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Tracy Robinson
Caltrans District 3
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Marysville, CA 95901

EA: 03-0J740
PIN: 0319000145

Re: Section 4(f) Temporary Occupancy Finding for the SR 99 Corridor Bikeway Facility (Bikeway 99 or Project) – Phase 5

Dear Tracy Robinson:

The City of Chico (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to construct a Class I bikeway street overcrossing above 20th Street, while establishing a bikeway gap closure along the east side of State Route (SR) 99 corridor. The Project is located in Township 22 North, Range 1 East in the City of Chico, within Butte County, California (Figure 1. Project Vicinity, Figure 2. Project Location). The completed Bikeway 99 Corridor will serve as a continuous alternative transportation and recreational route from Eaton Road to Skyway, spanning nearly 7 miles. The current lack of a safe and direct pedestrian/bike path discourages residents from walking or biking to local schools, job centers, commercial areas, and public services. This Project will connect people to goods and services including the Chico Mall. The bikeway overcrossing would provide a link to both sides of 20th Street and Business Lane, offering access to local restaurants and businesses. The bikeway would enhance the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists by creating a route that is separate from traffic congestion on 20th Street. Additional safety features of the path include lighting, security cameras and the removal of thick vegetation, in order to increase visibility on the bikeway. The design of the bridge is intended to incorporate the history, culture and overall atmosphere of Chico.

The proposed Project is consistent with the Land Use, Circulation, and Parks, Public Facilities and Services Elements of the City's 2030 General Plan (adopted in 2011 and amended in 2017) as well as the City's Chico Bicycle Plan 2019 Update, adopted by City Council on April 16th, 2019. The Project will be implemented in a manner that is consistent with the City's Best Management Practices and Municipal Code.

Section 4(f) facilities in the vicinity of the proposed Project include the other phases of the SR 99 Corridor Bikeway. The Project is Phase V of the SR 99 Corridor Bikeway and will connect Phase II and Phase IV of the bikeway. Temporary occupancy of the end of Phase II and end of Phase IV will be required to connect the existing paths into the Phase V alignment (Attachment A. Representative Photographs). Phase II is located north of East 20th Street and terminates into the Chico Mall parking lot. Phase IV will be located on the south side of East 20th Street (Figure 3. Project Features). These areas will be temporarily blocked off while paving and grading occur. Access on the bikeway will remain during construction of Phase V by having only one lane of the existing trail closed and by providing temporary access points on/off the trail as needed. Any partial closures of the existing trail will be extremely minimal and any full closures at the termini of Phase II and Phase IV will last for no more than one week. After construction, full public access will be restored to the facility. The Project will not adversely affect the existing bikeway facility or other recreational activities, features, facilities or attributes that qualify for protection under Section 4(f).

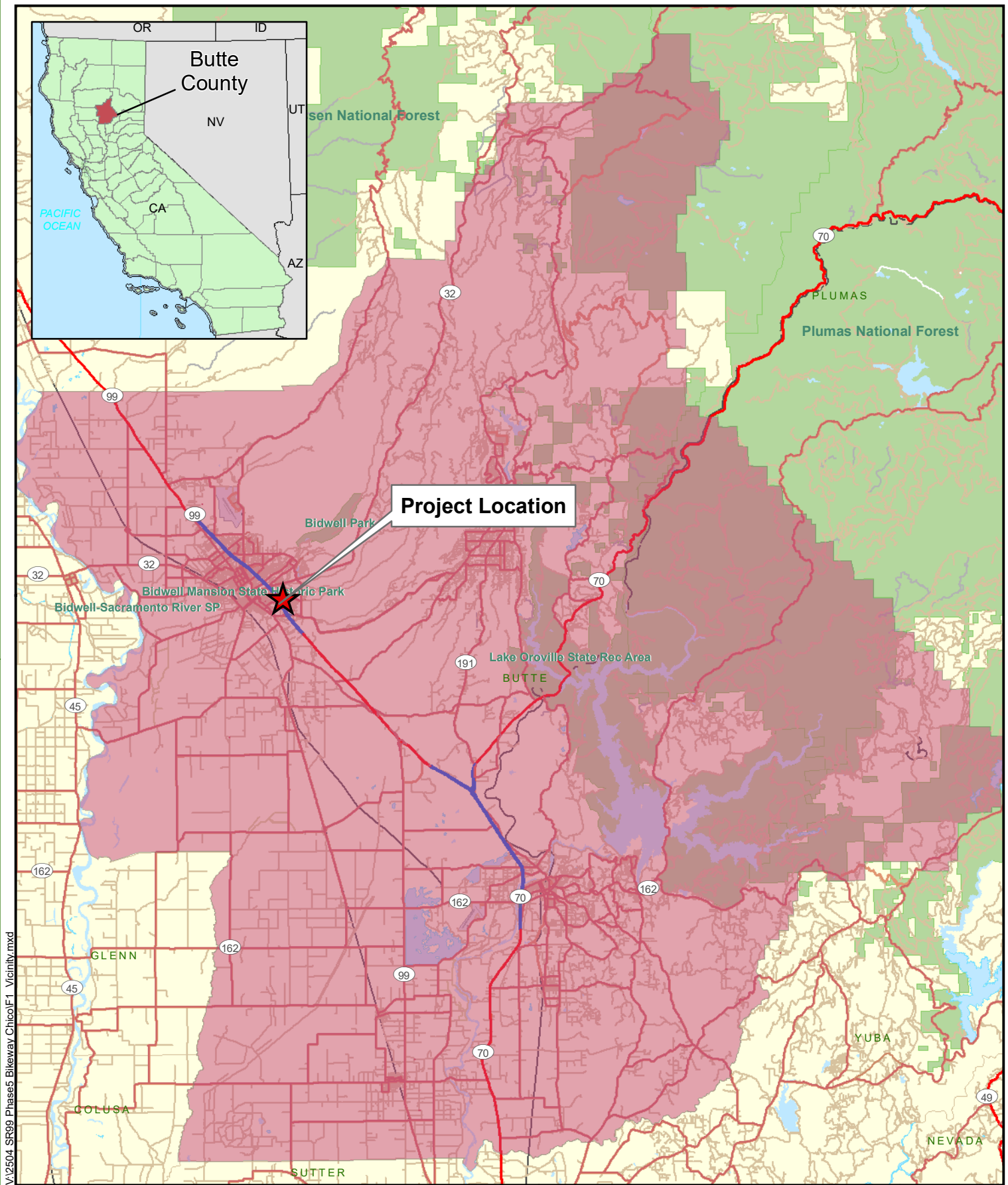
The SR 99 Corridor Bikeway falls under the responsibility of the City of Chico Department of Public Works. As the Director of Public Works, I verify that the temporary occupancy of the existing trail segments (Phases II and IV) during construction will be minimal and is appropriate as it will allow the City to complete the SR 99 Corridor Bikeway. Construction of the Project is anticipated to begin in 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the above conclusion, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brendan Ottoboni", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brendan Ottoboni
Director of Public Works
Public Works Department, City of Chico
411 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Chico, CA 95927



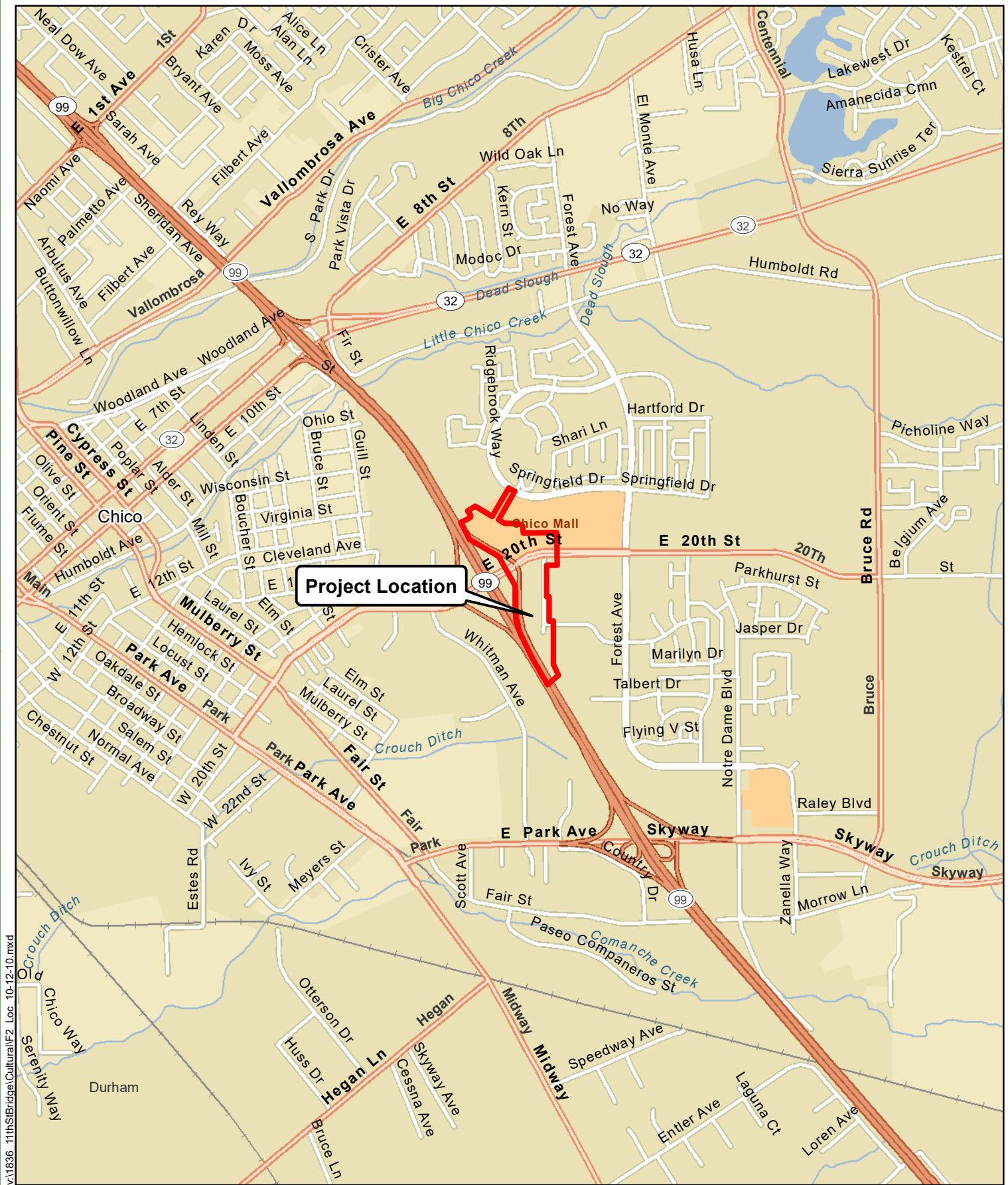
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FIGURE 1
Project Vicinity
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 SR99 Corridor Bikeway Facility (Bikeway 99) Phase 5
 City of Chico, Butte County, California



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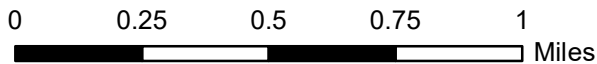
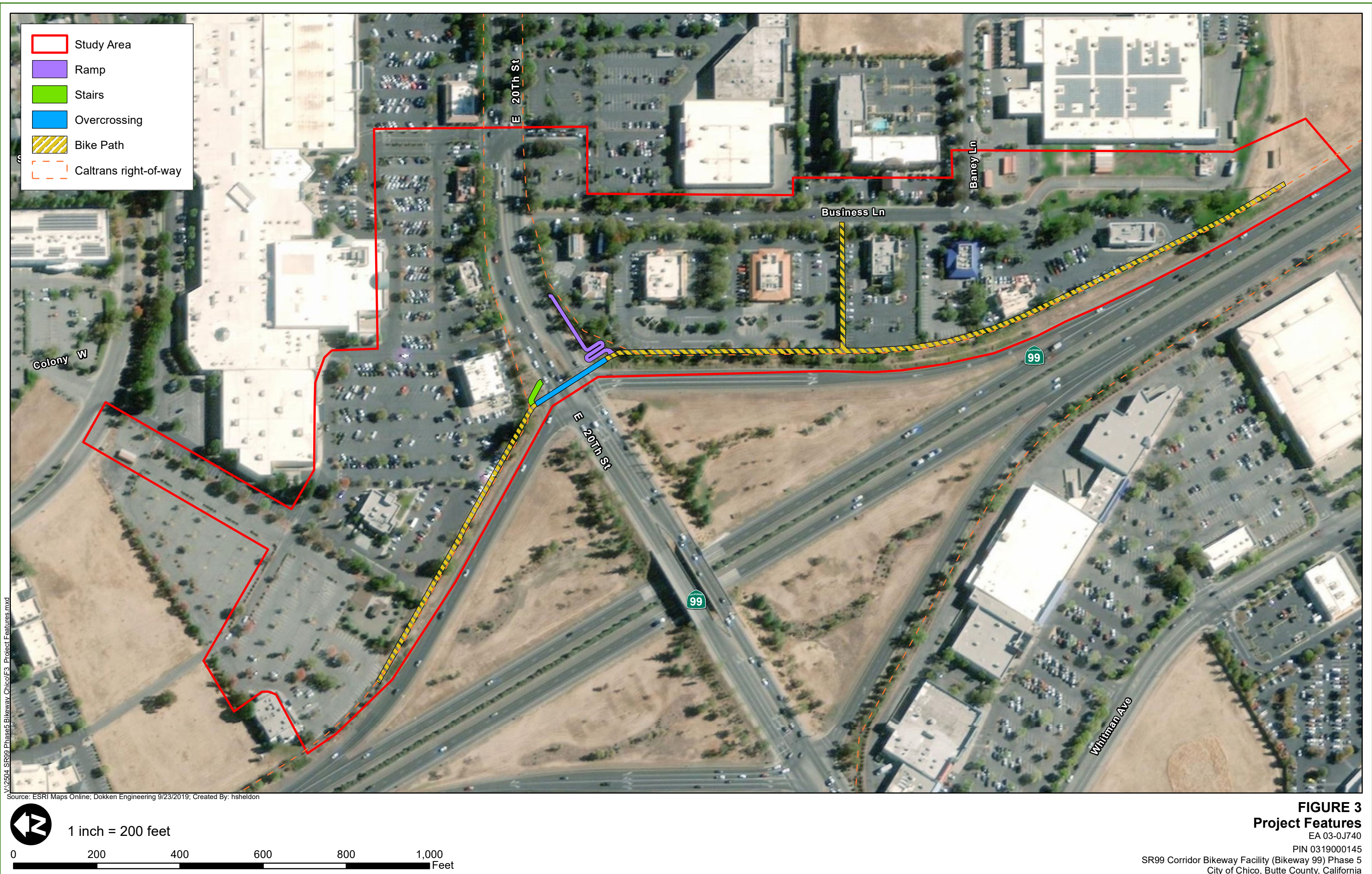


FIGURE 2
Project Location
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 SR99 Corridor Bikeway Facility (Bikeway 99) Phase 5
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