



**Palo Alto Pedestrian and
Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:15 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

Join Meeting Via Zoom Online: <https://cityofpaloalto.zoom.us/j/85423333426>;

Dial-in: 669-900-6833 | Meeting ID: 854 2333 3426

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:15 PM
2. AGENDA CHANGES 6:16 PM
3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES 6:18 PM
 - a. April 4, 2023 PABAC meeting: Part I: TDA 3—Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Update and Part II: Other Items
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:20 PM
Note: Written comments submitted by email to Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org between 12:00pm on March 14, 2023, and 12:00pm on April 12, 2023 are attached with the agenda packet.—None for this meeting.
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Palo Alto Office of Transportation Check-in & Update 6:25 PM
(*Philip Kamhi, Chief Transportation Official, OOT*)
 - b. Quiet Zone Study—Palo Alto Ave. & Alma St. (*Ripon Bhatia, OOT*) 6:55 PM
See Attachment 1 for presentation
 - c. Discuss PABAC comments on Caltrans Plans for Bike Lanes on El Camino Real 7:25 PM
See Attachment 2 for Caltrans Plans; See Attachment 3 for Pavement Delineation Details
PABAC's [Comment Document \(link\)](#)
6. STANDING ITEMS 7:35 PM
 - a. Grant Update – None
 - b. CSTSC Update – March 16, 2023 CSTSC Meeting summary, see Attachment 4
 - c. VTA BPAC Update (*R. Neff*)
 - d. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Rail Grade Separation Subcommittee (*B. Arthur*)
 - ii. Bike Bridge Maintenance Subcommittee (*P. Ellson*)
 - iii. Repaving Subcommittee (*R. Neff*)
 - iv. Muni Code Subcommittee (*E. Nordman*)
 - v. Sight line and Safety Problem Reporting on Bike Routes (*E. Nordman*)
 - e. Announcements
 - i. Bike to Work Day 2023: Thursday, May 18, 2023
 - f. Future Agenda Items
 - Muni code clean-up progress update (Committee report delivered: 2018; Last update from staff: 04/04/2023)
 - PAUSD Hoover school campus reconstruction update (Last review: 5/3/2022)

- S. Palo Alto Bikeways project status/grant proposal (Last update: 02/07/2023)
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7. ADJOURNMENT

8:00 PM

END OF AGENDA



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Meeting Minutes

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3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303

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Members Present: Bruce Arthur (Chair), Eric Nordman (Vice Chair), Alan Wachtel, Art Liberman, Bill Zaumen, Cedric de la Beaujardiere (Virtual), Jane Rosten, Kathy Durham (Late), Ken Joye, Paul Goldstein, Penny Ellson, Richard Swent, Robert Neff,

Members Absent: Arnout Boelens, Bill Courington, Nicole Rodia, Steve Rock

Staff Present: Shrupath Patel, Sylvia Star-Lack, Ozzy Arce

PART I: TDA 3 – BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (BPTP) UPDATE

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:15 PM

Chair Bruce Arthur called the meeting to order.

2. AGENDA CHANGES 6:16 PM

Mr. Ozzy Arce reported there were no agenda changes.

3. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES 6:17 PM

- a. March 7, 2023 PABAC meeting: Part I: TDA 3—Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Update and Part II: Other Items

Ms. Penny Ellson stated a new vendor was needed for creating the minutes.

Mr. Arce stated that the city switched vendors recently. He said the City has used a vendor since he started with the City in February 2022 that provided the transcription services for the meeting minutes.

Ms. Ellson stated that she noticed in Item 4A, the Park Blvd. to Portage Ave. Bike Route update, there were several paragraphs summarizing the Staff's comments but the complete summary of PABAC's comments stated, "Staff and PABAC discussed their concerns about the mixed bicycle/vehicle/pedestrian traffic and offered feedback on solutions to mitigate the possible safety issues." She said that she remembered a long conversation with lots of input from various people on the Committee. Mr. Ken Joye could not be in attendance to that meeting and had given her a question to ask which was if a traffic signal was planned

1 at the Acacia and ECR intersection. If not, the primary access would be on Portage, not Acacia, contrary to
2 what Claire had suggested. She believed this question, comment, and all the other comments should have
3 been summarized. She asked the Staff what they thought about the quality of the minutes they got related
4 to that item.

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6 Mr. Arce stated that with any new vendor there are things to work on to help them improve how they
7 deliver the meeting minutes. He stated they were happy to see what they could do about providing
8 feedback to them. He stated the City contracts with the vendor for the meeting minutes and has no opinion
9 one way or the other on that.

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11 Ms. Sylvia Star-Lack stated that they could ask for more details.

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13 Mr. Art Liberman agreed that he was very unsatisfied with the quality of the minutes.

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15 Mr. Ken Joye questioned who they need to give their feedback to.

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17 Ms. Star-Lack answered that the Clerk's office arranged the transcription coverage and that they could give
18 feedback for how this Committee would like to see their minutes.

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20 Mr. Paul Goldstein stated that he felt the minutes were inadequate. The minutes were not helpful for
21 someone that missed the meeting to catch up on what happened. He stated that he had suggested in the
22 past that when a discussion was had that someone could summarize the salient points it in front of the
23 motion so it would be recorded in the minutes. He stated the minutes are action minutes, not verbatim
24 minutes.

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26 Chair Bruce stated that it was a long, complicated conversation with a lot of details.

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28 Ms. Star-Lack stated that Claire was there taking notes and she would have access to the video. She
29 understood that the PABAC members that were not there would find the minutes difficult to understand.

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31 Mr. Arce stated that they would take that feedback. He noted that the prior meeting minutes might have
32 been easier to draft because everyone was behind a particular zoom box with their name. He realized that
33 with the new meeting setup, it might be difficult to identify which member is speaking.

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35 Ms. Star-Lack stated that the prior protocol when meeting in person was to state one's name before
36 talking.

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38 Ms. Ellson moved to approve the minutes with the following change: Under Item 4A, Park Blvd. to Portage,
39 add the question, "Is a traffic signal planned at Acacia and El Camino Real intersection. If not, the primary
40 access will be on Portage, not Acacia, contrary to what Claire suggested." Mr. Eric Nordman seconded. Mr.
41 Joye and Mr. Richard Swent abstained. The rest of the Committee voted to approve the minutes with the
42 noted change.

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44 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6:18 PM

45 Note: Written comments submitted by email to Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org
46 between 12:00pm on February 17, 2023, and 12:00pm on March 14, 2023 are attached
47 with the agenda packet.

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49 None.

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1 5. STAFF UPDATE 6:20 PM
2 a. BPTP Update (*Ozzy Arce, OOT*)
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4 Mr. Arce provided an update of the BPTP. He stated they are still working through the scope and contract
5 negotiations with Kittelson who provided a list of the data needed for the development of the BPTP. City
6 staff has worked with their internal data team and traffic engineers to determine what kind of data they
7 have existing in order to help inform what type of data dive the vendor will need to do for the actual
8 project. It has taken longer to finalize the scope because they need to understand the effort that will be
9 required through the BPTP to develop the analysis required.

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11 Mr. Liberman inquired if there have been any additions or modifications to the project Scope of Work
12 since May of last year.

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14 Mr. Arce answered there have been no major additions or modifications to the project Scope of Work.
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16 6. ADJOURNMENT 6:25 PM
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18 Chair Bruce adjourned Part I of the TDA 3 portion of the meeting.
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20 **PART II: OTHER ITEMS**
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22 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:25 PM
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24 Chair Bruce called Part II of the meeting to order.
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26 2. AGENDA CHANGES 6:26 PM
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28 Mr. Robert Neff stated he would appreciate if the people that are involved with Bike To Work Day
29 energizer stations would meet after the meeting.
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31 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:27 PM
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35 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
36 a. Bicycle-focused Municipal Code clean-up update (*Shrupath Patel, OOT*) 6:30 PM
37 See Attachment 1 for materials
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39 Mr. Shrupath Patel, Office of Transportation, gave an update on Chapter 10.32 and 10.64 of the
40 Municipal Code he had presented last September. He incorporated the PABAC comments he had
41 received into the presentation. Staff are proposing removing some of the repetitive core provisions that
42 are already covered under state law and the current restrictions on skateboards and similar devices
43 which are described in 10.64.241. He highlighted the major code changes including expanding the active
44 micro-mobility devices definition to include roller skates, skateboards, coasters, electrically motorized
45 boards, motorized skateboards, motorized or non-motorized roller blades, electric personal assistive
46 mobility devices and scooters. He gave a presentation that outlined all of the proposed changes.
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48 Mr. Goldstein asked if scooter needed to be defined.
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1 Committee Member suggested Mr. Patel refer to the state’s definition of electric mobility devices in
2 defining scooter.

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4 Mr. Patel defined active micro-mobility devices as something being operated by a human and having
5 some power but not EV or gasoline, such as a Vespa. He stated he would check into the state law about
6 how personal mobility devices are defined.

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8 Mr. Cedric de la Beaujardiere asked if Segways are included.

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10 Mr. Goldstein answered that Segway is an EPAMD.

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12 Mr. Patel said the Staff has proposed to add a new section to include restrictions when using active
13 micro-mobility devices on the street. The proposed restrictions were included in his slide presentation.

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15 Mr. Beaujardiere asked if “riding as close as practicable to the right-hand edge of the road” is similar to
16 the requirement of bikes and if it will be reasonably knowable by riders to avoid the door zone.

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18 Mr. Patel said the restrictions were very similar to the state law restrictions for bikes. He said they were
19 removing 10.64.230 and adding electric bicycles, active micro-mobility devices and electric scooters in
20 10.64.130 keeping the sidewalk riding restrictions for all active micro-mobility devices and gadgets. They
21 are proposing to remove all sections related to skateboards in residential districts. He stated other cities
22 have limited or no restrictions on these devices and rely on state law only so they are following suit. He
23 provided an email for questions or comments.

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25 Mr. Joye asked if all the text would be removed from section 10.64.241(a) including the list of arterial and
26 collector streets.

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28 Mr. Patel answered all the text would be removed from section 10.64.241(a) including the list of arterial
29 and collector streets.

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31 Mr. Nordman commented on section 10.32.030 that states, “The city manager is hereby authorized to
32 establish and maintain crosswalks and to designate them by appropriate devices or painted signs on the
33 surface of the roadway.” He suggested to stop the wording at “maintaining crosswalks”. He also
34 expressed concern on 10.64.004 section b that states, “No person shall ride or operate on any sidewalk in
35 the University Avenue undercrossing below Alma Street and the Palo Alto train station or in the California
36 Avenue undercrossing below Alma Street and the California Avenue train station when others are
37 present.” He commented on section c that states “need to yield to any pedestrians”. He suggested
38 deleting section b and leaving section c because yielding to pedestrians was the most important point. He
39 said he would send this suggestion via email.

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41 Mr. Alan Wachtel stated he agreed with most of the recommendations for bicyclists and pedestrians, but
42 less so for micro-mobility devices, but the reasoning given is wrong. The vehicle code preempts all local
43 regulation on the subjects it covers except where expressly authorized and the language is very clear in
44 the vehicle code itself and has been upheld by the courts. He opined it would be sufficient to say this
45 regulation is preempted by the vehicle code. This also affects regulation of micro-mobility devices. He
46 asked to be shown what authority in the vehicle code the City is relying on to enact the regulation. He
47 believed the City Attorney should be consulted regarding the proposed changes.

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49 Committee Member asked if the Palo Alto Police Department has reviewed the comments and
50 suggestions and have agreed with the proposed changes.

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2 Mr. Patel stated he would be sharing the proposed changes with the Police Department and the City
3 Attorney's office for review before it goes to PTC and council.
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- 5 b. County Active Transportation Plan (*Ben Aghegnehu, Santa Clara County*) 6:50 PM
6 See Attachment 2 for materials.
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8 Mr. Hernandez, Senior Planning Associate for Alta Planning and Design, presented a slideshow outlining
9 the Active Transportation Plan proposal. He provided a website, www.activesantaclaracounty.org, which
10 remains available until May 30 for comments and recommendations. He presented an agenda and
11 timeline of the project. Community outreach had been performed to share the vision and goals of the
12 plan and to get recommendations of community needs. He outlined the recommendations that were
13 made from data collected from community feedback and the program and policy recommendations. He
14 encouraged the Committee members to share the website with anyone that would have an interest in
15 giving feedback.
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17 Mr. Joye asked if there is another plan that Santa Clara County is working on talking about connectivity
18 across jurisdictional boundaries within the county and across San Francisquito Creek.
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20 Mr. Hernandez stated all the recommendations included in the proposal had been coordinated with the
21 VTA Bike Plan.
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23 Mr. Ben Aghegnehu, County Roads and Airport Department, added that a literature review of other
24 jurisdiction's bike plans had been conducted and the plans had been complemented with those findings
25 so there would be no mismatch of facilities.
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27 Mr. Neff agreed with the emphasis on the expressways. He asked if there would be any emphasis in the
28 plans on some county roads to include Old Page Mill Road, parts of Arastradero Road and Junipero Serra
29 Blvd as they are used for bicycling and other active transportation.
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31 Mr. Hernandez stated the County does not have jurisdiction over those roads. Page Mill, Oregon
32 Expressway and Foothill are calling for class 4 and more separation between users. Their focus is mainly
33 on the expressways. They are coordinating with other agencies.
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35 Mr. Aghegnehu added that the next steps for the plan is a Corridor Level Analysis. They have applied for a
36 Corridor Level grant for Foothill Express where it extends toward Junipero Serra and intersects on
37 Sandhill Road to analyze the level of effort required for bike accommodation. Any roads within the
38 jurisdiction of the county will be analyzed further when the Bike Accommodation Guideline update is
39 performed.
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41 Mr. Neff commented Arastradero Road has a few sections that are not in Palo Alto, Los Altos Hills or San
42 Mateo County that are particularly narrow. He stated it would be good to think about ways to improve
43 those roads.
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45 Mr. Hernandez said that these recommendations are just drafts. He again highlighted the website and
46 encouraged Committee members to give feedback.
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48 Mr. Liberman commented that electric bicycles are becoming more popular and might lead to people
49 riding them in different ways. He wondered if the analysis would have to be revisited in the future to
50 include electric bicycles.

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2 Mr. Hernandez stated that Active Transportation Plans have to be updated regularly. They have provided
3 for more separation particularly around the expressways. They have not looked at specific corridors or
4 the width of the facilities. They have looked at existing rights-of-way to see what could be used,
5 reapportioned, changed or reconstituted to provide more separation for users. Recommendations have
6 not yet been made because they have not done a full feasibility test in relation to traffic. Those issues will
7 be included in the Corridor Level Analysis.
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9 Mr. De La Beaujardiere commented that wheelchair riders often choose to ride in the street instead of
10 the sidewalk due to the risk of tipping over on the slope of driveways. He asked them to keep wheelchair
11 riding aspects in mind in planning the proposal.
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13 Non-panelist Attendee asked who would be using the expressway facilities.
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15 Mr. Aghegnehu answered the expressway facilities are intended to serve and accommodate everyone.
16 The infrastructure wants to provide a separate facility to protect everyone so children and families can
17 access the facilities.
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19 Mr. Hernandez added the industry is focusing on providing the best and most comfortable facilities for
20 anybody that can walk, bike or take a mobility device.
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22 c. County Trails Map Update (*Rebecca Coates-Maldoon, Santa Clara County*) 7:10 PM
23 See Attachment 3 for materials.
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25 Ms. Rebecca Coates-Maldoon, Countywide Trails Program Manager with Santa Clara County Parks
26 Department, provided an overview of the current Countywide Trails Master Plan Map Update Project.
27 She presented slides outlining the details of the plan, proposed updates to the map of trails and a
28 timeline of the project. She presented details of each of the proposed trail changes. She reported they
29 will be performing public outreach to obtain feedback for this project through the end of April. Ways to
30 provide feedback were provided including sharing at the current meeting, attending upcoming public
31 meetings or presentations and using the public feedback tool on their website. She provided an email
32 and the website address for comments and feedback.
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34 Mr. Liberman stated Palo Alto is in the beginning phases of setting priorities for the Bike and Pedestrian
35 Plan Update and expressed confusion about how that will interact with the Countywide Trails Master
36 Plan Map Update Project. He also questioned why there was no mention of grade separations affecting
37 Palo Alto and other jurisdictions along the Caltrain Corridor.
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39 Ms. Coates-Maldoon answered the Countywide Trails Master Plan is a high-level, long-term plan
40 regarding the overall goals and uses for connectivity within the County. It is a conceptual alignment. They
41 have been working with the City to align the plan with the current concepts the City have been working
42 toward.
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44 Mr. Neff stated following along Matadero Creek there is a barrier between Bol Park and the VA and at
45 the intersection of Highway 280 and asked how they would intend to cross that.
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47 Ms. Coates-Maldoon reiterated the plan is conceptual and there are many places in the County that they
48 do not know how the trails will be implemented on the ground. Work continues to be needed to evaluate
49 the details.
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1 Mr. Beaujardiere asked what the planned timeframe would be for the next Master Plan as the last one
2 had been 20 years ago.

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4 Ms. Coates-Maloon expressed hope that the next update would not take as long.

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6 Mr. Liberman asked if there is commitment by the County to provide funding for the proposed plan.

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8 Ms. Coates-Maloon stated the Countywide Trails Master Plan is intended to be a broader vision with
9 two aspects. Through the creation of the Countywide Trails program, they would be able to partner with
10 cities to coordinate and find opportunities for collaboration to advance the original trails network while
11 having a plan with the broader vision overlaid and working in conjunction with city trail plans. There will
12 be opportunities to leverage resources collectively to obtain grants or funding opportunities at regional,
13 state and federal levels when working together to advance different goals simultaneously.

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15 A Public Member asked if there will be lighting provided for the Stevens Creek in Mountain View in the
16 future.

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18 Ms. Coates-Maloon answered that lights along trails are being considered by individual jurisdictions. The
19 Countywide Trails Master Plan does not specifically address lighting on trails.

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21 Mr. Joe Mitchner, County Parks and Rec Commission, reported there is a feedback tool and contact
22 information on the county website for anyone that has further feedback. He stated there is some
23 biodiversity push regarding lighting at the Stevens Creek Trail.

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25 Ms. Kathy Durham made a suggestion for the agenda producer to add clickable links to the attachments
26 in order to not have to scroll through all the pages.

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28 Mr. Arce agreed to make that change.

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30 5. STANDING ITEMS

7:40 PM

- 31 a. Grant Update – None
32 b. CSTSC Update – February 23, 2023 CSTSC Meeting summary, attached
33 c. VTA BPAC Update (*R. Neff*)

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35 Mr. Neff reported the VTA BPAC wanted to encourage Committee members to visit the
36 activesantaclaracounty.org website.

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38 d. Subcommittee Reports
39 i. Rail Grade Separation Subcommittee (*B. Arthur*)

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41 Mr. Nordman mentioned the underpass design on the Palo Alto web site was different from the one used
42 in the traffic simulation. The design on the web site is being modified to have a merging lane like the one
43 used in the traffic simulation but with the roundabout left closer to Alma.

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45 Mr. Goldstein suggested taking the issue offline and asking if other people would discuss or sign the
46 letter.

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48 Chair Bruce stated it could be discussed at an upcoming Rail Committee meeting April 19.

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50 ii. Bike Bridge Maintenance Subcommittee (*P. Ellson*)

- 1 1. Wilkie Bridge Surface Conditions Surveys:
2 [https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Public-Works/Engineering-](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Public-Works/Engineering-Services/Wilkie-Bridge-Pilot-Project)
3 [Services/Wilkie-Bridge-Pilot-Project](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Public-Works/Engineering-Services/Wilkie-Bridge-Pilot-Project)
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5 Ms. Ellson reported that the Bike Bridge Maintenance Subcommittee is still doing a survey and asked the
6 Committee members to get the word out about it. They have 255 responses on the anti-split surfaces
7 product they are testing. At Bike To Work day, they will have a Wilkie Bridge energizer station.
8 Information will be provided to help people participate in the survey. She stated the survey is planned to
9 end on May 31.

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11 iii. Repaving Subcommittee (*R. Neff*)
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13 Mr. Neff stated there is an updated five-year list for repaving that will be sent back to the Committee. He
14 asked if they should routinely say that for any street that is in the bike network it should get sharrows.
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- 16 iv. Muni Code Subcommittee (*E. Nordman*) – None.
17 v. Sight line and Safety Problem Reporting on Bike Routes (*E. Nordman*)
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19 Mr. Nordman said there is nothing new beyond what was presented today. He emailed Brian Reynolds
20 twice asking how far they have gotten on the pick-lists that were generated and have not gotten a reply.
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22 Ms. Star-Lack stated she would get in touch with Brian Reynolds regarding this.
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24 vi. Open Space & Parks E-Bikes Subcommittee (*P. Goldstein*)
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26 Mr. Goldstein stated the subcommittee can be dissolved.
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28 Mr. Arce will remove this subcommittee for next month's PABAC agenda.
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30 e. Announcements
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32 Mr. Arce announced he added the link for the Wilkie Bridge survey on the agenda.
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34 Ms. Jane Rosten stated she sent a mass email to respond to the Wilkie Bridge survey.
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36 Committee Member stated an email will be sent to the Committee asking if they would like to volunteer
37 for an energizer station.
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39 f. Future Agenda Items

- 40 ➤ Muni code clean-up progress update (Committee report delivered: 2018; Last update
41 from staff: 11/1/2022)
42 ➤ PAUSD Hoover school campus reconstruction update (Last review: 5/3/2022)
43 ➤ S. Palo Alto Bikeways project status/grant proposal (Last update: 02/07/2023)
44 ➤ Rail Grade Separations (Last update: 8/2/2022)
45 ➤ Municipal Code re: micromobility issues
46 ➤ BPTP Update Implementation Status Item for the City website
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49 ➤ Explore alternatives for bike/ped non-injury collision and near-miss reporting

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8:00 PM

END OF AGENDA

City of Menlo Park / City of Palo Alto
Quiet Zone Study



Overview

1. Quiet Zone Basics
2. Menlo Park / Palo Alto Quiet Zone Study Overview
3. Quiet Zone Process
4. Walkthrough of Work To-Date

Why do trains sound their horns?

- Railroads are regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- Train horns are required by the FRA
- Decibel level requirements for horns
- Advance notice (20 seconds)



What is a Quiet Zone?

- A Quiet Zone exists where a train horn does *not* need to sound
- The crossings need to be upgraded to be safer without horns than they are in current state with horns.
- Achieved via:
 - Supplemental Safety Measures (SSM) at every crossing; or
 - Proposed design's Quiet Zone Risk Index (QZRI) qualifying for Quiet Zone



Most crossings, as they exist today, would not meet the safety thresholds to implement a Quiet Zone.

Quiet Zone Study

The Process

PHASE I Study (CURRENT)

- Agency Coordination
- Conceptual Design / Safety Analysis
- Public Outreach
- Final Report

PHASE II Implementation (FUTURE)

- Permitting (CPUC, Caltrain)
- Final Design
- Funding
- Construction
- FRA Certification

Agency Coordination

Stakeholder organizations met at each crossing and discussed proposed improvements

Agencies involved:

- City of Menlo Park
- City of Palo Alto
- Kimley-Horn
- Caltrain
- CPUC
- FRA
- UPRR
- Caltrans



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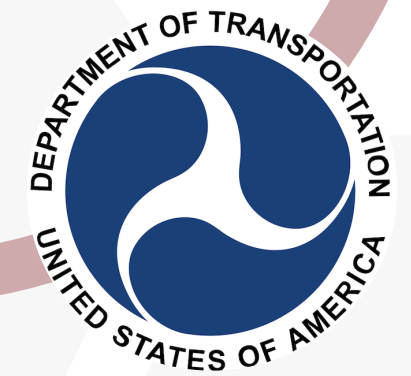


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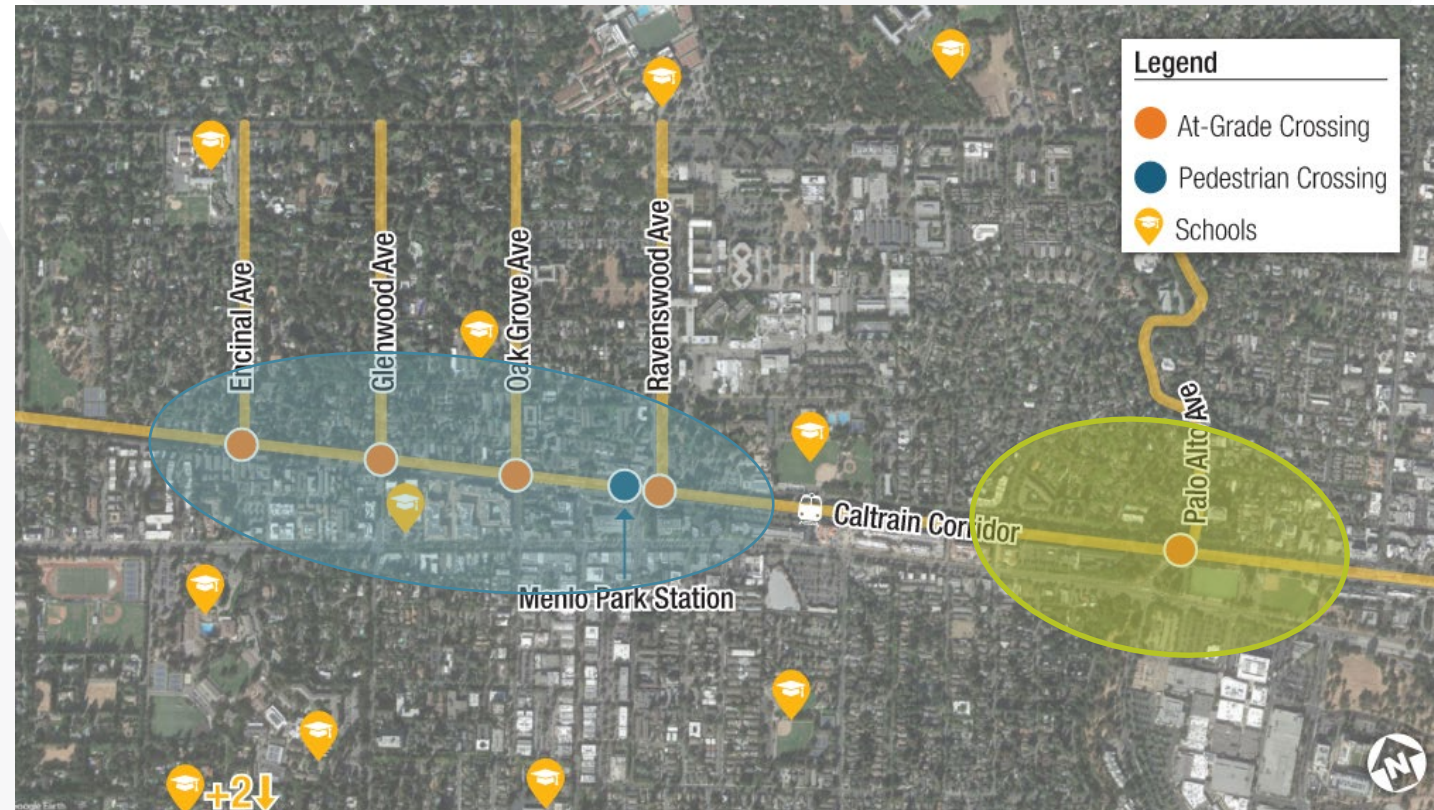
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Palo Alto Study Area

- Palo Alto Ave

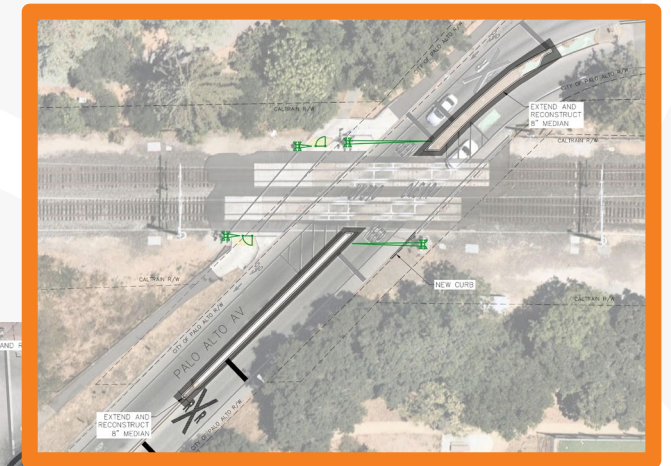
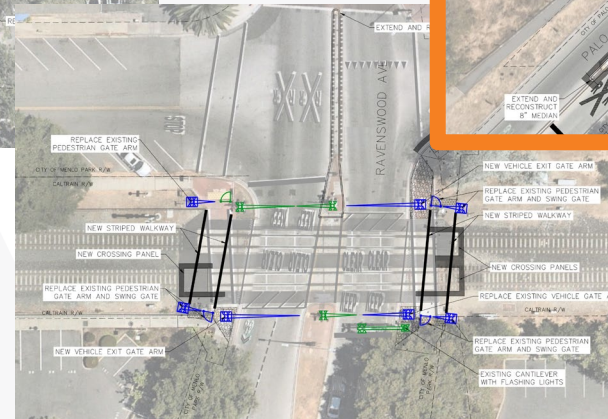
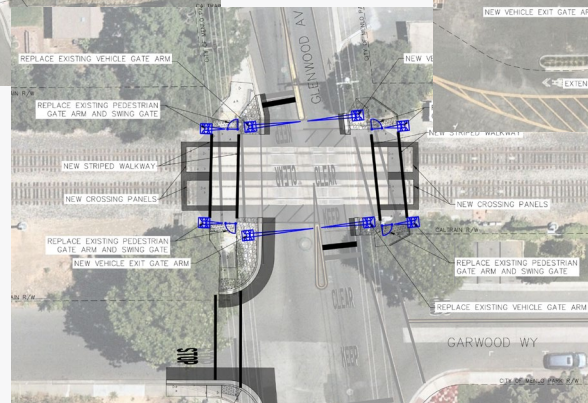
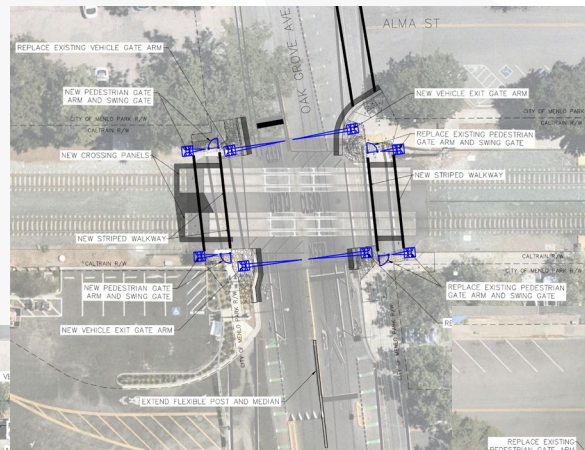
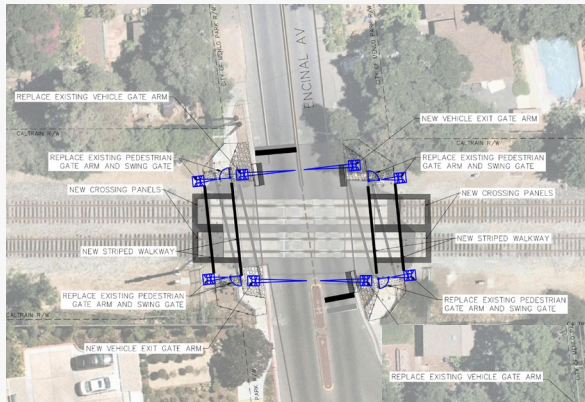
Additional Crossings Studied

- Encinal Ave
- Glenwood Ave
- Oak Grove Ave
- Ravenswood Ave



Conceptual Design

- Each crossing was redesigned to meet specific safety criteria



DESIGN FOCUS AREAS
Safety
Improvements

- Four-quadrant gates
- Raised medians
- Sidewalk realignment
- Refreshed roadway striping and updated signage

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Safety
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- Four-quadrant gates

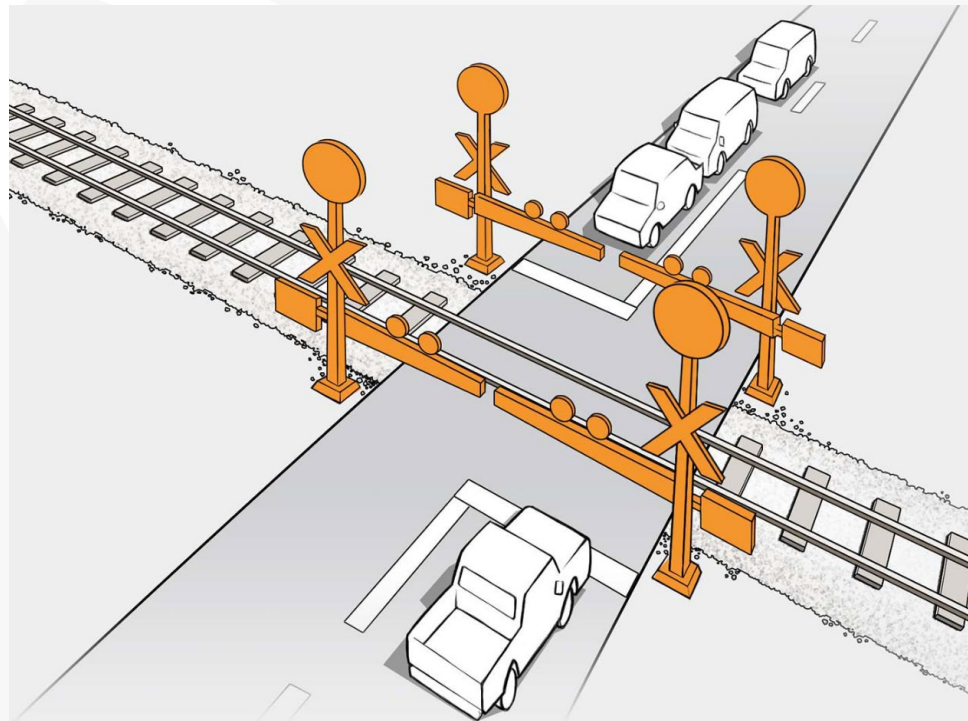
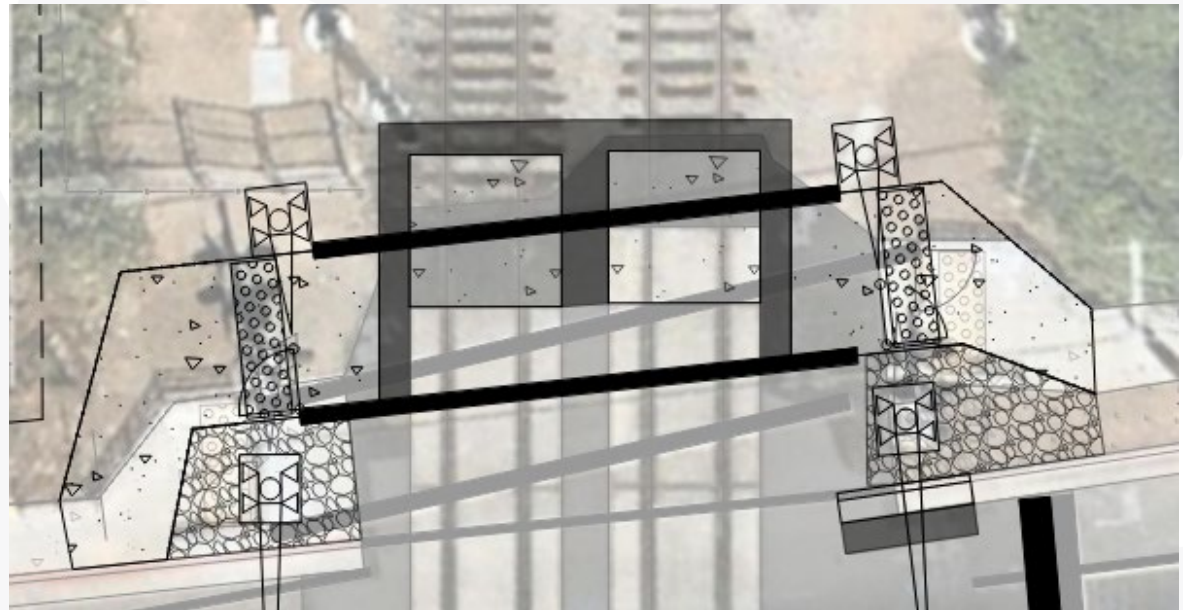


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- Sidewalk realignment



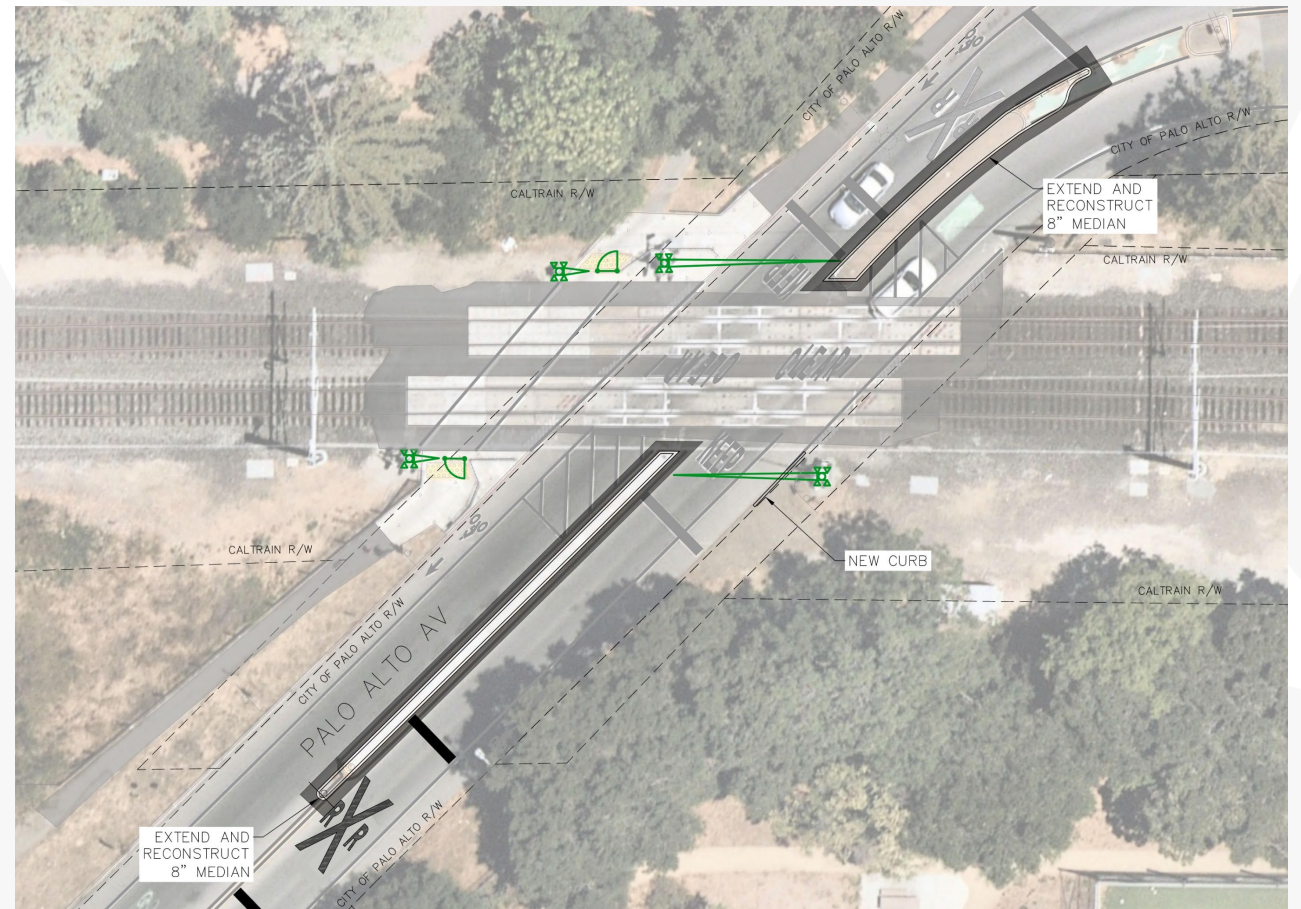
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- Refreshed roadway striping and updated signage



Conceptual Design – Palo Alto Ave / Alma St

- Elongated medians near the railroad tracks to meet FRA standards
- Refreshed striping and signage to meet federal standards



Public Outreach

- Feedback from this meeting will help inform future decisions



Final Report

- Brings together all steps taken in this process
- Provides recommendations for the cities



FUTURE
Implementation

- Permitting (CPUC, Caltrain)
- Final Design
- Funding
- Construction

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Questions?

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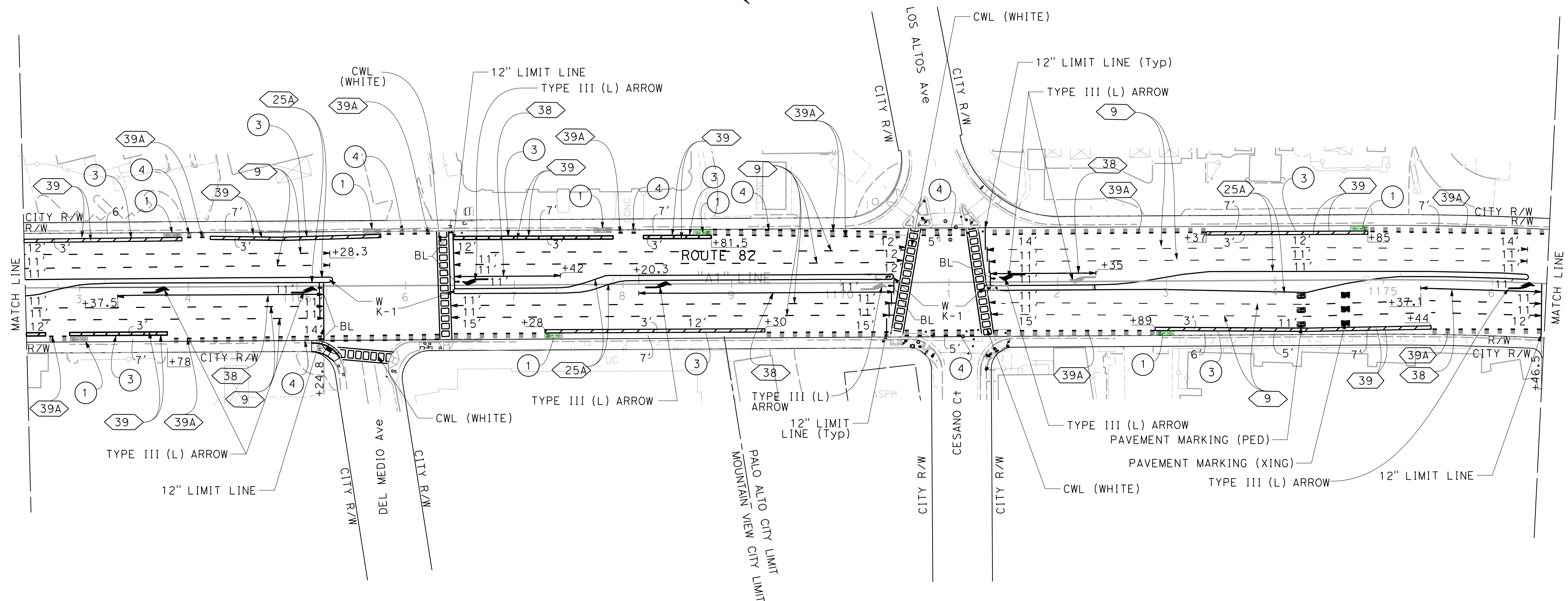
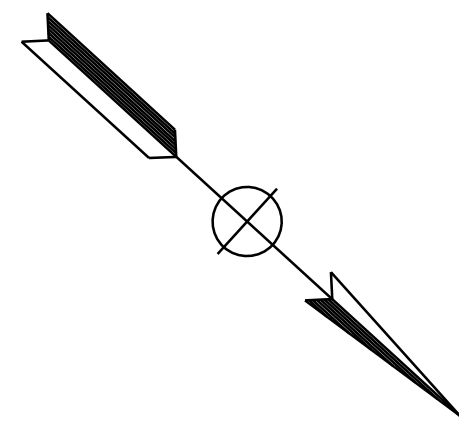
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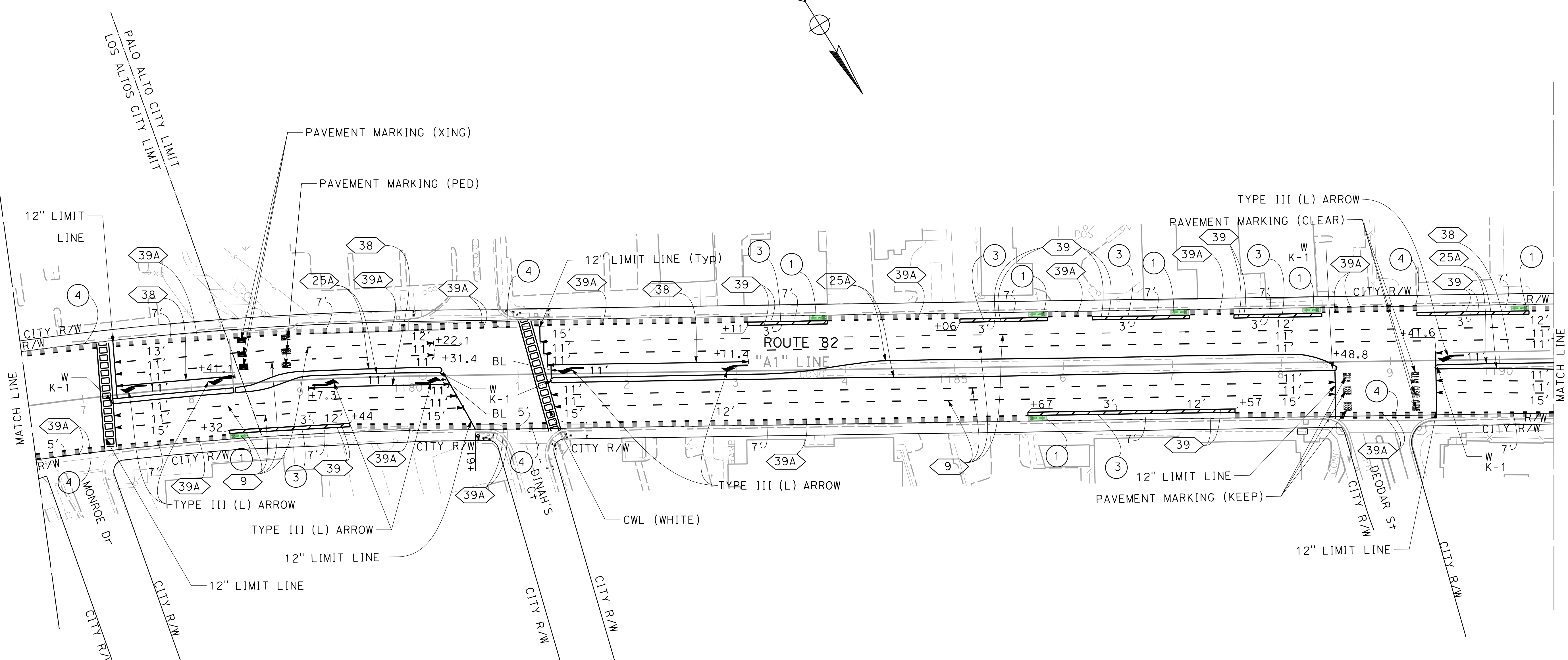
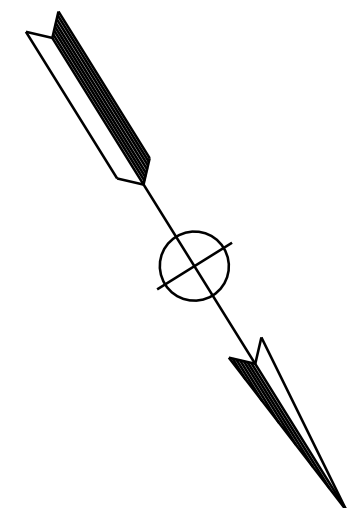
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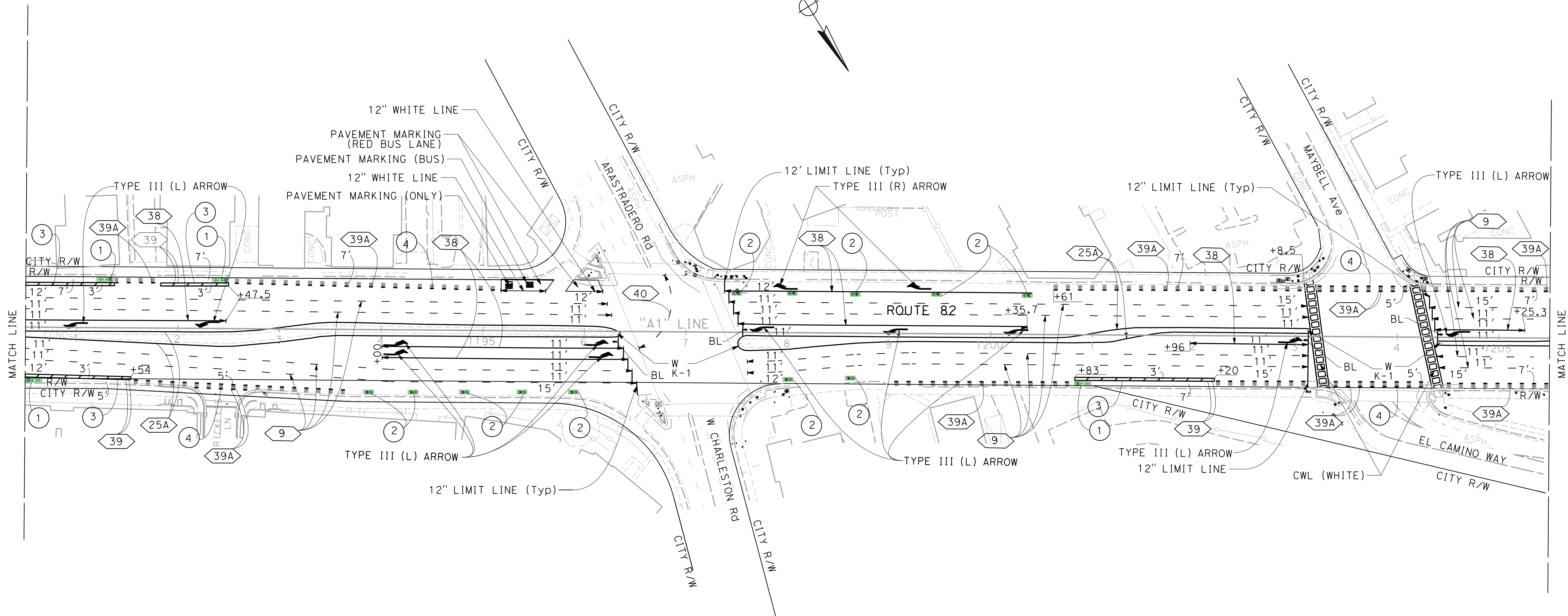
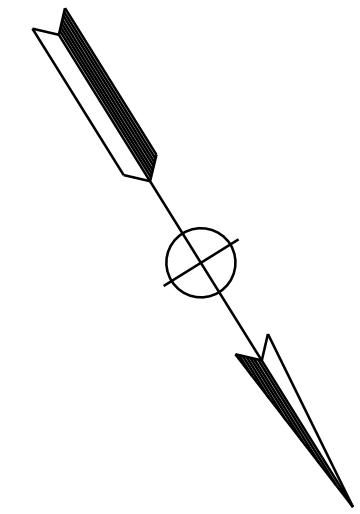
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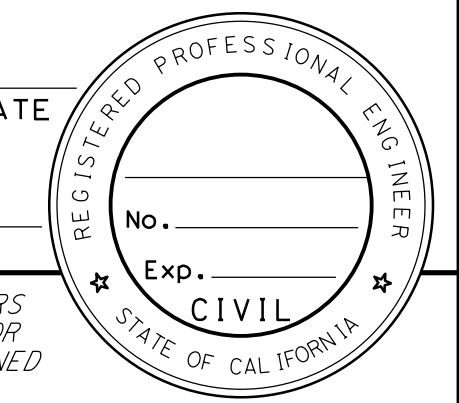
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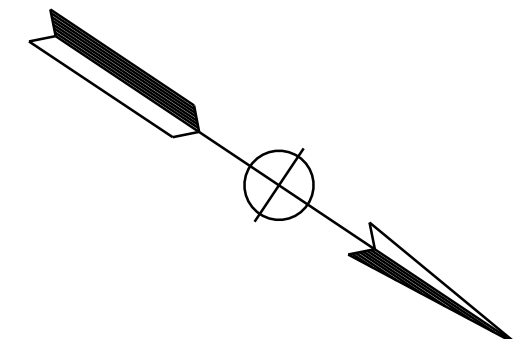
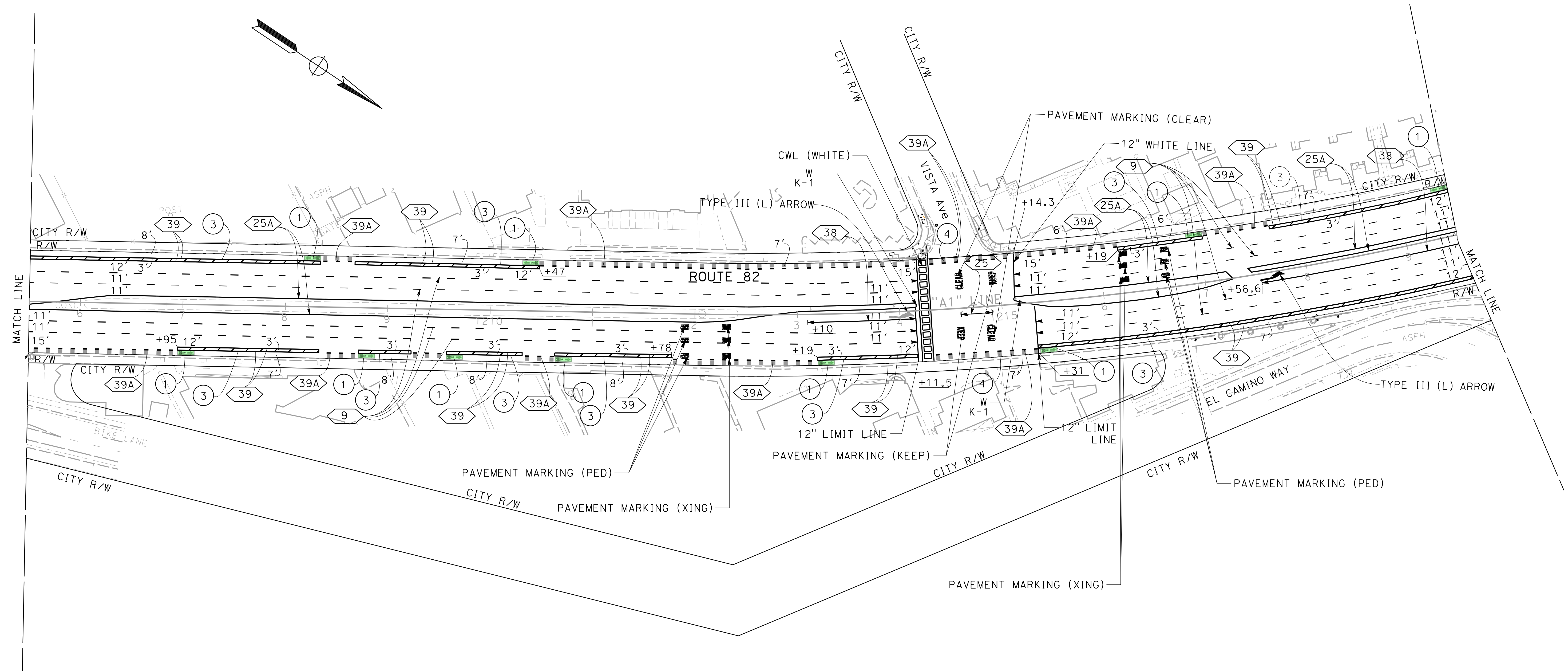
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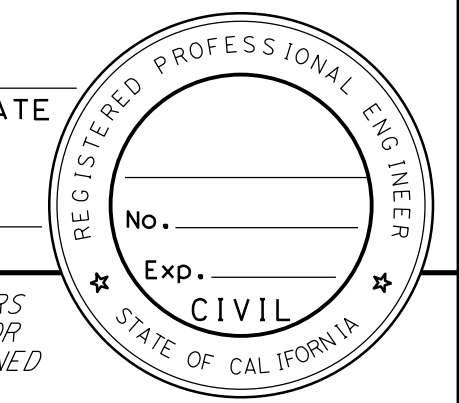
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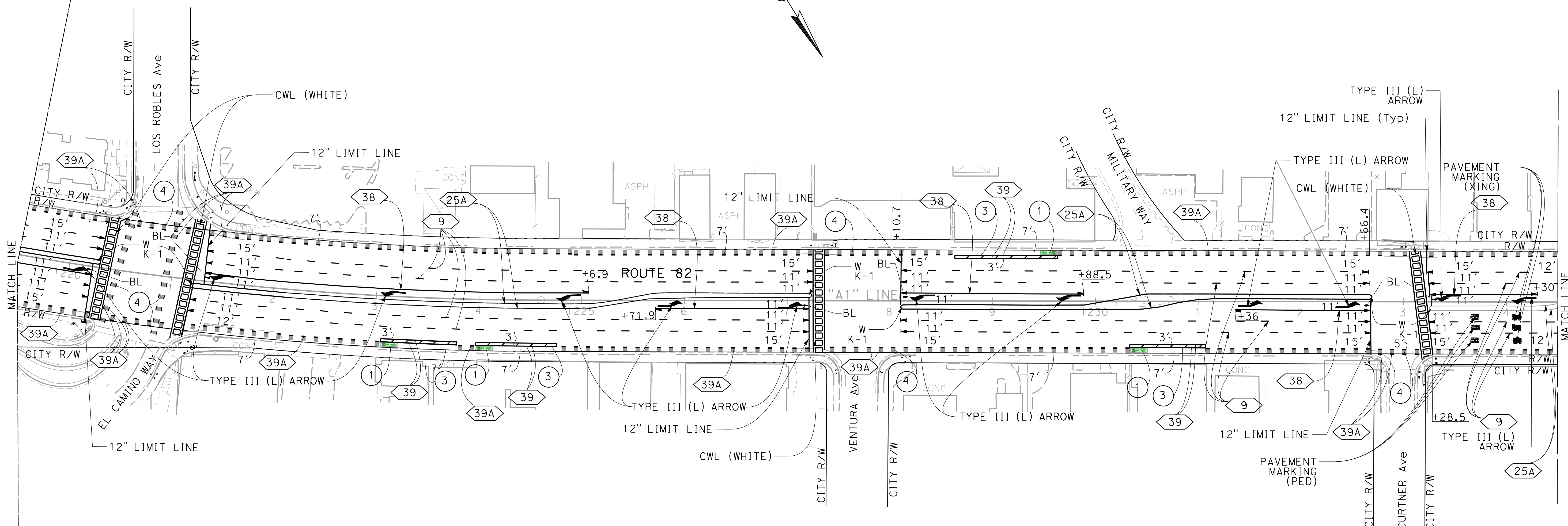
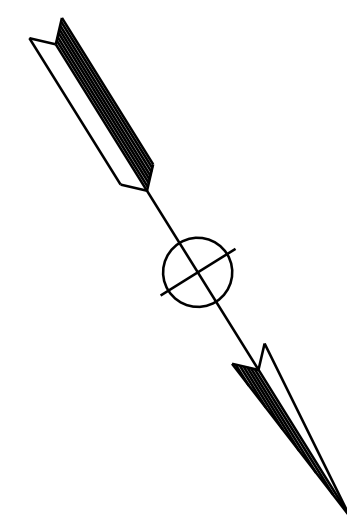
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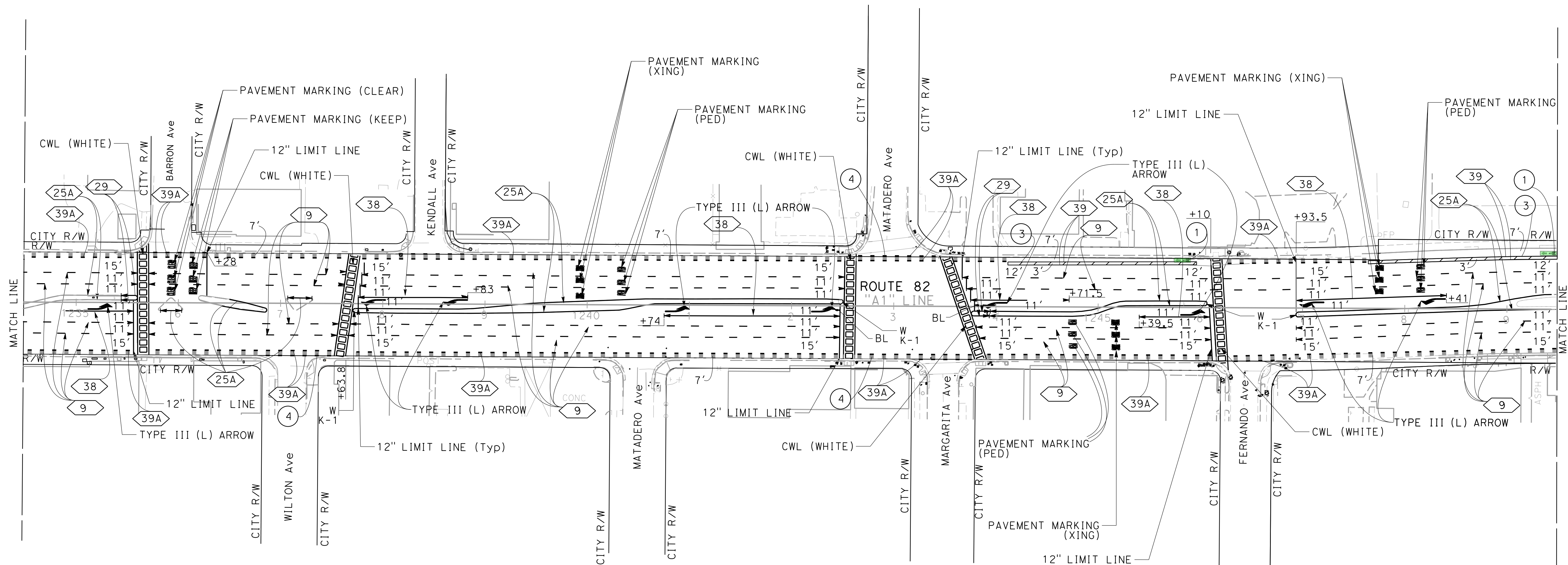
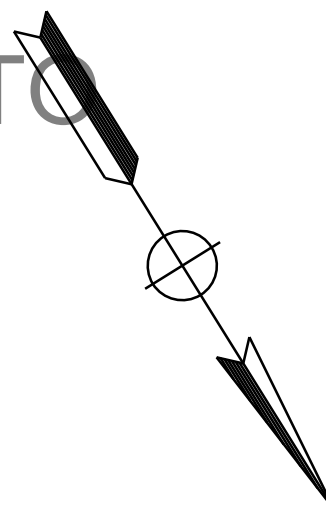
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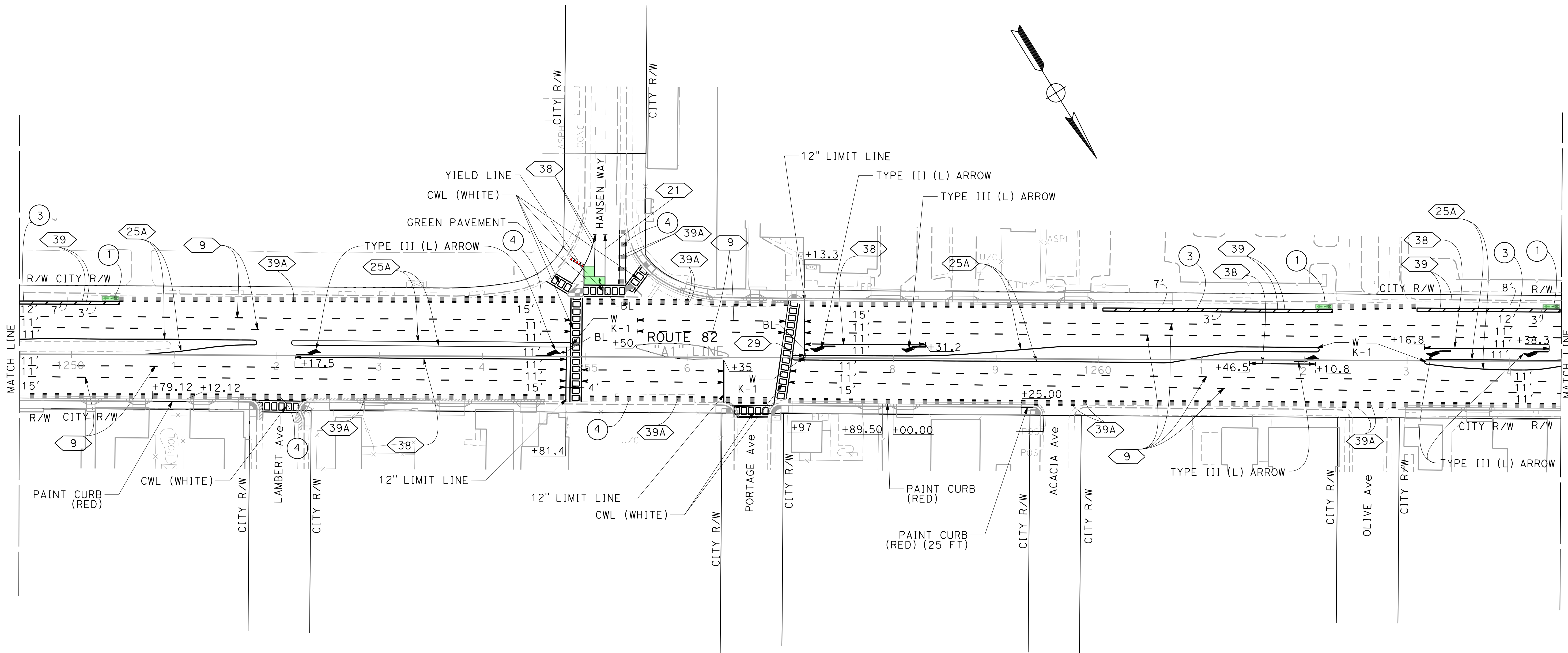
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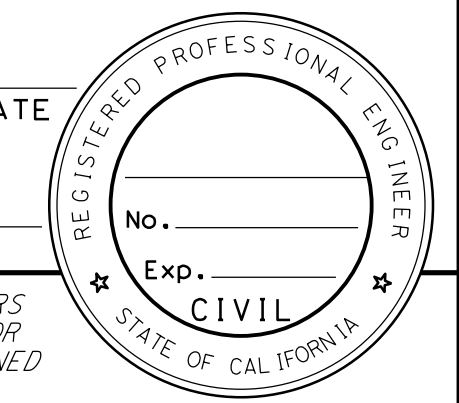
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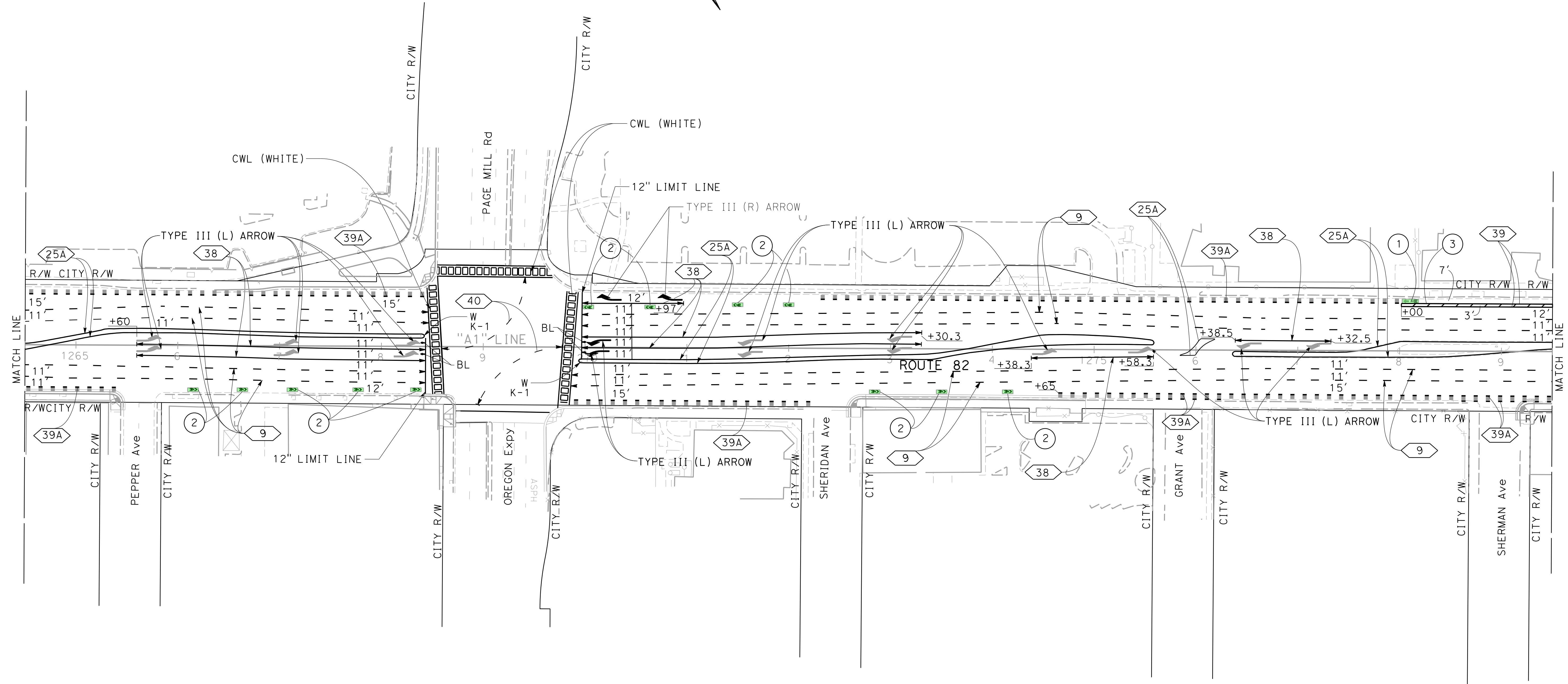
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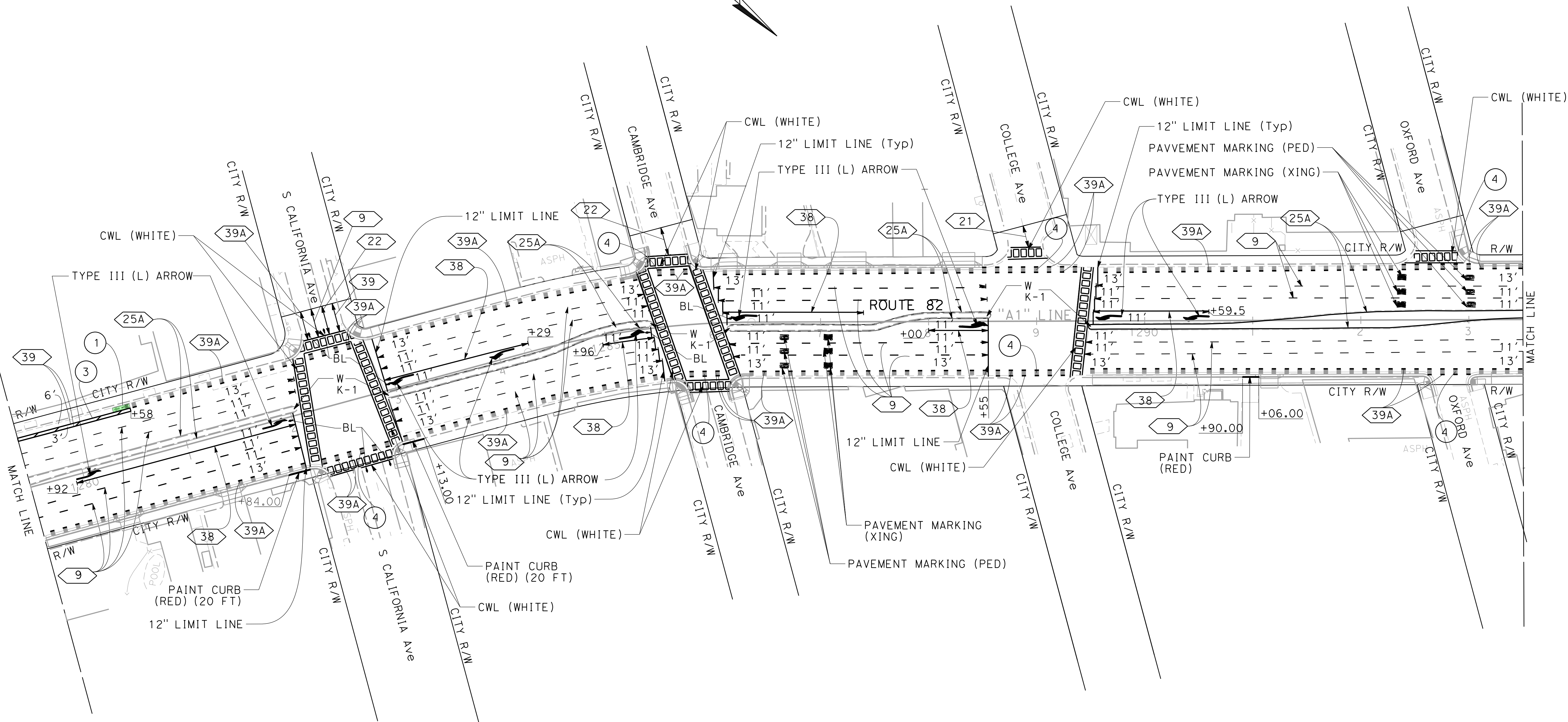
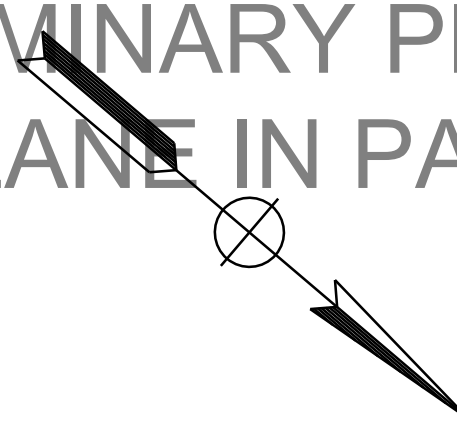
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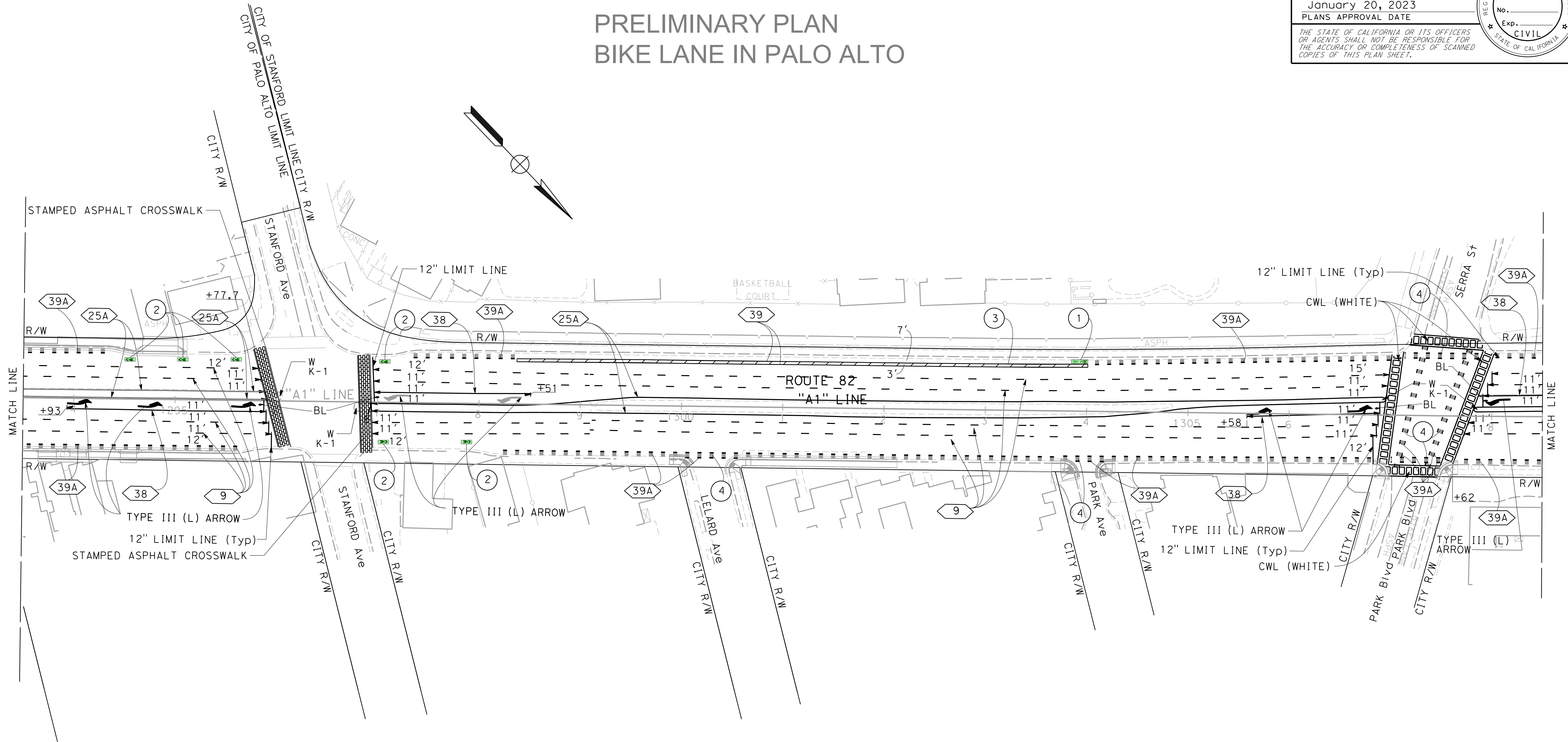
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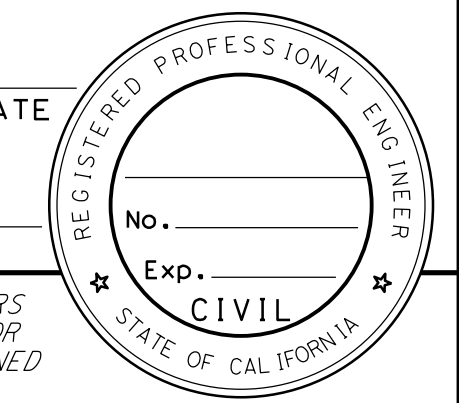
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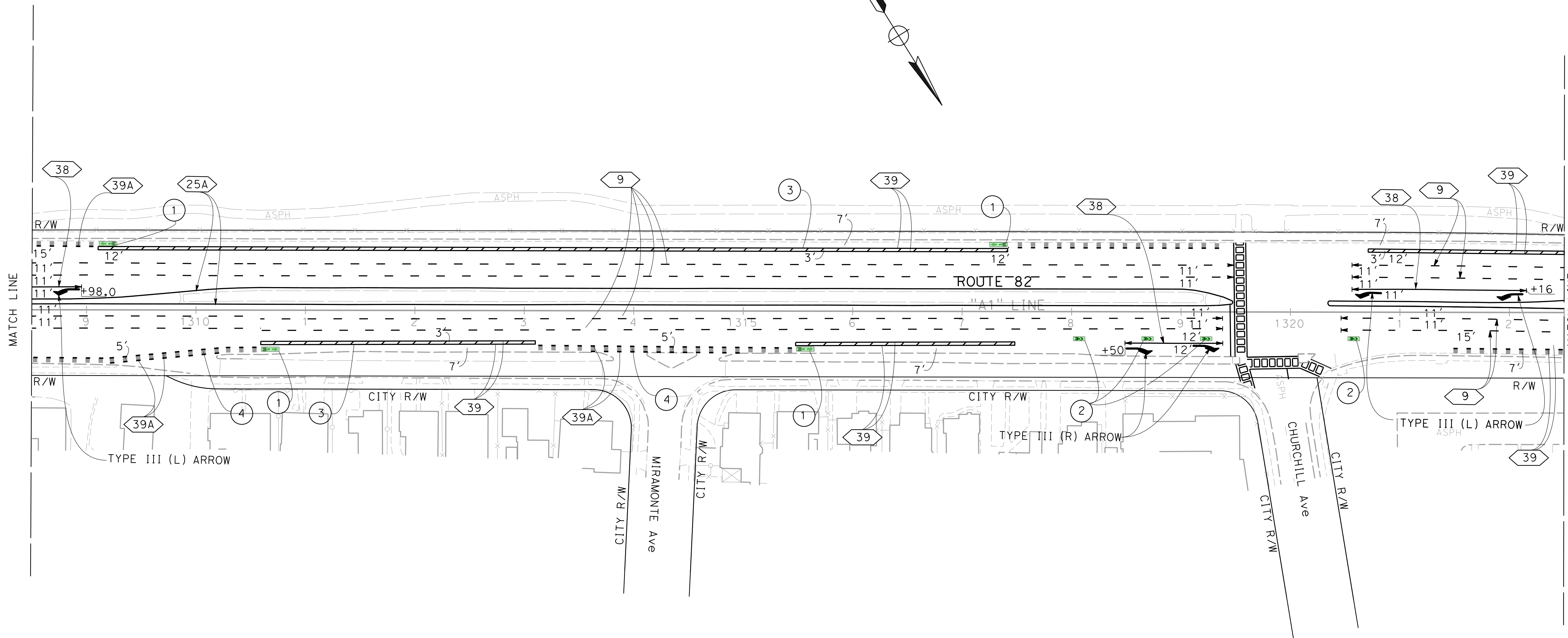
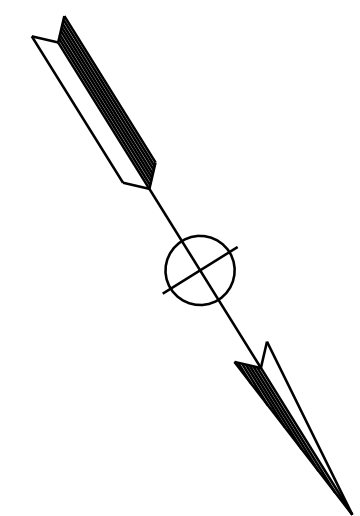
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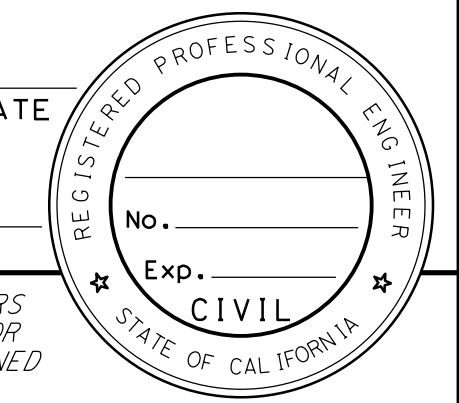
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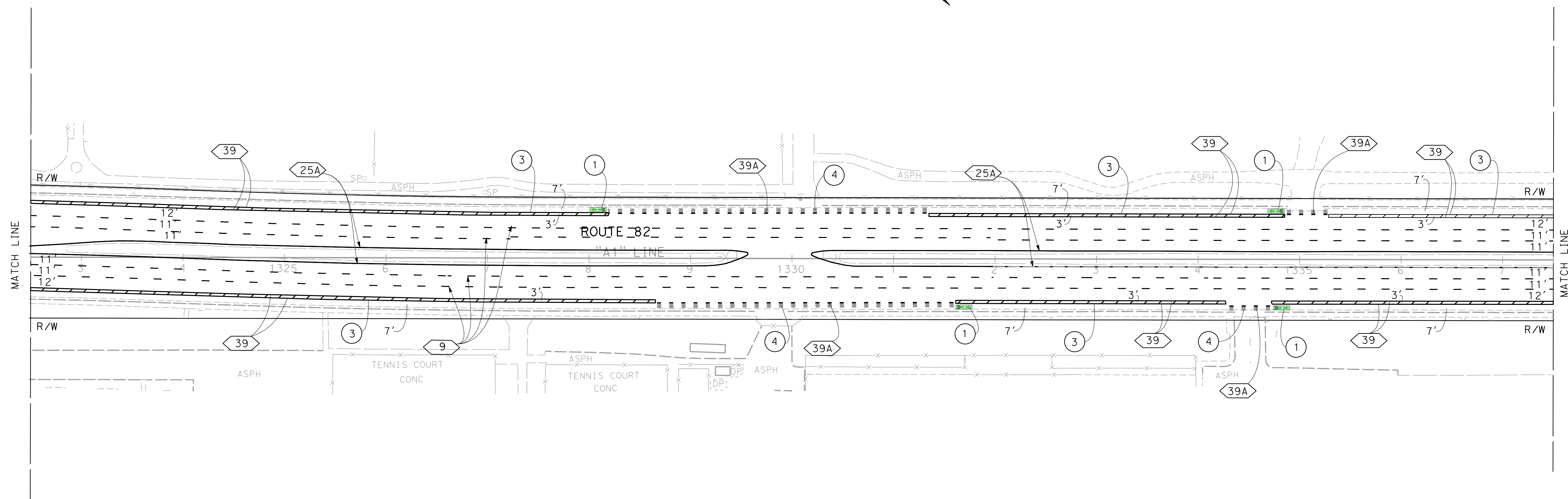
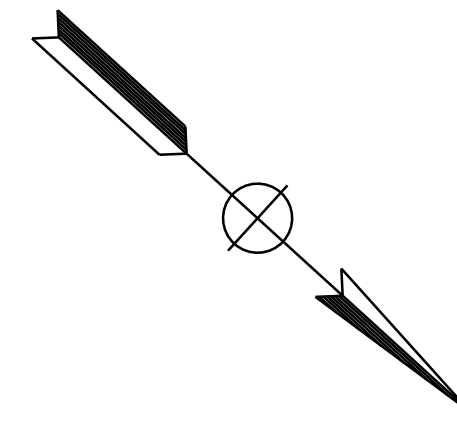
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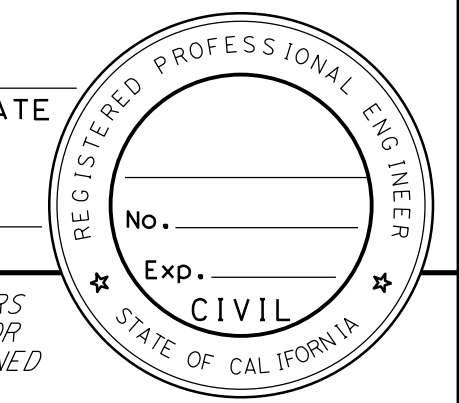
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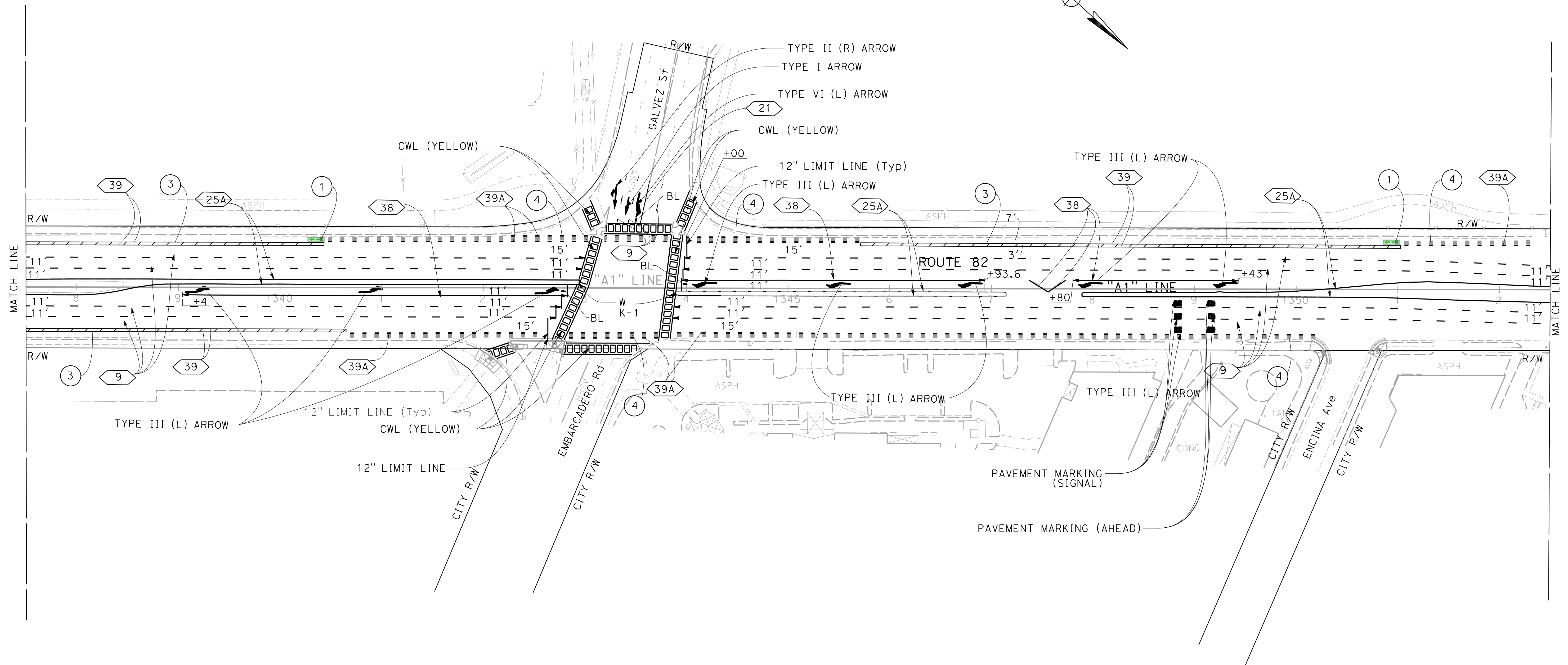
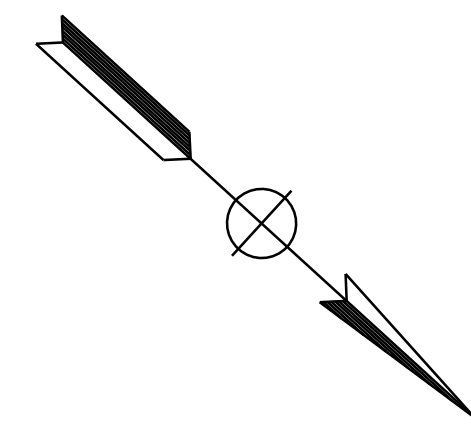
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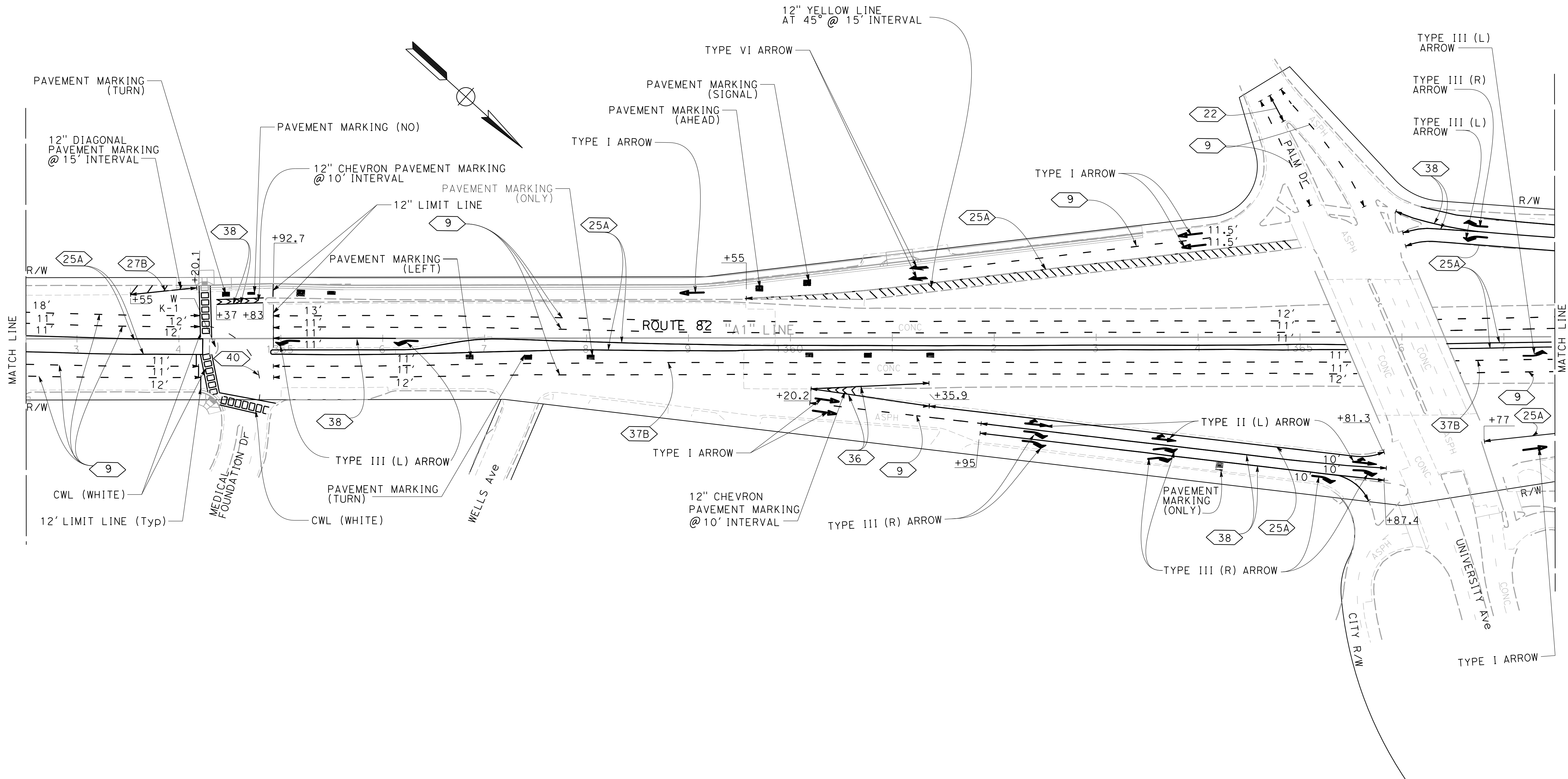
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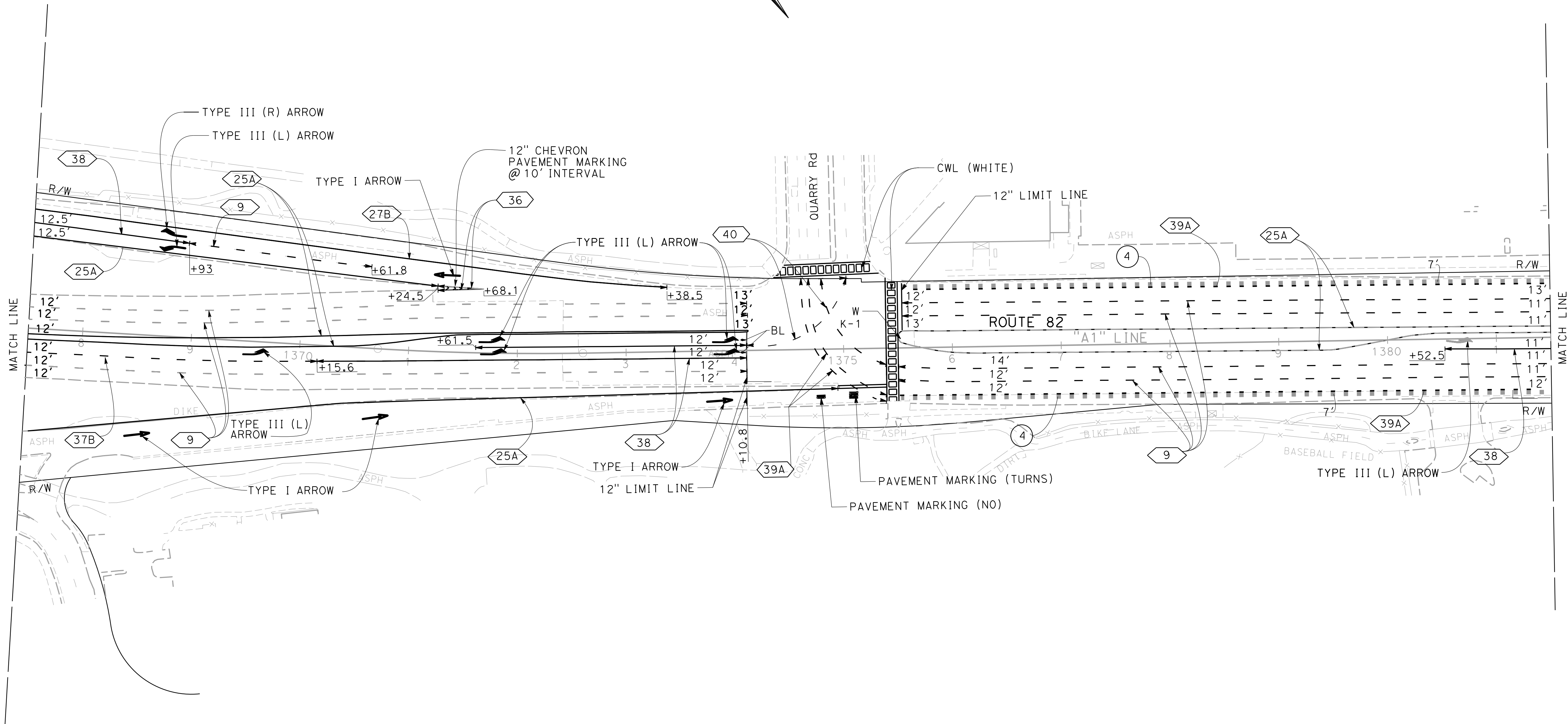
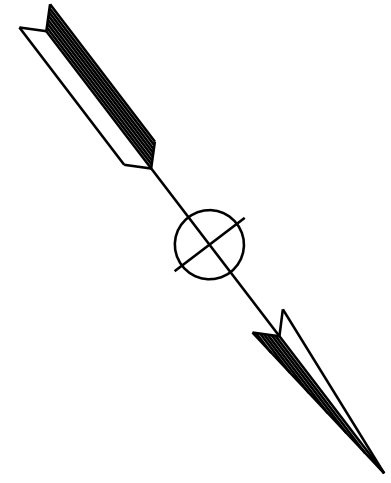
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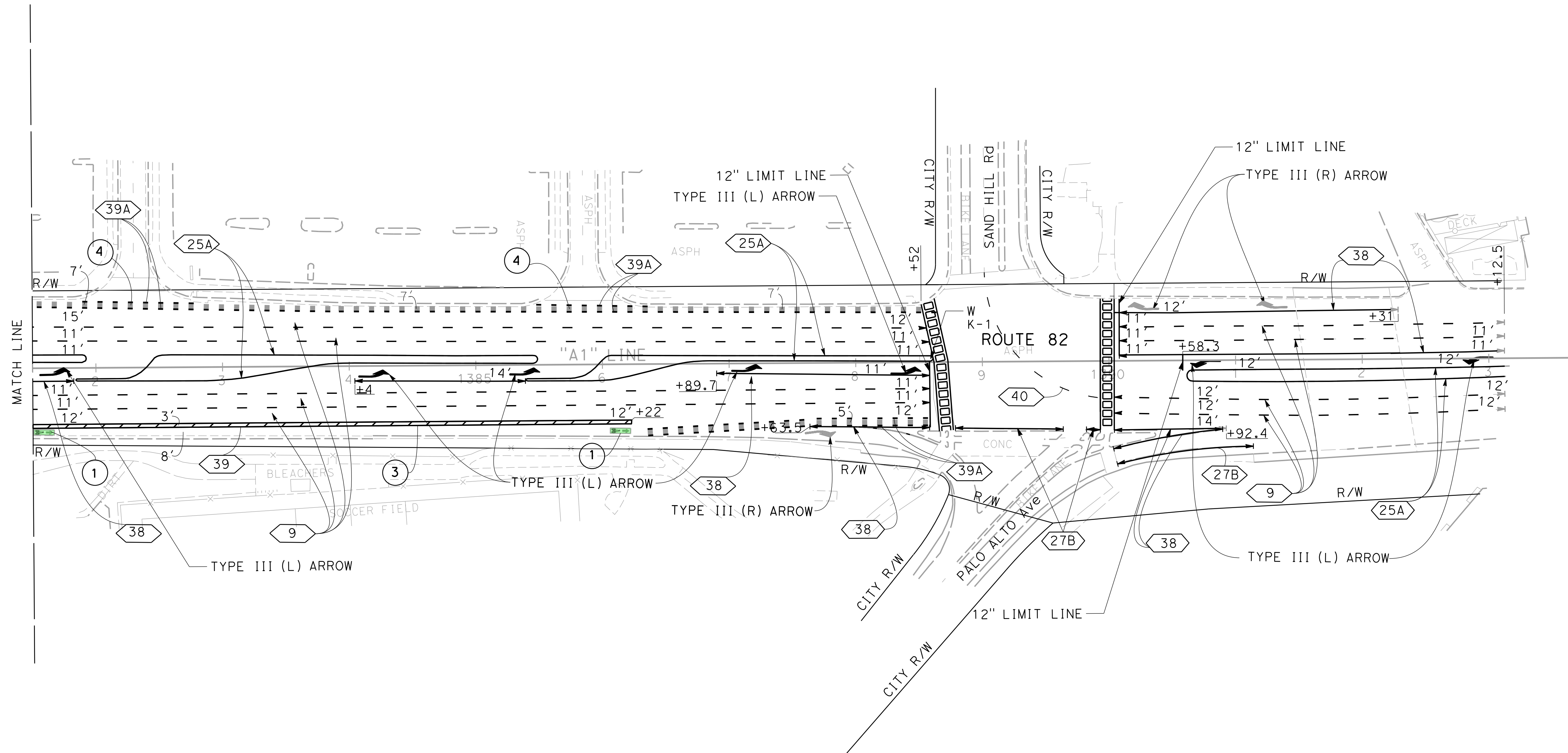
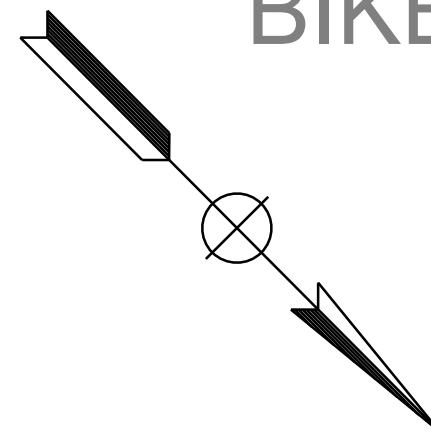
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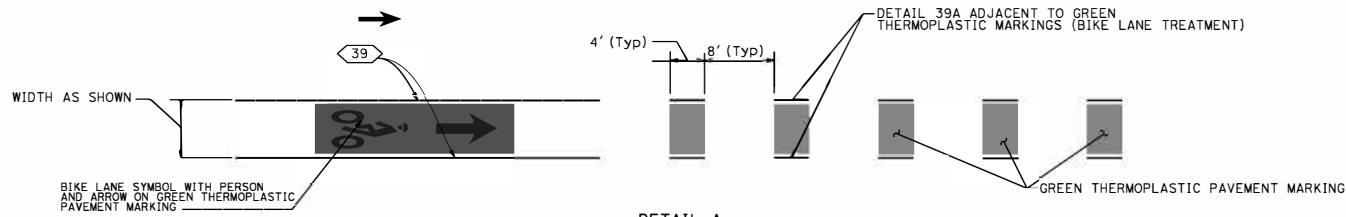
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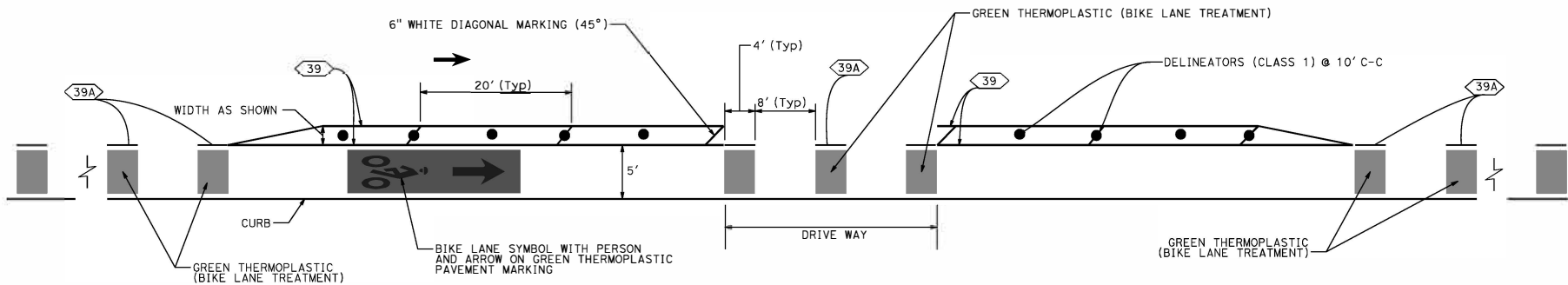
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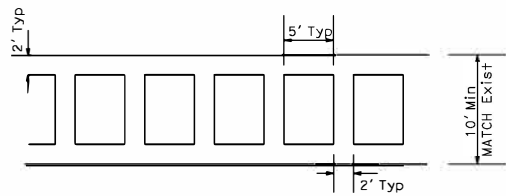
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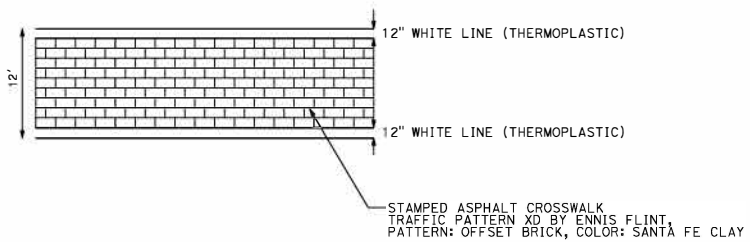
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**DETAIL B
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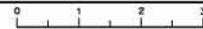


**STAMPED ASPHALT CROSSWALK
(AT STANFORD Ave AND ROUTE 82)**

PAVEMENT DELINEATION DETAILS

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CITY/SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting from Palo Alto, California

Present: Jessica Asay, Nathan Baird (staff), Ben Becchetti (PAPD staff), Arnout Boelens, Juan Caviglia, Rachel Croft, Rudy Esquivias (PAUSD staff), Eric Holm (PAUSD staff), Joslyn Leve, Jess McClellan, Rose Mesterhazy (staff), Jose Palma (staff), Rachael Panizzo, Amy Sheward, Sylvia Star-Lack (staff), Ashley Tseng

Guests: Penny Ellson, Linda Henigin, Reid Kleckner, Arthur Liberman, Shree Sandilya, Keri Wagner

Rose Mesterhazy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A. Welcome/Introductions/Recognitions/Oral Communications

The Palo Alto Weekly wrote about the Black History Month Celebration Rides. Arnout Boelens commented that he was very impressed and proud of the team who organized the ride. He loved participating on the El Carmelo route. They visited some important locations with respect to Black History Month. There was a great turnout even though it was raining. It was a huge success and will be expanding to other schools next year. Rose Mesterhazy commended Rachel Croft and Linda Henigin for their work with regard to the Escondido and Duveneck Celebration Rides, respectively. Keri Wagner remarked that the Black History Month Celebration rides were impressive, and she learned a lot about black history in Palo Alto. Ms. Mesterhazy thanked Ms. Wagner and the PTAC for their visibility and commitment. Ms. Henigin expressed her thanks to Ms. Mesterhazy for her energy and inspiration. Ms. Croft thanked Ms. Mesterhazy for her role in organizing the Celebration Ride as well as those who worked on the Escondido ride. Ms. Mesterhazy thanked everyone involved in the Celebration Rides. Sara Woodham-Johnsson spoke at Greene Middle School about the renaming of the school.

B. Administrative

1. City of Palo Alto/Palo Alto Bicycles E-bike Discount Program
2. PAUSD Community Advisory Committee Sweetheart Award
3. Palo Alto Link Q&A with Nathan Baird

The City of Palo Alto is offering electric bike discounts through Palo Alto Bicycles through March 22. The link to the discount program is:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/March-E-Bike-and-EV-Discount-Campaigns.html?soid=1138677836951&aid=OYdCtMVGn2k>

E-bikes have a minimal carbon footprint as well as save time and money. Ride and Drive Clean link: <https://rideanddriveclean.org/ebikes/>

The City School Transportation Safety Committee received a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education in Palo Alto - Sweetheart Award for promoting a two-year Adaptive Cycling Rodeo pilot. Jose Palma commented that he is grateful for the opportunity, and it changed how he looks at transportation for all. Rose Mesterhazy remarked that it is a statement of our commitment to equity within our Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to include children with exceptional needs. When we support infrastructure and programs for people with disabilities, we support all road users. Our contracted partners wrote a report about the Adaptive Cycling Rodeo class outcomes. There will be a meeting this summer to address our partnership with PAUSD in moving the adaptive cycling program forward. The March 10 Superintendent e-news included

congratulations to the SRTS program for their CAC award.

Nathan Baird, Parking Manager for the Office of Transportation in the City of Palo Alto, provided an update about the new transit service, Palo Alto Link. It is an app-enabled, on-demand ride share available Monday through Friday. Rides are free through April 7. Regular fare is \$3.50. Reduced fare is \$1 for seniors, disabled, low income and youth. You need to be at least 13 to ride alone, under 18 requires parental consent, riding under 13 is allowed with a guardian. Riders need to supply their own car seat or booster seat. Palo Alto Link is on iPhone and Android app stores. Schedule a ride through the app or call (650) 505-5772. Information is on our website: cityofpaloalto.org/paloaltolink

Arnout Boelens asked if you can select which vehicle you need via the app, either accessible for wheelchairs or with a bike rack. Mr. Baird replied that you could designate in the app if you need a wheelchair-accessible vehicle. All the fleet has bike racks except for the three wheelchair-accessible vehicles, so you do not need to note that you need a bike rack.

Mr. Baird addressed the question if it was possible to use Palo Alto Link to go to big box retailers outside of Palo Alto, such as Home Depot, Costco and Target or was the service area map a hard limit. Per the terms of our VTA grant, it is only for internal trips throughout most of Palo Alto, not including the Baylands or Foothills. In the future, the service area may expand with additional partners and funding.

Based on less than one week of data, over 800 unique riders have taken a trip. The app has over 2500 sign-ups. There were 100 rides on the first day, increasing to 200 rides yesterday. Estimated wait times are usually 10-12 minutes but last week's average was about 9 minutes.

Ms. Mesterhazy reiterated that PAUSD is a green school community. Walking and biking is encouraged whenever possible, especially for trips two miles or less.

Visit Palo Alto Link website to learn more by using the following link:

https://city.ridewithvia.com/palo-alto-link?af_channel=Google&c=CAL_AlwaysOn&af_adset=Brand&keyword=palo%20alto%20link&campaignid=19769733531&adgroupid=153527609664&gclid=Cj0KCQjwIPWgBhDHARIsAH2xdNeGkGcxDpPUdv-uaZuh0_VVGoRXbTQ4NsqdbpF5mwAyRGRSsRMSNYUaAtdzEALw_wcB

C. Engineering/Planning

1. City Engineering
 - i. E-bike in Open Spaces Policy
 - ii. Alma/Churchill Safety Project Schedule
 - iii. ECR Repaving Schedule
 - iv. Charleston/Arastradero/El Camino Signal Schedule
 - v. Quiet Zone Study Meeting – March 23
2. PAUSD Engineering: Measure Z
3. Safety Concerns Success Stories
 - i. El Carmelo
 - ii. Escondido
 - iii. Online FAQ Resources

Jose Palma delivered a slide presentation on City Engineering. The Open Spaces e-bike policy might affect how families enjoy access to recreational biking in the Open Spaces areas. Link to the Palo Alto Weekly article regarding City Council's vote to ban e-bikes on unpaved routes in the Baylands: <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2023/02/28/palo-alto-backs-e-bike-ban-on-baylands-trails>

Open Spaces allows regular bikes. Arnout Boelens asked if he could use his e-bike in Open Spaces with electric assist turned off. Sylvia Star-Lack thought Arastradero Preserve might

enforce the ban or that rangers might assume it is an e-bike even if the motor is turned off when they see the battery.

The Alma/Churchill Safety Project is beginning later this year. Mr. Palma highly encouraged subscribing to the project' newsletter through the following link:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAPALO/subscriber/new?topic_id=CAPALO_258

The preliminary schedule for the El Camino Real repaving project is March through mid-October. Dates will be more specific as plans finalize.

It is important to provide input for future El Camino Real improvements in the upcoming Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Plan (BPTP) update. Mr. Palma asked if there would be a web page for BPTP. Ms. Star-Lack responded that they are in contract negotiations with the vendor. The contractor will develop the website as soon as possible.

The newsletter has a lot of information regarding the Charleston/Arastradero/El Camino signal schedule that might not be on the project web page, so Mr. Palma encouraged signing up to the newsletter if you travel through those areas. The bad weather impacted the installation of signals. The next signal activation will be at Wilkie Way.

A Quiet Zone is a stretch of track where the train is not required to sound the horn at each street crossing except for emergencies or construction. There is a Quiet Zone Study hybrid meeting on March 23 at 6 p.m. This meeting is an opportunity for you to review and comment on concept plans and any bike or pedestrian facility changes. Information about the Quiet Zone Study and a link to the Zoom meeting:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Transportation/Transportation-Projects/Quiet-Zone-Study-Palo-Alto-AvenueAlma-Street-Crossing>

Rose Mesterhazy encouraged people to learn about the Quiet Zone and its impacts, although the impacts are currently only focused around the Alma/El Palo Alto neighborhood.

Eric Holm spoke about PAUSD Engineering: Measure Z projects. Hoover is moving this summer. Palo Verde will move back to its home campus. A walk and roll suggested route path will be determined for the Hoover community to update the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) map. Maria Abilock will have a bike class on April 15 at 10 a.m. in the Greendell Multipurpose Room, which is open to everybody.

Mr. Holm remarked that the goal is to have the updated SRTS map ready in the spring so families can practice the routes during the summer. Mr. Holm agreed to Mr. Palma's request to send him the updated map for posting on the website.

There was a presentation regarding Escondido's success story addressing their safety concerns.

Ms. Mesterhazy made the following transportation safety recommendations: Weekly e-news messaging reminding parents that U-turns and double-parking around the school perimeter compromise student safety. Share Walk and Roll Suggested Routes Maps in Friday folders to help parents identify routes. If school staff observes U-turns or double-parking and they have a good relationship with the driver, they can provide courteous on-site reminders that this behavior is not permitted. Parents should avoid direct confrontations. Request the PAPD and principal to be on-site to remind drivers about illegal and unsafe parking maneuvers.

If the issue is on campus, document it via Let's Talk and/or notify Mr. Boelens at srtsptac@paloaltopta.org. Submit a 311 if there is debris in the bike lane or sidewalk, or for tree trimming, visibility, missing signage, speeding, traffic signal issues and potholes. Include photos and your observations. There is a backlog of requests. Bring larger issues to the CSTSC.

Mr. Palma asked if parents or Transportation Safety Representative (TSRs) should be encouraged

to reach out to their principals or if Let's Talk was sufficient. Mr. Holm explained that Let's Talk is generally for district issues. Let's Talk is the best way to send your message to Mr. Holm. Talk to your principal and document it in the Let's Talk for Mr. Holm to follow up if the principal does not contact him directly.

D. Encouragement

1. Upcoming meetings: City Council and CSLC
2. Walk and Roll Week School Event Report-Out

The City School Liaison Committee (CSLC) met this morning. In attendance were two council members (Pat Burt and Julie Lythcott-Haims) and one school board member (Shounak Dharap). They each spoke at length about the importance of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) partnership and its importance to mental health, sustainability goals and quality of life. Sylvia Star-Lack thanked Jose Palma for the amazing job he did. She expressed thanks to people who called or logged in.

Eric Holm remarked that his department has a very strong bike focus. They want to improve bike safety and increase bike ridership. Comments to the Council and Board reinforce the importance and value of their work. Please thank the Board for the work they have done to improve bike safety. Continued advocacy is important.

Mr. Palma gave a presentation at this morning's CSLC meeting about last year's SRTS accomplishments. Arnout Boelens encouraged attending the presentation to City Council on May 1, calling in or writing a letter to show support and thank City Staff (Mr. Palma, Ms. Mesterhazy and Ms. Star-Lack) for the great work they do for the SRTS program.

Walk and Roll week is April 17-21. Mr. Boelens is making a list of what the TSRs are doing at their schools. Some of the ideas he heard are family profiles in e-news, stickers, lights, walk and chalk, bike train, bike passports, tropical-themed Walk and Roll parade, 2-mile pledge and an "energizer" station. Write welcome messages on the sidewalk for students. Lights are very important because many students ride without lights in the winter, which is not safe. Please let Mr. Boelens know about your plans. If you have a great plan, we can invite board members and council members to your Walk and Roll event. A successful Walk and Roll event is the best way to get families into the habit of walking or rolling to school. There will be fewer cars on the road if more people walk and bike, which is safer for all our students.

Walk and Roll is the same week as Earth Week. Joslyn Leve advised everyone who is planning a Walk and Roll event at your school to coordinate with your Green Team person or PTA so your events do not conflict. Mr. Boelens added that walking and cycling are the modes of transportation with the least amount of CO2 emissions, so it is a natural fit for Earth Week.

Ashley Tseng shared feedback on how to engage with families. From her experience with families, meeting at the park to walk to and from school, the kids love to play and meet each other. If incoming kindergarteners receive the Walk and Roll Map and information on walking or biking to school, the summertime is a great opportunity to practice and build endurance.

Rose Mesterhazy agreed that parks are a great place to rally. We need more district involvement and support to get the word out to kindergarteners and their families.

E. Engagement: Collision Report

Ben Becchetti from PAPD reported that collisions are about average. In February, there were 33 collisions, two of which were vehicles versus pedestrians and two were vehicles versus bikes. Through March 16, there were 18 collisions, two of which were vehicles versus bikes and zero vehicles versus pedestrians. At least one vehicle-bike collision in each February and March

involved a juvenile. He recalls one collision at Cowper and Colorado; the others were on side streets.

Rose Mesterhazy commented that the number one cause of accident-based mortality for kids ages 5-19 is vehicle collisions according to the CDC, the majority of which are driver-based. We talk about Safe Routes to School (SRTS) from a mental health standpoint and the variety of benefits that walking and biking offer, but we should also raise awareness around the importance of risk reduction. Mr. Becchetti added that it is also important to educate kids to pay attention when they are on their bike and be aware of their surroundings.

Penny Ellson remarked that the majority of the fatalities in those statistics were children who were passengers in vehicles. She advised sharing safety messaging with parents who drive the school routes to remind them that they have an obligation as parents and as adults to take care of the kids in our community.

Ms. Mesterhazy stated that there are FAQ resources provided to TSRs with language you can insert into social media conversations about driver behavior to inform people about our SRTS education program for Kindergarten through 8th grade and how drivers can do their part in sharing the road safely.

F. Education

1. Adult School Bike Safety Education Classes [Family Cycling March 22 and 25 Class; Adult Safety April 23 Class]

Maria Abilock is teaching a bike safety class. If you know of families that are considering walking or biking more, encourage them to attend this class. Ms. Abilock knows everything about every local route, and she is a great educator.

For more information and registration please use the following link:
<https://paadultschool.org/classes/family-cycling/>

G. Evaluation

1. 22-23 Preliminary Travel Tally Data
2. How can we improve these numbers? Program Support? Walk and Roll Week?

We are waiting on Escondido's data but our preliminary driving numbers are up overall this year. Possible reasons are elimination of the city shuttle service, reduced PAUSD bussing, driving habits developed during the pandemic, limited campus access points and reduced PTA volunteer capacity especially for secondary school programming.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Public Comments for City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update

This Packet Includes:

A compilation of written comments on the City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update submitted by email to Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org.

NOTE: No public comments received for this meeting packet





Public Comment Instructions For City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update

Members of the Public may provide public comments on the City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update as follows:

1. **Written public comments** (including visuals such as presentations, photos, etc) may be submitted by email to Transportation@CityofPaloAlto.org. Please follow these instructions:
 - A. Please email your written comments **by 12:00 pm (noon) on the Monday the week before (eight days before)** the upcoming Palo Alto Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC) meeting, unless otherwise indicated. Details of upcoming PABAC meetings are available on the City's [PABAC webpage](#).
 - Written public comments will be attached to the upcoming PABAC meeting agenda packet.
 - Written comments submitted after 12:00pm (noon) on the Monday before the upcoming PABAC meeting will be attached to the following PABAC meeting agenda packet.
 - B. Please **lead your email subject line with "BPTP Update"**.
 - C. When providing comments with reference to the current [City of Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan 2012](#), please be as specific as possible by indicating the chapter number, section heading number, and/or page number.
2. **Spoken public comments using a computer** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Committee, click on the URL in the agenda packet for Zoom. Please follow these instructions:
 - A. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting in-browser.
 - If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
 - B. You may be asked to enter an email address and name. We request (but do not require) that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
 - C. When you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." Staff will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
 - D. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted by the Chair.



3. **Spoken public comments using a smart phone app** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Committee, download the Zoom application onto your smart phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enter the Meeting ID in the agenda. Please follow the instructions B-D above.

4. **Spoken public comments using a phone (cell or land line) without an app** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. Use the telephone number listed in the agenda. When you wish to speak, press *9 on your phone to “raise hand.” You will be asked to provide your first and last name before addressing the Committee. When called, press *6 on your phone to unmute. Please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted by the Chair.