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DATE: October 7, 2025

TO: Responsible and Trustee Agencies
Interested Parties and Organizations

FROM: Don Renz, Principal Engineer
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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED OLD SHASTA
COUNTY COURTHOUSE DEMOLITION PROJECT**

REVIEW PERIOD: October 7, 2025 - November 7, 2025

Shasta County (County) is the lead agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Old Shasta County Courthouse Demolition Project (“project”). The scope of the EIR has been proposed based upon a determination by the County. The County has directed the preparation of this EIR in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Once a decision is made to prepare an EIR, the lead agency must prepare a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform all responsible and trustee agencies interested parties and organizations that an EIR will be prepared (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082). The purpose of the NOP is to provide agencies with sufficient information describing both the proposed project and the potential environmental effects to enable the agencies to make a meaningful response as to the scope and content of the information to be included in the EIR. The County is also soliciting comments on the scope of the EIR from the general public.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is located at 1500 Court Street in downtown Redding, and is bounded by Butte Street on the north, Yuba Street on the south and West Street on the west (see Figures 1 and 2 at the end of this document). Properties surrounding the site include Shasta County government buildings, court facilities and law offices, as well as commercial and residential uses.

BACKGROUND

The old courthouse complex consists of a three-story courthouse building and attached annex and jail buildings, totaling approximately 77,000 square feet of floor area. Construction of a new courthouse facility, located across the street at 1515 Court Street, was completed in January 2024, and the old courthouse complex was vacated shortly thereafter. The old courthouse buildings now sit vacant. The buildings contain significant amounts of asbestos and lead paint and have major energy inefficiencies. The Shasta County Board of Supervisors voted to demolish the facility in March, 2025. The County is implementing a project to demolish the existing buildings and construct a surface parking lot in their place (see Figure 3).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes the following: hazardous materials abatement, site preparation, building demolition, parking lot construction, and site restoration. Following demolition of the buildings, the site would be redeveloped as a public parking lot providing 162 stalls, including 157 regular stalls, four Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible stalls, and one van accessible stall (approximately 75,00 square feet). The redeveloped site would also maintain 34,500 square feet of existing landscaping and would preserve four existing veterans' memorial monuments on the site. Direct vehicle ingress and egress to the parking lot would be provided from West Street. Existing paved walkways providing pedestrian access to the surrounding streets would be preserved.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND SCOPE OF THE EIR

The County anticipates that the EIR will contain the following chapters in accordance with Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines and that the other impacts in Appendix G will likely not be found to be significant:

- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources & Tribal Cultural Resources
- Noise and Vibration
- Biological Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Each of the aforementioned chapters of the EIR will include identification of the thresholds of significance, identification of project-level and cumulative impacts, and the development of mitigation measures and monitoring strategies, as required. The EIR will also include chapters that discuss Statutorily Required Sections, Alternatives to the Proposed Project, as well as Effects Not Found to be Significant. The EIR will incorporate by reference the Shasta County General Plan. In addition to this County document, project specific technical studies are being prepared by various technical subconsultants to support the EIR analysis.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed project are addressed and all significant issues are identified, written comments are invited from all interested parties on the scope and content of the EIR. Written comments should be directed to the name and address below:

Email (preferred): drenz@shastacounty.gov

Regular Mail: Shasta County Department of Public Works
Attn: Don Renz, Principal Engineer
1855 Placer Street
Redding, CA 96001

Written comments are due to the County at the location addressed above by 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2025

SCOPING MEETING

In addition to the opportunity to submit written comments, a public NOP scoping meeting will be held to inform interested parties about the proposed project, and to provide agencies and the public an opportunity to provide comments on the scope and content of the EIR. The merits of the project will not be discussed at this meeting, nor will comments regarding approval or denial of the project be addressed.

EIR Scoping Meeting on the Old Shasta County Courthouse Demolition Project

Monday, October 27, 2025. 5:30pm-6:30pm

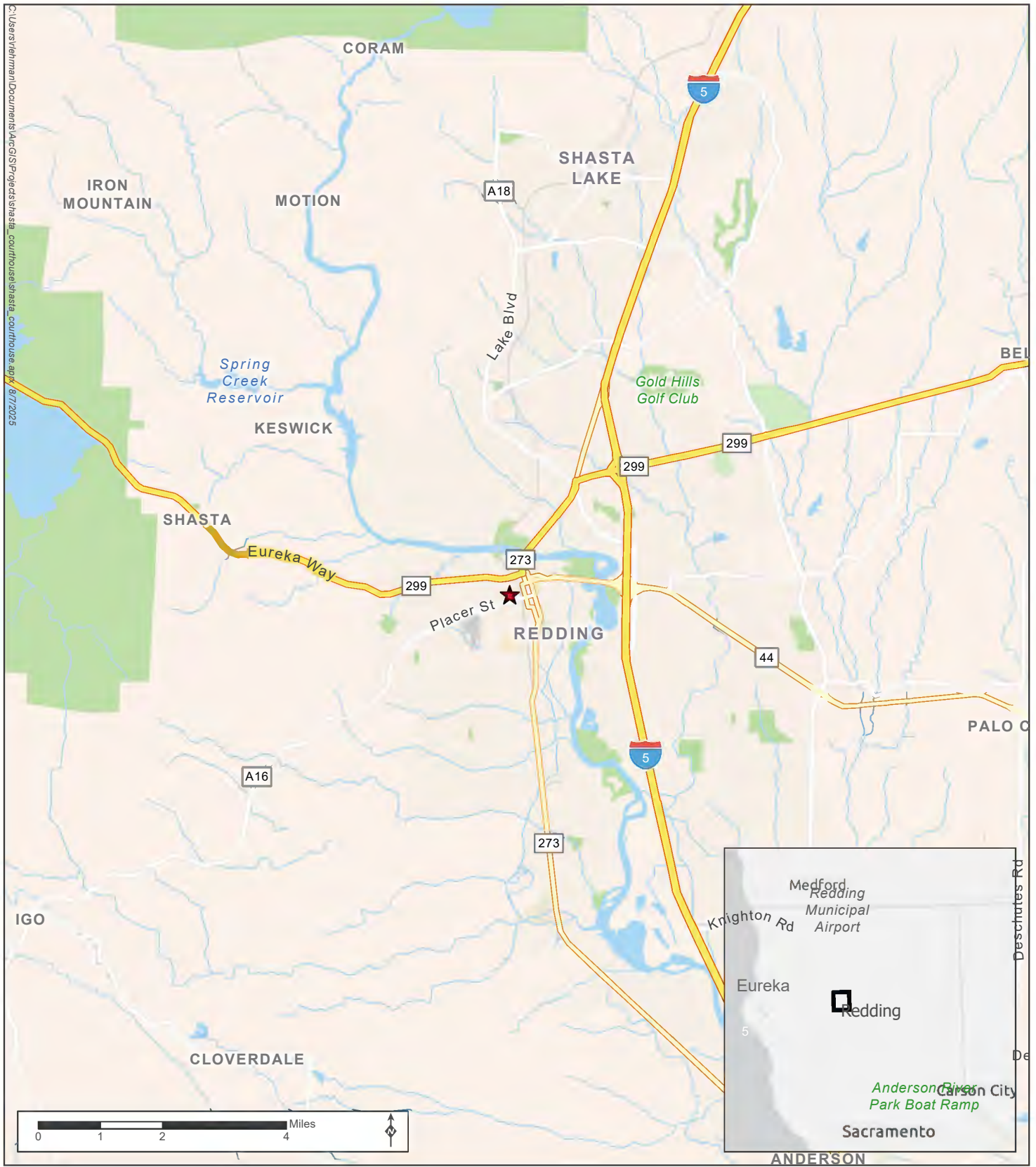
Shasta County Veteran's Hall

1605 Yuba St, Redding, CA 96001

Zoom Meeting

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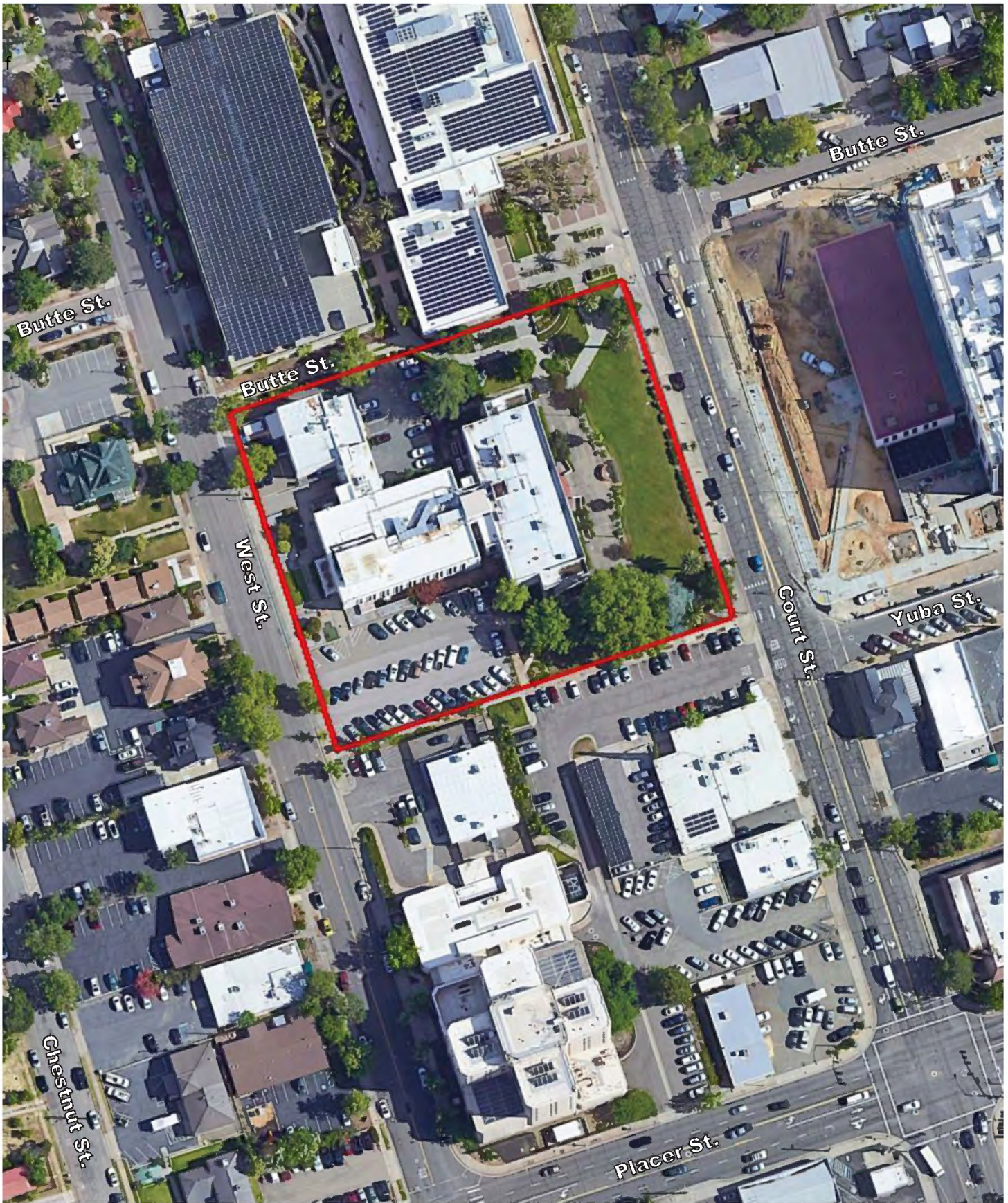
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★ Project Location

Figure 1 Regional Location

Old Shasta County Courthouse Demolition Project



Source: Google Earth 2025



Project Boundary



Figure 2 Project Vicinity

Old Shasta County Courthouse Demolition Project

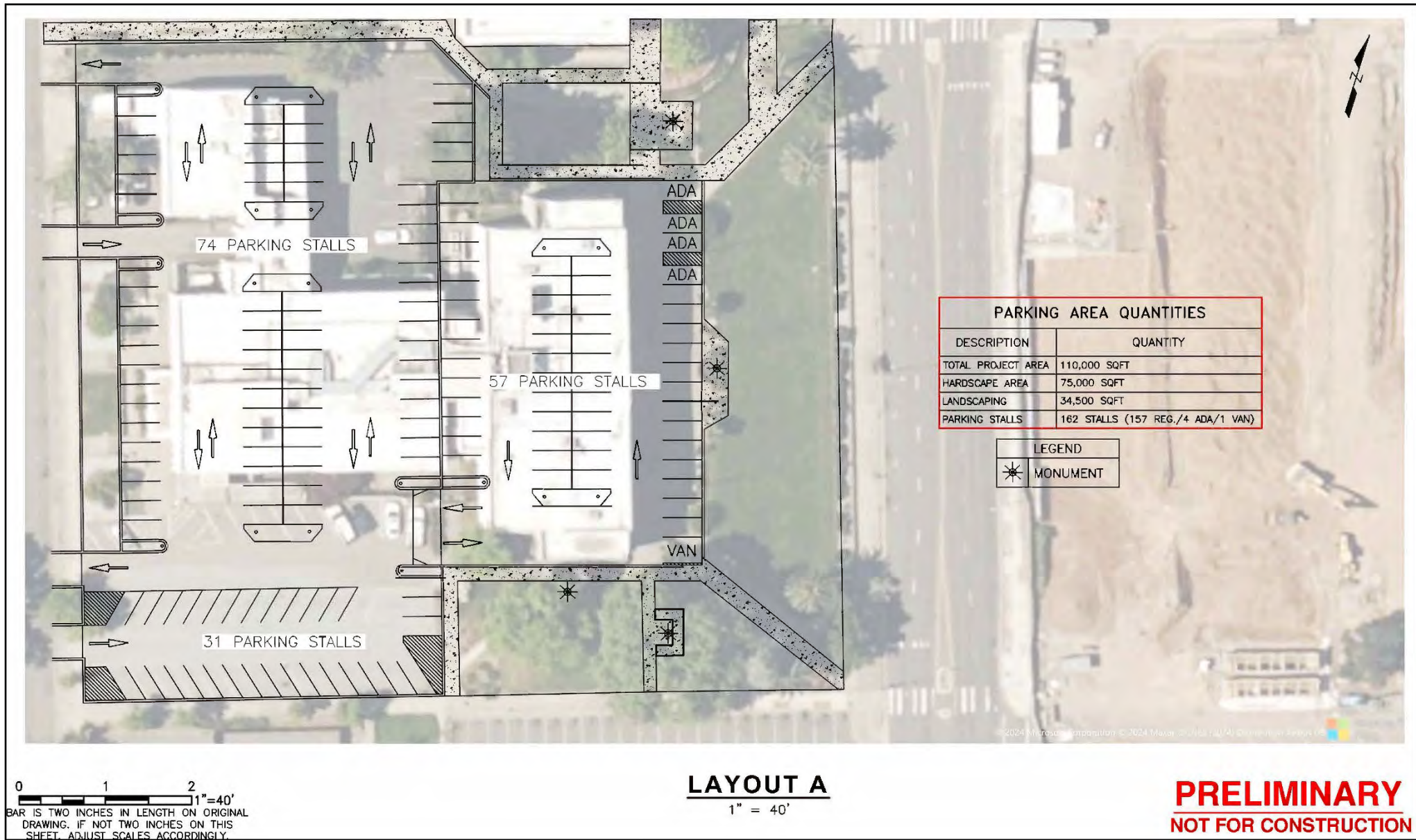


Figure 3 Proposed Site Plan