

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO GENERAL PLAN MOBILITY ELEMENT UPDATE

In discharging its duties under Section 15021 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of West Sacramento (as lead agency, hereinafter “City” or “West Sacramento”) intends to prepare a supplemental environmental impact report (SEIR), consistent with Section 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, hereinafter the “CEQA Guidelines”), for the City of West Sacramento General Plan Mobility Element Update (the “project,” described later in this document). This environmental document will supplement the City of West Sacramento General Plan EIR and the Bridge District Specific Plan EIR (State Clearinghouse #2015082061 and 2008072024).

In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has prepared this notice of preparation (NOP) to provide the Office of Planning and Research, responsible and trustee agencies, and other interested parties with sufficient information describing the project and its potential environmental effects.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15163 states that a lead agency may choose to prepare a supplement to an EIR rather than a subsequent EIR if proposed changes meet the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and if only minor additions and changes would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequate. Because the City has determined that a SEIR will be prepared for the proposed Project, an Initial Study has not been prepared (CEQA Guidelines Section 15063[a]).

As specified by the CEQA Guidelines, the NOP will be circulated for a 30-day review period. The comment period runs from July 20th, through August 19th. The City welcomes input on the scope of analysis during the review period. If the City has not received either a response or a well-justified request for additional time by a responsible agency by the end of the review period, the City will presume that the responsible agency has no response (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082[b][2]). Comments during the review period shall be directed to:

City of West Sacramento Community Development Department
c/o David Tilley
1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor
West Sacramento, CA 95691
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CEQA provides for a lead agency to facilitate one or more scoping meetings, which provide opportunity for determining the scope and content of the SEIR. The City will hold a public scoping meeting to provide additional information about the project and to receive verbal and written comments at the following date, time, and location:

August 9th between 10-11 AM
Meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 217 857 696 195
Passcode: jZwZwY

Or call in (audio only)
+1 619-485-0116,,746613925# United States, San Diego
Phone Conference ID: 746 613 925#

Meeting Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Nzc0NTU4NDEtZWNIc00YwY4LTgyZTItNWFKZjZmNTljOWJh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22284d74b9-2287-48dd-86fa-55c87b82bc40%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224a8dc668-130d-41bd-9401-9dd53b08ed38%22%7d

Project Location and Setting

The project site is the Planning Area of the city of West Sacramento in eastern Yolo County across the Sacramento River from the city of Sacramento (Figures 1 and 2). The city is bounded by the Sacramento River on the east and the Yolo Bypass on the west. Interstate 80 (I-80) is located in the northwestern part of the city; Highway 50/Capital City Freeway bisects the city, oriented east to west.

Project Description

The SEIR will supplement the City of West Sacramento General Plan EIR and the Bridge District Specific Plan EIR (State Clearinghouse #2015082061 and 2008072024).¹

This SEIR will focus on providing additional information and analysis necessary to address proposed changes within the Mobility Element of the General Plan Update and transportation diagrams and typical street cross sections included in the Bridge District Specific Plan. The analysis will include updates to estimates of vehicular travel demand and forecast volumes at key roadway segments within the Bridge District Specific Plan Area that would update the information currently available in an appendix to the Bridge District Specific Plan - Appendix B3: Roadways and Vehicular Circulation.

Mobility Element

The City is proposing amendments to the Circulation Diagram in the General Plan Mobility Element to incorporate geometries identified in the Pioneer Bluff and Stone Lock Reuse Master Plan, the Washington Realized Sustainable Community Strategy, and the Bridge District Specific Plan, including change in designation to a Local Road, new Collectors, extensions to Collectors, new intersections, change in designation to a Low Access Control Arterial, and adding one missing Arterial (please see Figures 1 and 2).

The SEIR will describe environmental effects associated with revised policy and implementation language and the revised Circulation Diagram in the updated Mobility Element. The SEIR will assess updates to transportation noise analysis, as well as updates to the energy, greenhouse gas emissions, and criteria air pollutants emissions analysis related to the updated vehicular travel demand forecast. The City has determined that there is no need for additional air pollutant dispersion modeling, a health risk

¹ The Bridge District Specific Plan Area was known as the “Triangle Specific Plan Area” at the time the original EIR was prepared.

assessment, or new alternatives analyses.

Bridge District Specific Plan

The City proposes to amend the planned transportation facilities described in the Bridge District Specific Plan, including Volume 2, Section 2.2, the Regulating Plan, which identifies the backbone circulation infrastructure and functional classifications, as well as the “order” (combined streetscape and building design standards guidance). The amendment will include additional exhibits showing typical cross sections to augment the streetscape standards for new roadway segments. Section 3.7.6, Bicycle Network, will be updated, along with Volume 3, Exhibit 5: Through Streets and Exhibit 7: Public Roadways and Traffic Signals, Exhibit 9: Transit Facilities, and Exhibit 10: Bikeway Facilities.

The SEIR will describe environmental effects associated with revisions to Volumes 2 and 3 of the Bridge District Specific Plan and updated vehicular travel demand estimates.

Probable Environmental Effects

The City of West Sacramento General Plan Update EIR comprehensively addressed impacts associated with implementation of the General Plan and the Bridge District Specific Plan EIR comprehensively addresses impacts associated with implementation of this Plan.²

The SEIR will provide the necessary analysis and information to address proposed changes to the General Plan and Specific Plan as a supplement to certified General Plan Update EIR and Specific Plan EIR. The City does not anticipate any new significant impact or any substantial increase in the severity of impacts resulting from the proposed amendments to the General Plan or Specific Plan.

Impacts and conditions presented in the City of West Sacramento General Plan Update EIR and the Bridge District Specific Plan EIR will serve as the primary base of comparison for the analysis. Elements of the prior analysis that are unchanged will not be re-analyzed in the SEIR, but a summary discussion of those areas for which impacts remain the same or would be lessened will be provided for the reader’s use. Additional information would be provided to ensure the analysis in the SEIR is current and fully addresses the amendments to the Mobility Element and Bridge District Specified Plan. The SEIR will use the same organization as the General Plan EIR, with information addressing the following environmental topics with additional information related to energy use, VMT, and wildfire risk:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources
- Greenhouse Gases Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

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Figure 1: Existing General Plan Circulation Diagram, Pre-Update

2035 Circulation Diagram

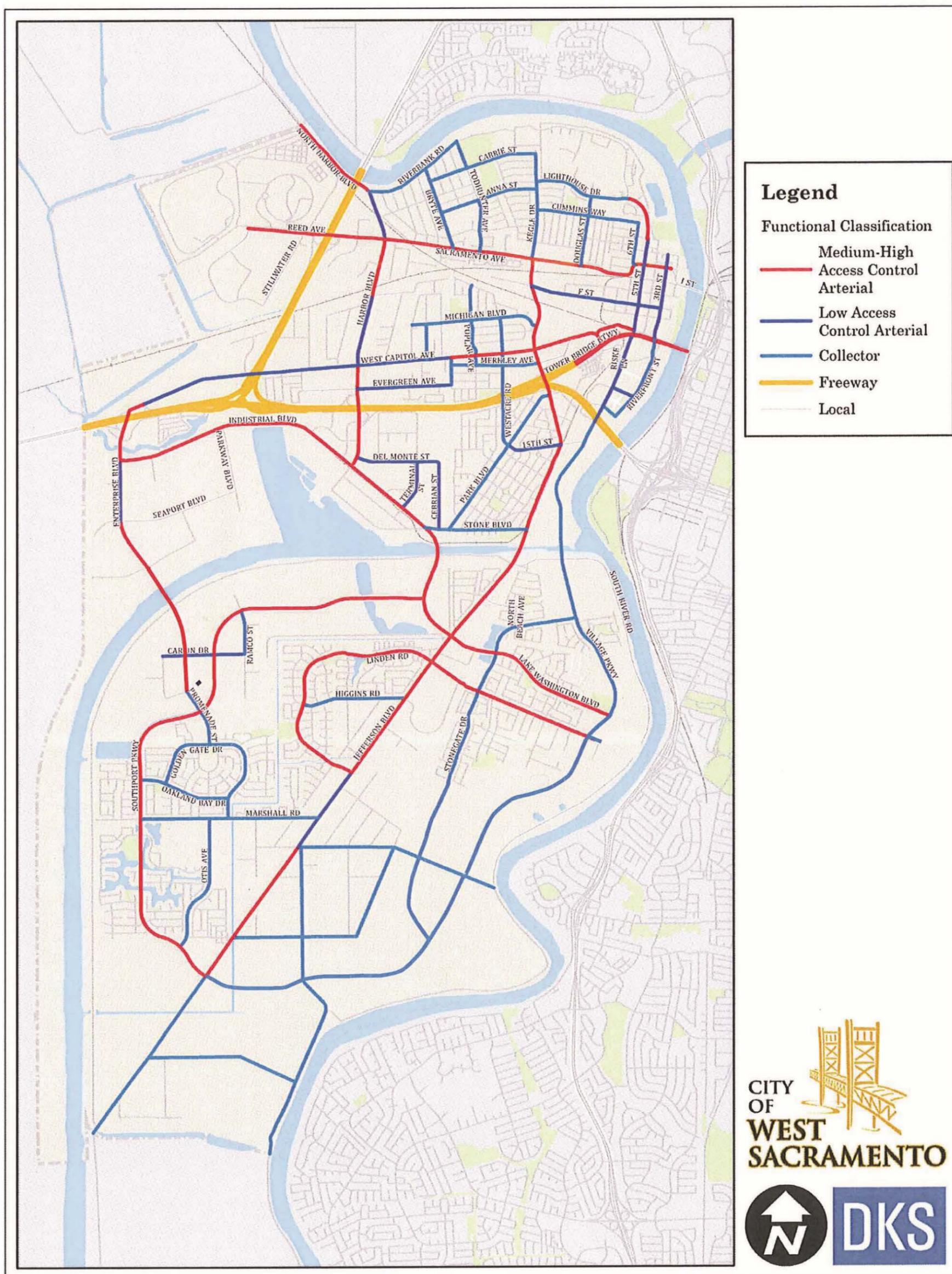
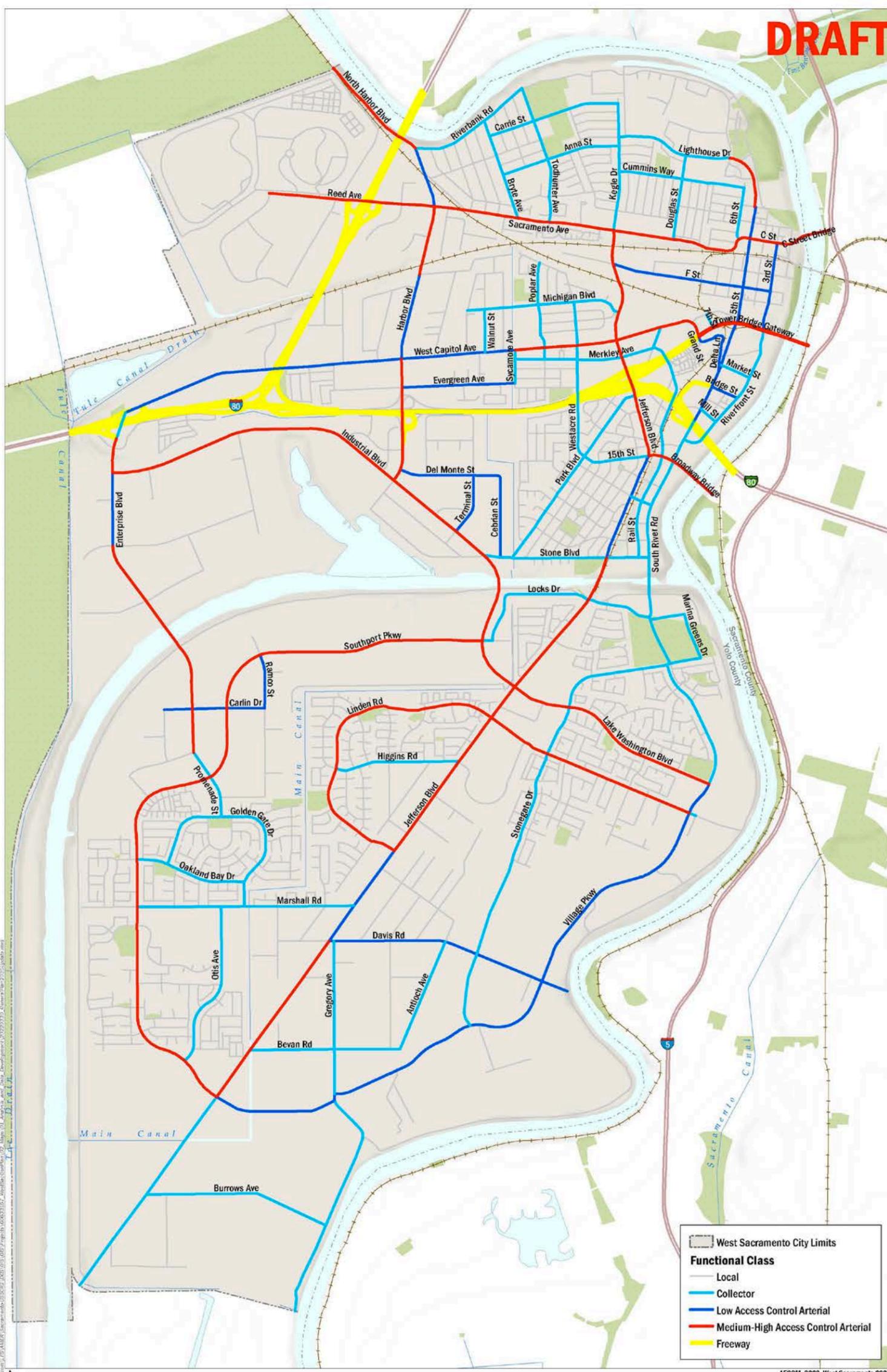


Figure 2: Draft General Plan Circulation Diagram Update



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CIRCULATION DIAGRAM UPDATE