

**CITY OF MURRIETA
Council Chambers
1 Town Square
Murrieta 92562**



**Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Traffic Commission
6:00 PM Regular**

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**Guillermo Valdez
Chair**

**Wesley Burchartz
Vice Chair**

**Carlos Gallardo
Commissioner**

**Gianni Limogiannis
Commissioner**

**Andres Ortiz
Commissioner**

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6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****APPROVAL OF AGENDA****ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE****PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

At this time any person may address the governing bodies on any subject pertaining to City business, which does not relate to any item listed on the printed agenda. Normally no action may be considered or taken by the governing bodies on any matter not listed on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEM 1

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the governing bodies, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no discussion of these items unless, before the governing body votes on the motion to adopt, specific items are removed from the Consent Calendar for separate motions.

1. MinutesRecommended Action:

Approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 Traffic Commission Meeting.

DISCUSSION**2. Adams Avenue Striping Changes**Recommended Action:

Install bicycle lanes on Adams Avenue between Magnolia Street and Valor Drive.

WORKSHOPS**3. Whitewood Road Traffic Safety****COMMISSION MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS****ADJOURNMENT**



CITY OF MURRIETA

Traffic Commission Meeting

Agenda Report

4/8/2024
Agenda Item No. 1.

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

FROM: James Ozouf, Senior Civil Engineer

PREPARED BY: Renée Santos, Administrative Assistant - Engineering

SUBJECT: Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 Traffic Commission Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes - July 19, 2023

**CITY OF MURRIETA
1 TOWN SQUARE
MURRIETA, CA**



**JULY 19, 2023
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

MURRIETA TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valdez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Chair	Guillermo Valdez
	Vice Chair	Wesley Burchartz
	Traffic Commissioner	Carlos Gallardo
	Traffic Commissioner	Gianni Limogiannis
Absent:	Traffic Commissioner	Mark Powers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Chair Valdez.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Vice Chair Burchartz, seconded by Commissioner Limogiannis to approve the agenda of July 19, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote.

Ayes:	Valdez, Burchartz, Gallardo, Limogiannis
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Powers

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Arthur Ford spoke and requested a change from a two-way stop (side streets only) to a four-way stop at the Whitewood Road and Meadowlark Lane intersection due to the curve in the roadway and safety concerns. Mr. Ford also noted the recent fatality at Whitewood Road and Helebores Street, the next intersection to the north, which also has a curve at its intersection and is also currently a two-way stop (side streets only).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Vice Chair Burchartz, seconded by Chair Valdez to approve the March 15, 2023, Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes.

Ayes:	Valdez, Burchartz, Gallardo, Limogiannis
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None

Absent: Powers

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

D1. Whitewood Road Traffic & Safety Concerns

Consulting Traffic Engineer Aida Edgington gave a brief Power Point presentation.

The Commissioners expressed support for staff's first recommendation for the installation of a traffic signal at the Whitewood Road and Poinsettia Street, as that intersection met the peak hour volume warrant and was close to meeting the four-hour volume warrant per the Manual of Unified Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The installation will also benefit a high number of school aged children that currently cross at this intersection without a crossing guard present.

Although traffic warrants were not met for installation of a traffic signal at Whitewood Road and Mapleton Street in accordance with the MUTCD, the Commissioners asked if a traffic signal could still be installed. Consulting Traffic Engineer Aida Edgington responded to the Commissioners and shared the risks and concerns with installing a traffic signal that didn't meet any warrants as outlined in the MUTCD. The Commissioners followed up and asked if a four-way traffic stop could be installed until such a time that a signal is warranted. Like the traffic signal request, Ms. Edgington responded to the Commissioners and shared the risks and concerns with installing a four-way traffic stop that didn't meet warrants as outlined in the MUTCD. Mr. James Ozouf, Senior Civil Engineer, briefly discussed the Traffic Signal Prioritization list, and the process and timeline to get traffic signals installed. Several Commissioners asked if radar feedback signs could be installed along Whitewood Road to make drivers more aware of their current speed and further encourage drivers to slow down and obey the speed limits. Mr. Steve Whiddon, Traffic Sergeant for the Murrieta Police Department, responded that radar feedback signs could easily be installed along Whitewood Road and could be done within a few days time. Mr. Whiddon also noted that motor officers are also patrolling the area more frequently.

Action: It was moved by Vice Chair Burchartz and seconded by Commissioner Limogiannis to approve staff's recommendations, with the addition that portable radar feedback signs be installed along Whitewood Road between Clinton Keith Road and Keller Road by the Murrieta Police Department. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valdez, Burchartz, Gallardo, Limogiannis
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Powers

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Nick Curtis spoke in opposition to the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Whitewood Road and Poinsettia Road and favors that the existing four-way stop remain in place. Mr. Curtis was neutral with staff's recommendation to keep the current two-way stop at Whitewood Road and Mapleton Street. He expressed concerns about extended wait times to safely turn left from Mapleton Street to Whitewood Road and would like a four-way stop installed in lieu of the existing two-way stop (side streets only).

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Valdez and the Commissioners thanked staff for their presentation. They also thanked Traffic Sergeant Steve Whiddon and Captain Matt Henry for attending the traffic commission meeting, providing their valuable input and for their hard work and dedication in patrolling the City of Murrieta.

STAFF COMMENTS

Senior Civil Engineer James Ozouf thanked all the Commissioners and the public for their input and reiterated that staff will continue to monitor and analyze the various intersections along Whitewood Road for future four-way stops or traffic signals as traffic patterns change and requests from residents come in.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Valdez adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

James Ozouf
Senior Civil Engineer



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Traffic Commission Meeting

Agenda Report

4/8/2024
Agenda Item No. 2.

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

FROM: James Ozouf, Senior Civil Engineer

PREPARED BY: Renée Santos, Administrative Assistant - Engineering

SUBJECT: Adams Avenue Striping Changes

RECOMMENDATION

Install bicycle lanes on Adams Avenue between Magnolia Street and Valor Drive.

PRIOR ACTION/VOTE

None.

CITY COUNCIL GOAL

Plan, program and create infrastructure development.

BACKGROUND

The City has received a request from a resident to install bike lanes on Adams Avenue between Magnolia Street and Valor drive, to provide designated lanes for bicyclists.

Adams Avenue at its intersection with Magnolia Street and Valor Drive are controlled by all-way stops. This portion of Adams Avenue is built to its two-lane collector classification per the City's General Plan Circulation Element, consisting of one travel lane in each direction. Currently, no bike lanes are striped along this segment and vehicles are able to park on both sides of the street. Bike lanes are currently striped south of Valor Drive. The speed limit is posted at 25 mph.

The proposed bike lanes are consistent with City's General Plan Trails and Bikeways Map, where bike lanes are shown along Adams Avenue from Nutmeg Street to California Oaks Road. This proposed striping will remove parking along the west side of the road and the new configuration will consist of the following:

Northbound Direction:

- 11' travel lane

- 2' buffer
- 5' bike lane
- 8' parking

Southbound Direction:

- 11' travel lane
- 5' bike lane

Staff recommends the installation of bicycle lanes on Adams Avenue between Magnolia Street and Valor Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$15,500

ATTACHMENTS

1. Striping Exhibit
2. General Plan Trails and Bikeways Map

LEGEND

STRIPING DETAIL NO. (39)

PAVEMENT MARKINGS* (PM)

PROPOSED SIGN R1-1

•NOTE: ALL PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE THERMOPLASTIC

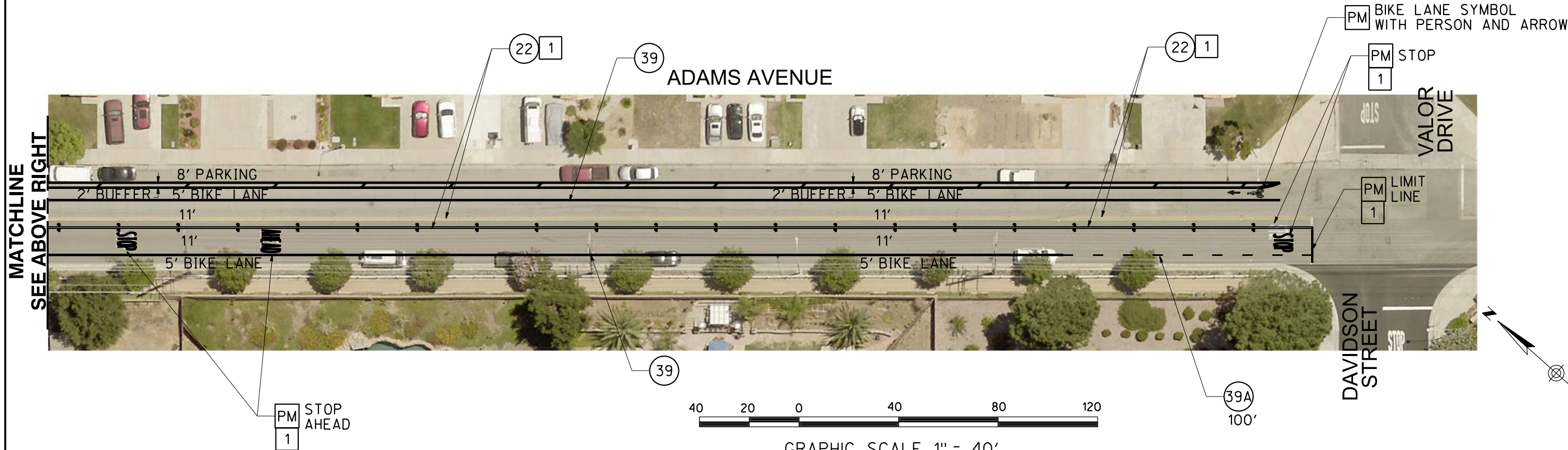
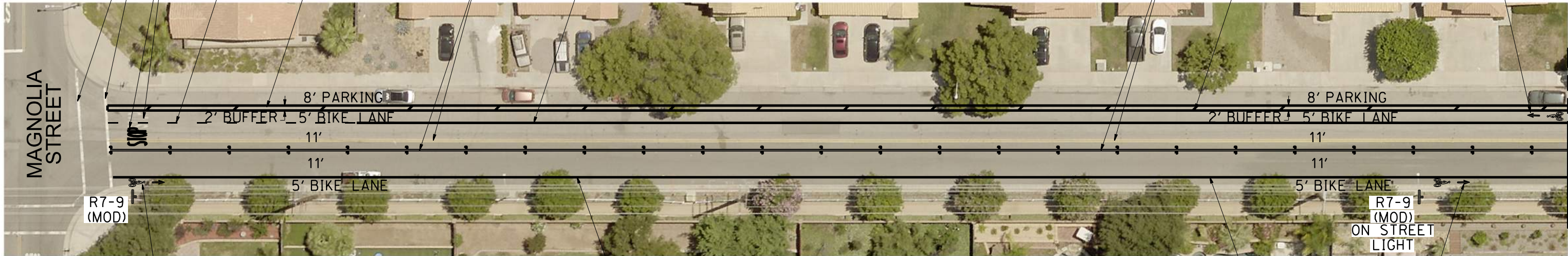
PROPOSED SIGN LEGEND



R7-9(MOD)

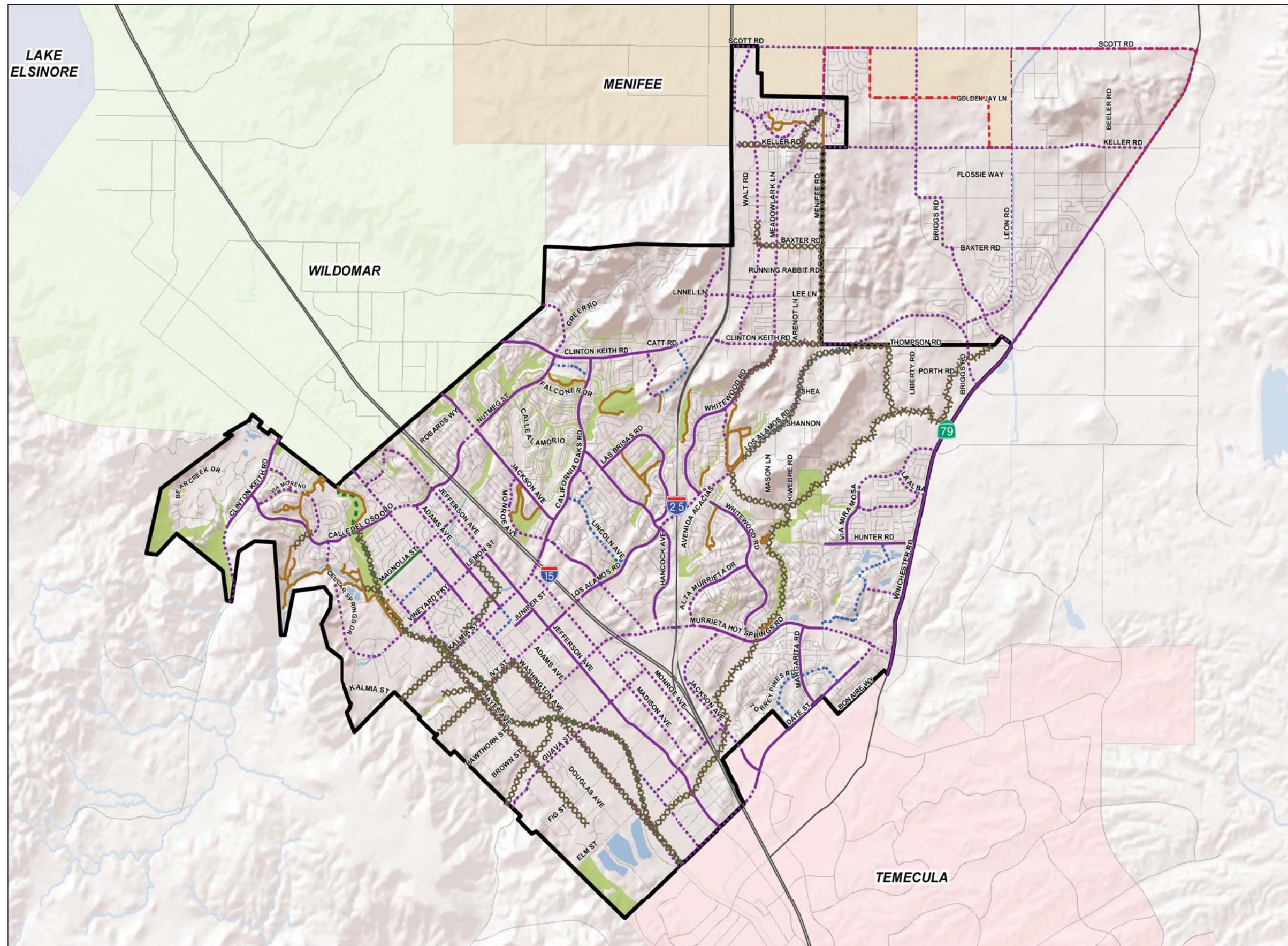
CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

1 REMOVE CONFLICTING STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS.



MATCHLINE
SEE BELOW LEFT

MATCHLINE
SEE ABOVE RIGHT



LEGEND

Bikeways

Class I: Off-Road
Paved Bike Path

— Class I - Existing
- - - Class I - Proposed

Class II: On-Road
Striped Bike Lane

— Class II - Existing
- - - Class II - Proposed

Class III: On-Road
Bike Route (Signage Only)

- - - Class III - Proposed

Multi-Purpose Trails

Open to horses, bikes and walking

— Existing
- - - Proposed

Open Space

- - - Sphere of Influence

City Boundary



0 0.5 1
Miles

Source: City of Murrieta, and ESRI - World Shaded Relief.