



Blue Lake Public Safety Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting – Monday December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda Are Subject to Action.

LOCATION: Skinner Store 111 Greenwood Road, Behind City Hall, Blue Lake.

Public Input can be given to the commission by emailing until 4:30 p.m. on Monday December 4, 2023.

1. Establish a Quorum of the Commission
2. Motion to Approve Agenda
3. Public Input – *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the Commission that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the Agenda. The Commission may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Commission may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Commission takes up each specific agenda item.*
4. Introduction of New Commissioners
5. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from November 2023 Meeting-Discussion/Action
6. City of Blue Lake Truck Route Plan Draft Review – Discussion/Recommendation
7. I and H Streets Neighborhood Discussion Regarding Traffic Calming and Parking Options-Discussion/Recommendation
8. Humboldt County Sheriff Contract Update, Call Data Review and Ad-Hoc Committee Update-Discussion/Recommendation
9. Powers Creek District Project Updates-Discussion
10. Red Cross Update
9. Agency Check-In:
 - a. Humboldt County Sheriff
 - b. Blue Lake Fire
10. Reports from PSC Liaison and Staff
11. Future Agenda Items and Announcements
12. Motion to Adjourn

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Blue Lake Public Safety Commission Meeting-November 13, 2023

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM

1. Establish a quorum:

Commissioners Present:

- Commissioner Nava
- Commissioner Dickinson
- Commissioner Cruz

2. Motion to approve agenda as presented

Commissioner Dickinson motioned

Commissioner Nava 2nd

Approved by consensus.

3. Public Input - none

4. Review Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings-Discussion

Minutes Approved

Commissioner Nava motioned to approve meeting minutes from September, 2023

Commissioner Cruz 2nd

Approved by consensus.

5. PSC Resignations

Two members of the commission have resigned due to relocating out of Blue Lake; both commissioners stated that they could not find housing in Blue Lake.

City Manager Mager: Commented on the two vacancies and encouraged the commissioners to recruit applicants. Applications can be turned in prior to the next Council meeting for consideration. The vacancies are posted and the City and the commission can do additional outreach.

Public Input - none

6. Sheriff Contract Update-Discussion

The commission discussed the Sheriff's proposed increase to the existing contract; the commission was originally used to look at law enforcement options and research/propose ideas. The contract is unaffordable due to the loss of revenue from the power plant. The Sheriff previously cut the City's contract price due to a lack of staffing availability for dedicated services. The City has no dedicated services; only the base level response. HCSO says they responded to 2000 calls for the past year. Reports show that most calls are outside of Blue Lake city limits.

The current contract will end in June 2024; current talks have been presentation in nature and not a true negotiation.

The City Manager asks the commission to form an ad hoc commission to look at options for services and to research other communities. The HCSO is calculating Blue Lake's contract cost based upon a per capita allocation; this is different than how he's calculating the costs for Trinidad, who receives the same level of service.

Commissioner Nava: Is there arbitration?

City Manager Mager: Unsure if there is an arbitration clause in the contract, but it is currently presented as take it or leave it.

Commissioner Nava: What is base level of service?

City Manager Mager: Explained that the City does not have any dedicated service; we have call response only; the deputies do drive through Blue Lake on their way to other areas of the County.

Commissioner Dickinson: What would be different if we didn't have the contract?

City Manager Mager: Explains that not much would change, except that the Sheriff would decide what his office would respond to and follow up on.

Public Comment:

Elise Scafani: Per HCSO, the City is obligated as of July 1 to pay the increase. The City paid the first quarter that included the increase and will have to pay the second quarter in January. The Sheriff is not willing to negotiate and this is the base rate for next year. Doesn't feel that this issue is ad-hoc committee material and doesn't support forming an ad-hoc. The Sheriff will respond to 911 calls but is not obligated to stop crimes.

Jean Lynch: Was offended by prior Blue Lake Police CHief. Appreciates HCSO and the safety they've provided over the past 15 years. Notes BL insurance provider will not insure BL for a Police Dept. Asks what HCSO is supposed to provide as an incorporated city? Honsal stated he was not legally obligated to respond to Blue Lake without a contract. Notes prices across the board have gone up.

7. Establish Ad Hoc committee to work on law enforcement actions

Commissioner Dickinson: Can the ad-hoc only have two people?

The commission agrees on the appointment of commissioner Nava and Dickinson to the ad-hoc committee. The ad-hoc will meet with the City Manager soon to discuss the contract and begin research.

Public Comment:

Elise Scafani: Sheriff service and zero liability is a definite benefit and should be maintained. Ferndale's budget is \$650 for their own police department. We might be able to find funds/grants for base services like federal grants in addition to existing state funds

Jean Lynch: Comments on taxing the residents to support law enforcement services.

8. I & H Street Neighborhood Discussion regarding Traffic calming and parking Options

City Manager Mager: Presents on the City's efforts to increase safety and make Blue Lake's streets more walkable. The City is working with a "walkability" expert to provide feedback on proposed designs and installations. The City is considering options for I Street and H Street to slow down traffic and increase parking options. The City has received feedback on the pop up roundabouts and is looking for community input on future projects.

Commissioner Dickinson: Asks the City to make extra efforts to engage the community in the discussion. Notes houses are very close to the street and people will have a chance to weigh in. Likes the roundabouts in place now, and wishes they were larger and more impactful. Will post the information on Facebook. What are the funding sources for this project.

City Manager Mager: The City was funded to develop a local road safety plan; the plan identifies lower cost solutions to traffic safety and the City is using this document to guide implementation. Grant funding may be available, and the City can use current street fund allocations for some of the projects.

Public Comments:

Elise Scafani: Curious about I street and rationale for need; notes it's important to keep residential parking in mind, so they don't lose theirs. Needs to be a broader invitation than door hangers. Doesn't support diagonal parking as need is not there. Notes that she has never witnessed speeding on I Street.

Jean Lynch: Notes property lines are odd in Blue Lake; may impact parking - surveys may be needed.

Commissioner Crews: What's the biggest reported problem on I Street?

City Manager Mager: Speeding is the number one complaint on I Street and all of the streets in Blue Lake. We have very wide and straight roadways and hard breaks are needed to physically slow down traffic.

Commissioner Crews: Notes door hangers are just a way to start the process and PSC will make recommendations to the City Council.

Commissioner Dickinson: When will Dan Burden's recommendations be available?

City Manager Mager: Hopefully at next PSC meeting

Commissioner Crews: Notes inconsistent regulations/application of when sidewalks are needed.

9. Powers Creek Updates

MM: City Manager Mager provides an update on the Powers Creek District; the City has broken ground on the bike park. The City has received a lot of support from local volunteers and local businesses on the project.

Commissioner Nava: Are there any additional insurance liabilities associated with the bike park?

City Manager Mager: the bike park will be part of the City's recreation program; liability issues will be addressed through signage and rules and regulations. The City operates many recreation facilities and our insurance provider treats bike parks the same way they treat other recreation facilities and programs. The City has reviewed the project with CIRA to ensure that the park is developed to the appropriate standard for coverage.

Powers Creek Project: The City is working with the Baduwa't Watershed Council on the creek restoration project. Work is being done to survey the creek and finalize construction plans, along with the required environmental and permitting work. The project is expected to go to construction in 2024.

Baduwa't Community: Work on the mixed use development project is moving forward; work is being completed on the designs and environmental reports and studies. The project will be going before the Planning Commission in the near future for consideration of approval. The City is also working on a masterplan of the remaining parcels in the district and will be using the masterplan work to assist in the subdivision of the parcels. This will facilitate additional development in the district.

RV Park and Campground - working with StoryLand Production.

The City corporation yard is under consideration for sale; the Council will consider entering into an agreement with Tasha and Kenneth Eisner for the purchase and development of the property.

The owners of Paradise Cay are interested in purchasing and developing city-owned property in the district; these talks are on-going.

10. Red Cross Update-No representation

11. Agency check in

No representative from the fire department or the Humboldt County Sheriff. Jason Crews provides a brief update on the volunteer fire department.

12. Reports from PSC Liaison/Staff

Commissioner Crews: IAsks if the City still needs dirt for the bike park; the hatchery has dirt that might be usable.

Council Liaison: Christopher Edgar; no additional updates.

13. Future Agenda Items and Announcements:

I street discussion

Report from ad hoc committee

ADditional Commissioners

14. Motion to Adjourn:

Commissioner Phil Nava motioned

Commissioner Jason Crews Second

Motion passed by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.



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AGENDA REPORT

Item #: 6
Date: December 4, 2023
Item Subject: Review of the Draft Design for Greenwood Road Improvements
Submitted By: Mandy Mager

General Information: The City of Blue Lake has received funding to design, engineer and construct improvements to the City's truck route. The first phase of construction funding has been allocated and includes the section of Greenwood Road from the intersection with Blue Lake Boulevard, to the first bend past City Hall.

The City has been working on this project for several years and has been holding stakeholder meetings and community input sessions to gain feedback and input from various user groups, including the elementary school, the fire department, the various trucking companies and industry representatives, the equestrian community, bicyclists, school children, community members and business representatives.

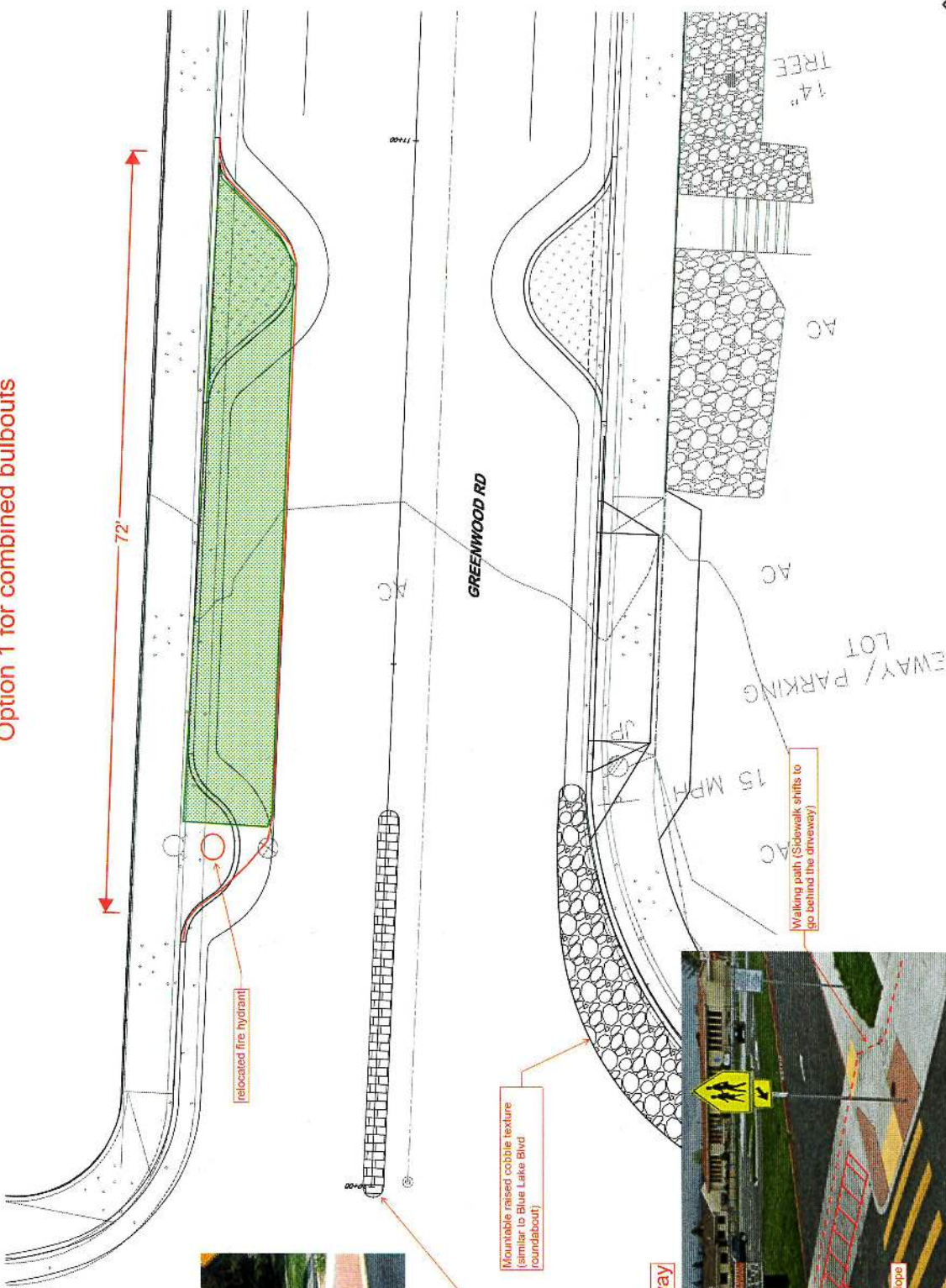
The City is in the final stages of design and is on schedule to bid the construction project in the spring, with an anticipated summer construction date. The City's engineer will be presenting the updated design at the Public Safety Commission; this is an opportunity to review the design, ask questions and to provide input.

SHN Engineering will be presenting the design to all of the City's commissions, as well as to the City Council. The month of December will be used to finalize stakeholder input.

Background Material Provided: Draft design for the first phase of construction.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Option 1 for combined bulbouts



Gateway to Blue Lake



Flush dyed concrete brick pattern as a visual median

Mountable raised cobble texture (similar to Blue Lake Blvd roundabout)

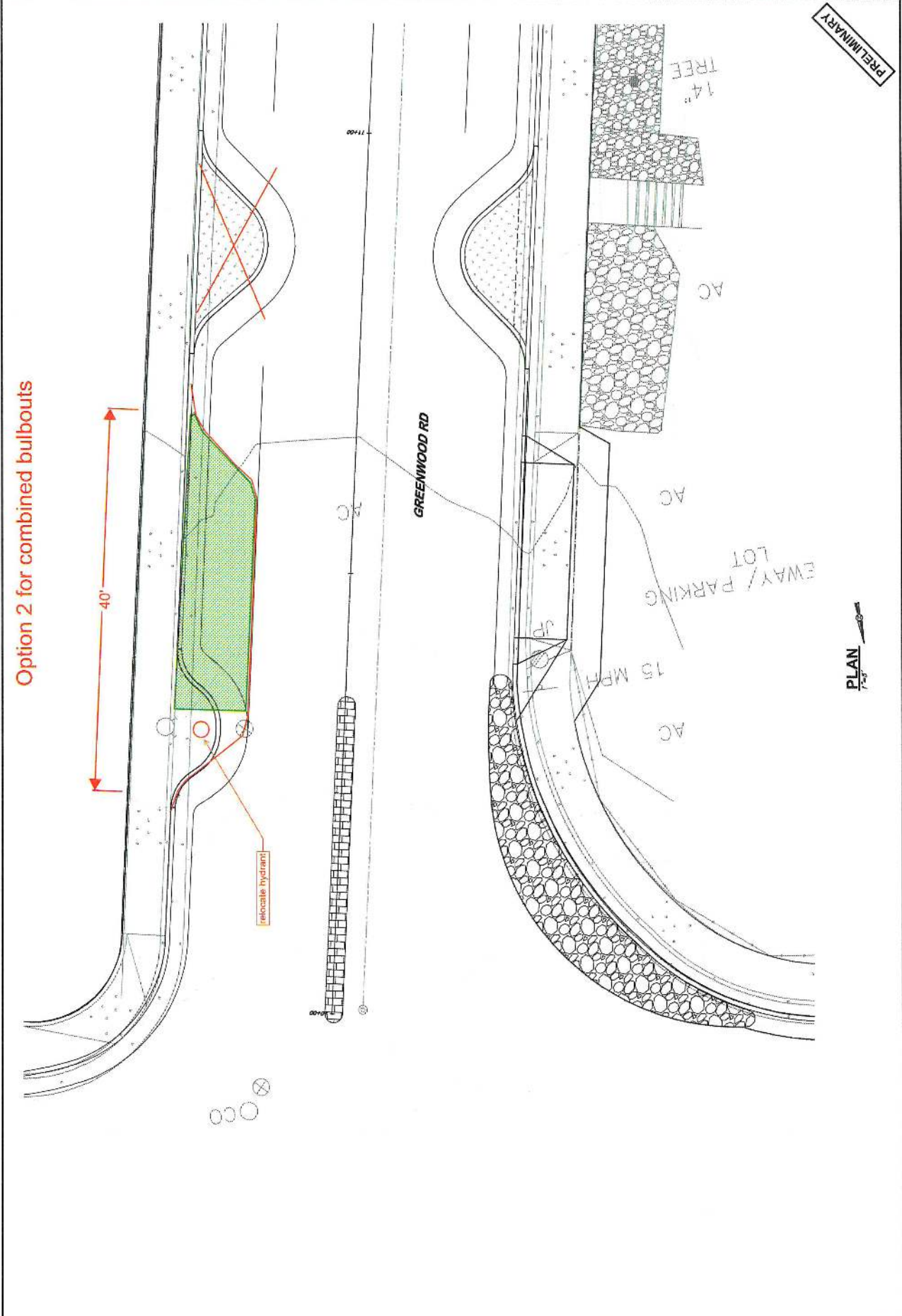
Walk-behind driveway



Walking path (Sidewalk shifts to go behind the driveway)

PLAN

PRELIMINARY



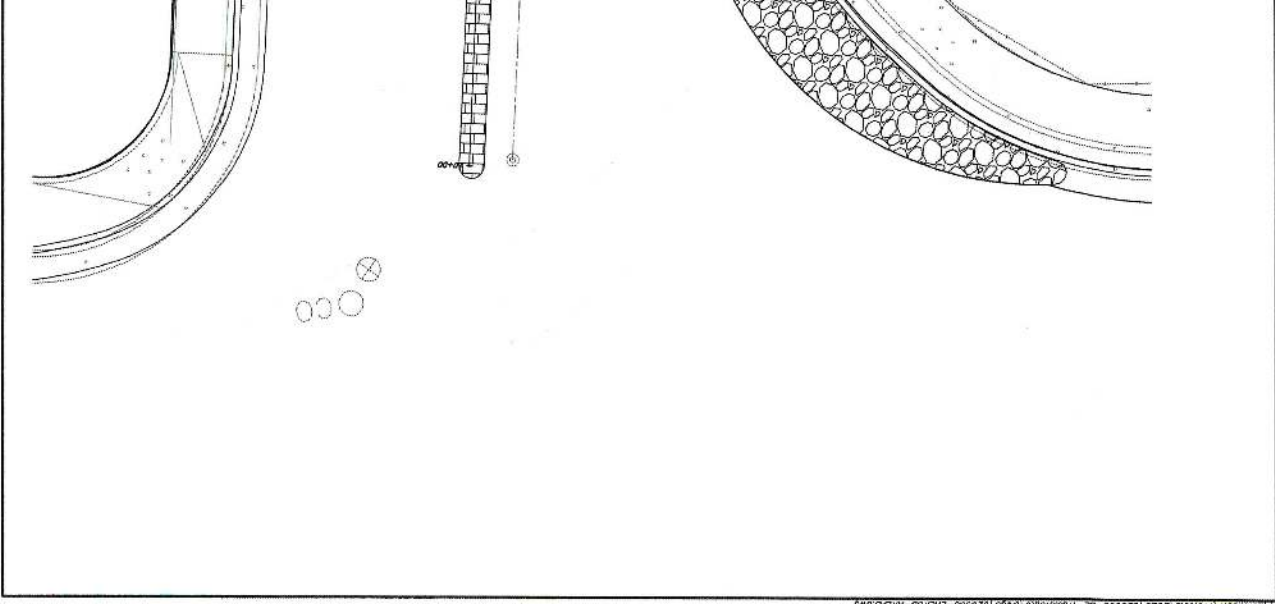
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 EWAY/PARKING LOT
 AC
 AC
 AC
 TREE 14"

GREENWOOD RD

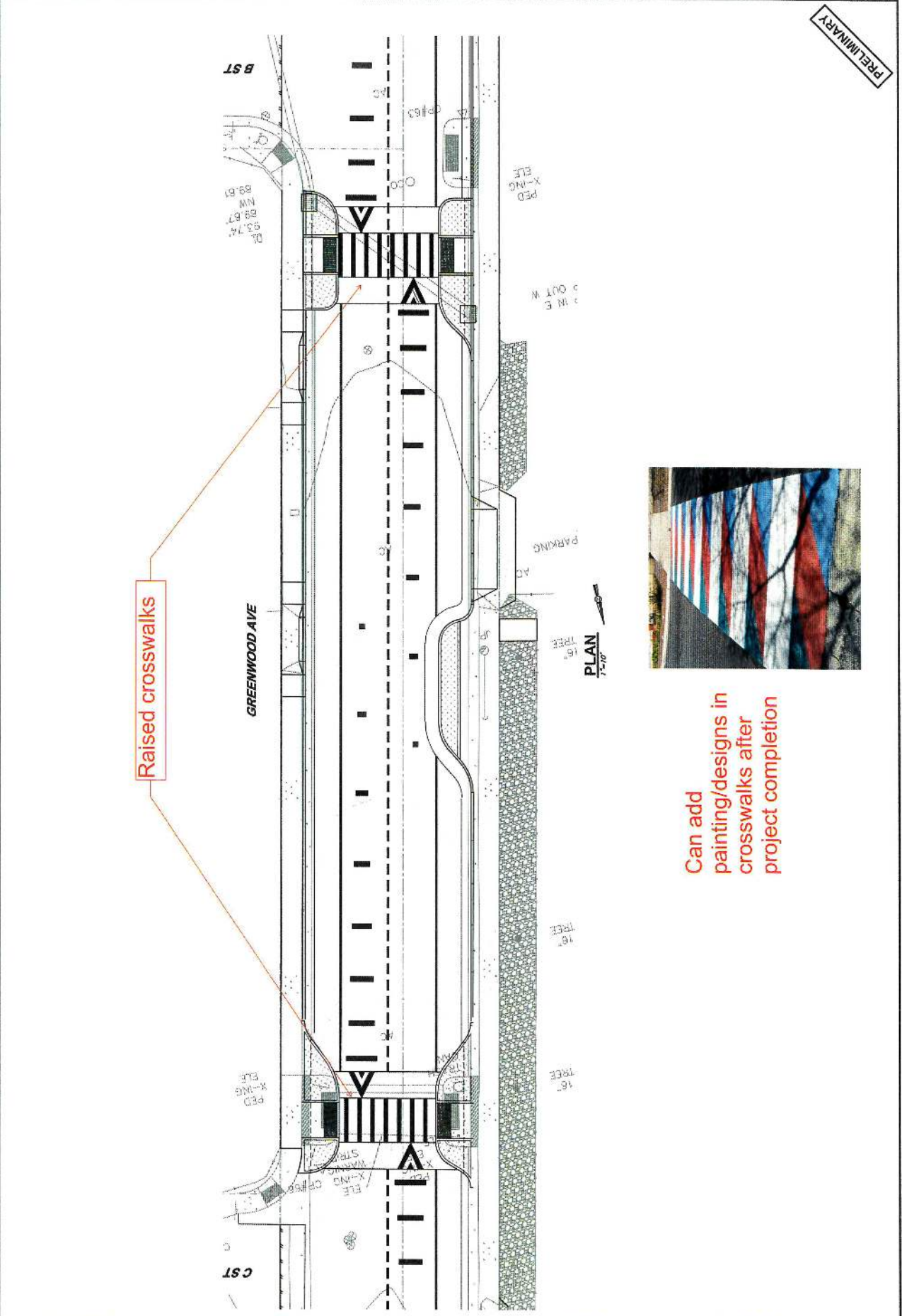
relocate hydrant here
 abandon this hydrant, no bulbout here

40'

Option 3 for combined bulbouts



PRELIMINARY



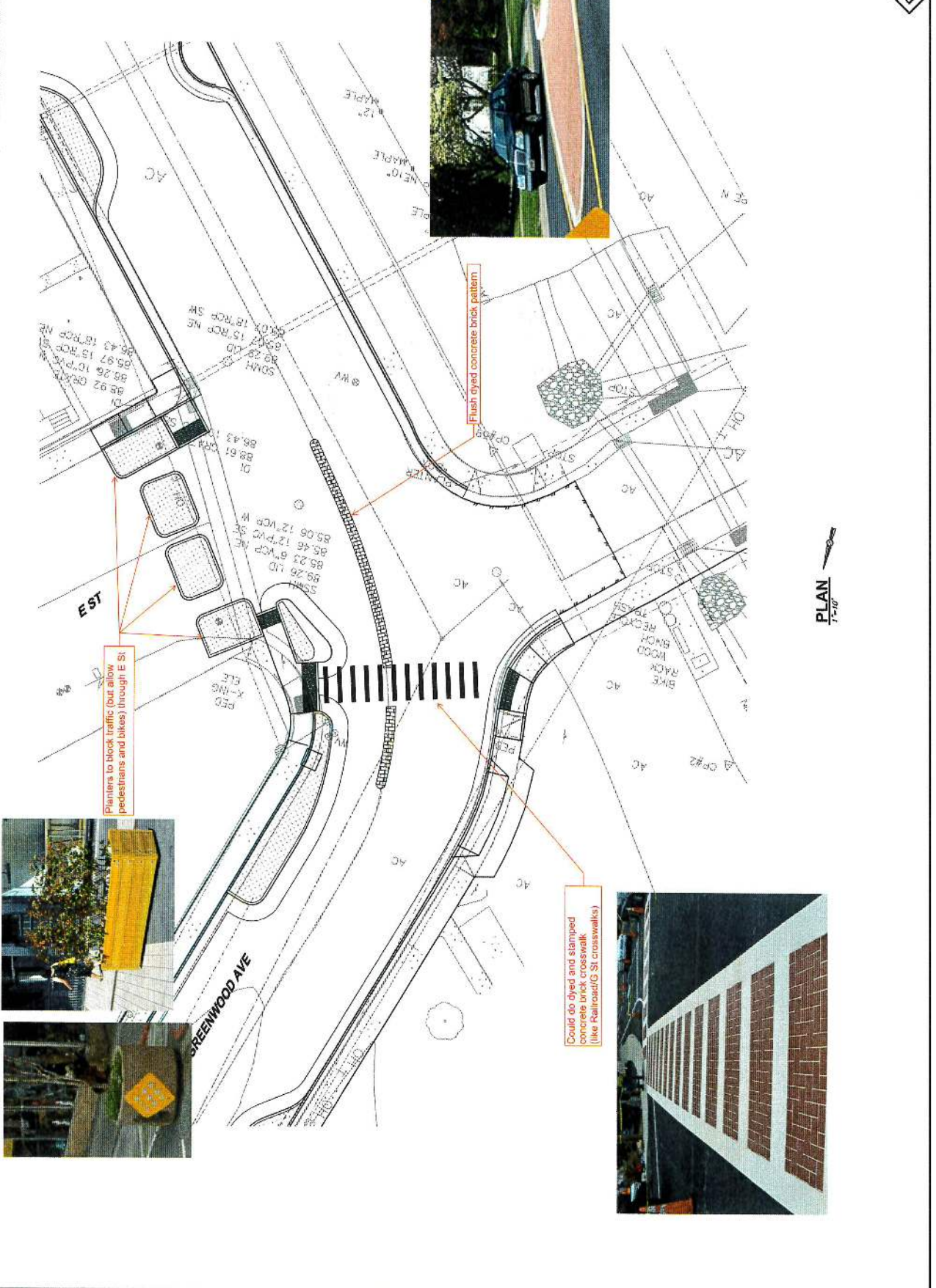
Raised crosswalks



Can add painting/designs in crosswalks after project completion

PLAN 1/4\"/>

PRELIMINARY



PLAN 1"=10'



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AGENDA REPORT

Item #: 7
Date: December 4, 2023
Item Subject: I and H Street Improvement Discussion
Submitted By: Mandy Mager

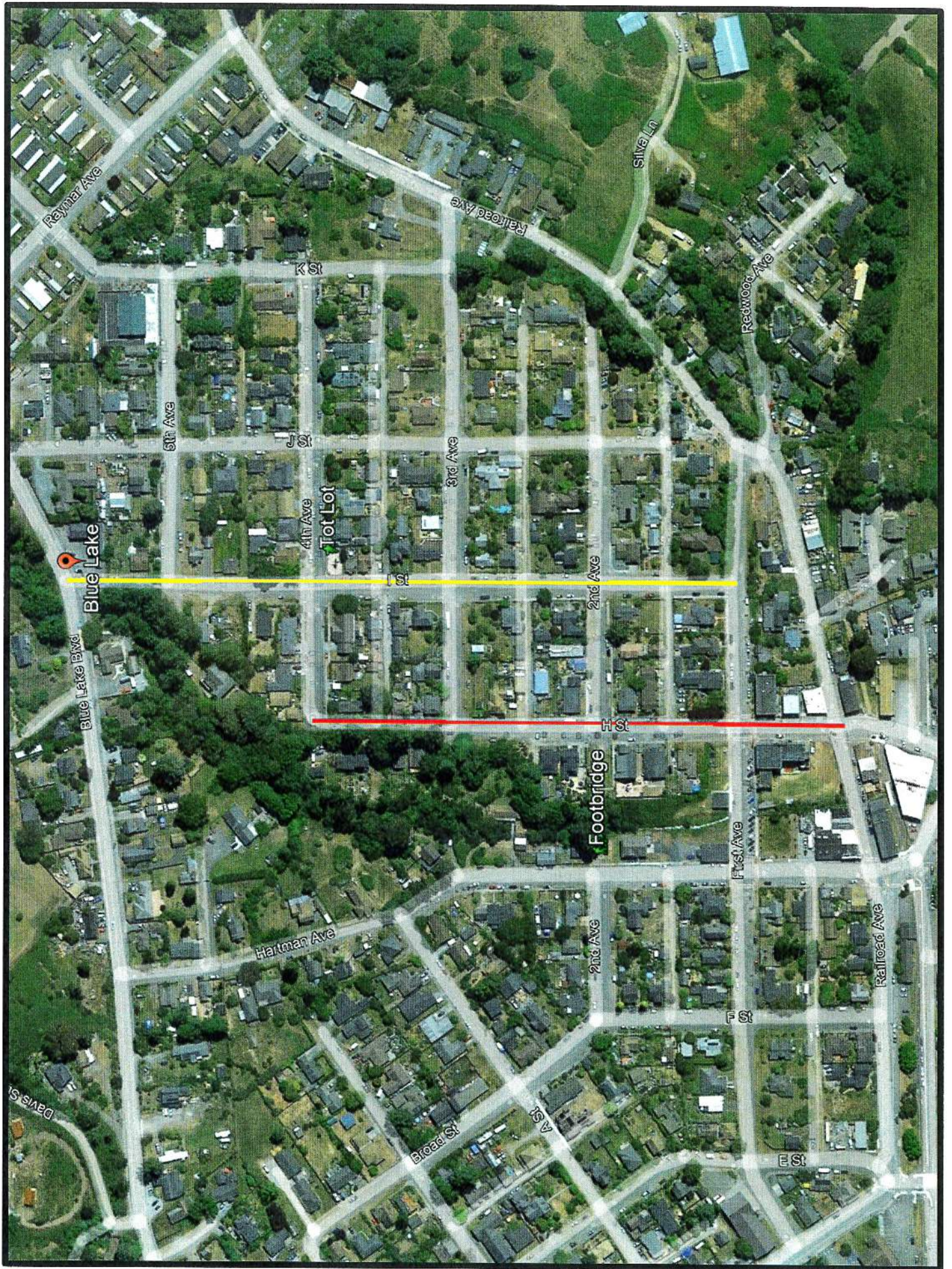
General Information: The City of Blue Lake is working on design and implementation strategies to improve safety on I and H Streets. The City has invited the residents of I and H Streets to attend the Public Safety Commission Meeting, to provide feedback and input regarding potential improvements, including traffic calming measures and parking configurations.

There are several areas of opportunity to improve safety for all user groups; potential improvements may include the following:

- Mini roundabouts
- Stop sign installations
- Parking reconfiguration and Parklet installations
- Bulb-outs
- Raised Crosswalks
- Art Crosswalks
- Signage Installation
- Median Treatment
 - Landscaped Medians
 - Painted Treatments
 - Meanders/Chicanes

Background Material Provided: Excerpts from Local Road Safety Plan and Google Earth Map

Fiscal Impact: N/A



Reynar Ave

Railroad Ave

Silver Ln

Redwood Ave

K St

St Ave

J St

3rd Ave

Blue Lake

Tot Lot

Blue Lake Blvd

4th Ave

2nd Ave

I St

H St

Footbridge

First Ave

Hartman Ave

2nd Ave

Railroad Ave

F St

Davis St

Broad St

A St

E St

Figure 19 provides images taken during the site walk of H and "I" Streets. Note the width of the roadways and lack of pavement markings as well as the vertical curve encountered on H Street near the pedestrian crossing, from which the image was taken.

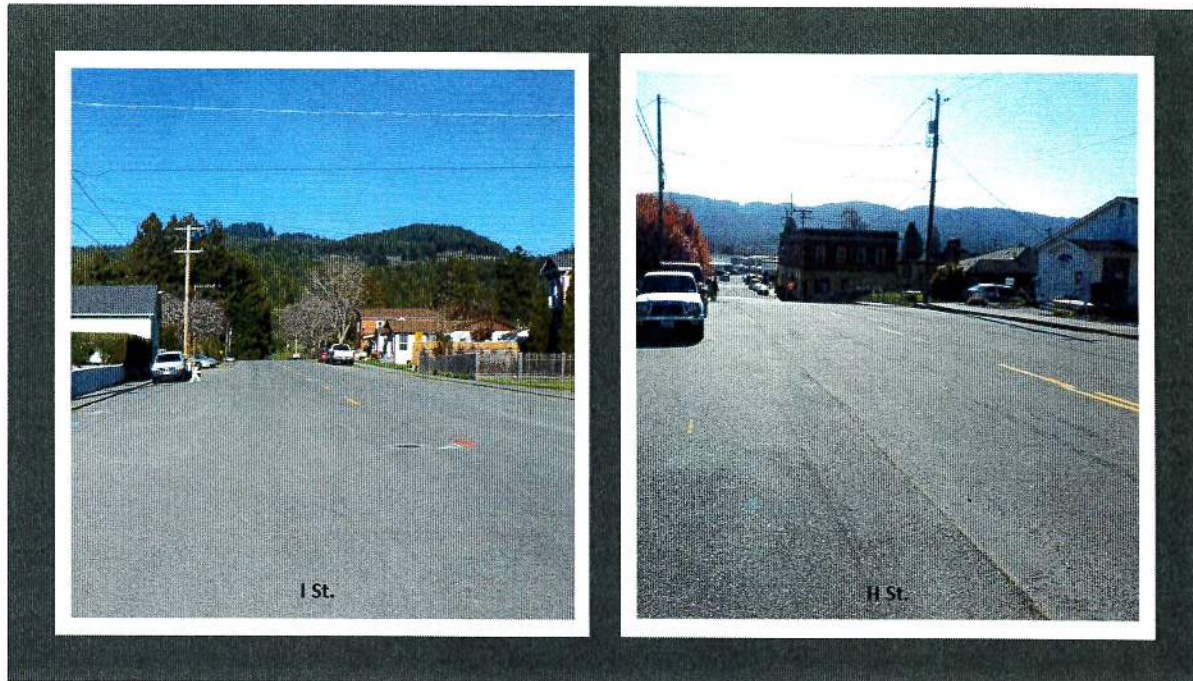


Figure 19. Site Walk Images Taken at the Crosswalks on "I" (Left) and H (Right) Streets. Potential risk factors were noted including wide lanes, the presence of on-street parking, and issues related to pedestrian crossing such as crossing distance and a lack of warning signage.

Strategies

The following sections offer strategies and countermeasures to address the findings of the data analysis and stakeholder concerns related to challenge areas selected by stakeholders. The section begins by providing suggestions from public survey respondents at the locations of their reports and is followed by engineering countermeasures for both spot improvements and proactive, systemic improvements that can be applied to address challenge areas not otherwise addressed in spot improvements. This is followed by recommendations for non-engineering strategies, including potential methods to improve data collection and collaboration between agencies, recommendations for education campaigns, and suggestions for law enforcement strategies.

Public Strategy Suggestions

In the surveys submitted by the public, respondents were provided the option to suggest strategies to mitigate the incident they witnessed or experienced. Their suggestions were limited to:

- Engineering (Infrastructure change, alter road, signage, etc.)
- Education (Outreach to drivers, pedestrians, etc.)
- Enforcement (Increase law enforcement presence or frequency, DUI checkpoints, etc.)
- Emergency response (Improvement in response time, basic local medical training, etc.)
- Other (Please specify)



Engineering

Other Countermeasures

- Install protective piers around fire hydrants or relocate to establish curb protection
- Consider systemic approach for countermeasures at H and I St.- Raised crosswalks, speed controls.
- Consider low-cost intersection controls for other intersections along BL Blvd.
- Safe routes to school- 2nd Ave/F and Broad St.
- Railroad Ave – Address Commercial Traffic Issues





HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Search Results

City is bluelake or blue lake , Date Between 11/13/2023 and 11/26/2023

11/29/2023

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Dispositio
11/13/2023	2311130028	TRF	09:42:34	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
11/13/2023	2311130083	LIVSTK	14:01:13	WEST END RD	Admonished
11/13/2023	2311130084	CWS	14:06:39	135 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Previously Investigated
11/13/2023	2311130101	SUSPV	15:48:41	320 MYRTLEWOOD LN	No Report
11/13/2023	2311130134	DISABLE	18:43:11	27000 STATE HWY 299	Public Assist
11/13/2023	2311130142	SUSPP	19:59:59	241 C ST	Cad Documentation Only
11/13/2023	2311130145	XFER	20:30:28	CHEZEM RD/STATE HWY 299	Xfer to CHP
11/14/2023	2311140010	911C	01:56:47	23 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	No Report
11/14/2023	2311140020	44	06:49:48	76 SUNKIST LN	Report Taken
11/14/2023	2311140100	AVA	13:43:42	GLENDALE DR/STATE HWY 29	No Report
11/14/2023	2311140107	488	14:20:46	1451 GLENDALE DR	Report Taken
11/14/2023	2311140114	AVACHP	14:55:22	STATE HWY 299	Cad Documentation Only
11/15/2023	2311150008	BPAT	06:39:33	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Cad Documentation Only
11/15/2023	2311150122	TRF	17:51:01	14500 STATE HWY 299	Warned
11/15/2023	2311150138	5150	20:26:28	130 ACACIA DR	No Report
11/16/2023	2311160003	XFER	00:40:01	777 CASINO WAY	Xfer to CHP
11/16/2023	2311160045	ASSISTA	10:14:04	777 CASINO WAY	Agency Assist
11/17/2023	2311170179	415MW	22:31:13	1590 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
11/18/2023	2311180032	ASSISTP	02:50:04	295 BLUE LAKE BLVD	No Report
11/18/2023	2311180040	VEHI	06:28:38	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Field Interview
11/18/2023	2311180047	TRF	07:40:26	STATE HWY 299/CHEZEM RD	Warned
11/18/2023	2311180086	415MW	14:55:09	344 WALTON LN	Report Taken
11/18/2023	2311180124	415N	18:04:25	95 HILLTOP LN	Admonished
11/18/2023	2311180127	415N	18:33:19	95 HILLTOP LN	Duplicate Call
11/19/2023	2311190044	DISABLE	06:48:19	STATE HWY 299/BUE LAKE	Agency Assist
11/19/2023	2311190073	PC	11:04:26	219 FIELDBROOK RD	Admonished
11/19/2023	2311190103	ANVIC	15:22:44	HATCHERY RD	Scheduled Incident Created
11/19/2023	2311190116	CWS	16:42:38	731 THIRD AVE	Previously Investigated
11/19/2023	2311190120	10851	17:27:07	195 TAYLOR WAY	No Report
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11/20/2023	2311200054	CIVS	10:33:51	19100 STATE HWY 299	Good Service
11/20/2023	2311200063	CIVS	11:21:26	299 WIRE GRASS RIDGE RD	Negative Service
11/20/2023	2311200067	INV	12:10:17	1021 GLENDALE DR	No Report
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11/20/2023	2311200111	911H	15:50:30	56 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Pending Recontact From Rp
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11/21/2023	2311210010	XFER	04:06:06	114 ACACIA DR	Xfer to Medical
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11/22/2023	2311220035	TRF	08:40:54	J ST/FIFTH AVE	Warned
11/22/2023	2311220041	FU	09:19:52	444 LISCOM HILL RD	Cad Documentation Only
11/22/2023	2311220098	33X	13:44:03	500 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Cancel Per Rp
11/22/2023	2311220105	VEHI	14:38:31	FIELDBROOK RD/GLENDALE DC	Cited
11/22/2023	2311220106	VEHI	15:00:51	777 CASINO WAY	Field Interview
11/22/2023	2311220109	VEHI	15:15:53	HATCHERY RD/WEST END RD	Field Interview
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11/23/2023	2311230085	TRF	23:51:52	STATE HWY 299/BUE LAKE	Cited
11/24/2023	2311240094	TRF	20:05:26	BLUE LAKE BLVD/STATE HWY	Warned
11/25/2023	2311250023	ASSISTP	06:39:00	4755 WIRE GRASS RIDGE RD	Public Assist
11/25/2023	2311250062	TRF	13:20:11	15500 STATE HWY 299	Warned
11/25/2023	2311250072	33X	15:13:23	203 TAYLOR WAY	Billable Alarm
11/25/2023	2311250091	XFER	17:39:58	200 WALTON LN	Xfer to CHP
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