



**City of Solvang  
Notice of Exemption**

**TO:**

- Clerk-Recorder  
County of Santa Barbara  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Project File

**FROM:** City of Solvang, 411 Second Street, Solvang, CA 93463

**PROJECT TITLE:** Solvang Roadway Rehabilitation Projects for FY 25-26

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** Various Locations      **ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.:** Various Locations

**PROJECT LOCATION:** City of Solvang      **COUNTY OF:** Santa Barbara

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project proposes roadway rehabilitation of existing street segments within the City Limits of Solvang that includes the following:

- Alamo Pintado Road rehabilitation from Viborg Dr. to north City limits.

The Alamo Pintado Road project scope includes cold planning five (5) inches of the existing pavement section and placing 5 inches of new hot mix asphalt (HMA) in the travel lanes. An additional 2 inches (cap) of new HMA from edge-to-edge across the roadway. Removal and replacement of the existing asphalt concrete dikes along the corridor and installation of permanent traffic striping, pavement markings and markers, and additional bicycle lane striping.

The following road segments are also included in the proposed project:

- Alisal Road rehabilitation from the intersection of Oak Street to Fjord Drive;
- Park Way from the intersection of Alisal Road to Mission Drive
- Alleyways including Soro, Odby, Aars;
- Molle Way from Alisal Road to Atterdag Road
- Second street from Oak Street to Elverhoy Way
- Manzanita Drive
- Ironwood Way
- Sandalwood Way
- Pepperwood Way
- Hickory Way
- First Court
- Juniper Drive
- Glen Way
- First Street from Fjord Drive to Juniper Way



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- First Street from Juniper Drive to Manzanita Drive
- Fjord drive from Alisal Road to Pepperwood Way
- Fourth Street from Mission Drive to Elm Avenue
- Fourth Street from Elm Avenue to Laurel Avenue
- Fifth Street from Mission Drive to Atterdag Road
- Elm Avenue from Atterdag Road to Fifth Street
- Laurel Avenue from Fifth Street to Atterdag Road

The proposed improvements includes localized pavement removal and replacement (“digouts”) in selected neighborhoods in preparation for future slurry seals.

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** City of Solvang

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** City of Solvang

**EXEMPT STATUS:** (check one)

- Ministerial Project (Section 2180(b)(1); 15268)
- Categorical Exemption (Section 15301)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exemption (Code / Section \_\_\_\_\_)
- The project clearly will not have a significant effect on the environment (15061(b)(3))

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** CEQA provides several “categorical exemptions” which are applicable to categories of projects and activities that the Lead Agency (the City of Solvang) has determined generally do not pose a risk of significant impacts on the environment.

The project meets the requirements of a CEQA Article 19 Class 1 Categorical exemption “Existing Facilities” (Section 15301, Public Resources Code) as the project Class 1 consists of repair and maintenance of an existing facility (the identified roadway segments. The proposed project will rehabilitate existing city streets and will not include an expansion of the existing streets. 15301 (c) includes the following: Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes). The proposed project falls into this consideration.

The City further considered whether the project is subject to any of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption found at CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. This section prohibits the use of a categorical exemption under the following circumstances:



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- a) *Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*
- b) *Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*
- c) *Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*
- d) *Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.*
- e) *Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*
- f) *Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*

The proposed fire reduction activities does not have a cumulative impacts, significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, affect a designated scenic highway, nor considered a hazardous waste site or a historical resources.

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Rafael Castillo, AICP **PHONE:** (805) 688-5575

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Development Department

**ADDRESS:** 411 Second Street  
Solvang, CA 93463

**SIGNATURE:**   
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**Date:** 04/17/2026  
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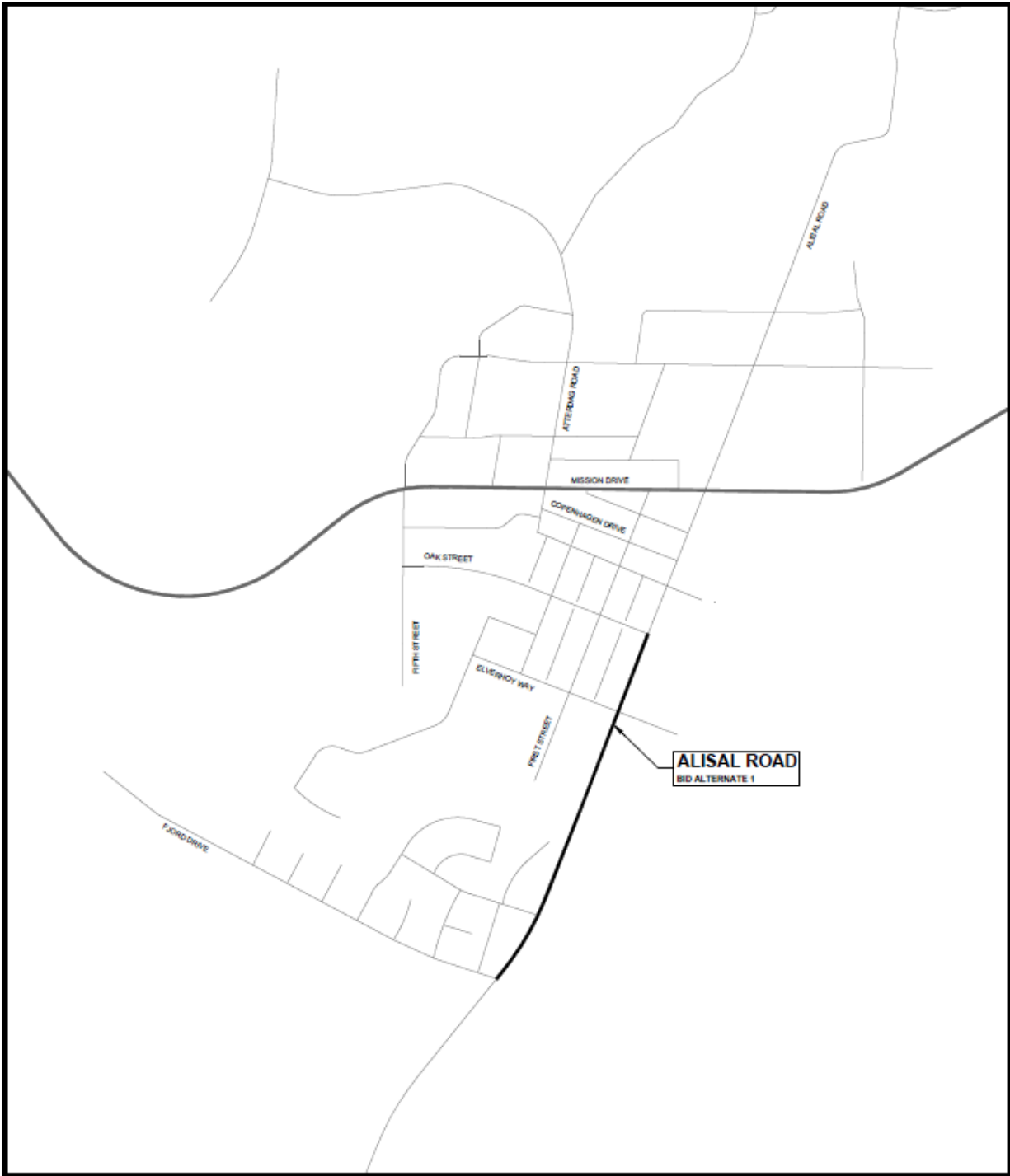
**Title:** Community Development Director

Signed by Lead Agency

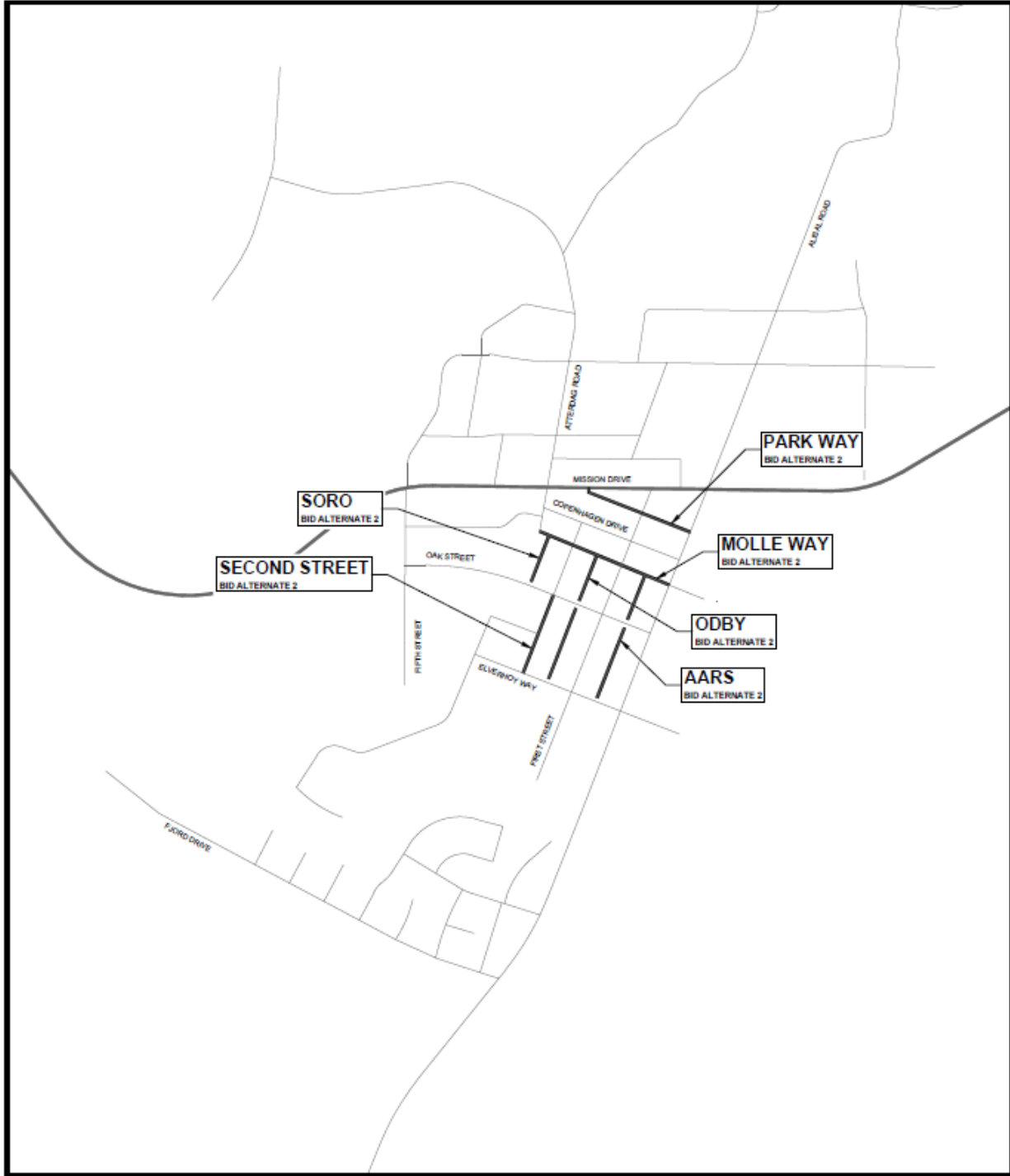


### Project Location

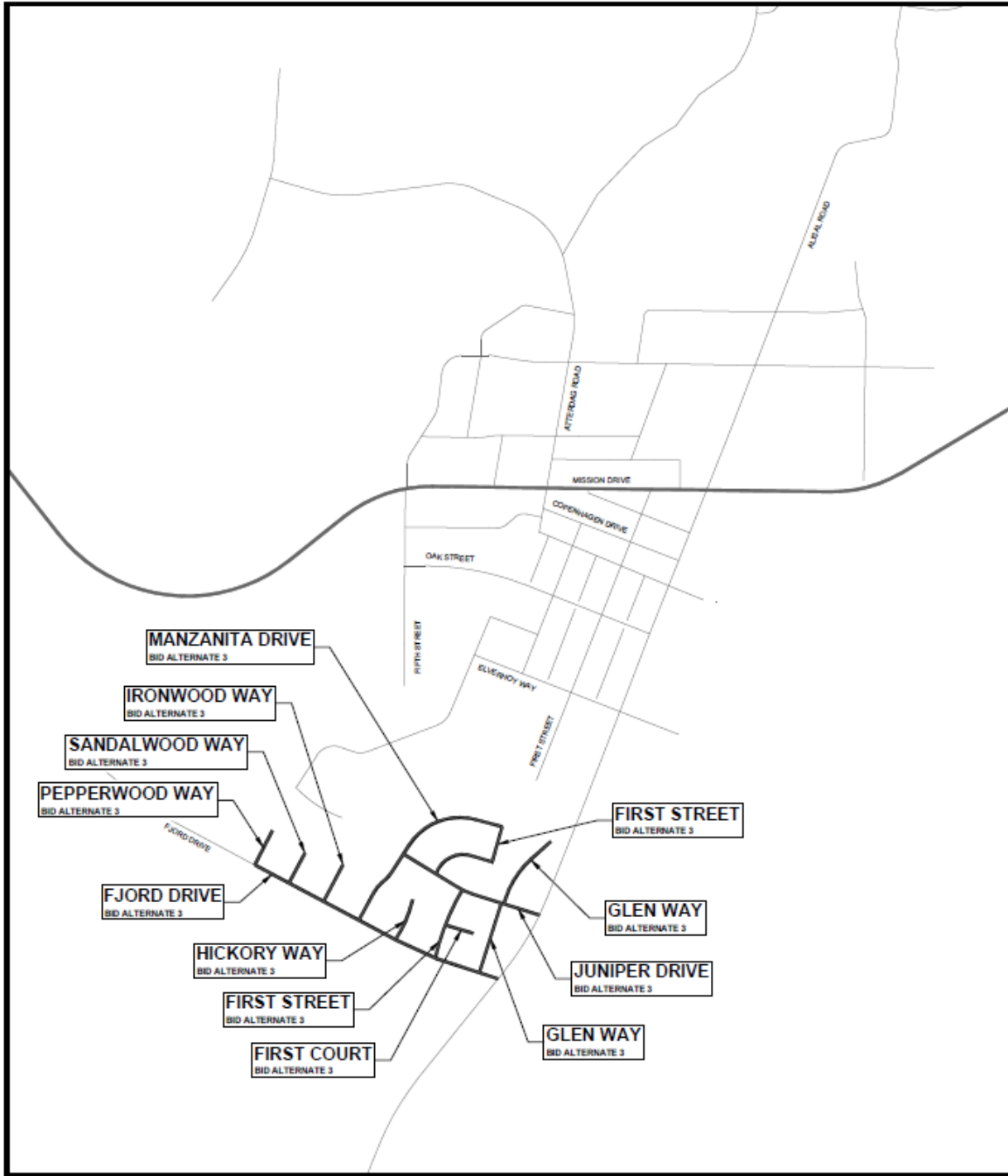




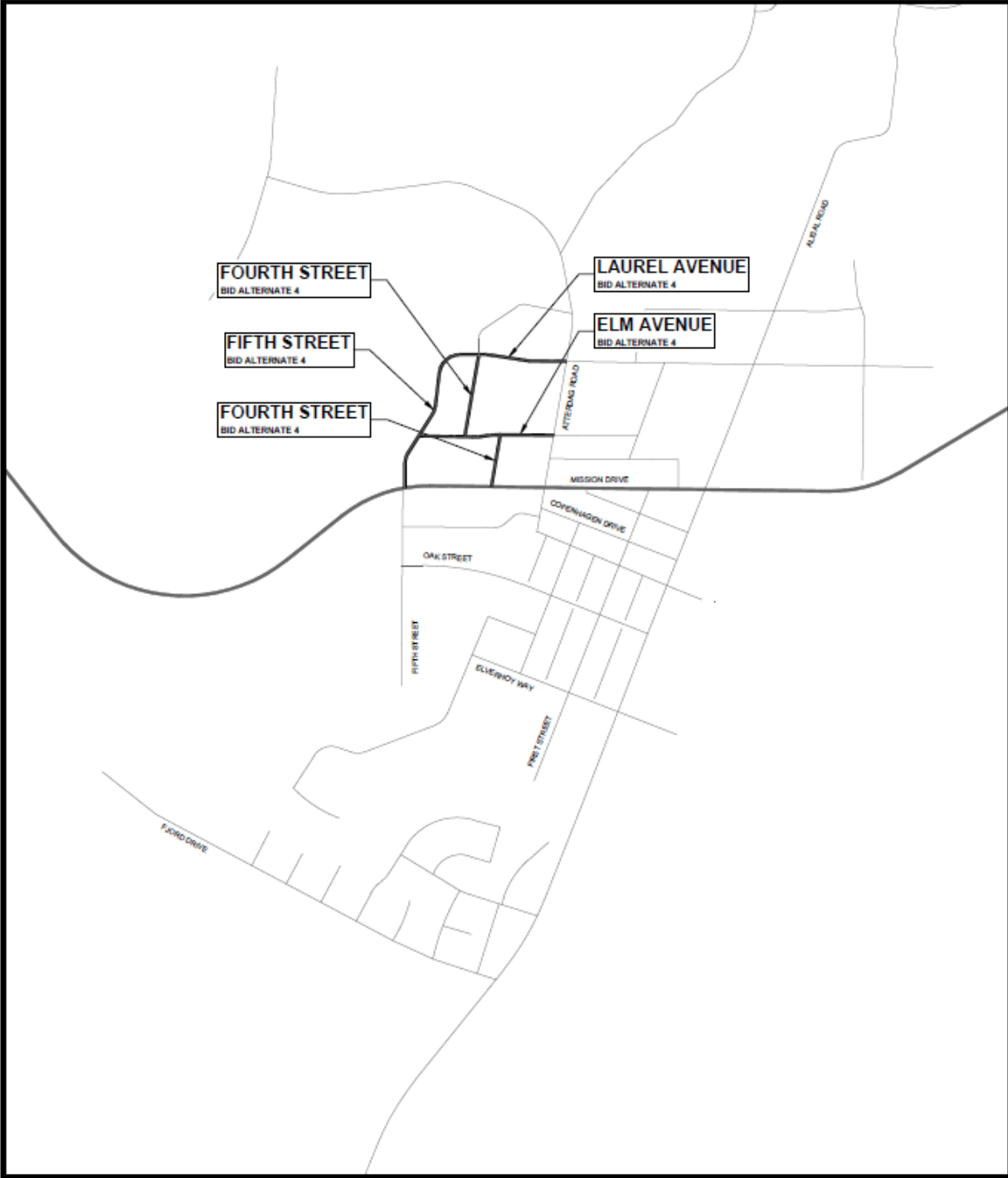
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