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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND No. 23-03)

Project Title: Central Trunk Rail Yard Crossing and Lift Station Project

Lead Agency: City of Oxnard
Public Works Department, Capital Projects Management
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Oxnard, California 93033
Contact: Jorge Espinoza, Project Manager

Purpose of the Notice

The purpose of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration is to informagencies and interested parties that, in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15070 the City of Oxnard has prepared an Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the proposed Central Trunk Rail Yard Crossing and Lift Station Project. This NOI provides information about the project and instructions for reviewing and submitting comments on the IS-MND.

Project Location

The project site is located in the central portion of the city of Oxnard in Ventura County, California, north of and within E. 5th Street/State Route (SR) 34 amongst existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks. The project site is located approximately 0.2-mile east of S. Oxnard Boulevard and 2.2 miles south of U.S. Highway 101 within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 201-017-056, 201-017-055, and 201-017-028. Located in a primarily industrial and commercial area, surrounding land uses include commercial uses, industrial warehouses, and rail yards to the north and east; the Oxnard Metrolink Station, Oxnard Transportation Center, and commercial uses to the west; and industrial warehouses and shipping facilities to the south. The project site has a City of Oxnard 2030 General Plan land use designation of Limited Industrial and is zoned as Heavy Manufacturing. The project covers approximately 0.9 mile and includes installation of a new sewer lift station on approximately 0.05 acre.

Figure 1 and Figure 2, attached to this notice, show the regional location of the project site and the project alignment and proposed infrastructure at a local scale.

Project Description

The City of Oxnard owns and maintains the Central Trunk Sewer (CTS), a sewer main which conveys wastewater to the Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant. A portion of the CTS travels underneath 11 UPRR tracks near the intersection of E. 5th Street/SR 34 and Richmond Avenue. In January 2017, the casing of the CTS underneath the northernmost UPRR tracks collapsed due to corrosion and lost structural integrity. The City completed a temporary emergency repair, which diverted wastewater from the CTS into an adjacent sewer line and slip-lined the collapsed line so it could serve as an overflow. The collapsed portion of the CTS is no longer in compliance with UPRR design standards, and the City intends to replace this portion to comply with these standards and fully restore the functionality of the CTS.

The project would involve installation and operation of a new sewer pipeline, a new gravity sewer, and a new sewer lift station, as well as cured in place relining repair of an existing 18-inch sewer and abandonment of the collapsed portion of the CTS. The project would involve installation of approximately 2,160 feet of new 24-inch sewer pipeline via jack and bore and open cut excavation. The new sewer pipeline would tie into the existing CTS approximately 1,700 feet west of the collapsed portion of the CTS, and travel south toward and then underneath the UPRR tracks to tie back into the existing CTS at the intersection of E. 5th Street/SR 34 and Richmond Avenue.

Construction of the gravity sewer would involve installing approximately 2,270 feet of 12-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe via traditional open-cut excavation methods north of the UPRR tracks, and installing approximately 250 feet of PVC pipe via cured in place relining repair methods. The new 12-inch gravity sewer would begin at 3rd Street north of the UPRR tracks, would travel along the existing CTS alignment, continue south across the UPRR tracks, and would terminate at the intersection of E. 5th Street/SR 34 and Richmond Avenue where it would connect to the new sewer pipeline. The purpose of the gravity sewer is to divert brine from the proposed lift station.

The proposed lift station would be constructed within an existing landscaped area of the Oxnard Transportation Center parking lot, south of the UPRR tracks. The lift station would house two 10 horsepower submersible pumps, one of which would serve as the primary pump and the other as a stand-by pump. A standby generator would be located at the lift station stie. The lift station would be primarily subterranean, with visible above-ground features including access hatches, electrical control panels (with metal canopy), an odor control unit, and an electrical transformer. Construction of the lift station would require removal of three ornamental trees.

Project construction would occur over approximately one year and is anticipated to occur from October 2024 to October 2025. Construction would occur 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays; no weekend or nighttime construction is anticipated. Upon completion of construction, the project would not require new operations and maintenance activities

beyond existing City sewer operations. Approximately one maintenance trip per month would be required. The existing CTS, proposed repairs, and construction staging areas are shown in Figure 3, attached to this notice.

Public Review and Comment Period

The IS-MND is available for review at the City's Public Works Department located at 6001 Perkins Road, Oxnard, California, 93033. The document is also available at www.oxnard.org/planning, on "Environmental Notices & Documents" and then "Environmental Document Archives" (on the left side of the page). To select and view the draft document or go to the following https://www.oxnard.org/city-department/community-development/planning/environmental-documents/.

The public review period begins November 3, 2023 and ends December 4, 2023. All comments should be provided in writing and received before **5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023**. Inquiries should be directed to Jorge Espinoza, at jorge.espinoza@oxnard.org. Comments provided will be considered by the decision-making body in accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15074(b).

Please send all comments by either: 1) U.S. mail; or 2) electronic mail, (email) to:

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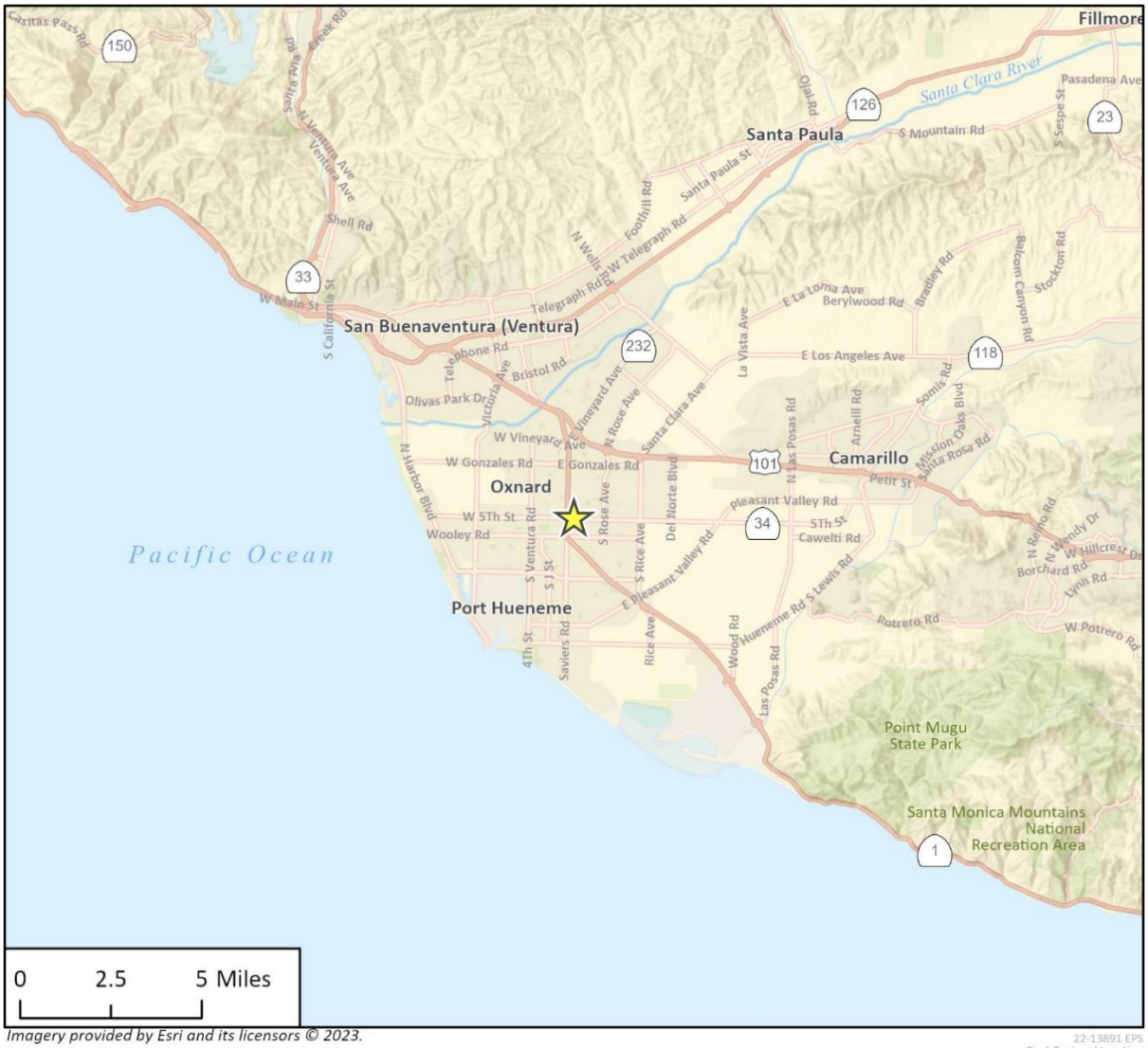
For comments submitted via email, please include "Central Trunk Rail Yard Crossing and Lift Station Project" in the subject line and the name of the commenter in the body of the email.

A portion of the project site is listed as a Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board cleanup case; therefore, the project site is included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. A public hearing date has not been determined for this project. The date, time, and place of future public hearings will be appropriately notified per City and CEQA requirements.

Figure 1 Regional Project Location



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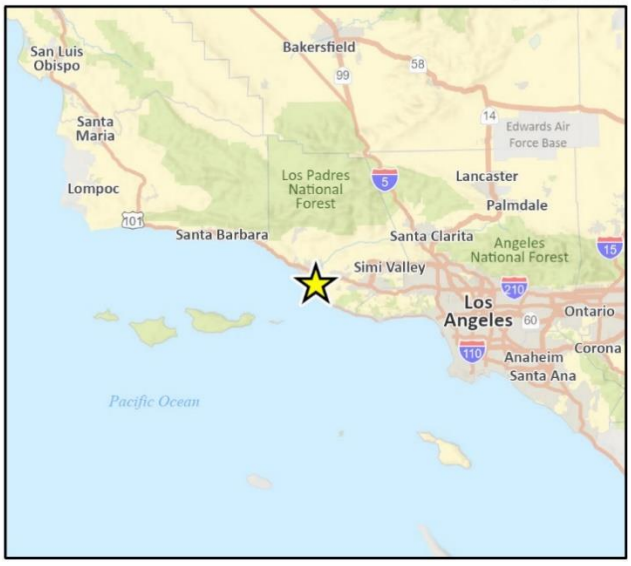

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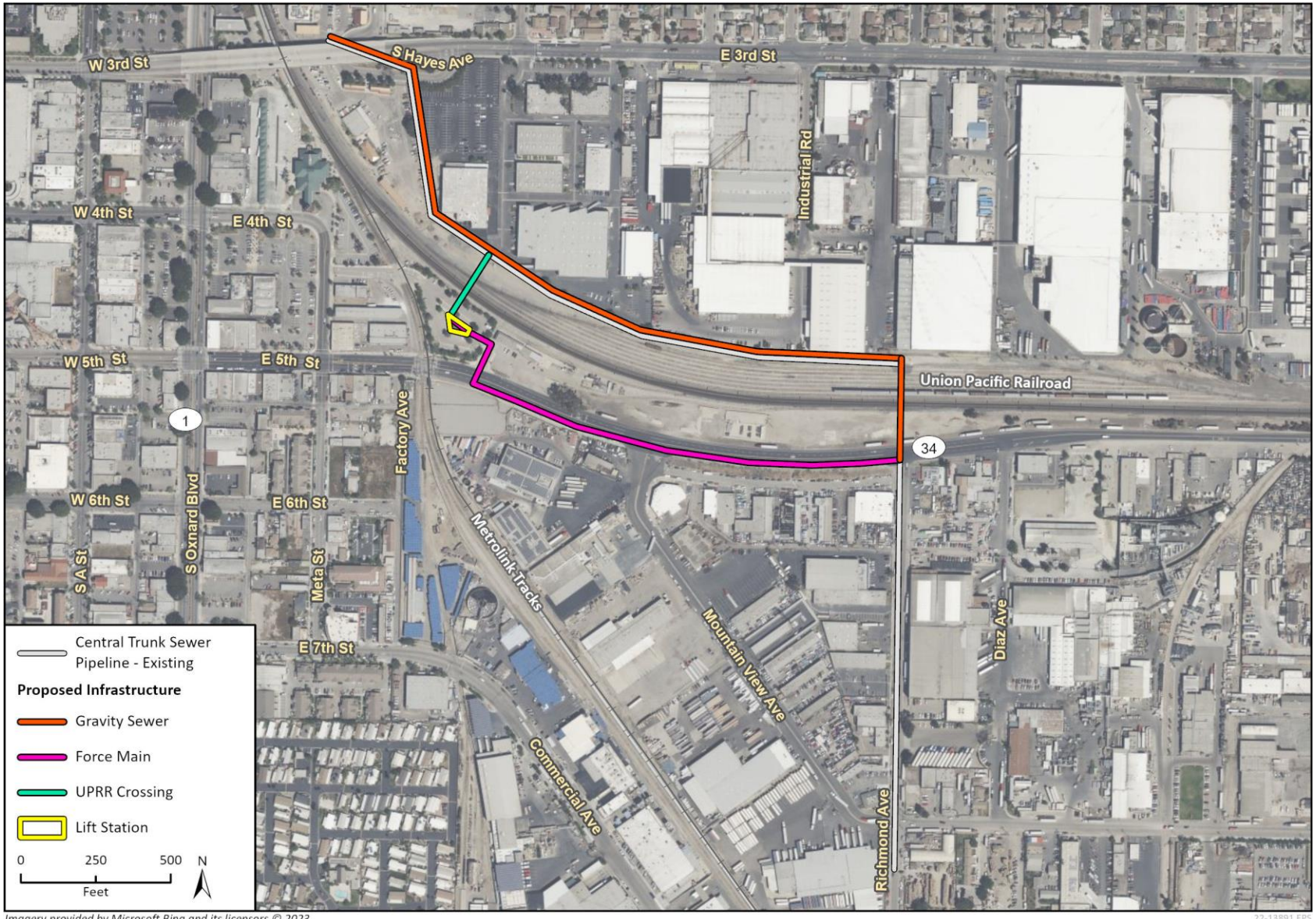

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Fig 2 Project Location

Figure 3 Project Construction Methods

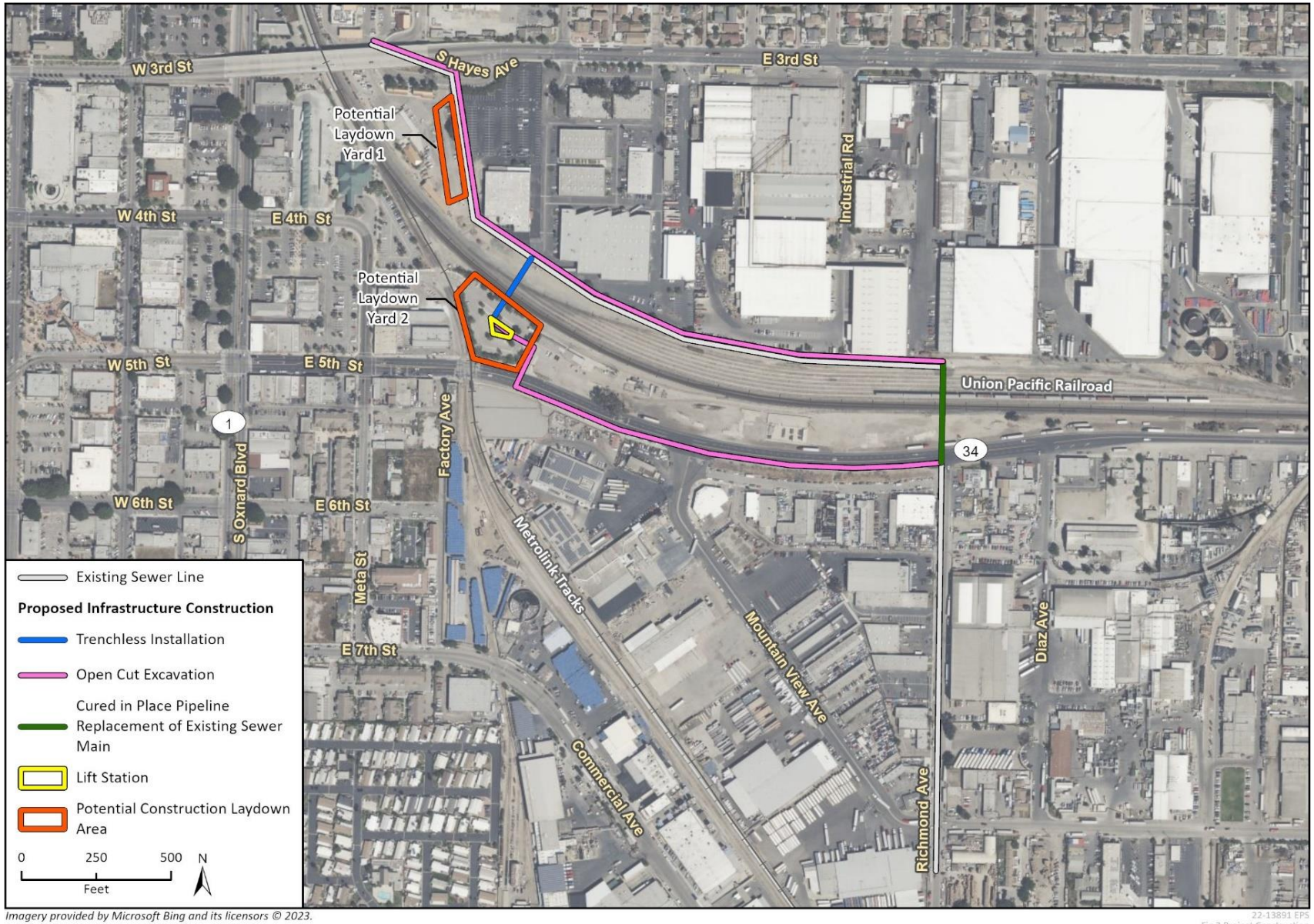

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Fig 3 Project Construction