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March 10, 2026

Orange County Clerk-Recorder

County Administration South
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Almond Avenue and Collins Avenue Street Improvements

To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed herewith is a Notice of Exemption for the Subject City of Orange project and project location maps. Please record these documents with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder and return receipts and filed documents to the following address:

Attention: Mohammadreza (Reza) Bayat
City of Orange Public Works
300 E. Chapman Ave | Orange, CA 92866

The enclosed Notice of Exemption is for a City of Orange project. As such, the City of Orange is exempt from fees for posting this document.

Sincerely,

Mohammadreza (Reza) Bayat
Assistant Engineer

Attachments: Notice of Exemption for SP-4327, Project Location Maps

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Filing Fee Exempt Per Gov. Code § 6103

TO: County Clerk-Recorder
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

FROM: City of Orange
Public Works Department
300 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866

Project Title: Almond Avenue and Collins Avenue Street Improvements

Project Location: City of Orange, Various Locations (See attached Location Maps)

Description, Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Almond Avenue and Collins Avenue Street Improvements Project is part of the City of Orange Pavement Management Program activities and is designed to prolong the pavement life of city streets. The work to be done in general consists of the rehabilitation of residential street surfacing, removal and replacement of concrete access ramps, sidewalks, curb and gutters, cross gutters, and driveway aprons along Almond Avenue from Main Street to Cypress Street and Collins Avenue from Tustin Street to Handy Street. The project will provide and maintain infrastructure necessary to ensure the safety of the public, improve accessibility, and extend the service life of city streets.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Orange

Applicant or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Orange – Public Works

Name, Address, and Phone Number of Applicant or Agency Carrying Out the Project:

City of Orange, Public Works Department, 300 E Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92866; (714) 744-5568; Mohammadreza (Reza) Bayat

Exempt Status:


- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269)
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15269)
- General Rule (Sec. 15061)
- Statutory Exemption:
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15301, Class 1

Date of Decision: March 10, 2026

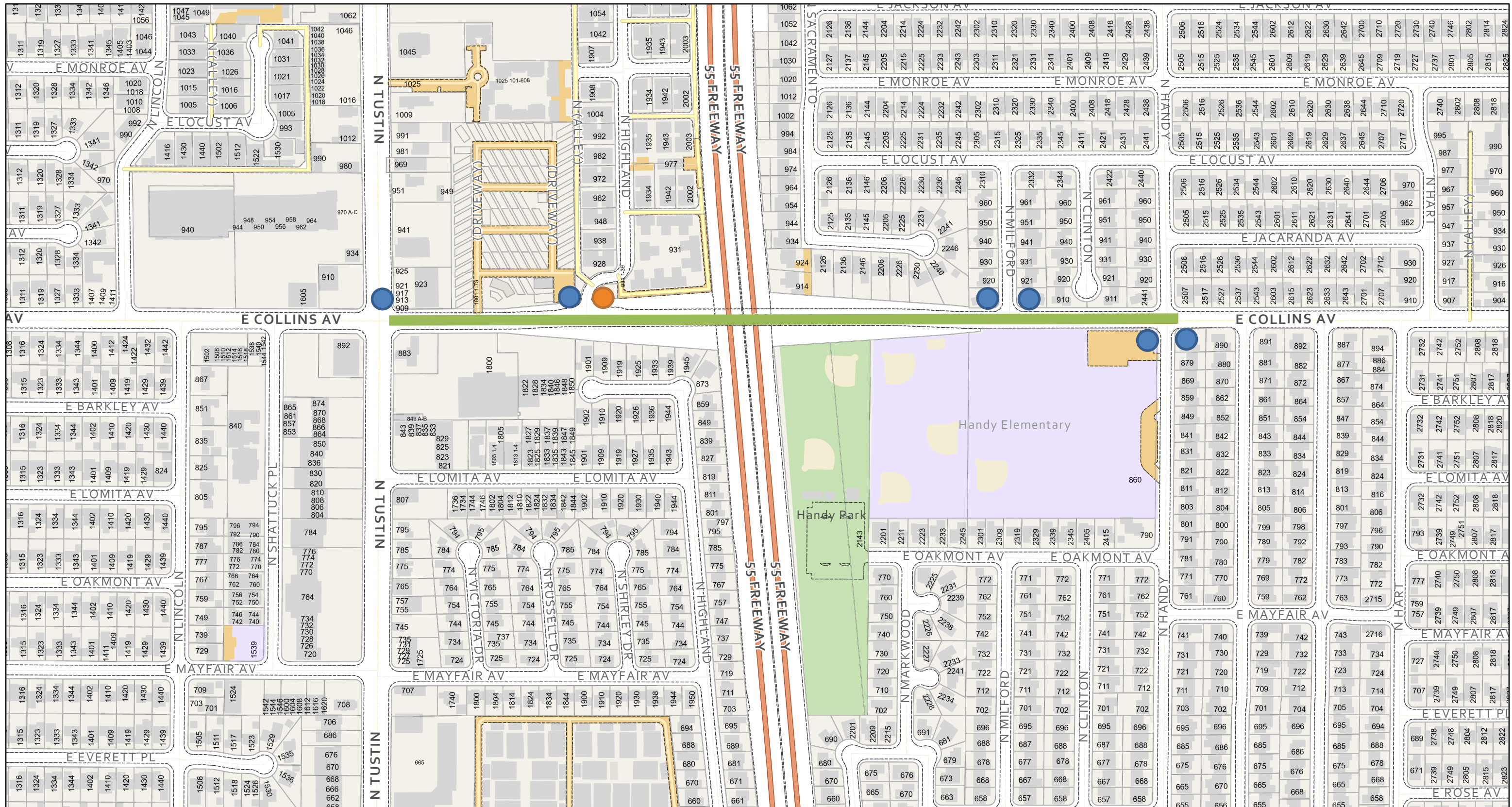
Reasons why project is exempt: The CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 categorically exempts projects that involve the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities within public right-of-way including “existing highway and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities”. The project is exempt because it involves the maintenance of existing street improvements, does not trigger the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, and does not expand the existing use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mohammadreza (Reza) Bayat, Assistant Engineer
Phone: (714) 744-5568

CEQA Contact Person: Arlen Beck, Associate Planner
Phone: 714-744-7272

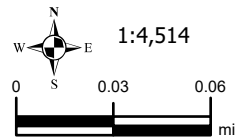
Lead Agency Signature:  **Date:** 3/10/2026
Mohammadreza Bayat, Assistant Engineer

Fish & Game Fees: Pursuant to Section 711.4(c)(2)(A) of the California Fish and Game Code and 14 CCR § 753.5, this project is exempt from the required fees, as it is exempt from CEQA.



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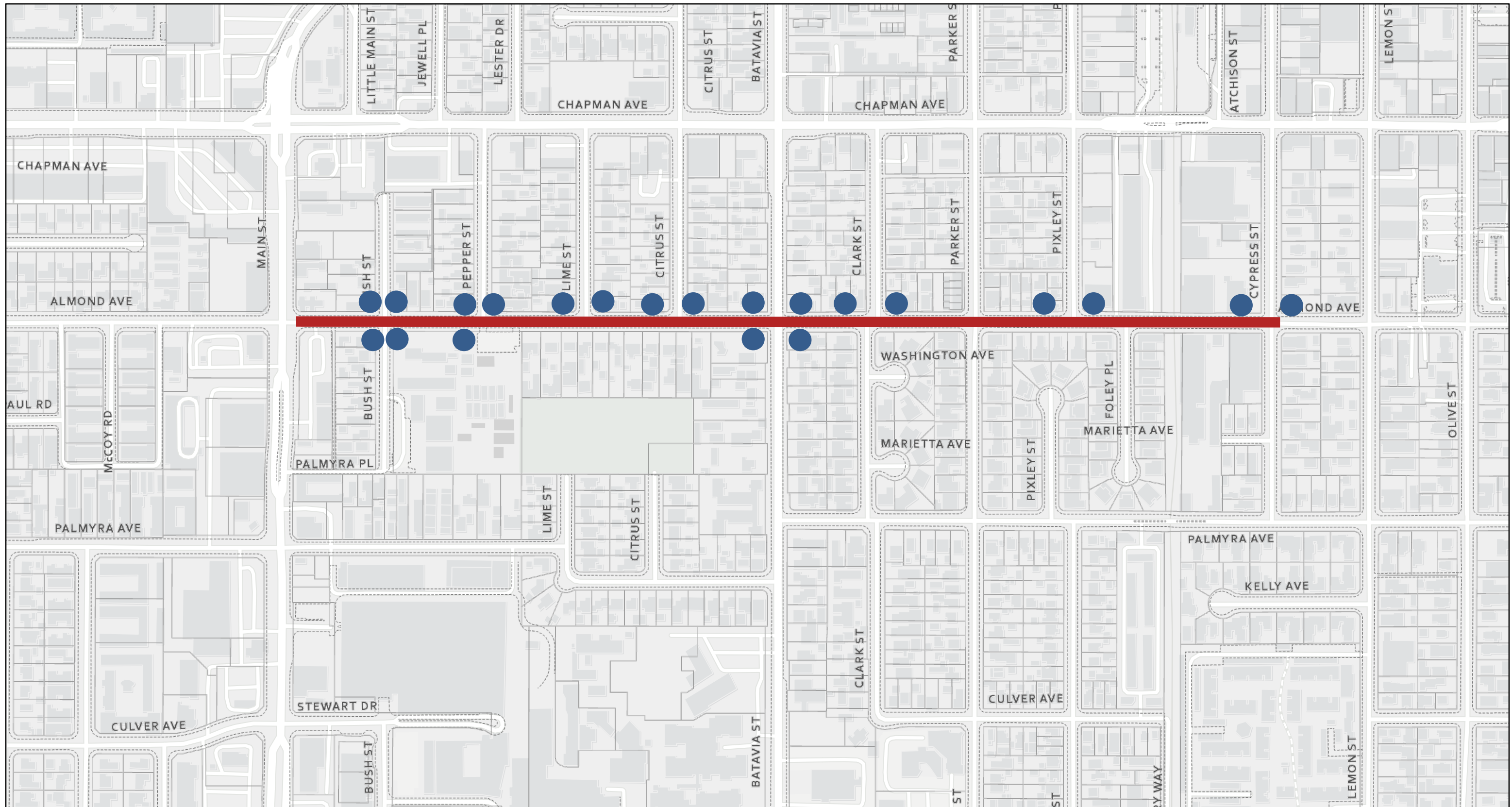


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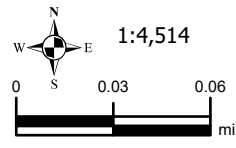
Almond Ave. & Collins Ave. Street Improvements Location Map 1



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