

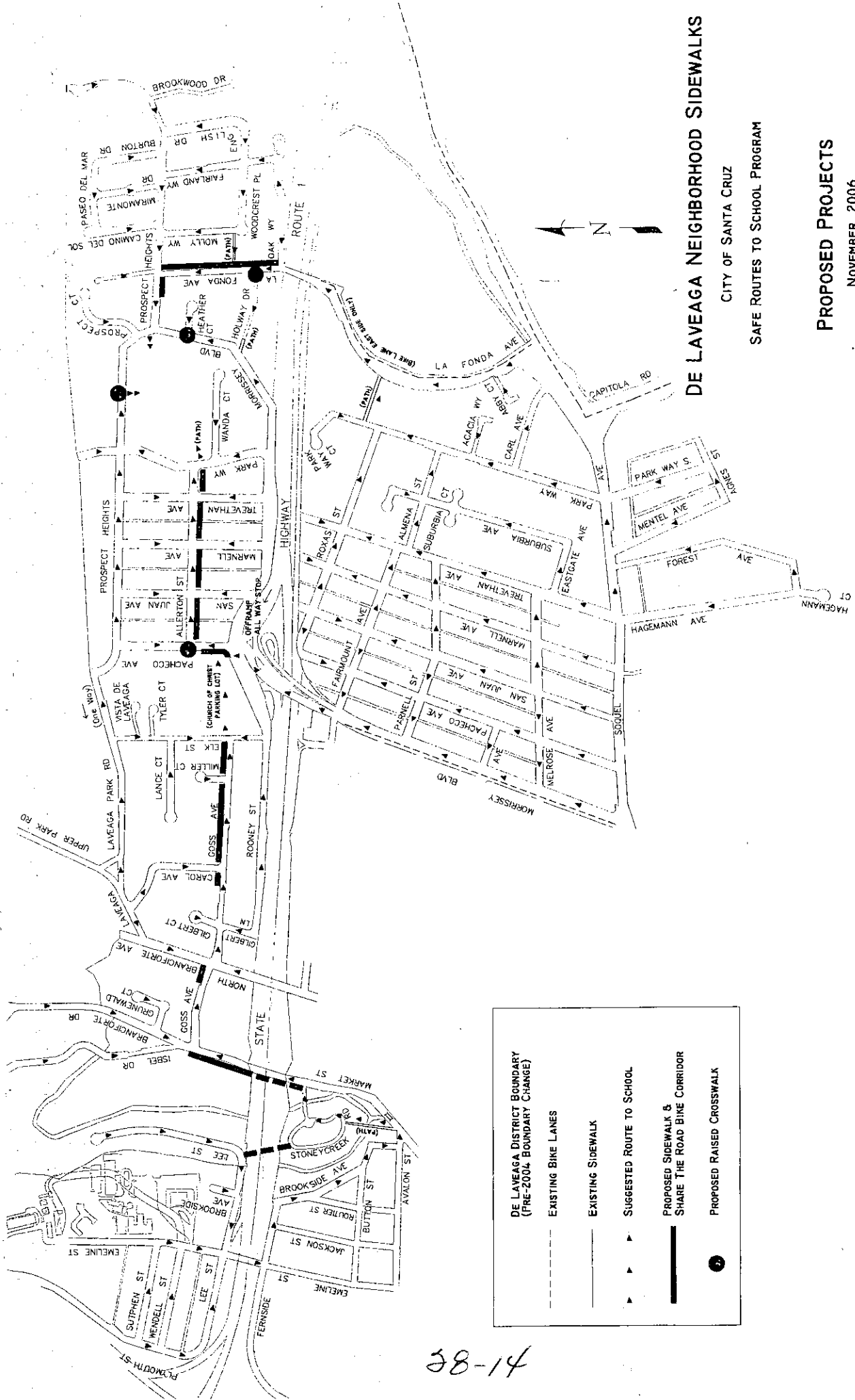


DE LAVEAGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL  
PROJECT—DE LAVEAGA NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS

The City of Santa Cruz received a \$341,100 grant (10% local match) from the State of California for the 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Safe Routes to School Program. This grant will pay for the installation of sidewalks and raised crosswalks on selected streets in the De Laveaga Elementary School neighborhood to help children safely walk to and from school. The project will also benefit students of Harbor High School. This neighborhood currently lacks sidewalks on more than 50% of the roadway frontages.

The project submitted includes sidewalks on the north side of Goss Avenue, the west side of Pacheco Avenue for one block, the south side of Allerton Street, and the east side of La Fonda Avenue. In addition, the project includes raised crosswalks at key crossing locations, installation of stop signs at uncontrolled intersections, traffic calming in the Rooney/Morrissey/Pacheco intersection, shared lane pavement markings--"sharrows"--for bicyclists, and improved bicycle parking at De Laveaga Elementary School. The objective is to create a central east-west walking corridor for De Laveaga Elementary School students and a north-south walking corridor for Harbor High School students. In addition, this project has addressed some of the traffic concerns as a result of the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes Project that is scheduled for construction in spring 2006. Staff is coordinating with Caltrans to schedule widening of the Morrissey off-ramp and all-way STOP (done summer 2006), and Market/Goss sidewalks, as an early phase of the Merge Lanes Project.

The project was bid on December 20, 2006 following an extensive public review and approval process. The lowest responsible bid received (\$533,525) far exceeded the available funds for the project. Caltrans has agreed to allocate the maximum funding of \$500,000 for the project from the Safe Routes to School Program and the City has committed \$43,003 in additional local funds. There continues to be a shortfall of \$18,364.00, which the City of Santa Cruz is requesting be provided by its TDA Article 8 funds. On February 13, 2007 the Council awarded bids and dedicated additional city funds to the project due to the increased construction costs.



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