

APPLICATION/PROJECT PROGRAMMING REQUEST

SCCRTC 2025 Consolidated Grants Program (2026 RTIP)

A. PROJECT INFORMATION					
Applicant/Implementing Agency			Public Agency Sponsor (if different)		
City of Scotts Valley			n/a		
Contact Name	Phone	E-mail Address			
Rodolfo Onchi	831-783-5662	ronchi@scottsvalley.gov			
Project Title					
Granite Creek Overcrossing Project					
Agency Priority Number (e.g. 1 of 3)			1 of 1		
Description and Scope of Work (attach extra pages to fully describe scope)					
Repave the asphalt surface on Granite Creek Road from Scotts Valley Drive to the Santos Village Road intersection. Restriping along the corridor and both intersections to narrow travel lanes and widen bike lanes. Improvements include green pavement treatments in bike lanes, a bicycle box, a new retaining wall to stabilize sidewalk areas, and reconstruction sidewalks to meet ADA requirements.					
Location, Limits, Length (attach map(s)/photos separately)					
Granite Creek Road from the Scotts Valley Drive Intersection to Santos Village Road intersection (approx. 0.25 miles)					
Roadway Functional Classification (see Caltrans map link):			4-Minor Arterial		
Summary of Project Benefits, Purpose and Need					
This project improves accessibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing Granite Creek, while also preserving pavement and extending the roadway's service life. Granite Creek Road provides the only Highway 17 pedestrian crossing in Scotts Valley, making multimodal enhancements critical for accessibility, active transportation, and ADA compliance. Although the City of Scotts Valley is requesting \$1 million in RTC funds and has identified local contributions, these amounts do not fully cover the project's estimated cost. The City is committed to actively pursuing additional state, federal, and local funding opportunities to close the remaining gap. If RTC funds are awarded, the City retains the option to adjust the project scope to ensure that essential multimodal and pavement improvements can still be delivered within the resources available.					
Funds requested	\$1,000,000	Total Project Cost	3.1 million	Estimated # of Daily Users	10,000-2500
Are you able/willing to receive federal funds?		Yes			
Was project previously programmed for funds by RTC?			Yes	RTIP ID	SV-33
Project Cost by Mode (list approximate percentage of total project costs)					
Mode		% of Total Cost			
Pavement Preservation (rehab, overlay, etc.)		45%			
Road-Auto serving (not rehab)					
Bicycle		10%			
Pedestrian		45%			
Transit					
Transportation System Management (TSM)					
Transportation Demand Management (TDM)					
Other: Include description					
Total		100%			

B. PROJECT BENEFITS/ EVALUATION CRITERIA

Information in this section will be used to evaluate projects. The RTC is required to consider how well projects advance regional, state and federal goals, policies, performance metrics and targets, including how projects will contribute towards implementation of the long-range transportation plan (Regional Transportation Plan) and other state and federal regulations including the California Complete Streets Act of 2008, SB375, the Federal FAST Act.

See Attachment 2 of the call for projects for examples of type of information to demonstrate benefits.

Project Title:		Granite Creek Overcrossing Project
Generally, what are the benefits of this project?		
The project will improve accessibility for all users by providing continuous sidewalks, enhanced crosswalks, and upgraded bike lanes. These improvements address gaps in connectivity and create safer conditions for students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities who rely on walking, biking, or transit along Granite Creek Road. In addition, resurfacing will extend the useful life of the roadway, ensuring long-term access for all modes of travel		
How does this project address any of the following criteria?		<i>Projects are not expected to address all of these; if not applicable or not a primary purpose, write "N/A".</i>
1	Access for All	This project addresses access for all. Safety has been a concern for bicyclists and pedestrians over Granite Creek; with improved bike and pedestrian facilities, non-driving alternatives will be more feasible. The roadway is adjacent to multiple schools and is heavily used by students walking and biking to school. Pavement resurfacing will also extend the useful life of the road, ensuring reliable access for all users.
2	Collisions and Safety	This project addresses collisions and safety by increasing bicycle safety through restriping bike lanes according to ATP recommendations, adding a bike box, and applying green pavement treatments. Pedestrian safety will be improved by stabilizing the sidewalk retaining wall, regrading sidewalks to meet ADA standards, and installing missing ADA-compliant truncated domes at intersections. Motorist safety will be enhanced by restriping and narrowing lanes to promote speed reduction
3	System Preservation & Infrastructure Condition	This project addresses system preservation and infrastructure condition by resurfacing the pavement and stabilizing slopes beneath sidewalks, extending the useful life of the roadway and pedestrian facilities. The paving work was deferred from 2018 due to insufficient funds, and completing it now will prevent further deterioration and higher future maintenance costs
4	System Performance	This project addresses system performance by improving the quality of walking and biking facilities and increasing connectivity between neighborhoods east of Highway 17 and the businesses and bus stops to the west. Granite Creek Road is the only crossing with dedicated pedestrian facilities, which are currently failing. Upgrading bike lanes, sidewalks, and crossings will ensure safe, reliable access across the highway and support more sustainable travel choices.
5	Public Health	This project addresses public health by encouraging more walking and biking through safer, ADA-compliant sidewalks and upgraded bike lanes. Improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities will support active lifestyles, particularly for students traveling to nearby schools. By making non-driving alternatives safer and more feasible, the project will also reduce vehicle trips, contributing to improved local air quality.
6	Benefits to Equity Priority Communities	This project addresses benefits to equity priority communities by providing safer sidewalks and bike lanes that will encourage walking, biking, and transit use for residents who may not have access to a vehicle. The Granite Creek corridor connects neighborhoods east of Highway 17 to schools, businesses, and bus stops, making it an essential route for students, seniors, and lower-income residents. Upgrading these facilities will improve safety and mobility for all, especially those who rely on non-driving modes of travel.

7	Climate Change and Resiliency	By improving bike and pedestrian facilities, the project reduces reliance on driving and lowers greenhouse gas emissions. Pavement resurfacing and slope stabilization strengthen the corridor against extreme weather, while maintaining the only pedestrian-capable Highway 17 crossing ensures reliable access during emergencies.
8a	Funding- Overall Funding Plan: If RTC approves the requested funds, will the project be fully funded? If not, how much additional funding is needed, and what is the likelihood of securing those funds? Please provide	Although the City of Scotts Valley is requesting \$1 million in RTC funds and has identified local contributions, these amounts do not fully cover the project's estimated cost. The City is committed to actively pursuing additional state, federal, and local funding opportunities to close the remaining gap. If RTC funds are awarded, the City also retains the option to adjust the project scope to ensure that essential multimodal and pavement improvements can still be delivered within the resources available
8b	Committed Funding: What other funding has been secured for the project?	The City is using local gas tax and RSTPX revenues toward the Granite Creek Road project. These committed sources provide the foundation of funding, with the RTC grant needed to advance the full scope of improvements.
8c	Leveraging: Will the funds you are requesting from RTC be used to leverage other grants? If so, please identify those grants and the potential funding amounts. If RTC	The City will pursue additional grant opportunities to leverage RTC funds and deliver a stronger project, rather than only providing minimum improvements with limited local funds. There is no risk of losing existing revenues if RTC funding is not approved.
8d	Eligibility for Other Grants: Is this project eligible for any other competitive grants? If so, what other grants are reasonably available for	The project aligns with the goals of programs such as the Active Transportation Program (ATP) and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), making it competitive for future funding. No other grant applications are currently underway for this project
8e	Funding for Cost Increases: How will potential cost increases be funded? What potential funding sources are available to cover unanticipated cost	Any cost increases can be addressed through the City's flexible funding sources, including gas tax, Measure D, and SB1 revenues. These sources have historically been used to cover overruns in pavement projects and can be directed here if needed.
8f	Partial Funding: If the RTC approves partial funding or the project costs increase, can the project be scaled to match available funds?	If only partial funding is awarded, the City will prioritize critical elements such as pavement resurfacing, sidewalk upgrades, and major safety items. Additional funds will then be sought to complete the full scope of bicycle, pedestrian, and safety improvements.
9	Project Readiness and Potential	
9a	Schedule: How quickly can the project be implemented to provide benefits to the community? Are there any potential risks that could impact	Design and permitting can begin immediately after funding approval. A Caltrans encroachment permit will be required for work within the state right-of-way, which may extend the review period. Construction could begin within 12–18 months of funding and be completed in one construction season.
9b	Deliverability: Describe why your agency is capable of delivering this project. (sufficient staff, project management, performance in past)	The primary delivery risk is the Caltrans encroachment permit process, which could extend the schedule. Other risks are limited, as no right-of-way acquisition is anticipated and utility conflicts are expected to be minimal. Funding delays would be the only other factor affecting delivery. The City's Public Works Department is now fully staffed and able to design and deliver the project effectively.
9c	Environmental: Describe any potential environmental issues, mitigations, risks associated with current and future environmental conditions (climate change, extreme	No significant environmental impacts are anticipated. The project is within an existing roadway corridor, and improvements are limited to resurfacing, sidewalk upgrades, ADA compliance, and bicycle/pedestrian safety features. No climate change risks are expected, and the project supports environmental goals by encouraging mode shift to walking, biking, and transit.
9d	Mitigating Risks: What efforts will be undertaken to minimize risks to project implementation.	Risks will be mitigated through early coordination with Caltrans on the encroachment permit, utility companies for any potential conflicts, and the community to address access during construction. The City's Public Works Department, now fully staffed, will oversee design and delivery to ensure the project stays on schedule and within budget.

9e	<u>Other:</u> Describe any other potential risks and plans to mitigate risks.	No additional risks are anticipated beyond funding availability and Caltrans permit approval. Construction will be staged to maintain access for residents, schools, and emergency services. The City's Public Works team has experience delivering similar projects and is prepared to address unforeseen issues quickly if they arise.
10	Consistency with Complete Streets guidelines and policies: Describe how is project consistent with guidelines and integrates complete streets	The project adds bike lanes with green treatments, bike boxes, ADA-compliant sidewalks, and upgraded crossings consistent with Complete Streets best practices. These improvements also meet the City's Active Transportation Plan goals, which emphasize Complete Streets integration and safe travel for all modes
11a	Public engagement: Was this project identified as a priority by the community? How was it determined to be a priority? How have residents in the project area been involved in the decision-making or project	This project was the highest priority short-term project in the City's Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Adopted in early 2021, the ATP was developed with extensive community involvement through stakeholder meetings and public input. Projects were scored on criteria including safety, roadway type, connectivity and access, implementation, and community-identified need. Granite Creek Road scored 95 out of 100 possible points, reflecting strong community support
11b	<u>Outreach:</u> Describe how the public and stakeholders were/will be engaged in the development and implementation of the project (e.g. intended outreach methods, activities, pop-up planning events; planning activities at community	Outreach for this project will build on the public engagement conducted during the Active Transportation Plan. The City will continue to involve the community through public meetings, online updates, and coordination with nearby schools and businesses to ensure input is reflected during design and construction.
11c	<u>Diverse Participation:</u> How will you ensure participation from diverse and historically underrepresented members of the public in project planning? What specific outreach to low-income, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color),	The City will ensure diverse participation by engaging schools, seniors, and residents in neighborhoods east of Highway 17 who rely on walking, biking, and transit. Outreach may include multilingual materials, accessible meeting formats, and coordination with community organizations to capture input from groups that are often underrepresented in transportation planning.
12a	RTP Consistency: If project is included in the approved 2045 or draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List, provide RTP	SV-P73
12b	Consistency with other plans. What other plans is this project listed in, if any?	The project is consistent with the City's Active Transportation Plan, which recommends Granite Creek Road as a priority corridor for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. It also supports the City's Pavement Management Plan by addressing deferred maintenance on a critical roadway segment.
13	Scale of Benefits - How many users are expected to use the facility, service or program? What is the source of this estimate?	This section of roadway serves as one of only two Highway 17 crossings in the City, connecting neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and transit stops. Most recent counts by the City show an ADT of 6,631 on Granite Creek Road. Daily users include motorists, students walking and biking to school, and bus riders accessing stops along the corridor. Improvements will benefit a broad spectrum of the community

C1. CAPITAL PROJECTS - SCHEDULE, COST AND FUNDING SUMMARY

Non-infrastructure projects/programs/plans - see NI tabs

Project Title:	Granite Creek Overcrossing Project		
Project Schedule/Milestone <i>(For TRANSIT vehicles- modify milestones accordingly or use Uniform Transit Application)</i>		Anticipated Date	Notes on schedule (flexibility, worst-case schedule)
Project Cost Estimates/Scope Developed		12/01/24	
Begin Environmental (PA&ED) Phase		N/A	
Circulate Draft Env'l Document	Env'l Document	Categorical Exemption	02/01/26
Draft Project Report		N/A	
End Environmental Phase (PA&ED Milestone)		N/A	
Begin Design (PS&E) Phase		12/01/25	
End Design Phase (Ready to List for Advertisement Milestone)		10/01/26	
Begin Right of Way Phase		N/A	
End Right of Way Phase (Right of Way Certification Milestone)		N/A	
Begin Construction Phase (Contract Award Milestone)		03/01/27	
End Construction Phase (Construction Contract Acceptance Milestone)		03/01/28	
Begin Closeout Phase		03/01/28	
End Closeout Phase (Closeout Report)		04/01/28	

Project Cost Summary/Funding Information									
Total Project Cost (\$1,000s) - AUTO FILLS (do not enter numbers here)									
Component	Prior	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	Total	
E&P (PA&ED)	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	
PS&E	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	300	
R/W SUP (CT)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CON SUP (CT)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
R/W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CON	0	393	1,000	1,377	0	0	0	2,770	
TOTAL	0	723	1,000	1,377	0	0	0	3,100	

Fund No. 1:	NEW FUNDS REQUESTED FROM RTC								SCCRTC to consider proposals at its November 6, 2025 meeting
Fiscal Year									
Component	Prior	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	Total	Are there certain fund sources (e.g. federal, STIP)
E&P (PA&ED)								0	
PS&E								0	
R/W SUP (CT)								0	
CON SUP (CT)								0	
R/W								0	
CON			1,000					1,000	
TOTAL	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	

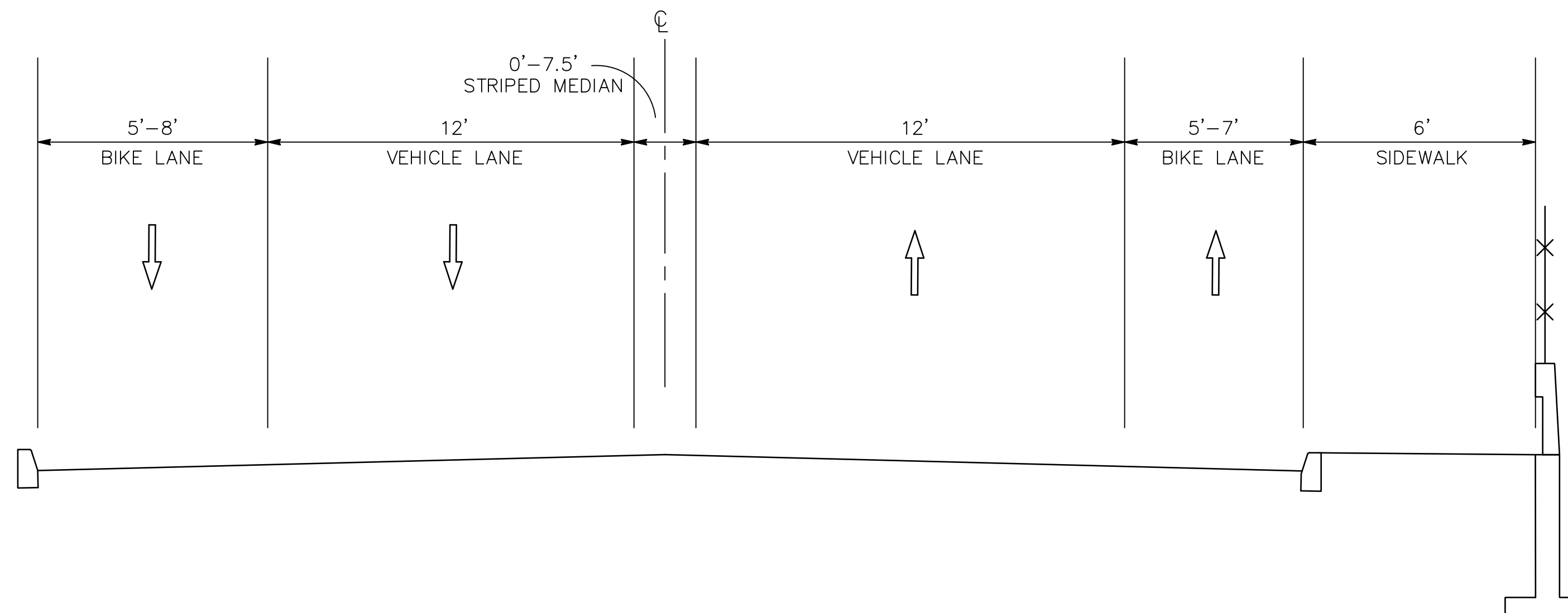
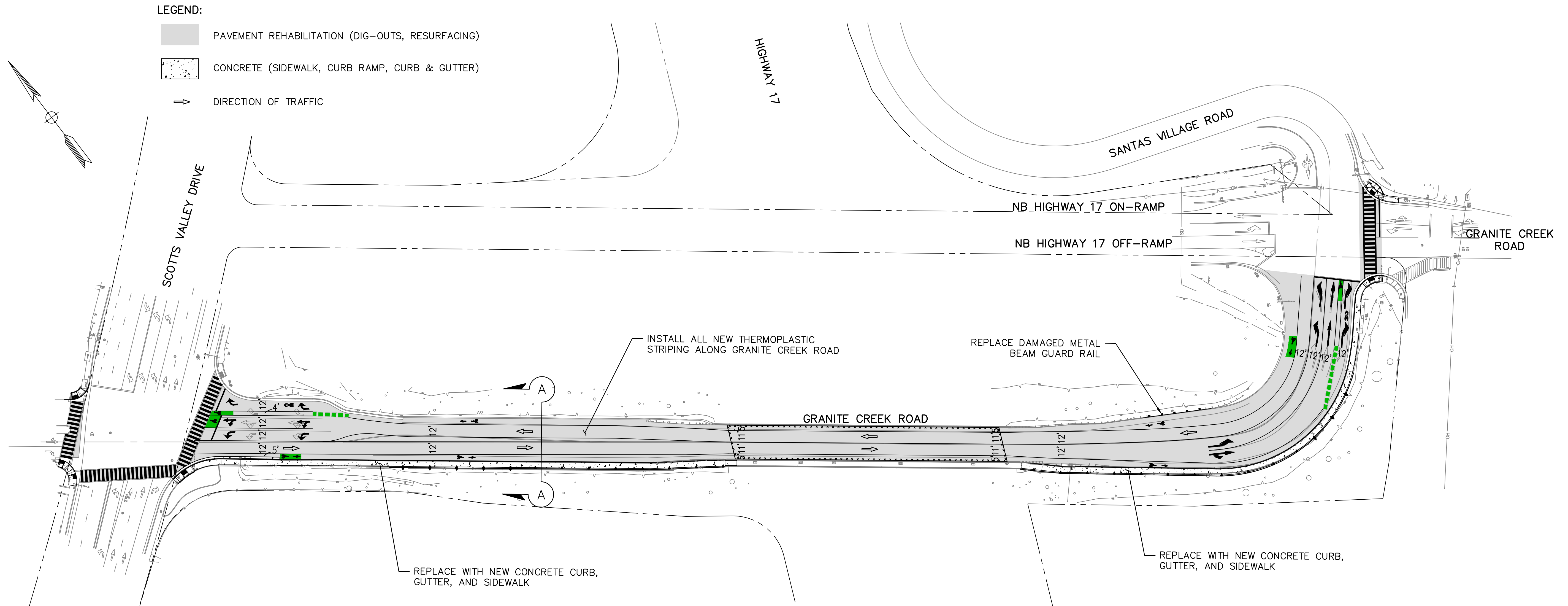
Fund No. 2:	SOURCE NAME (Local Matching Funds - Gas Tax, RSTPX, SB-1, and General Fund)								Funding status	
Fiscal Year									Are these funds secured?	Yes
Component	Prior	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	Total		
E&P (PA&ED)		30						30	If no, when will you know if funds are secured?	n/a
PS&E		300						300		
R/W SUP (CT)								0		
CON SUP (CT)								0	What risks are there to these funds, if any?	n/a
R/W								0		
CON		393						393		
TOTAL	0	723	0	0	0	0	0	723		

Fund No. 3:	SOURCE NAME (Unfunded-TBD)								Funding status	
Fiscal Year									Are these funds secured?	No
Component	Prior	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	Total		
E&P (PA&ED)								0	If no, when will you know if funds are secured?	Unknown at this time
PS&E								0		
R/W SUP (CT)								0		
CON SUP (CT)								0	What risks are there to these funds, if any?	
R/W								0		
CON				1,377				1,377		
TOTAL	0	0	0	1,377	0	0	0	1,377		

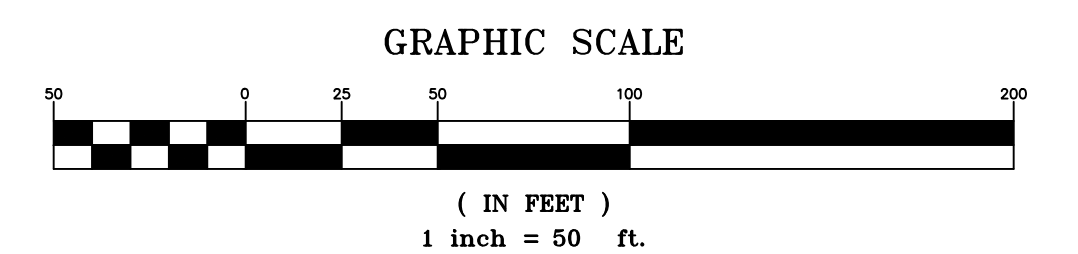
C2. ENGINEERS ESTIMATE

Replace with categories/format appropriate to your project. Shown below are examples only.

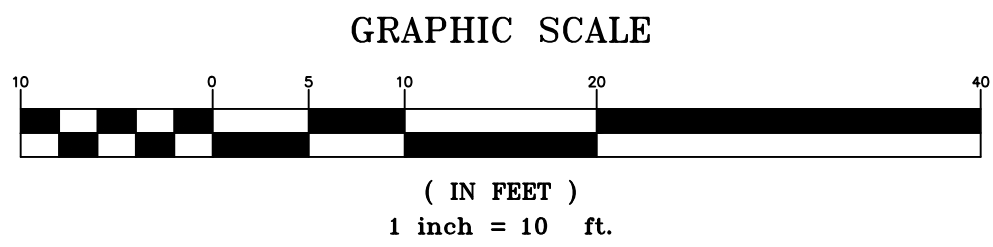
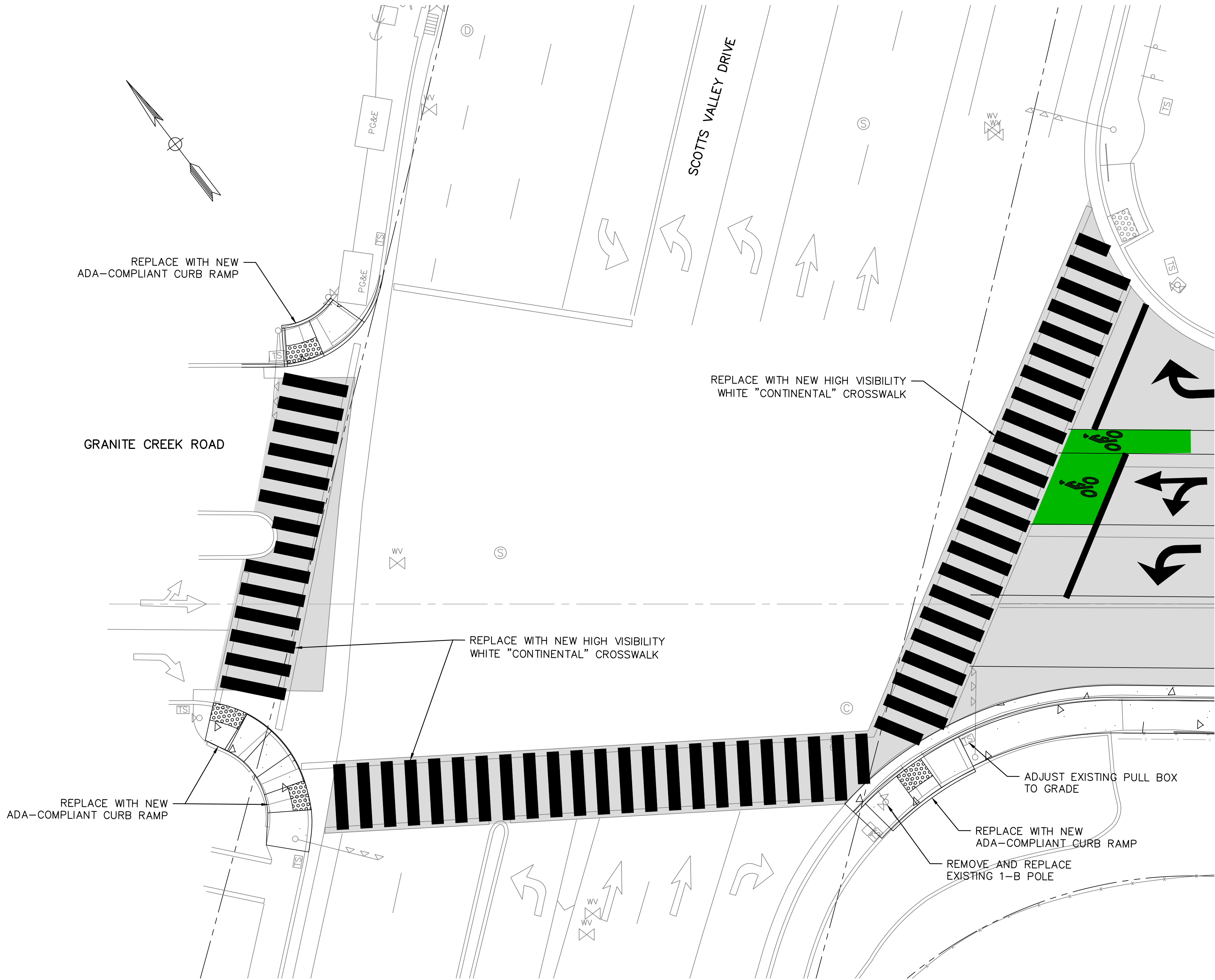
Project:	Granite Creek Overcrossing Project				
Item No.	Engineer's Estimate				
1	Environmental Studies and Permits				\$30,101
2	Plans, Specifications, and Estimate				\$301,008
	Right of Way				
3	Right of Way Acquisition				\$0
4	Right of Way Support				\$0
5	Utility Relocation (exclude if included in construction)				\$0
	TOTAL RIGHT OF WAY COMPONENT COST				\$0
	Construction (Update items to match actual items for project)				
	Item Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total
6	Mobilization	1	LS	\$190,025.00	\$190,025
7	Remove Concrete (sidewalk/curb ramp)	1278	SF	\$20.00	\$25,560
8	Remove Curb and Gutter	245	LF	\$11.00	\$2,695
9	Remove AC Sidewalk	5203	SF	\$12.00	\$62,436
10	Cleaning and Grubbing	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
11	Remove Guardrail	673	LF	\$14.00	\$9,422
12	Remove Retaining Wall	774	LF	\$20.00	\$15,480
13	Remove AC Dike	587	LF	\$3.00	\$1,761
14	Remove Tree	7	EA	\$700.00	\$4,900
15	Water Supply	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
16	SWPPP	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
17	Temporary WPC	1	LS	\$135,000.00	\$135,000
18	Erosion Control	1	LS	\$115,000.00	\$115,000
19	Concrete Barrier Type 60MC	217	LF	\$205.00	\$44,485
20	Concrete Barrier Type 836A	516	LF	\$215.00	\$110,940
21	Retaining Wall Type A (Case 1)	2064	SF	\$310.00	\$639,840
22	2" Cold Plane	5242	SY	\$15.00	\$78,630
23	2" Overlay HMA	590	TON	\$325.00	\$191,750
24	Curb and Gutter	1009	LF	\$18.00	\$18,162
25	5.5' Wide Sidewalk (Inc. AB)	69	CY	\$1,800.00	\$124,200
26	Curb Ramp (Inc. Truncated Dome)	5	EA	\$8,500.00	\$42,500
27	Traffic Control	1	LS	\$125,000.00	\$125,000
28	Signing & Striping	1	LS	\$27,000.00	\$27,000
29	Drainage Imp (Inc. SW Treatment)	1	LS	\$90,488.00	\$90,488
		SUBTOTAL CONSTRUCTION ITEMS			\$2,090,274
		CONTINGENCY		20.0%	\$418,055
	TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				\$2,508,329
	Escalation Rate Used:			0	n/a
Total Cost					\$ 2,839,437.60



SECTION A-A
GRANITE CREEK ROAD



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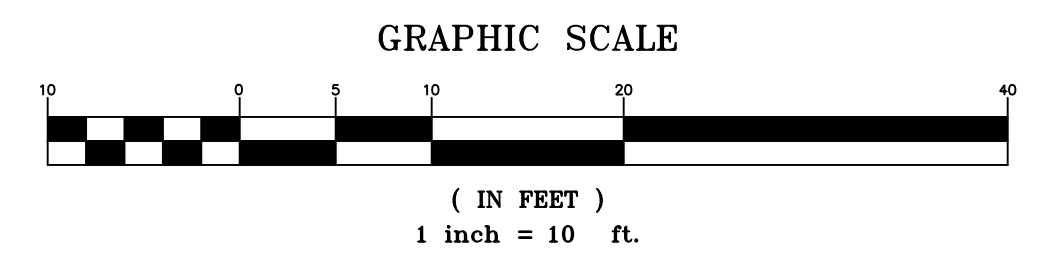
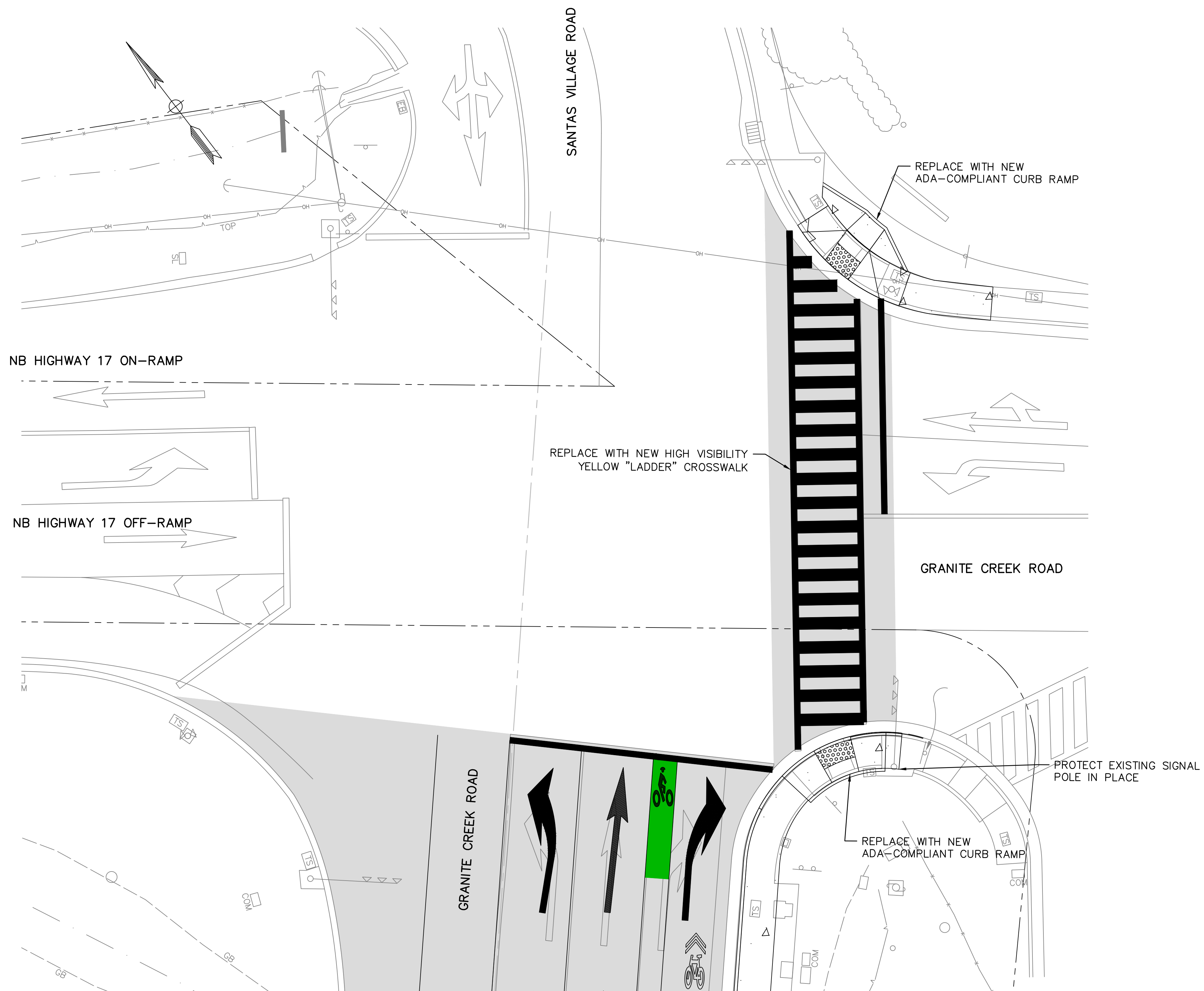
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
GRANITE CREEK IMPROVEMENTS
EXHIBIT

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March 14, 2025

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Community Project Funding – Granite Creek Road Overpass

Dear Congressman Panetta,

I write in strong support of the City of Scotts Valley's request for Community Project Funding in Fiscal Year 2026 to improve the Granite Creek Road Overpass. As the only pedestrian and bicycle crossing over Highway 17 within the City, the overpass is a critical connection between neighborhoods, schools, transit services, medical facilities, and local businesses.

Despite its importance, the overpass has significant safety deficiencies. The deteriorating infrastructure, poorly marked bike lanes and crosswalks, and narrow shoulders pose risks to the 25,000 daily users, including many students walking or biking to school. Addressing these hazards is essential to ensuring safe, accessible routes for all.

The City has committed \$700,000 in local funding through the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to initiate improvements, but the total project cost exceeds \$3 million due to necessary structural repairs and safety enhancements. An additional \$2.5 million in federal funding is needed to complete construction and prevent further deterioration.

This project aligns with the City's Active Transportation Plan and regional efforts to improve mobility and promote alternative transportation. Investing in these upgrades will enhance safety, encourage active transportation, and provide students with a secure route to school.

I respectfully urge your support for this funding request, which will have a lasting impact on our community's safety and connectivity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MANU KOENIG
First District, Supervisor



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The City has already committed \$700,000 in local funds through the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to begin work on this project, but the total cost is estimated to exceed \$3 million due to the need for extensive structural repairs and enhanced bike and pedestrian facilities. To complete construction and prevent further deterioration, the City must secure an additional \$2.5 million in funding.

This project aligns with the City's Active Transportation Plan, which prioritizes safe, accessible routes for pedestrians and cyclists. Upgrading the overpass will not only improve safety but also promote active transportation and provide students with a secure way to walk and bike to school.

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RE: COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

March 14, 2025

As the County Supervisor representing Scotts Valley, I strongly urge you to support this funding request. Investing in these improvements will have a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Martinez", with a stylized, flowing script.

MONICA MARTINEZ, Supervisor
Fifth District



CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY

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February 28, 2025

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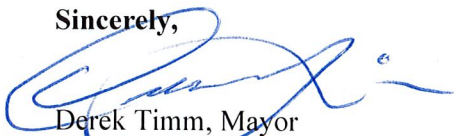
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As the Mayor of the City of Scotts Valley, I strongly urge you to support this funding request. Investing in these improvements will have a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Derek Timm, Mayor
City of Scotts Valley

*Thank you for everything
you are doing Jimmy!*



SCOTTS VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE
STEVE WALPOLE

March 4, 2025

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I strongly urge you to support this funding request. Investing in these improvements will have a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Steve Walpole
Police Chief
City of Scotts Valley



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February 27, 2025

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request, FY 2026

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As Superintendent of Scotts Valley Unified School District, I strongly urge you to support this funding request. Investing in these improvements will have a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tanya Krause, Superintendent
Scotts Valley Unified School District



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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request, FY 2026

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As **Fire Chief for the Scotts Valley Fire District**, I strongly urge you to support this funding request. Investing in these improvements will have a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Correia
Fire Chief



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March 4, 2025

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request, FY 2026 – Support for Scotts Valley Granite Creek Road Overpass Project

Dear Congressman Panetta,

On behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), I am writing to express strong support for the City of Scotts Valley's request for FY 2026 Community Project Funding for the Granite Creek Road Overpass Project. The Granite Creek Road Overpass is the only pedestrian and bicycle crossing over Highway 17 in the City and connects key locations like schools, transit services, and local businesses.

Despite its importance, the overpass has serious deficiencies. The retaining wall is deteriorating, crosswalks and bike lanes are poorly marked, and the shoulder is too narrow for safe pedestrian and cyclist use. With 25,000 daily users, including many students, these conditions require an urgent response. The City has already secured \$700,000 for this project through the RTC's Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). However, an additional \$2.5 million is needed to address the structural repairs and enhance pedestrian and cyclist facilities.

This project is a priority in the City's Active Transportation Plan, which aims to provide safe, accessible routes for pedestrians and cyclists, and aligns with the Regional Transportation Plan's goals of improving community livability and reducing transportation-related injuries, particularly for vulnerable users.

I strongly urge you to support the City's vital funding request to encourage active transportation and ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Christensen
Executive Director

cc: SCCRTC and City of Scotts Valley DPW

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March 14, 2025

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
U.S. Representative
19th Congressional District, California
200 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Panetta:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 5 supports the City of Scotts Valley's (City) request for Congressman Panetta's Community Project Funding in Fiscal Year 2026 to improve the Granite Creek Road Overpass. The project is currently in the early stages of design and the City is seeking funding for construction.

This funding is essential to improving the Granite Creek Road Overpass, the only overcrossing available to pedestrians and bicyclists to travel over Highway 17 within the City. The overpass serves as a critical connection between neighborhoods, schools—including Baymonte Christian School, Scotts Valley High School, and Vine Hill Elementary School—transit services, a Kaiser Permanente medical facility, and local businesses. The limited modal options on the overpass create an active transportation gap within the transportation network. This project aims to improve roadway conditions, enhance multimodal access, and create a safer environment for all users.

This project aligns with the City's Active Transportation Plan, which prioritizes safe and accessible routes for pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, this project is consistent with Caltrans' goals of reconnecting communities divided by highways and objectives described in California's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure. Caltrans is committed to working with the City to move this multimodal overcrossing project forward.

Caltrans would like to thank Congressman Panetta for his consideration of this Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

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SCOTT EADES
District 5 Director



3/11/2025

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request, FY 2026

Dear Congressman Panetta,

Ecology Action, a California environmental non-profit headquartered in Santa Cruz, works to advance equitable community climate solutions in high greenhouse gas emitting sectors, including transportation. Our Modo Active Transportation team offers youth pedestrian and bike safety education at schools across the county, including Scotts Valley, transportation planning like Complete Streets to School and Active Transportation Plans, and hosts community events like Walk and Roll to School Day, and Bike to Work Day, Bike Month, and Biketober. While bicycle and pedestrian safety and encouragement programs are an important part of the local effort to increase walking and biking, we also appreciate that the physical infrastructure community members must navigate needs to be safe, easy, and accessible to use for all modes of transportation. Today that picture is incomplete in Scotts Valley.

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protected bike facility, and 8 foot wide sidewalks to provide safe and high quality passage for bicycles, pedestrians, and other micromobility users.

As Director of Mobility Transformation at Ecology Action, I strongly urge you to support this funding request. Investing in these improvements will have a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of our community for decades to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Miller".

Matt Miller
Director, Mobility Transformation
Ecology Action
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