



Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental EIR

Date: May 6, 2022
To: Public Agencies and Interested Parties
Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
Project Title: South Livermore Sewer Expansion Project

The City of Livermore, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the South Livermore Sewer Expansion project (the “project”) (SCH #2021120386). In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15086 and 15087, the City has issued this Notice of Availability (NOA) to provide responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested parties with information describing the proposed project and its potential environmental effects as determined in the Draft SEIR. Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period extending from May 6, 2022 to June 20, 2022. Additional information is provided below.

Project Location

The project alignment is located in the southeast area of the City of Livermore within Alameda County, California. Figure 1 shows the regional context of the project alignment, and Figure 2 shows the project site in its vicinity context. The proposed sewer extension would be installed in phases on South Livermore Avenue from approximately 520 feet northwest of Concannon Boulevard to Tesla Road, Tesla Road from South Livermore Avenue to approximately 3,000 feet east of Greenville Road, Buena Vista Avenue between East Avenue and Tesla Road, and Greenville Road from Tesla Road to approximately 5,900 feet south of Tesla Road. An additional component of the project that would involve sewer improvements in the City limits (the Bottleneck Project) is located within the City of Livermore, in segments along East Avenue (three segments between 7th Street and Dolores Street and one segment just west of Buena Vista Avenue). Regional access to the project alignment is available via Interstate 580 (I-580), which is located 2.58 miles north. Direct access to the project alignment is provided by East Avenue, which bisects the project area to the west and South Vasco Road, which bisects the project area to the east. The proposed project would not occur on a site, or directly adjacent to a site, listed as currently containing hazardous materials pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Project Description

The proposed project would amend the South Livermore Valley Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) language to allow the extension of sanitary sewer lines to serve residences and wineries located within and near the City of Livermore. The City’s 2017 Sewer Master Plan also identifies a Bottleneck Project (BO-CIP-P06) located on East Avenue. Preliminary analysis of the proposed project identified four segments of 12-inch sewer pipes that may need to be upsized on East Avenue between Maple Street and Buena Vista Avenue. In total, approximately 950 Linear Feet (LF) would need to be upsized to accommodate the proposed project. The Bottleneck Project is also included in this environmental analysis.

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The expanded sewer facilities would allow existing and future wineries, visitor serving uses, and residences to connect to the City’s wastewater system in conformance with the Livermore General Plan, South Livermore Valley Specific Plan, and/or South Livermore Valley Area Plan, subject to the provisions of Alameda County Measure D. The project would also allow existing residences on Buena Vista Avenue to connect to the City’s wastewater system and cease the use of their on-site septic systems. The project would not induce unanticipated growth in the City or its Sphere of Influence because it would serve existing and permitted uses to achieve the vision of the Livermore General Plan, the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan (SLVSP), and the South Livermore Valley Area Plan (SLVAP), in conformance with Alameda County Measure D.

Environmental Topics Evaluated

The City’s South Livermore Valley Specific Plan (SLVSP), adopted in November 1997, incorporates several goals, development standards, and policies to guide future development and conserve agricultural and natural resources. An EIR was prepared for the SLVSP (SCH #1996052025) that was certified in 1997. The City of Livermore, in its capacity as Lead Agency for the project, determined that the project has the potential to result in significant environmental effects and therefore a SEIR was prepared.

The Initial Study prepared and included as an appendix to the Draft SEIR found that no new or more severe than already evaluated impacts would occur as a result of project changes for Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. The Initial Study determined that the significance of impacts related to Hydrology and Water Quality, and Utilities and Service Systems could potentially be affected, due to the proposed extension of sewer to the SLVSP Area. These resource topic areas are analyzed as part of the Draft SEIR. The Draft SEIR also evaluates potential cumulative and growth-inducing effects of the proposed project.

Public Review and Written Comments

The Draft SEIR is available for review on the City’s website at:
<https://www.cityoflivermore.net/government/community-development/planning/environmental-documents>.
A printed copy of the Draft SEIR is also available at the City of Livermore City Hall and Civic Center Library.

The City of Livermore would like to receive your input on the Draft SEIR. Comments pertaining to the impact analysis, criteria and thresholds, mitigation measures, alternatives and any other environmental information presented in the Draft SEIR will be considered by the City during preparation of the Final EIR. The Final EIR will include copies of comments and the City’s responses to comments pertaining to the environmental analysis provided in the Draft SEIR. Due to time limits, as established by CEQA, your response should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 45 days after publication of this notice. Please submit your comments by 5:00 p.m. **on June 20, 2022** by mail or e-mail to:

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Please include the name, phone number, and address of a contact person in your response.

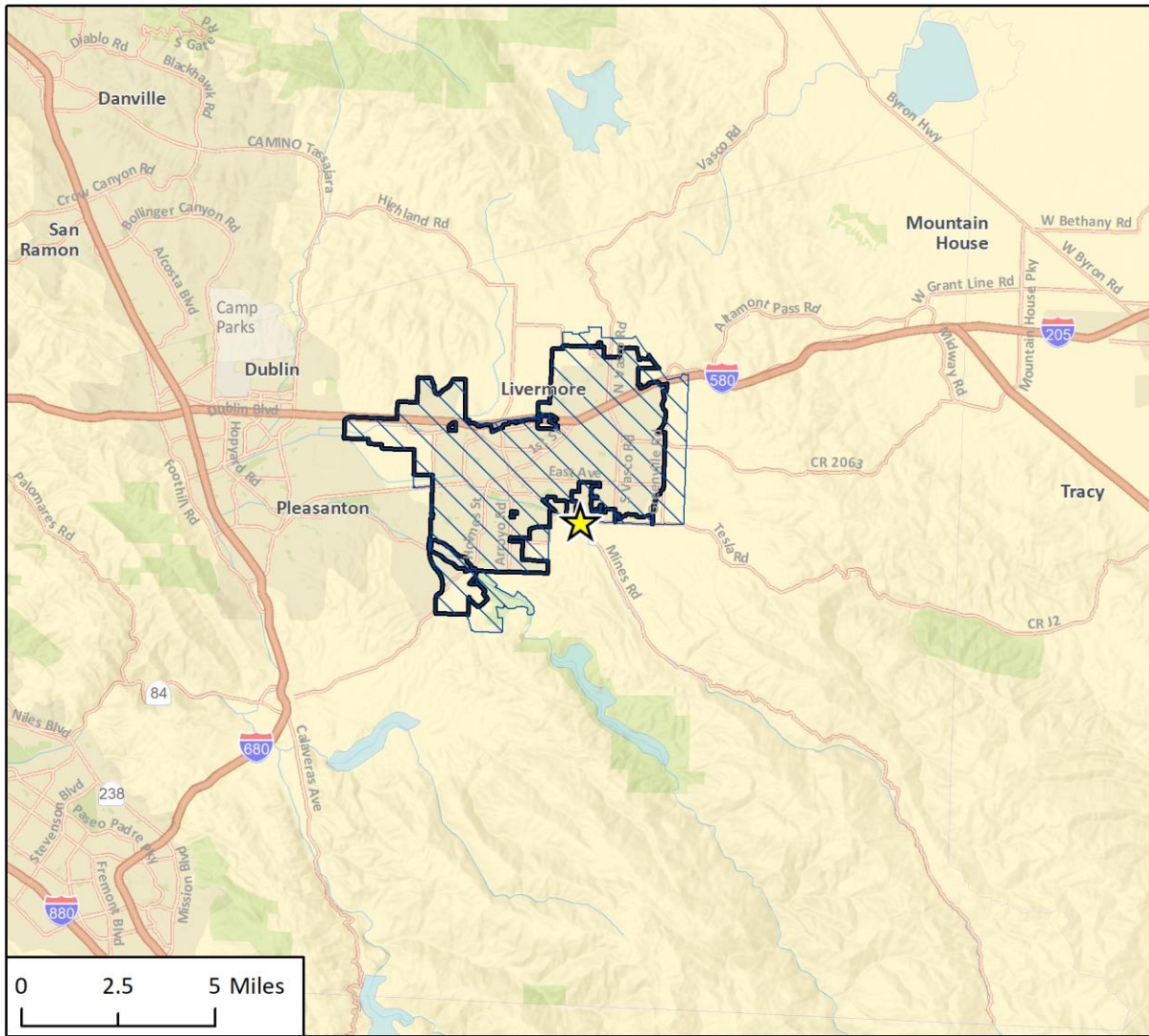
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Attachments




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Figure 1 Regional Location



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-  Project Location
-  Livermore City Boundary
-  Livermore Sphere of Influence

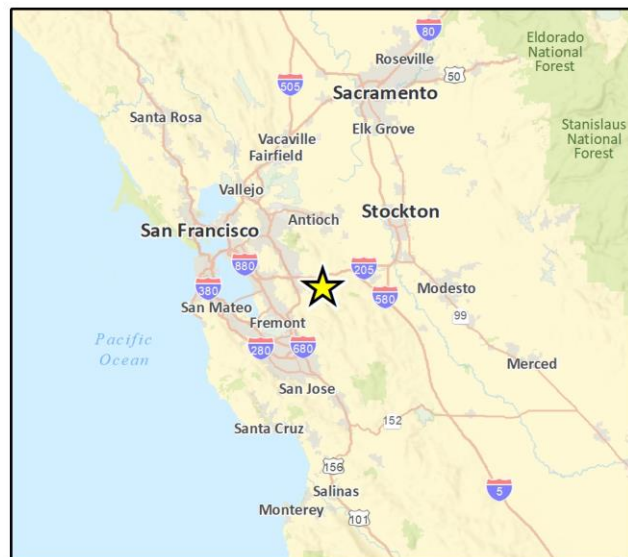
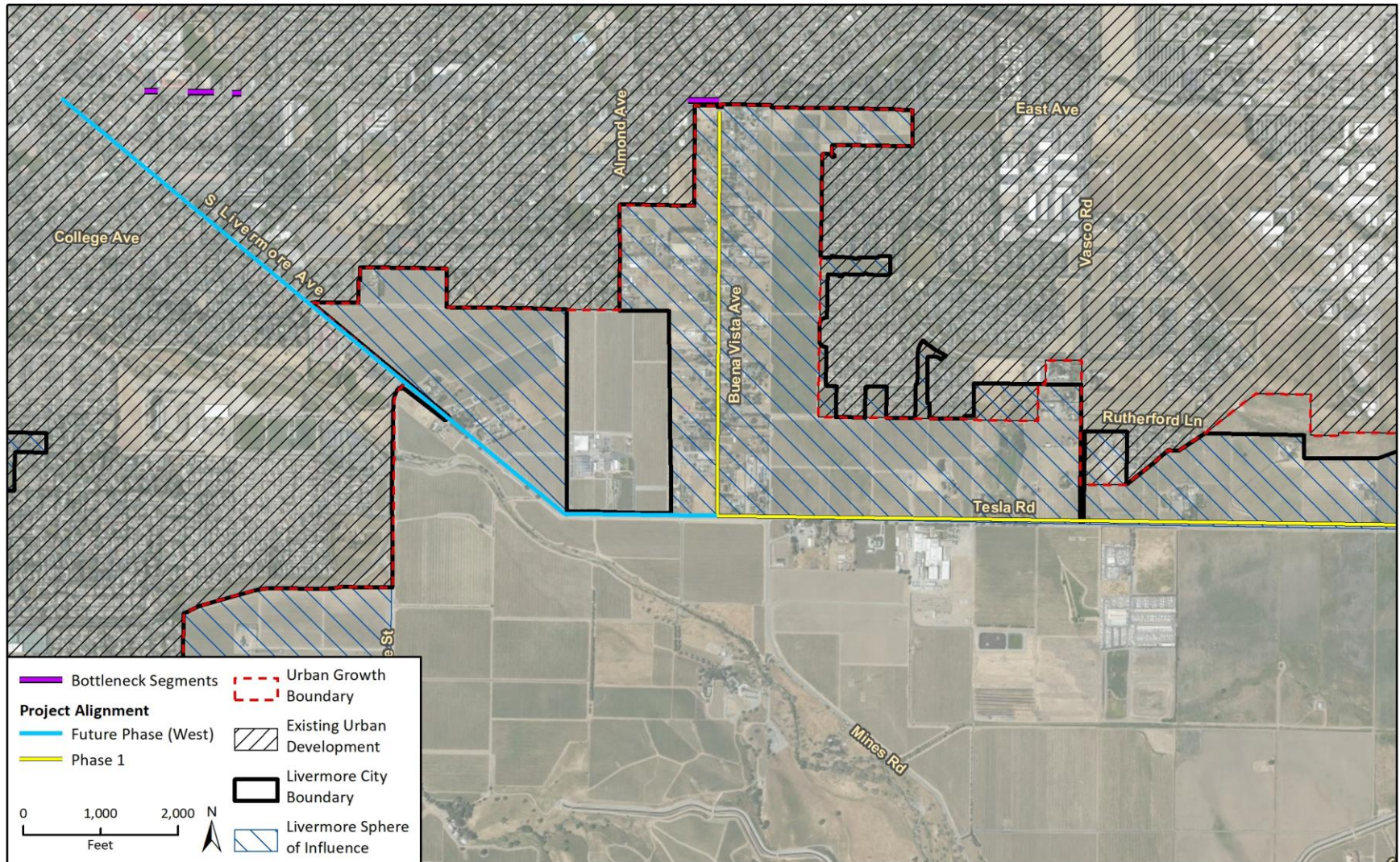


Fig. 1 Regional Location

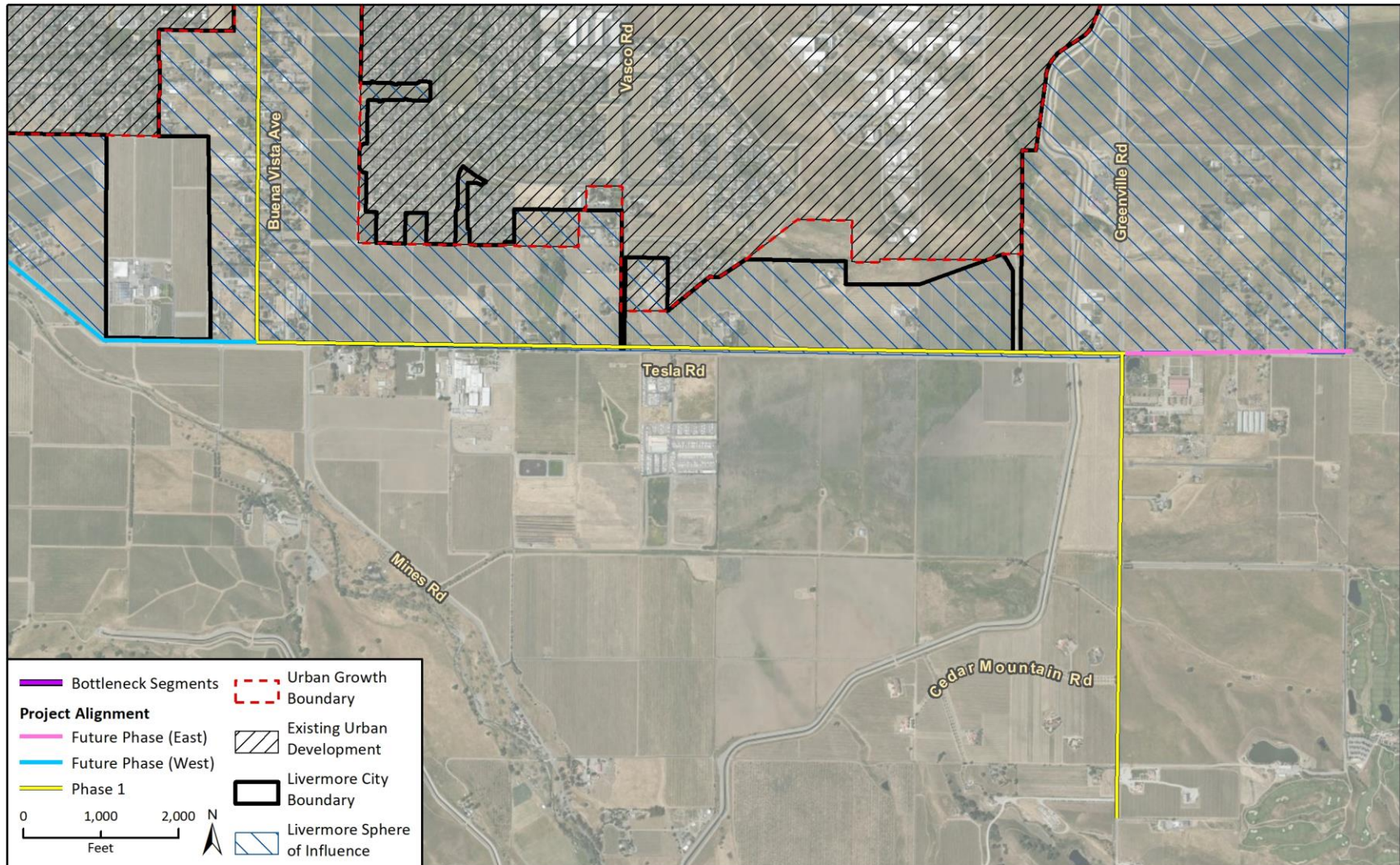
Figure 3 Proposed Sewer Extension and Urban Growth Boundary - West



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Fig 3 Conceptual Plans_West

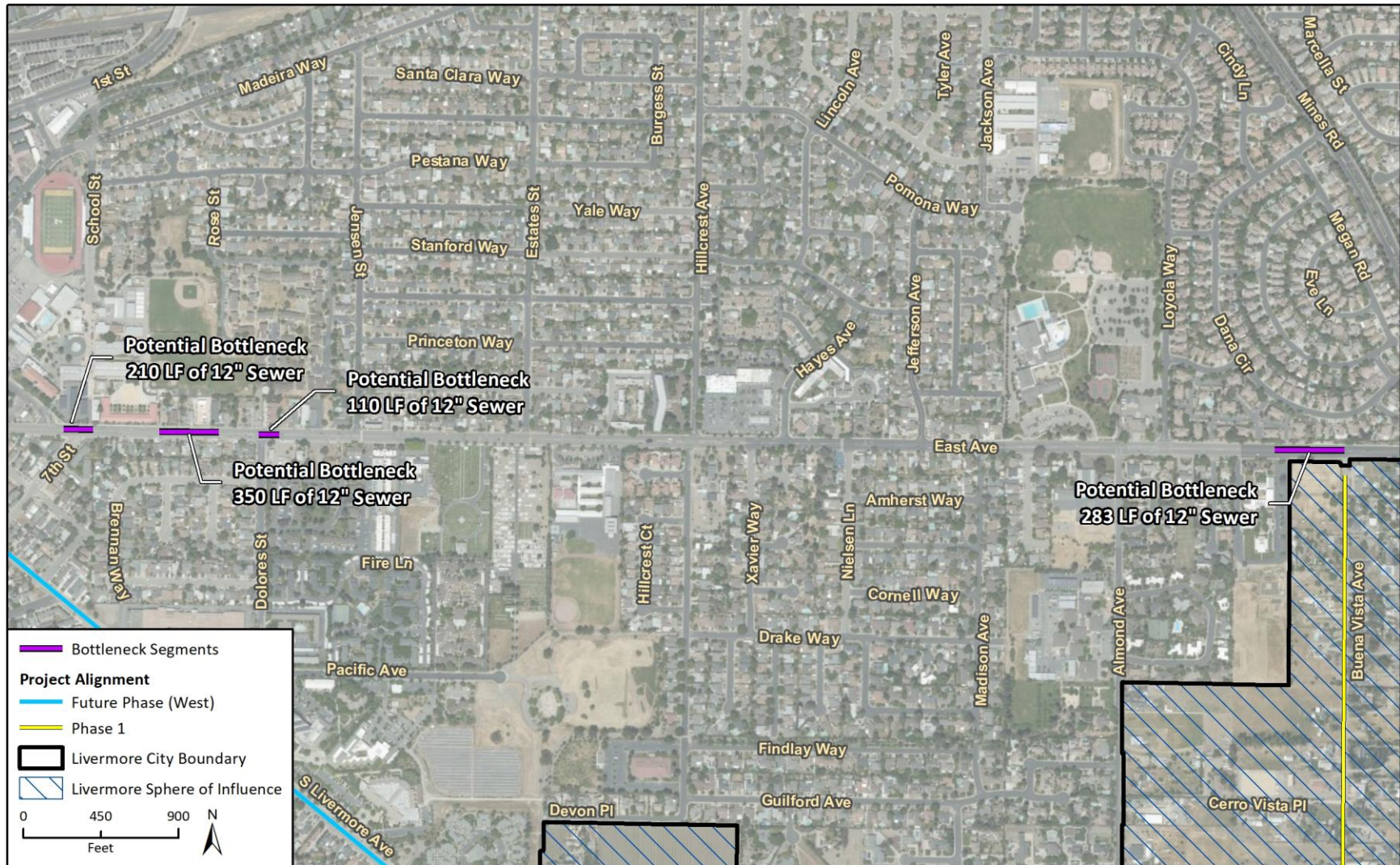
Figure 4 Proposed Sewer Extension and Urban Growth Boundary - East



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Fig 5 Bottleneck Segment Locations 20220426