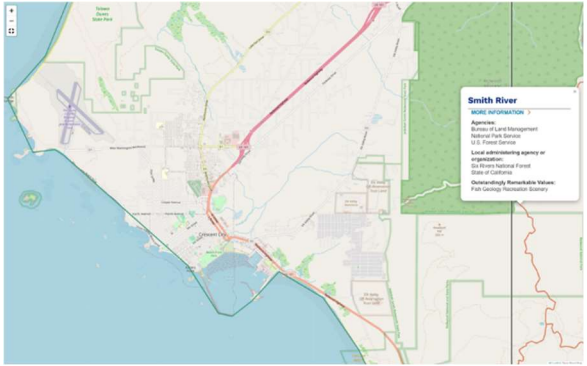
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See Attach C – Floodplain Management

<p>Historic Preservation</p> <p>National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><i>The City of Crescent City made a Finding of “No historic properties affected” per 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1) and CA SHPO did not object.</i></p> <p>Attachment J contains the following documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SHPO consultation letter sent 12.13.23; SHPO “does not object” response dated 1.23.24; Northwest Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information Centers (CHRIS) response dated 11.14.23; Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) response letter and Contact List dated 11.28.23; consultation letters sent to thirteen (13) tribal contacts on 11.22.23; responses received by the City from three (3) tribes, all with no objections and with one, the Tolowa Di-ni’ Nation requesting completion of a THPO permit and coordination for tribal monitoring services prior to project implementation; and, a NRHP aerial showing NRHP registered sites located near the project area, with one site identified outside of the project area. - As the project extension is located entirely within the Front Street roadway and right-of-way within existing hardscape, no additional surveys or investigations were undertaken. - The SHPO did not respond within 30 days; per 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1), lack of objection within 30 days means Federal agency has completed its Section 106 responsibilities. - After City inquiry, SHPO responded on January 23, 2024, stating that “SHPO does not object” to the City’s Finding. <p>See Attach J – Historic Preservation</p>
<p>Noise Abatement and Control</p> <p>Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><i>The project is not the development of a noise sensitive use; therefore, noise is not an issue for the project.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although the project will create limited and temporary noise generated by construction, the project does not propose to construct new housing or rehabilitate housing. Construction will be conducted between the hours of 7 a.m.

		and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday to reduce the impact of noise on the community.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>- According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website, Sole Source Aquifer Map for Region 9, there are no known aquifers in or around the project area.</p>  <p>See Attach K – Sole Source Aquifers</p>
Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>- The National Wetlands Inventory indicates no wetlands within the project area.</p>  <p>See Attach L – Wetlands Protection</p>
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>- According to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System Website the Smith River in Del Norte County is designated as a Wild and Scenic River. However, the Smith River is located</p>

		<p>approximately seven air miles from the project site. None of the tributaries to the Smith River that are listed on the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System are within the project area. The project site is not located in an area that drains into the Smith River, therefore; the project will not negatively impact the Smith River or any of its tributaries.</p>  <p>See Attach M – Wild & Scenic Rivers</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</p>		
<p>Environmental Justice</p> <p>Executive Order 12898</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>- The proposed project consists of replacing and upgrading an aged storm drain system which serves a significant portion of the City's population. The upgraded system will allow for the reconstruction of the Front Street roadway and repair the underlying conditions causing the roadway to fail. Therefore, the project does not target nor negatively impact specific segments of the population; rather, the proposed project benefits all residents of the city.</p>

Field Inspection (Date and completed by): N/A

Summary of Findings and Conclusions: The City of Crescent City has determined that the proceeding with the project as proposed will have no negative environmental consequences and will provide positive benefits to the community, including the environmental benefits of reduced or eliminated flooding and street deterioration and collapse.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measures and Conditions
None	

Determination:

- ☒ This categorically excluded activity/project converts to Exempt, per 58.34(a)(12) because there are no circumstances which require compliance with any of the federal laws and authorities cited at §58.5. **Funds may be committed and drawn down after certification of this part** for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR
- ☐ This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt because there are circumstances which require compliance with one or more federal laws and authorities cited at §58.5. Complete consultation/mitigation protocol requirements, **publish NOI/RROF and obtain "Authority to Use Grant Funds"** (HUD 7015.16) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down any funds; OR
- ☐ This project is now subject to a full Environmental Assessment according to Part 58 Subpart E due to extraordinary circumstances (Section 58.35(c)).

Preparer Signature: Roy Hastings Date: 2.28.24

Name/Title/Organization: Roy Hastings, MPPA – R.L. Hastings & Associates, LLC

Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:

[Signature] Date: 2/28/24

Name/Title: Eric Wier, City Manager

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).



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City of Crescent City

Front Street Improvements Play to L Streets

Contract # 2024-1002.3



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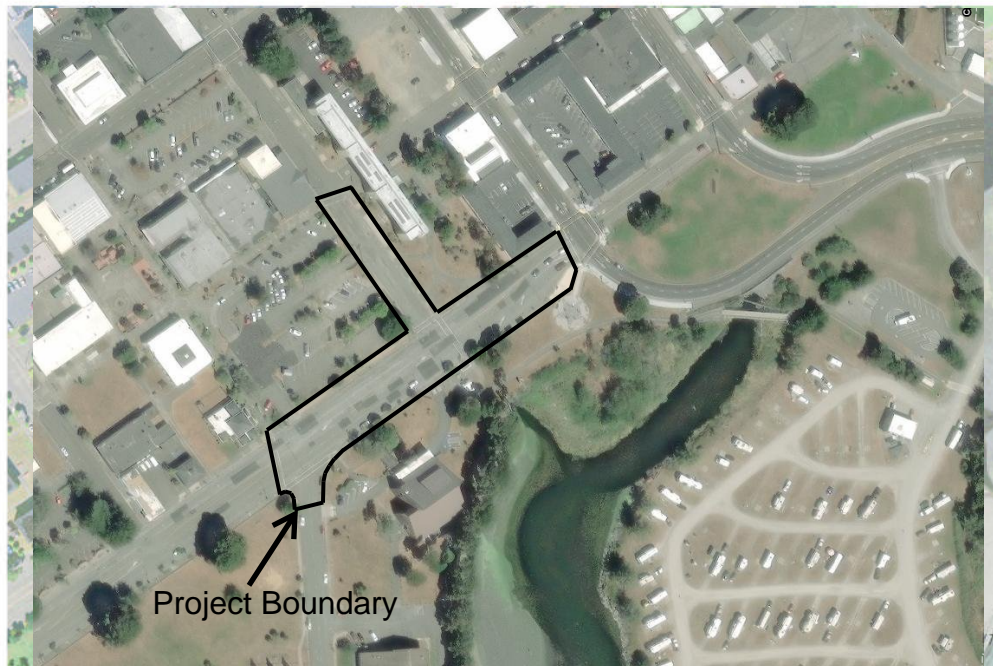
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Project Boundary



ERIO WIER
CITY MANAGER

DATE

ISAIAH WRIGHT
CITY MAYOR

DATE

NO.	REVISION	DATE



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FRONT STREET IMPROVEMENTS
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TITLE SHEET

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