Special Status Plant Survey for the Limonite Avenue Widening – Bain to Homestead Project Assessor Parcel Numbers: 162-200-008 to -011, 162-200-014, 162-200-022, 162-200-023, 162-200-026, 162-200-027, 162-210-004, 162-210-011, 162-210-012, 162-220-001, 162-220-002, 162-220-010, 162-220-011, 162-220-014, 162-220-016, 162-220-017, 162-230-001, 162-301-007 (Impact Area: 18.17 Acres; Total Area Surveyed: 18.17 Acres) in the City of Jurupa Valley, Riverside County, California

Corona North and Riverside West USGS 7.5-Minute Series Maps Township 2 South, Range 6 West, Sections 22 and 27

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April 24 and July 24, 2019

Report Date: August 19, 2019

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this biological evaluation, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Balancing the Natural and Built Environment

August 20, 2019

Mr. Chase Keys City of Jurupa Valley 8930 Limonite Avenue Jurupa Valley, California 92509 VIA EMAIL ckeys@jurupavalley.org

Subject: Special Status Plant Survey for Limonite Avenue Widening - Bain to Homestead Project Site, City of Jurupa Valley, California

Dear Mr. Keys:

This Letter Report presents the findings of special status plant surveys conducted for the Limonite Avenue Widening – Bain to Homestead Project (hereinafter referred to as "the proposed Project") located in the City of Jurupa Valley in Riverside County, California. The proposed Project is located within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) area; this report has been prepared in accordance with the MSHCP guidelines. The original Study Area for the proposed Project included a 250-foot buffer around Limonite Avenue; the survey area for special status plant species is limited to the limits of ground disturbance and temporary construction areas.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project is located along Limonite Avenue approximately 2.4 miles east of Interstate 15 (I-15) and 1.0 mile west of Van Buren Avenue (Exhibit 1). The proposed Project site is depicted on the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Corona North and Riverside West 7.5-minute quadrangles at Township 2 South, Range 6 West, and portions of Sections 22 and 27 of the San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM) (Exhibit 2).

The proposed Project consists of widening Limonite Avenue from Bain Street on the west to Homestead Street on the east, a distance of approximately 3,900 feet (Attachment A)

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The proposed Project is located between 1,000 feet and 1,700 feet north of the Santa Ana River. Topography is relatively flat, with most of the lots graded. Existing elevations along the roadway range from 679 feet above mean sea level (msl) at Bain Street to 695 feet above msl at Homestead Street. Soils in the area consist of Gorgonio loamy sand, deep, 2 to 8 percent slopes; Grangeville fine sandy loam, drained, 0 to 2 percent slopes; Hilmar loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes, eroded; Monserate sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes; Monserate sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, eroded; Monserate sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, severely eroded; Ramona sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes, severely eroded; Ramona sandy loam, 5 to 8 percent slopes, eroded; and Terrace escarpments (Exhibit 3).

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Vegetation and other areas along Limonite Avenue consist of non-native grassland, ruderal, riparian scrub, ornamental/mulefat scrub, flood control channel, lined basin, disturbed, livestock feedyard, parks/ornamental, developed/ornamental, and developed. Low density residential development, undeveloped fallow fields, and small livestock operations are located to the north of the proposed Project. A golf course, wastewater treatment facility, and various other institutional and commercial properties are located to the south.

METHODS

Botanical surveys were floristic in nature and consistent with the protocols created by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW 2018). Prior to the field surveys, a literature search was updated to identify special status plant species reported from the vicinity of the proposed Project area. Sources reviewed included the California Native Plant Society's (CNPS') <u>Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants</u> (CNPS 2019) and the CDFW's <u>California Natural Diversity Database</u> (CNDDB) (CDFW 2019a); the search included the USGS Corona North, Fontana, Guasti, and Riverside West 7.5-minute quadrangles. The Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) MSHCP Information Tool was used to determine MSHCP requirements using the following APNs: 000-111-130, 157-020-003, 161-332-003, 161-332-008, 161-332-009, 161-332-010, 161-332-012, 162-200-008, 162-200-009, 162-200-010, 162-200-011, 162-200-014, 162-200-022, 162-200-023, 162-200-026, 162-200-027, 162-210-004, 162-210-011, 162-210-012, 162-220-001, 162-220-002, 162-200-008, 162-220-011, 162-220-014, 162-220-014, 162-220-001, 162-301-005, 162-301-006, 162-301-007, 162-302-001, 162-302-002, 162-302-009, and 162-302-021.

Rainfall received in the winter and spring determines the germination of many annual and perennial herb species. The region received approximately 12.5 inches of precipitation between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 (data taken from U.C. Riverside – Los Angeles Basin – Station No. 44) (CIMIS 2019). The average annual precipitation for this area is approximately 10 inches. Observed normal rainfall amounts indicate suitable conditions for plant germination.

Surveys were conducted on April 24, 2019, by Psomas Senior Biologists Allison Rudalevige and Lindsay Messett and on July 24, 2019 by Ms. Rudalevige. The total number of person-hours spent surveying was approximately 3 hours. The special status plant survey area consisted of the 18.17-acre project impact boundary; inaccessible areas were surveyed from Limonite Avenue through binoculars. All plant species observed were recorded in field notes. Plant species were identified in the field or collected for future identification. Plants were identified to the taxonomic level necessary to determine whether or not they are a special status species. Plants were identified using taxonomic keys, descriptions, and illustrations in Jepson Flora Project (2018), Baldwin et al. (2012), Hickman (1993), and Munz (1974). Nomenclature of plant taxa conform to the *Special Vascular Plants, Bryophytes, and Lichens List* (CDFW 2019b) for special status species and the Jepson eFlora (Jepson Flora Project 2018) for all other taxa.

Any special status plant species observed would be mapped with a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and data would be collected on the number and phenology of individuals (estimated for large populations), microsite characteristics such as slope, aspect, soil texture, surrounding habitat, and associated species.

SURVEY RESULTS

According to the RCA MSHCP Information Tool, focused plant surveys are required for Narrow Endemic plant species (i.e., San Diego ambrosia [*Ambrosia pumila*], Brand's star phacelia [*Phacelia stellaris*], and San Miguel savory [*Clinopodium chandleri*]) if suitable habitat is present in the survey area. In addition, 16 species not covered by the MSHCP have been reported in the vicinity of the survey

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area based on the literature review. Table 1 identifies the special status plants reported from the literature review with their status, their potential to occur in the survey area, and the survey results. A list of all plants observed during special status plant surveys is included in Attachment B.

TABLE 1
SPECIAL STATUS PLANT SPECIES REPORTED
FROM THE PROJECT REGION

	Status				
Species	USFWS	CDFW	CRPR	MSHCP Narrow Endemic	Potential to Occur; Results of Focused Surveys
<i>Abronia villosa</i> var. <i>aurita</i> chaparral sand-verbena	_	_	1B.1	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Ambrosia pumila</i> San Diego ambrosia	FE	-	1B.1	yes	Not expected to occur; not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Arenaria paludicola</i> marsh sandwort	FE	SE	1B.1	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Calochortus catalinae</i> Catalina mariposa lily	_	_	4.2	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable soils, at edge of current known range, and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Calochortus plummerae</i> Plummer's mariposa lily	_	_	4.2	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
Chloropyron maritimum ssp. maritimum salt marsh bird's-beak	FE	SE	1B.2	-	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Cladium californicum</i> California sawgrass	-	_	2B.2	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Clinopodium chandleri</i> San Miguel savory	_	_	1B.2	yes	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat, outside the current known range, and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Deinandra paniculata</i> paniculate tarplant	_	_	4.2	_	Not expected to occur; not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Horkelia cuneata</i> var. <i>puberula</i> mesa horkelia	_	-	1B.1	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.

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	Status				
Species	USFWS	CDFW	CRPR	MSHCP Narrow Endemic	Potential to Occur; Results of Focused Surveys
<i>Lepidium virginicum</i> var. <i>robinsonii</i> Robinson's pepper-grass	-	_	4.3	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Lycium parishii</i> Parish's desert-thorn	-	_	2B.3	-	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Malacothamnus parishii</i> Parish's bush-mallow	_	_	1A	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat, considered extirpated, and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Monardella pringlei</i> Pringle's monardella	_	_	1A	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat, considered extirpated, and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Phacelia stellaris</i> Brand's star phacelia	_	_	1B.1	yes	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
Pseudognaphalium leucocephalum white rabbit-tobacco	_	-	2B.2	_	Not expected to occur; not observed during focused surveys.
Senecio aphanactis chaparral ragwort	-	_	2B.2	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
<i>Sphenopholis obtusata</i> prairie wedge grass	-	-	2B.2	_	Not expected to occur; no suitable habitat and not observed during focused surveys.
Symphyotrichum defoliatum San Bernardino aster	-	-	1B.2	_	Not expected to occur; not observed during focused surveys.

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Species	USFWS	CDFW	CRPR	MSHCP Narrow Endemic	Potential to Occur; Results of Focused Surveys
	USFWS: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; CDFW: California Department of Fish and Wildlife; CRPR: California Rare Plant Rank; MSHCP: Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.				
Federal (USFWS) FE Endangered					
California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR)1APlants presumed extirpated in California and either rare or extinct elsewhere1BPlants Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California and elsewhere2BPlants Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California but more common elsewhere4Plants of limited distribution – A Watch List					
CRPR Threat Code Extensions None Plants lacking any threat information .1 Seriously threatened in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened; high degree and immediacy of threat) .2 Fairly threatened in California (20–80% of occurrences threatened; moderate degree and immediacy of threat) .3 Not very threatened in California (<20% of occurrences threatened; low degree and immediacy of threat or no current threats known)					

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the focused surveys, no special status plant species were observed in the survey area. While there is a minimal potential for false negative survey results (i.e., a species being present, but not detectable, on a site), the above average rainfall experienced in the winter and spring prior to focused surveys provides good growing conditions and increases the chance that special status plant species would be observable on site, if present. Therefore, the proposed Project would not impact special status plant species and no avoidance, minimization, or mitigation measures would be necessary.

Kent Norton, AICP, REPA

Senior Project Manager

If you have any comments or questions, please call Kent Norton at (714) 751-7373.

Sincerely, **PSOMAS**

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Ann M. Johnston / Vice President/Principal, Resource Management

Enclosures:	Exhibit 1 – Project Location
	Exhibit 2 – USGS 7.5-Minute Digital Quadrangle
	Exhibit 3 – Soil Types
	Attachment A – Conceptual Improvement Plans
	Attachment B – Plant Compendium

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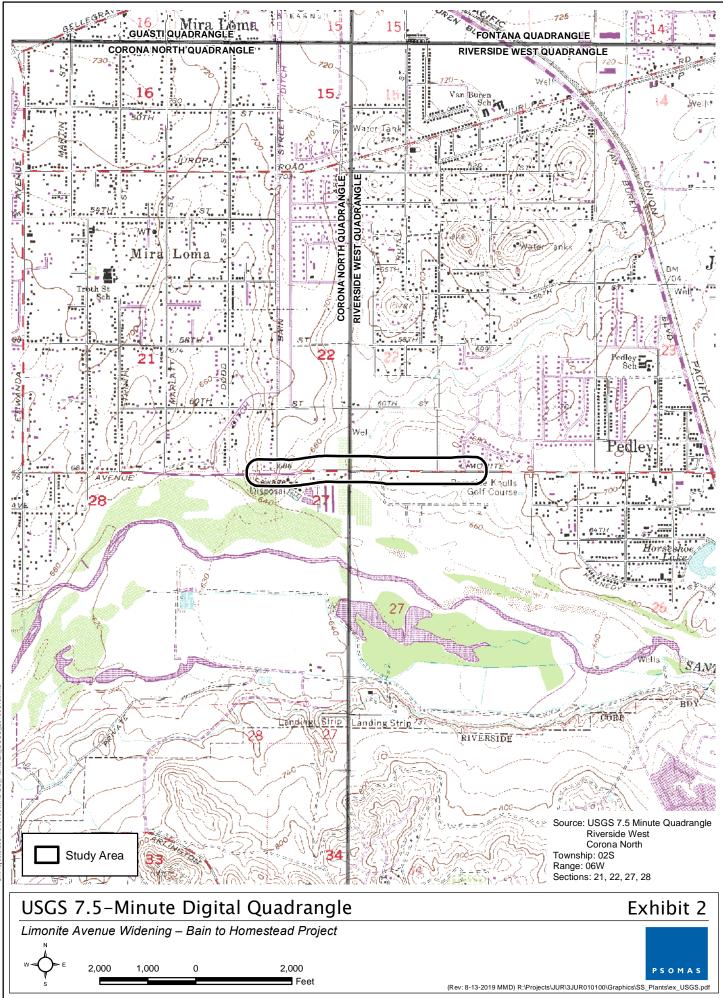
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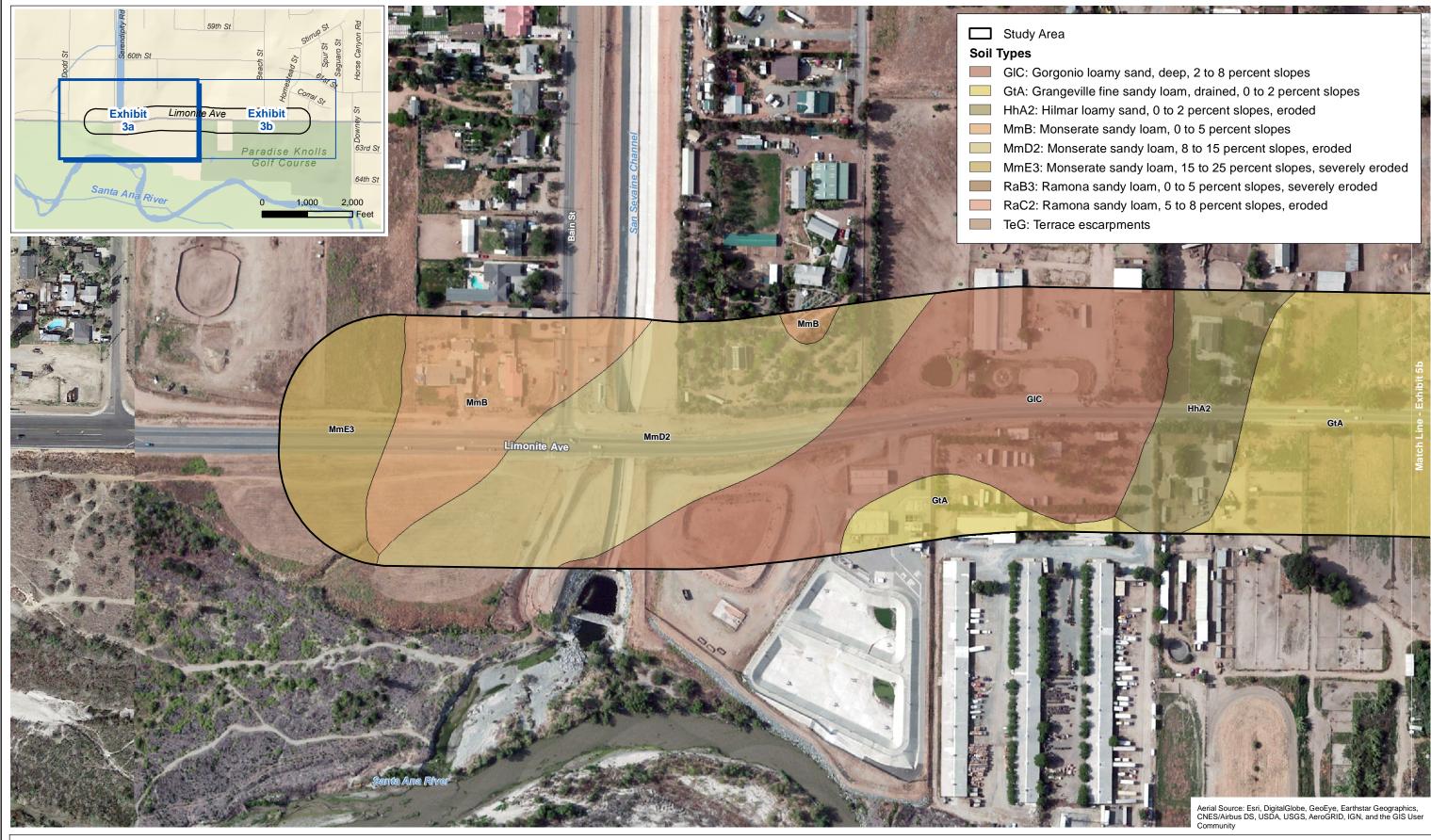


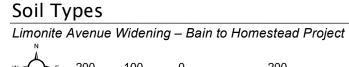
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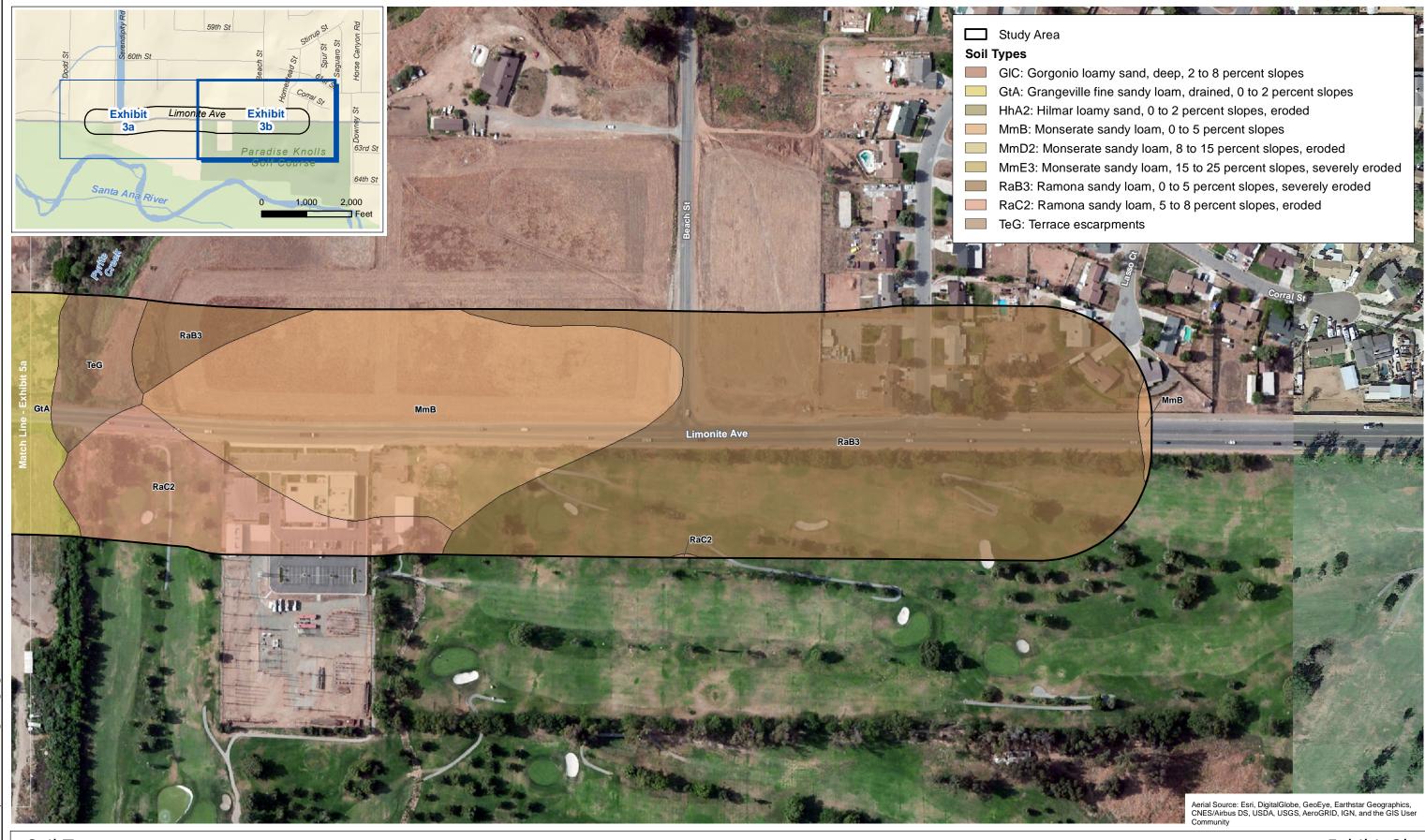


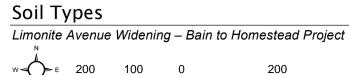






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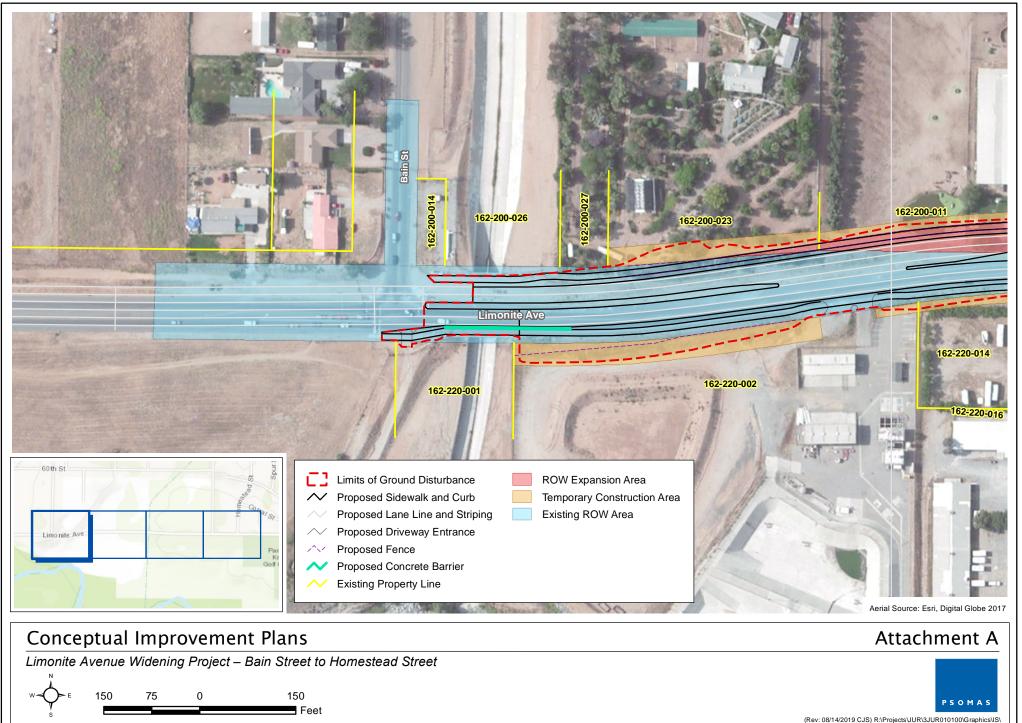
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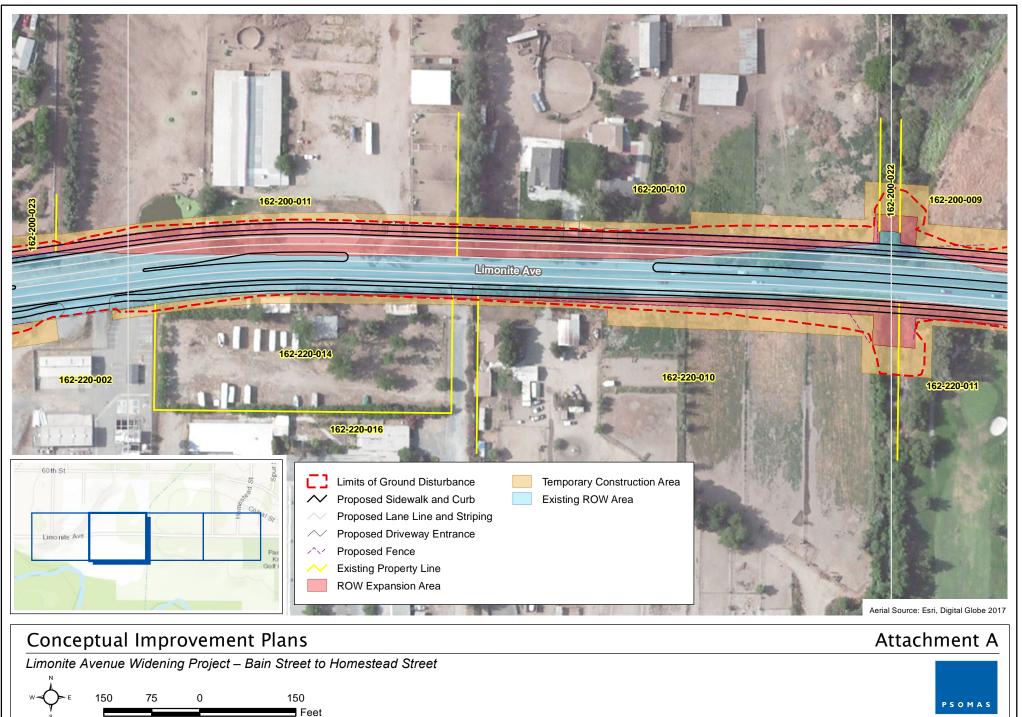


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ATTACHMENT A

CONCEPTUAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

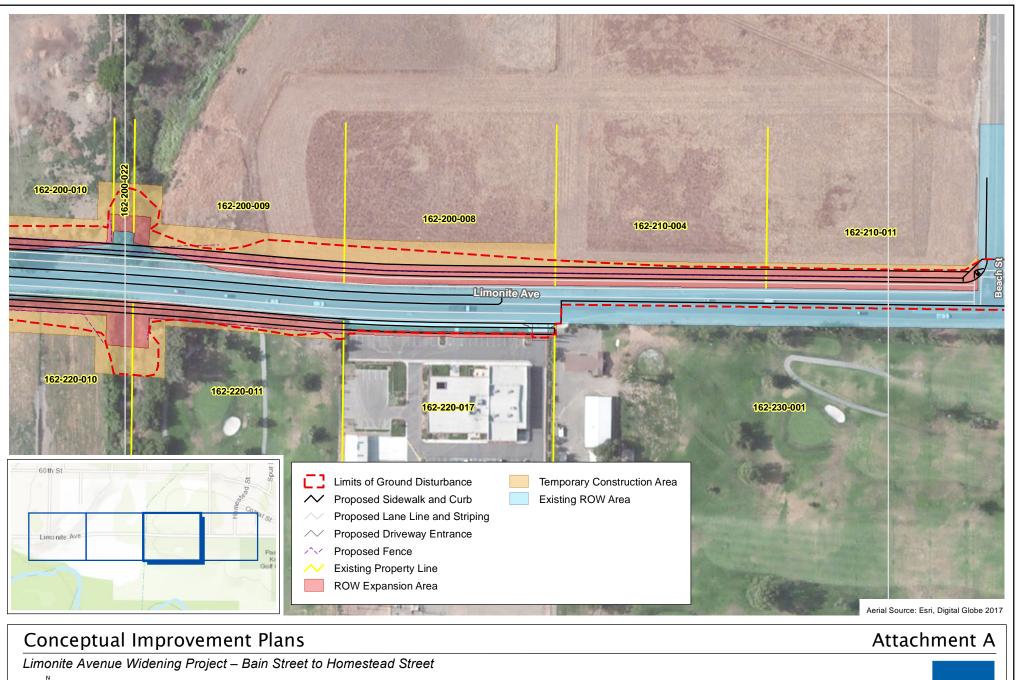




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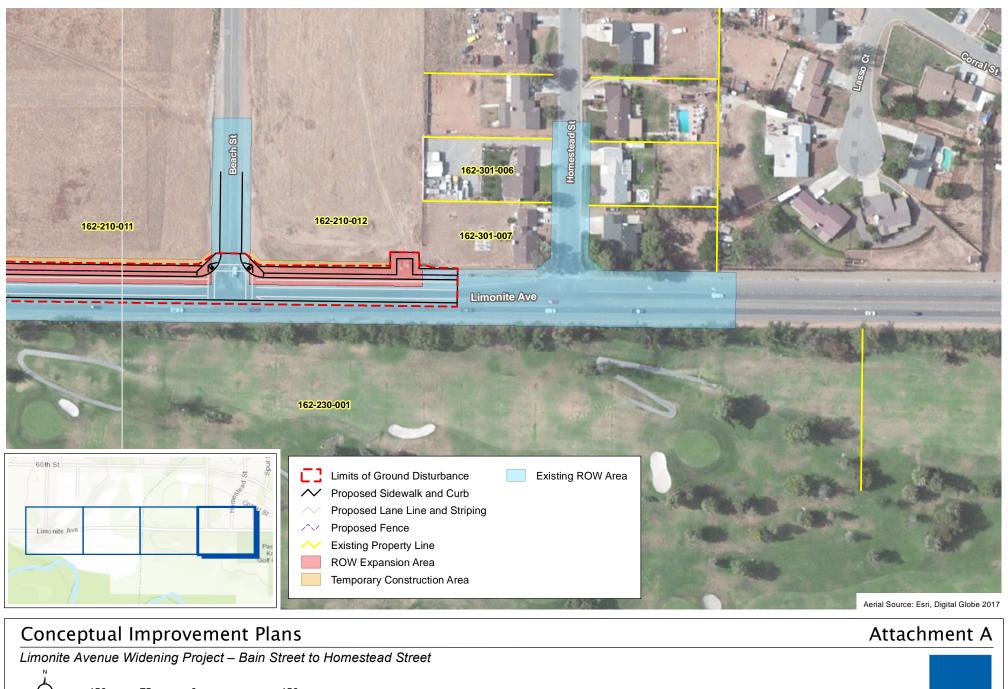
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ATTACHMENT B

PLANT COMPENDIUM

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Erodium cicutarium* redstem filaree					
Erodium moschatum* greenstem filaree					
LAMIACEAE – MINT FAMILY					
Marrubium vulgare* common horehound					

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	MALVACEAE – M	MALLOW FAMILY		
Malva parviflora*		cheeseweed		
Malvella leprosa		alkali-mallow		
	MELIACEAE – MA	AHOGANY FAMILY		
Melia azedarach*		china berry		
	MYRTACEAE -	MYRTLE FAMILY		
<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.*		gum tree		
	NYCTAGINACEAE – F	OUR O'CLOCK FAMILY		
<i>Bougainvillea</i> sp.		bougainvillea		
	OLEACEAE -	OLIVE FAMILY		
Fraxinus uhdei*		shamel ash		
	ONAGRACEAE – EVEN	ING PRIMROSE FAMILY		
Eulobus californicus		California eulobus		
	PASSIFLORACEAE – PA	SSION FLOWER FAMILY		
Passiflora caerulea*		blue passion flower		
	POLYGONACEAE – I	BUCKWHEAT FAMILY		
Polygonum aviculare*		knotweed		
	SALICACEAE -	WILLOW FAMILY		
Salix gooddingii		Goodding's black willow		
	SIMAROUBACEAE -	SIMAROUBA FAMILY		
Ailanthus altissima*		tree of heaven		
	SOLANACEAE – NI	GHTSHADE FAMILY		
Datura wrightii		Wright's jimsonweed		
Nicotiana glauca*		tree tobacco		
	URTICACEAE -	NETTLE FAMILY		
Urtica urens*		dwarf nettle		
	VERBENACEAE -	VERVAIN FAMILY		
<i>Lantana</i> sp.*		lantana		
	ZYGOPHYLLACEAE	– CALTROP FAMILY		
Tribulus terrestris*		puncture vine		
		DCOTS		
	AGAVACEAE –	AGAVE FAMILY		
Agave sp.*		century plant		
	ARECACEAE -	- PALM FAMILY		
Phoenix sp.*		palm		
Washingtonia robusta*		Mexican fan palm		
	CYPERACEAE -	- SEDGE FAMILY		
Cyperus eragrostis		lovegrass flatsedge		
	POACEAE – G	GRASS FAMILY		
Avena fatua*		wild oat		
Cynodon dactylon*		Bermuda grass		
Hordeum murinum*		wall barley		
Phalaris minor*		little-seeded canary grass		

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Phalaris paradoxa*	hood canary grass			
Schismus barbatus*	barbed Mediterranean grass			
* Non-native or invasive species				