

Residential Model Block and West Residential Amenities

The residential model block represents an area within the University District, which utilizes a wide range of landscape and other Low-Impact Development (LID) options within the streetscape. Street tree canopies provide shade and visual interest, wide flow through inverted medians ~~planters buffer pedestrians walking on the sidewalk from automobiles in the street~~, front porch entries are bordered by shrubs to signify the transitional space between the public and private rights-of-way, and street corners are designed with highly landscaped plazas for residents and/or visitors to gather throughout various times of the day. In addition to the Residential Model Block are the West Residential Amenities, which consist of public and private common space.

Public common open space consists of passive green space, active recreational amenities, open flexible fields, tot lots, seating areas, picnic areas, community gardens, or other passive or active outdoor areas. The public common open space may be provided as one large area or a series of smaller areas spread throughout the residential areas west of Twin Oaks Valley Road.

Private common usable space provides private, easily accessible, and neighborhood-scaled recreational and passive areas for residents. These spaces include passive green space, active recreational amenities, open flexible fields, tot lots, seating areas, picnic areas, community gardens, or other passive or active outdoor areas. Also included are courtyard areas and interior spaces, including fitness centers, entertainment rooms, and other private common indoor uses. Leasing offices, common mailrooms, and other similar uses do not count toward private common usable spaces. Private common open space is required for all residential units constructed on the west side of Twin Oaks Valley Road.

These common areas requirements are in addition to private usable open space required for each unit, as specified in Section VI, the Form-Based Code. Actual locations for common spaces will be determined during project-level site design, and may be consolidated among several developments to provide larger, centralized amenities. Parking is not required for these neighborhood amenities as they are intended to serve the local neighborhood, are within walking distance of many residences, and could utilize on-street parking, where provided.



Refer to ~~Figure IV.L: Residential Model Block Perspective~~ or Section VI.5 – Public Park and Gathering Space Standards in the Form-Based Code for more detailed information.



FIGURE IV.L: Residential Model Block Perspective

IV.3 Open Space Statistical Summary

Table IV.A: Open Space Statistical Summary below summarizes the proposed park and open space calculations for the entire *University District* project area:

Type	Name	Size (Acres)	Proposed Program	Linkages	Location
Urban Plazas	East Urban Plaza s	2.09 2.01	Market, special event and performance spaces, café and public gathering areas, public art/ water feature	Connects to east side paseos, University residential courtyards and <i>University District</i> bike and pedestrian paths	East
	Twin Oaks Plaza (East)	0.73 0.25	Urban hardscape plaza, seating and gathering areas, iconic grove, major project gateway, public art/water feature/ monument	Connects to Twin Oaks and Barham urban trails and pedestrian bridge across Twin Oaks and commercial/retail core	East
	East Paseos and Mini Plazas	0.43 1.79	Plazas, seating areas, chess/checkers tables, public art/ water feature, cafes, stroll garden	Connects to Barham urban trail, East Urban Plaza s , University residential courtyards and <i>University District</i> bike and pedestrian paths	East
	South Mini Plazas	0.13	Public seating and café areas with special emphasis on University-related programs and users	Connects to Barham urban trail and internal University District bike and pedestrian paths	East
	Twin Oaks West Plaza s and Paseos (West)	1.91 0.45	Terraced plazas and gardens, seating, special event and gathering areas, major Urban hardscape plaza, project gateway, public art/water feature/ monument, seating areas, public gardens, café areas.	Connects to Twin Oaks and Discovery Barham urban trails, residential areas, and pedestrian bridge across Twin Oaks and internal University District bike and pedestrian paths. <u>Connects to internal University District bike and pedestrian paths and Twin Oaks plaza West</u>	West
	West Paseos	1.84	Plazas, sSeating areas, public gardens, café areas	Connects to internal University District bike and pedestrian paths and Twin Oaks plaza West	West
	West Mini Plaza	0.27	Seating and café zone with special emphasis on office park related program and users	Connects to internal University District bike and pedestrian paths	West

	Green Link Plazas	0.26	Seating and gathering area with special emphasis on residential and mixed-use program and users	Connects to Green streets and links, internal University District bike and pedestrian paths	West
	Total Urban Plazas	7.964.5	Acres		

Table IV.A: Open Space Statistical Summary (Continued)

Type	Name	Size (Acres)	Description	Linkages	Location
Urban Parks	Knoll Park <u>and Neighborhood Greens</u>	9.3 16	Community Center, playground, basketball court climbing/ adventure play areas, hiking trail, Disc golf , open field/play space, picnic areas, overlook, interpretive signage	Pedestrian bridge across Barham Drive to Discovery Hills trails Primary park amenity accessible through pedestrian walkways	West
	North Neighborhood Green	1.1	Stroll gardens, seating areas, community gathering space, iconic grove and neighborhood gateway, public art/water feature	Connects to Creekside trail and internal University District bike and pedestrian paths	West
	South Neighborhood Green	1.77	Open field/play space, shaded picnic areas		West
	East Creek Park	1.79 0.5	Fitness stations, sports courts, rest areas, open field/play space	Connects to Creekside trail, proposed 78 flyover bridge urban trails and internal University District bike and pedestrian paths	West
	Mid Creek Park	0.44	Public seating and gathering area; community garden; riparian overlook and bridge	Connects to Creekside trail and internal University District bike and pedestrian paths	West
	West Creek Park	1.55 1.63	Dog park, open field/play space, playground/ tot-lot, shaded seating areas	Connects to Grand Avenue urban trail, Creekside trail and internal University District bike and pedestrian paths	West
	East Green	1.4 1	Open field/play space, playground/ tot-lot, shaded picnic and gathering area	Connects to internal University District bike and pedestrian paths	East
	<u>West Residential Amenities</u>	2	<u>Common usable open space consisting of green space, tot lots, community gardens, picnic areas, seating areas or other active or passive amenities</u>	<u>Connects to local University District neighborhoods through pedestrian paths</u>	<u>West</u>
	Total Urban Parks	17.37 21.13	Acres		

Total Parks and Plazas	25.33 25.63	Acres		
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Table IV.A: Open Space Statistical Summary (Continued)					
Type	Name	Length	Proposed Program	Linkages	Location
Trails and Paths	Wetland Trail	0.20	Boardwalk trail with shaded rest areas and interpretive displays	Connects to Grand Avenue and Discovery Street urban trails	West
	Creek Side Trail	0.54	Soft surface multi-use trail with picnic and rest areas and fitness circuit	Connects to Grand Avenue and proposed 78 flyover bridge urban trails and internal <i>University District</i> bike and pedestrian paths	West
	Green Links	0.3	Publicly accessible passages to Creekside trail system	Connects to Creekside trail and internal <i>University District</i> bike and pedestrian paths	West
	Green Streets	0.34	Widened sidewalks adjacent to bio-swales and mini-plazas	Connects to Green links and internal <i>University District</i> bike and pedestrian paths	West
Total Trails and Paths		1.38	Miles		

IV.4 Conceptual Plan Landscape Zones

Like much of the central heart of San Marcos, the *University District* encompasses old and new. Owing to its proximity to both major urban and transit centers and the lush San Marcos Creek riparian corridor, the *University District* landscape concept balances a largely native and naturalizing plant material palette with a simple, clean, modern aesthetic.

The District has been divided into four landscape zones that bridge the rustic and the urban palettes. Figure IV.G: Landscape Zones Diagram, in conjunction with Table IV.B: Conceptual Plant Palette – Perennials, Table IV.C: Conceptual Plant Palette – Shrubs / Groundcovers, and Table IV.D: Conceptual Plant Palette – Trees, identifies the appropriate landscape options for individual projects within the District. The plant palettes have been carefully selected to prioritize the use of drought-tolerant and native plants, in addition to locally-significant ornamentals.

FIGURE IV.MI: Landscape Zones Diagram

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LEGEND

Conceptual Landscape Character (See accompanying narrative description)

- Neighborhood Green
- Urban
- Rustic
- Open Space

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LEGEND

Conceptual Landscape Character (See accompanying narrative description)

-  Neighborhood Green
-  Urban
-  Rustic
-  Open Space

Open Space

Open Space refers to areas contiguous with San Marcos Creek that are existing or restored riparian landscape and habitat, and are barred from any pedestrian or recreational uses. These areas provide essential buffer and shelter for the creek and its denizens. These areas also serve as essential contextual and iconic environments for the District, providing a sense of place and valuable visual amenity for visitors and residents. The plant palette for these areas is limited to appropriate native riparian species that are currently present in and around the creek.



Rustic

The Rustic landscape zone refers to areas that are immediately adjacent to open space or to other significant natural features, such as the granite outcroppings at the Knoll Park. The rustic plant palette uses native plant materials to create a naturalistic setting that is easily maintained and feels like an extension of the surrounding riparian and coastal sage scrub landscape.



Neighborhood Green

These areas serve as the critical transition zones between urban and rustic landscapes within the *University District*. They employ a combination of native and naturalizing plant materials in more maintained park-like settings. For example, Neighborhood Green streets may employ native species for street trees or feature a lush bio-swale adjacent to a paved plaza. Plant materials in this landscape zone should be drought-tolerant, easily maintained and provide a rich variety of foliage textures and color for visual interest.



Urban

The Urban landscape has the broadest plant palette, drawing on the native plant materials used elsewhere within the District, as well as incorporating existing landscape motifs and materials where appropriate. Plants may be massed for architectural and sculptural effect, to create focal points, boundaries and defined gathering spaces. Trees are planted in groves and bosques to provide shade zones for the many urban parks and plazas in the District. Succulents and flowering accents create visual interest in the ground plane. As in the rest of the project, all plant materials should be drought-tolerant, site appropriate and easily maintained to minimize water and pesticide use.



Table IV.B: Conceptual Plant Palette – Perennials

Botanic name	Common Name	Open space	Rustic	Neighborhood Green	Urban	Parking Lots	Medians + Parkways	CA Native	Notable Features	
<i>Agave spp.</i>	Agave			•	•	•	•		Succulent; Sculptural form	
<i>Aloe spp.</i>	Aloe			•	•		•		Succulent; Rosette form; Flowering	
<i>Anigozanthus flavidus</i>	Kangaroo Paw		•	•	•	•	•		Perennial; Spiked leaves; Clumping; Flowering	
<i>Aristida purpurea</i>	Purple Three Awn	•	•					•	Ornamental Grass; Clumping; Fine textured	
<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>	Bougainvillea			•	•	•	•		Sprawling vine or mounding shrub; Colorful bracts	
<i>Bulbine frutescens</i>	Bulbine				•				Succulent; Clump forming; Flowering	
<i>Cistus hybridus</i>	Rockrose		•	•		•			Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Chondropetalum tectorum</i>	Cape Rush			•	•				Rush-like perennial; Clump forming	
<i>Echeveria spp.</i>	Hen and Chicks			•	•				Succulent; Rosette form; Flowering	
<i>Encelia californica</i>	California Bush Sunflower	•	•	•		•	•	•	Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Erigeron karvinskiana</i>	Santa Barbara Daisy	•	•	•		•	•	•	Shrubby perennial; Flowering	added
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California Poppy	•	•	•			•	•	Short-lived perennial; California State flower	
<i>Eriogonum spp.</i>	Buckwheat	•	•				•	•	Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Euphorbia rigida</i>	Gopher Plant			•	•				Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Galvezia speciosa</i>	Island Bush Snapdragon	•	•	•				•	Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Red Yucca			•	•	•	•		Succulent; Clump forming; Flowering	
<i>Keckiella cordifolia</i>	Heartleaf Penstemon			•	•		•	•	Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Lantana hybridus</i>	Lantana			•	•	•	•		Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Lavandula spp.</i>	Lavender			•	•				Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Lobelia laxiflora</i>	Mexican Bush Lobelia	•	•			•		•	Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deer Grass	•	•	•	•	•		•	Ornamental Grass; Large, clumping; Fine textured	
<i>Phormium tenax</i>	New Zealand Flax			•	•	•	•		Perennial; Spiked leaves; Clumping; Flowering	
<i>Salvia spp.</i>	Sage	•	•	•				•	Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Verbena spp.</i>	Verbena	•	•			•	•	•	Shrubby perennial; Flowering	
<i>Vitis californica</i>	California Grape	•	•	•	•			•	Deciduous vine; Fruiting; Fall color	
<i>Yucca whipplei</i>	Our Lord's Candle	•	•					•	Perennial; Spiked leaves; Clumping; Flowering	

Shrubs and Groundcovers	Common Name	Open Space	Rustic	Neighborhood Green	Urban	Parking lots	Medians	
<i>Acacia redolens</i>	NCN		•	•		•		Drought tolerant; shrub, groundcover
<i>Arctostaphylos spp.</i>	Manzanita	•	•	•	•	•	•	Native; shrub, groundcover
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote brush	•	•	•			•	Native; groundcover
<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i>	Desert broom	•	•					Drought tolerant; flowering perennial
<i>Callistemon 'Little John'</i>	Compact Bottlebrush			•	•	•	•	Drought tolerant; shrub
<i>Ceanothus spp</i>	Coast Live Oak	•	•	•	•	•	•	Native; flowering shrub, groundcover
<i>Echium fastuosum</i>	Pride of Madeira			•	•	•		Drought tolerant; flowering shrub
<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Beach strawberry	•	•	•	•	•	•	Native; groundcover
<i>Grevillea spp</i>	Grevillea			•	•	•	•	Drought tolerant; flowering shrub
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	•		•	•		•	Native; flowering shrub
<i>Iva hayesiana</i>	Poverty weed	•	•					Native; groundcover
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Sweet Bay		•	•	•	•	•	Drought tolerant; shrub
<i>Myrica californica</i>	California Wax Myrtle	•	•	•		•		Native; shrub
<i>Olea euroaepa 'Little Ollie'</i>	Fruitless Olive			•	•	•	•	Drought tolerant; shrub
<i>Opuntia spp</i>	Prickly pear	•	•					Succulent
<i>Pittosporum spp.</i>	Mock orange			•	•	•	•	Drought tolerant; shrub
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Holly leaf cherry		•	•	•	•		Native; shrub
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffeeberry	•	•	•			•	Native; shrub
<i>Rosmarinus spp</i>	Rosemary			•	•	•	•	Drought tolerant; flowering shrub, groundcover
<i>Rhus Ovata</i>	Sugar Bush	•	•	•			•	Native; shrub
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonadberry	•	•	•		•	•	Native; flowering shrub
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	Evergreen currant	•	•	•		•		Native; shrub
<i>Senecio mandraliscae</i>	Blue chalk sticks			•	•		•	Succulent; groundcover
<i>Senna spp</i>	Flowering senna		•	•	•	•	•	Native; flowering shrub
<i>Tecoma stans</i>	Yellow bells		•	•				Native; flowering shrub
<i>Westringia spp</i>	Coast rosemary			•	•	•	•	Drought tolerant; flowering shrub

Table IV.C: Conceptual Plant Palette – Shrubs / Groundcovers

Botanic name	Common Name	Open space	Rustic	Neighborhood Green	Urban	Parking Lots	Medians	CA Native	Notable Features
<i>Acacia redolens</i>	Spreading Acacia		•	•		•			Evergreen, dense, shrubby groundcover; Flowering
<i>Arctostaphylos spp.</i>	Manzanita	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Evergreen, sprawling, shrubby groundcover; Flowering
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote Brush	•	•	•			•	•	Evergreen, dense, shrubby groundcover; Tolerant
<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i>	Desert Broom	•	•					•	Evergreen shrub; Loose form; Tolerant
<i>Callistemon 'Little John'</i>	Dwarf Bottlebrush			•	•	•	•		Evergreen shrub; Flowering
<i>Ceanothus spp.</i>	California Lilac	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Evergreen shrub; Flowering
<i>Echium fastuosum</i>	Pride of Madeira		•	•	•	•			Evergreen shrub; Loose form; Flowering
<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Beach Strawberry	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Evergreen, vining groundcover; Flowering
<i>Grevillea spp.</i>	Grevillea			•	•	•	•	•	Evergreen shrub; Loose form; Flowering
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	•		•	•		•	•	Evergreen shrub to small tree; Flowering, fruiting
<i>Iva hayesiana</i>	San Diego Marsh Elder	•	•					•	Evergreen, spreading, perennial groundcover; Tolerant
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Sweet Bay		•	•	•	•	•		Evergreen shrub to small tree; Aromatic foliage
<i>Myrica californica</i>	California Wax Myrtle	•	•	•		•		•	Evergreen shrub; Flowering
<i>Olea europaea 'Little Ollie'</i>	Dwarf Olive			•	•	•	•		Evergreen shrub; Loose form; Fruitless
<i>Opuntia spp.</i>	Prickly Pear Cactus	•	•					•	Succulent perennial; Flowering, fruiting
<i>Pittosporum spp.</i>	Mock Orange			•	•	•	•		Evergreen shrub; Flowering
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Holly Leaf Cherry		•	•	•	•		•	Evergreen shrub; Flowering, fruiting
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffeeberry	•	•	•			•	•	Evergreen shrub; Flowering, fruiting
<i>Rosmarinus spp.</i>	Rosemary			•	•	•	•		Evergreen shrub; Flowering; Aromatic foliage
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	Sugar Bush	•	•	•			•	•	Evergreen shrub; Large, dense form; Tolerant
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonadeberry	•	•	•		•	•	•	Evergreen shrub; Sprawling form; Tolerant
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	Evergreen Currant	•	•	•		•		•	Evergreen shrub; Sprawling form; Flowering, fruiting
<i>Senecio mandraliscae</i>	Blue Chalk Sticks			•	•		•		Succulent perennial groundcover
<i>Senna spp.</i>	Feathery Cassia		•	•	•	•	•		Evergreen shrub; Loose form; Flowering
<i>Tecoma stans</i>	Yellow Bells		•	•					Evergreen shrub; Loose form; Flowering
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i>	Coast Rosemary			•	•	•	•		Evergreen shrub; Flowering

Trees	Common Name	Open Space	Rustic	Neighborhood Green	Urban	Parking lots	Street tree	Accent Tree	
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	White Alder	•	•						Native; Deciduous, seasonal interest, riparian
<i>Arbutus 'Marina'</i>	Madrone hybrid			•	•		•		Flowering, evergreen, ornamental bark
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry tree			•	•		•		Flowering, evergreen, ornamental bark
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud		•	•	•		•		Flowering, deciduous
<i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i>	Chitalpa			•	•		•		Native; Flowering; deciduous
<i>Cupressus forbesii</i>	Tecate Cypress		•	•	•				Native; coniferous evergreen
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda			•	•		•		Flowering, deciduous
<i>Lagerstroemia 'Muskogee'</i>	Lavender Crape Myrtle			•	•		•	•	Flowering, deciduous
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Southern Magnolia			•	•			•	Broadleaf evergreen; showy white flowers
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast Live Oak	•	•	•					Native; Broad leaf evergreen
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holly leaf oak	•	•	•			•		Native; Broad leaf evergreen
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak			•	•		•	•	Drought tolerant; Broad leaf evergreen
<i>Olea euroaepa</i>	Fruitless Olive			•	•		•		Drought tolerant; evergreen
<i>Pinus Halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine			•	•	•			Drought tolerant; coniferous evergreen
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Italian Stone Pine			•			•	•	Coniferous evergreen
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California Sycamore	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Native; Deciduous, ornamental bark
<i>Populus fremontii</i>	Western Cottonwood	•	•	•					Native; Deciduous, seasonal interest, riparian
<i>Rhus lancea</i>	African Sumac		•	•	•	•	•		Drought tolerant; Evergreen; narrow willow-like leaf
<i>Salix goodingii</i>	San Joaquin Willow	•		•					Native; Deciduous, seasonal interest, riparian
<i>Schinus molle</i>	California Pepper		•	•	•	•			Drought tolerant; Evergreen
<i>Syagrus romanzoffianum</i>	Queen palm				•		•		Vertical accent; focal point
<i>Tipuana tipu</i>	Rosewood			•	•	•	•		Briefly deciduous; showy yellow flowers
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Chinese Evergreen Elm			•	•	•	•		Evergreen canopy tree
<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	California Fan Palm			•	•			•	Native; vertical accent; focal point

Table IV.D: Conceptual Plant Palette – Trees

Botanic name	Common Name	Open space	Rustic	Neighborhood Green	Urban	Parking Lots	Street Tree	Accent Tree	CA Native	Notable Features	
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	White Alder	•	•						•	Deciduous shade tree; Fast-growing; Riparian	
<i>Arbutus 'Marina'</i>	Marina Strawberry Tree			•	•		•			Evergreen canopy tree, Flowering; Ornamental bark	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree			•	•			•		Evergreen canopy tree, Flowering; Fruiting	
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	Weeping Bottlebrush			•	•		•	•		Evergreen canopy tree, Flowering	added
<i>Cassia leptophylla</i>	Gold Medallion Tree			•	•		•	•		Evergreen canopy tree, Flowering	added
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>											
'Oklahoma'	Oklahoma Redbud		•	•	•			•		Deciduous canopy tree; flowering	
<i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i>	Chitalpa			•	•			•		Deciduous canopy tree; flowering; Crossbred variety	
<i>Hesperocyparis forbesii</i>	Tecate Cypress		•	•	•				•	Evergreen coniferous tree	updated taxonomy
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda			•	•			•		Briefly deciduous canopy tree; flowering	
<i>Lagerstroemia 'Muskogee'</i>	Lavender Crape Myrtle			•	•		•	•		Deciduous canopy tree; flowering	
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Southern Magnolia			•	•			•		Evergreen shade tree; Flowering	
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast Live Oak	•	•	•	•				•	Evergreen shade tree	
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holly Leaf Oak	•	•	•	•		•			Evergreen shade tree	
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak			•	•		•	•		Drought tolerant; broad leaf evergreen	
<i>Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'</i>	Fruitless Olive			•	•		•			Evergreen canopy tree; Fruitless variety	
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Date Palm			□	•		•	•		Vertical accent palm; Dramatic silhouette	added
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine			•	•	•				Drought-tolerant; coniferous evergreen	
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Italian Stone Pine			•	•		•	•		Evergreen coniferous tree	
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California Sycamore	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Deciduous, ornamental bark	
<i>Populus fremontii</i>	Western Cottonwood	•	•	•	•					Deciduous, seasonal interest, riparian	
<i>Rhus lancea</i>	African Sumac		•	•	•	•	•			Evergreen canopy tree	
<i>Salix gooddingii</i>	San Joaquin Willow	•			•					Deciduous canopy or multi-trunk tree; Riparian	
<i>Schinus molle</i>	California Pepper		•	•	•	•	•			Evergreen shade tree; Weeping form	
<i>Syagrus romanzoffianum</i>	Queen Palm			•	•			•		Vertical accent palm; Loose, flowing fronds	
<i>Tipuana tipu</i>	Tipu Tree	-	-	•	•	•	•			Deciduous shade tree; Flowering	
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Chinese Elm			•	•	•	•			Briefly deciduous shade tree	
<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	California Fan Palm			•	•			•	•	Vertical accent palm; Bold silhouette	

IV.5 Low Impact Development (LID) Strategies

IV.5.1 LID Purpose and Background

Low Impact Development (LID) is a storm water management approach that seeks to preserve or mimic natural drainage systems and retain storm water run-off on-site. There are numerous advantages from employing LID strategies over conventional storm water management techniques. In addition to the environmental benefits of restoring stream quality in watersheds that are already burdened by existing developments, there are significant economic benefits to employing this type of sustainable design practice. LID strategies focus on intelligent, dual-purpose design of functional landscape and hardscape treatments.

Besides conveying these benefits, LID satisfies federal requirements for managing storm water. In brief, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requires development projects to capture storm water run-off at the source, detain and retain a portion of the peak storm water run-off flow, and then treat the captured flow through natural filtration systems (e.g. constructed wetlands, underground basins, grassy areas with opportunities for percolation, etc.). Ultimately, the toxins and debris that generally exist in more urban environments are captured and naturally managed so they do not filter into our streams, watersheds, and oceans.

IV.5.2 LID Goals for University District

The *University District* conceptual plan has been designed to integrate a wide array of LID strategies, within nearly every portion of the project site with the goal of demonstrating how storm water run-off can be reduced in compliance with ~~San Diego County's Draft~~ City of San Marcos Standard Urban Storm water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) and the most current NPDES permit. Overall, the conceptual plan identifies potential publicly- and privately-owned space for LID improvements such as vegetated roofs, flow through medians/planters, permeable paving, bio-retention, and infiltration. Developers may choose to employ any combination of one or more LID strategies to



successfully manage the storm water run-off resulting from development on their individual project site.

~~The vegetated roofs LID option has been incorporated primarily within the Commercial/Retail Core and Mixed Use areas of the Plan.~~ Given the arid climate, reducing irrigation water use is a high priority in southern California. Consequently, green roofs are recommended for buildings that are likely to have a supply of supplemental water, such as air conditioning blow-down water. In addition to treating air conditioning waste water, green roofs reduce heat island effect and can also serve as outdoor dining areas or communal open space.

The flow through medians/planters LID option has been incorporated within the entire project site, along nearly every street ~~and sidewalk~~. The conceptual plan has been designed to provide large landscape buffer areas adjacent to many of the streets and sidewalks, for the expressed purpose of managing storm water run-off and providing shaded, walkable streets. In addition, urban street trees planted in structural soil ~~can also serve may be able~~ to capture storm water run-off, as well as promote healthy tree growth and reduce sidewalk maintenance issues. Chapter VI – Form-Based Code provides more detailed requirements for how to integrate this LID option into the streetscape design.

The permeable paving LID option has been incorporated within the conceptually-planned surface parking lots throughout the District.

The bio-retention LID option has been incorporated into the District's large landscaped areas, Knoll Park vicinity, Twin Oaks Plaza (West), East Green Park, East Paseos near the Student Housing Village, and residential open space areas along the northwestern portion of the site.

~~The infiltration LID option has been incorporated into the District's North and South Neighborhood Green Parks, Knoll Park area, and along the Creek Trail.~~

~~In order for LID measures to be most effective throughout an urban development project such as University District, the City of San Marcos and development community will need to jointly plan for its implementation through a detailed cost-sharing~~



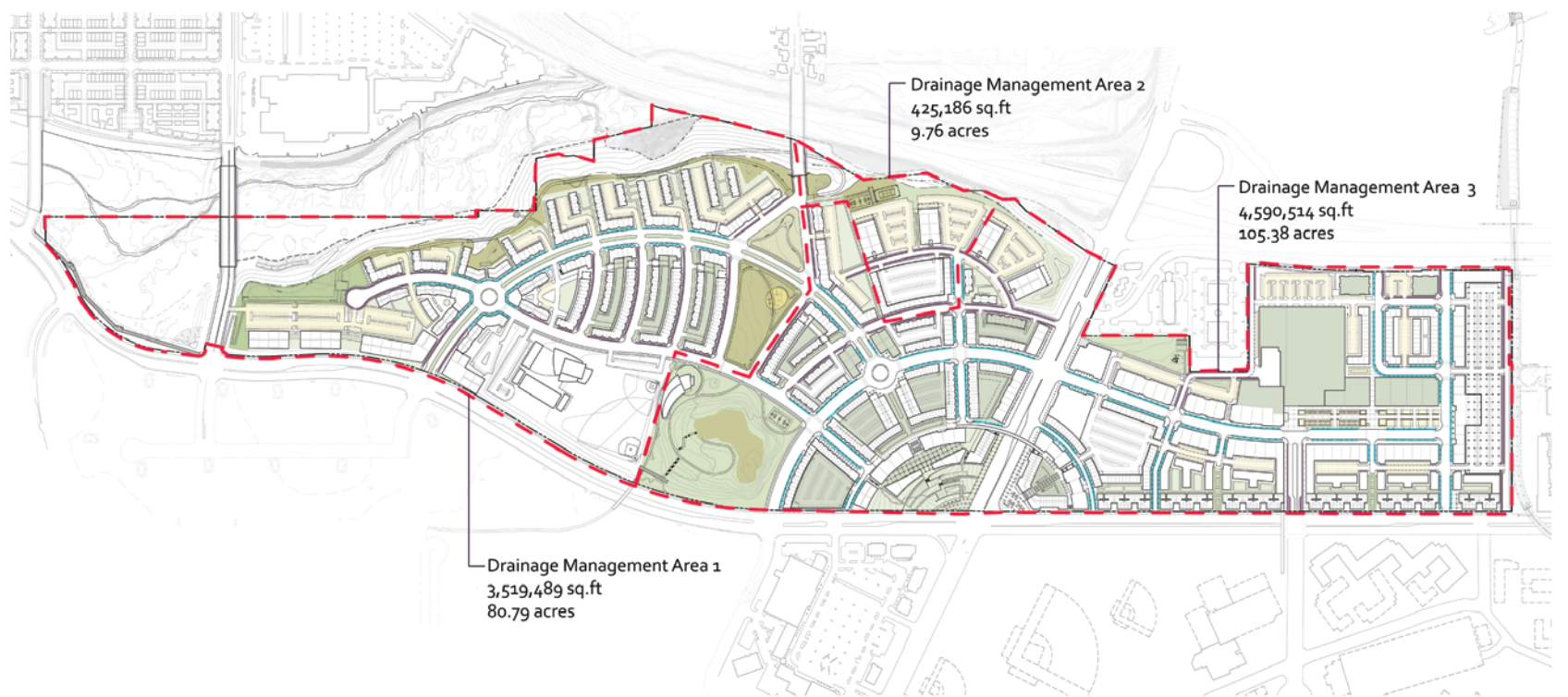
~~program.~~ Beyond the applicable NPDES storm water management permit process currently required of developers, this Specific Plan does not establish explicit requirements for where developers should install certain LID features. Instead, this Plan provides a comprehensive menu of LID strategies from which developers may choose to implement project-wide.

The intent is to maximize the overall flexibility for the City and developers in installing a variety of different LID strategies. Every site within the District will have different storm water run-off constraints, based on the size and types of uses to be developed, and some project sites may have more or less opportunity to implement these strategies.

See Figure IV. ~~NJ~~: Menu of LID Strategies and Figure VI. ~~OK~~: Conceptual Plan LID Strategies as well Chapter VI – Form-Based Code, for more detailed information regarding Low-Impact Development. Further, Appendix Item A.2: Low-Impact Development (LID) Matrix provides a detailed analysis of the proposed strategies and their respective effectiveness throughout the project site.



| **FIGURE IV. ~~OK~~: Conceptual Plan LID Strategies (East)**



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Low Impact Development Features

	Vegetated Roof		Tree Grate Flow Through Planter
	Bioretention		Flow Through Planter
	Infiltration		Drainage Management Area Boundary
	Permeable Paving		

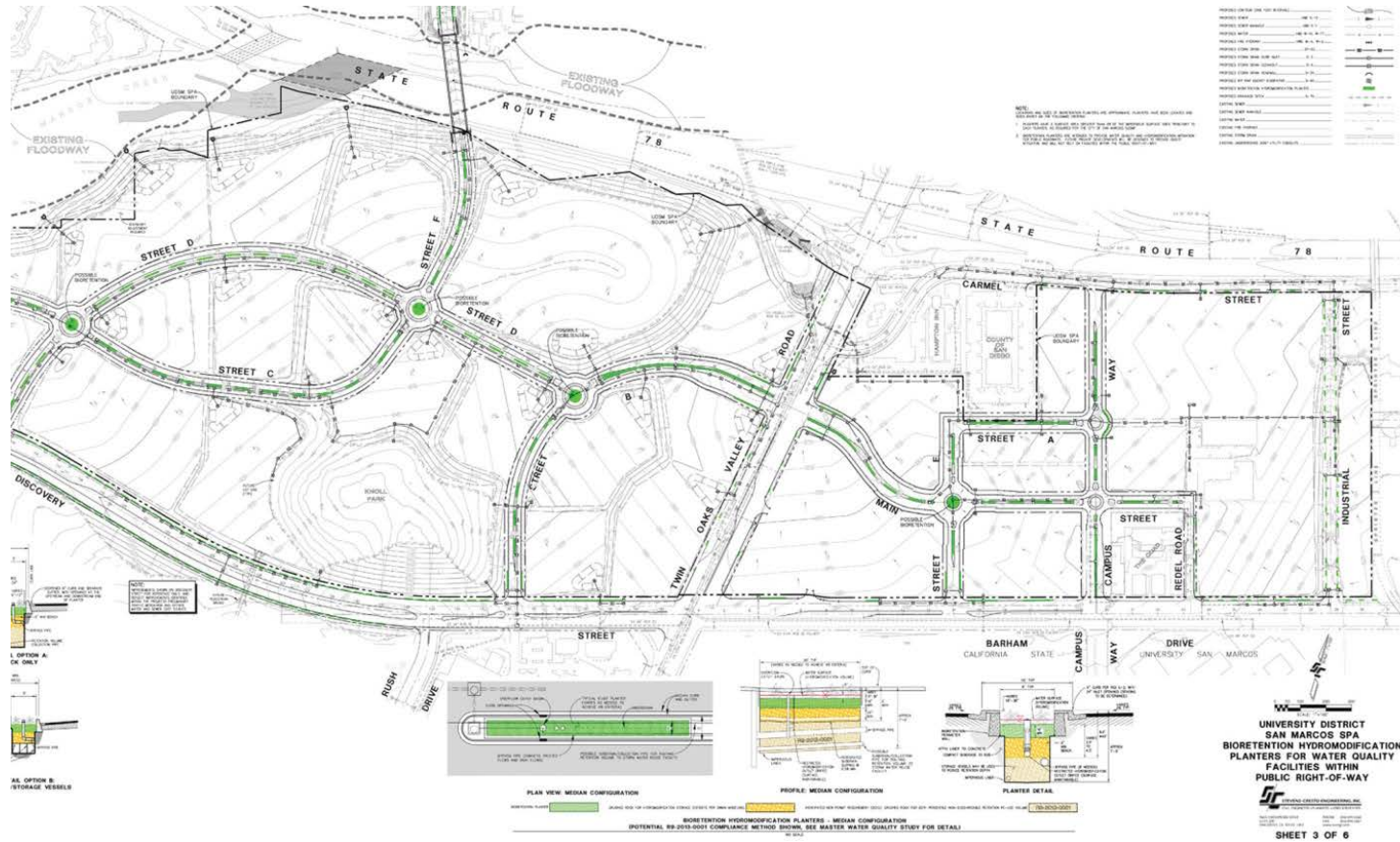


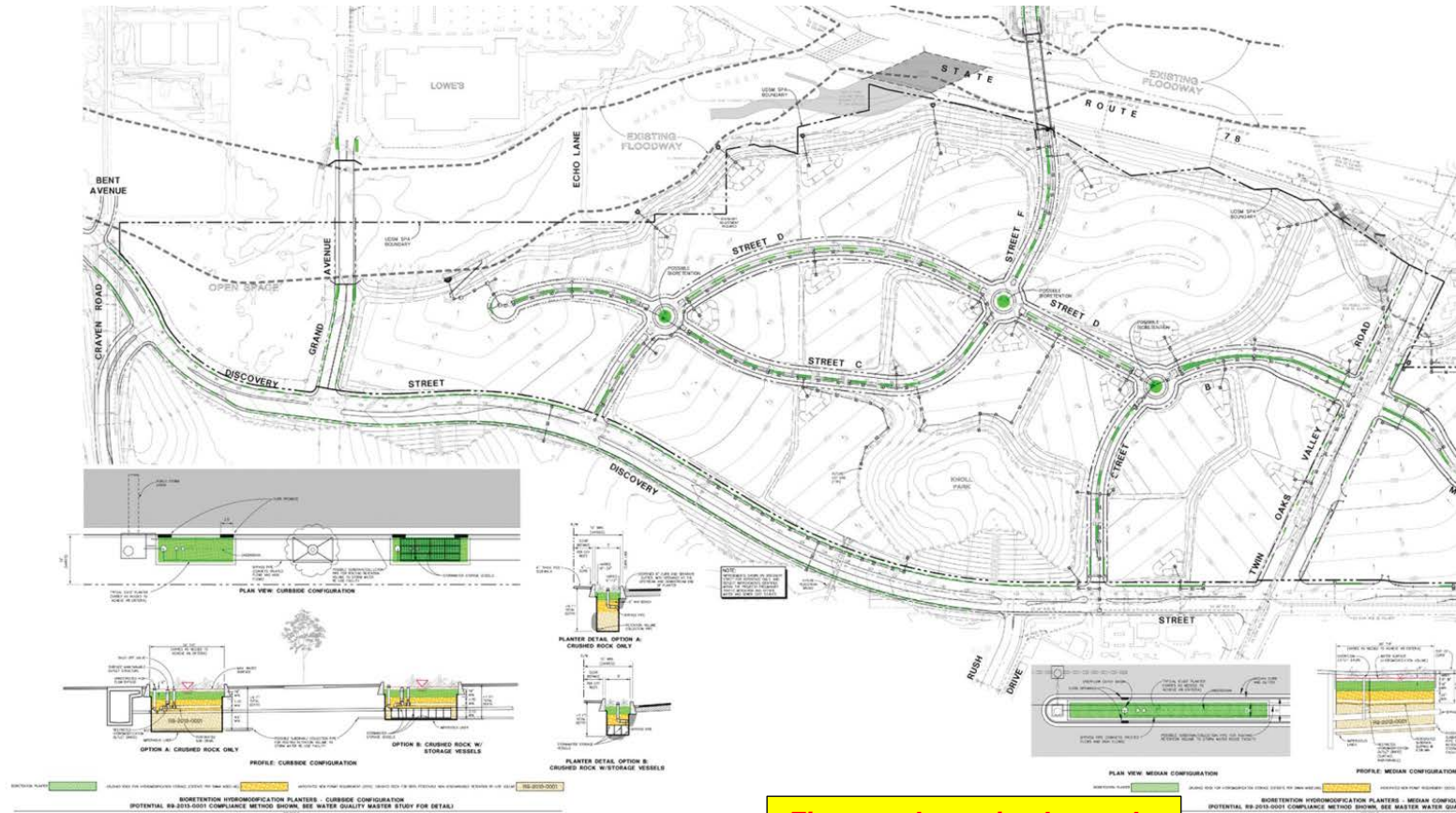
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Tree Grate Flow Through Planter



FIGURE IV.K: Conceptual Plan LID Strategies (West)





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Bioretention



Tree Grate Flow Through Planter

V. TRANSPORTATION | CIRCULATION

V.1 Mobility Is Key

Understanding that mobility is of paramount importance to the success and economic vitality of mixed-use developments, the *University District* project has been designed to provide a wide range of alternative transportation choices to both residents and visitors. Transportation design solutions, both in and around the project area, focus on strong connections for pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit patrons, as well as automobiles.

Further, the circulation concepts incorporated into this Specific Plan emphasize access to the Civic Center, California State University San Marcos (CSUSM), Kaiser Medical Center, and future adjacent developments such as the *Creek District*. The *University District* project will employ both Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Parking Demand Management (PDM) strategies.

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"The point of cities is multiplicity of choice, which applies to transportation too."

- Jane Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*

V.2 Circulation Concept and Illustrative

The *University District* street network is intended to foster connectivity for residents and visitors within the project area, as well as to the rest of the City of San Marcos. The District is envisioned to provide an interconnected network of curvilinear streets which are fed through primary project roads.

Primary project roads include Discovery Street/East Barham Drive to the south, East Carmel Street to the northeast, and Twin Oaks Valley Road. Grand Avenue is located on the western side of the project area.

V.2.1 Urban Form and Circulation

The master plan of *University District* emerged in response to existing site conditions such as topography, views, solar orientation, surrounding land uses, and existing vehicular and pedestrian transportation networks. The circulation concept for the project is comprised of two main spine streets that traverse east to west through the project area. The primary factor in establishing the street network was the existing topography. Care was taken to maintain existing topographical features and natural drainage patterns, where possible.

On the west side of Twin Oaks Valley Road, an existing 100-foot (approximately) knoll will be preserved and enhanced as a public park. The main network of streets on the west side curve around this landform and radiate outwards towards the creek. Proposed drainage patterns ~~follow this radial grid and~~ mimic the existing flow of water. ~~North from Knoll Park is the South and North Neighborhood Green. This provides a centralized system of park space that connects to the San Marcos Creek Trail and provides a 'green link' to the future Westlake Drive flyover bridge.~~ The network of streets on the west side also has been shaped to preserve and enhance existing views of the mountains and the creek. A spine street gently ~~lying~~ arcs around the knoll and serves as the District's main commercial/residential boulevard on the west side of the project.

A second ~~curving~~ spine street extends from the knoll across Twin Oaks Valley Road to the east side. This road becomes the main spine on the east side and the location for the commercial core. Topography on the east side is relatively flat with a very slight slope towards the creek, serving more commercial uses. East of Twin Oaks Valley Road, the street grid is decidedly more rectilinear. These two spine roads are the primary circulation routes through the project area.

The intersection of these two spine roads on the west side becomes a major node within the project and is highlighted with traffic circles and unique landscaping. Secondary roads throughout the project radiate out from these main spine roads.

The spine streets were designed to provide clear links to key points throughout the City. The proposed Westlake Drive Bridge and Twin Oaks Valley Road connect *University District* to the area north of State Route 78 and the San Marcos Civic Center. Discovery Street connects to the Grand Avenue Bridge and Creek District. Twin Oaks Valley Road connects to State Route 78, the CSUSM campus, and residential neighborhoods to the south. Barham Drive connects to residential neighborhoods and Sprinter Rail Line to the east. Campus Way provides a direct link from the heart of CSUSM directly into the main street commercial core. The existing Industrial Street connection, linking Barham Drive and Carmel Way, is retained. ~~but-relocated-further west, aligning it closer to the urban core of University District and creating sufficient depth along the Sprinter Rail Line to construct one of the proposed "Park Once" parking structures to serve the project.~~

The circulation network created by these streets also highlights the open space amenities throughout the project. A continuous system of dedicated bicycle paths, pedestrian-oriented streets, sidewalks, and recreational trails link to the many plazas and parks dispersed throughout the project, as well as to the San Marcos Creek Trail.

See Figures V.A: Required Streets Diagram, V.B: Pedestrian Linkages Diagram, and V.C: Pedestrian and Vehicular Gateways Diagram.





FIGURE V.A: Required Streets Diagram



FIGURE V.A: Required Streets Diagram



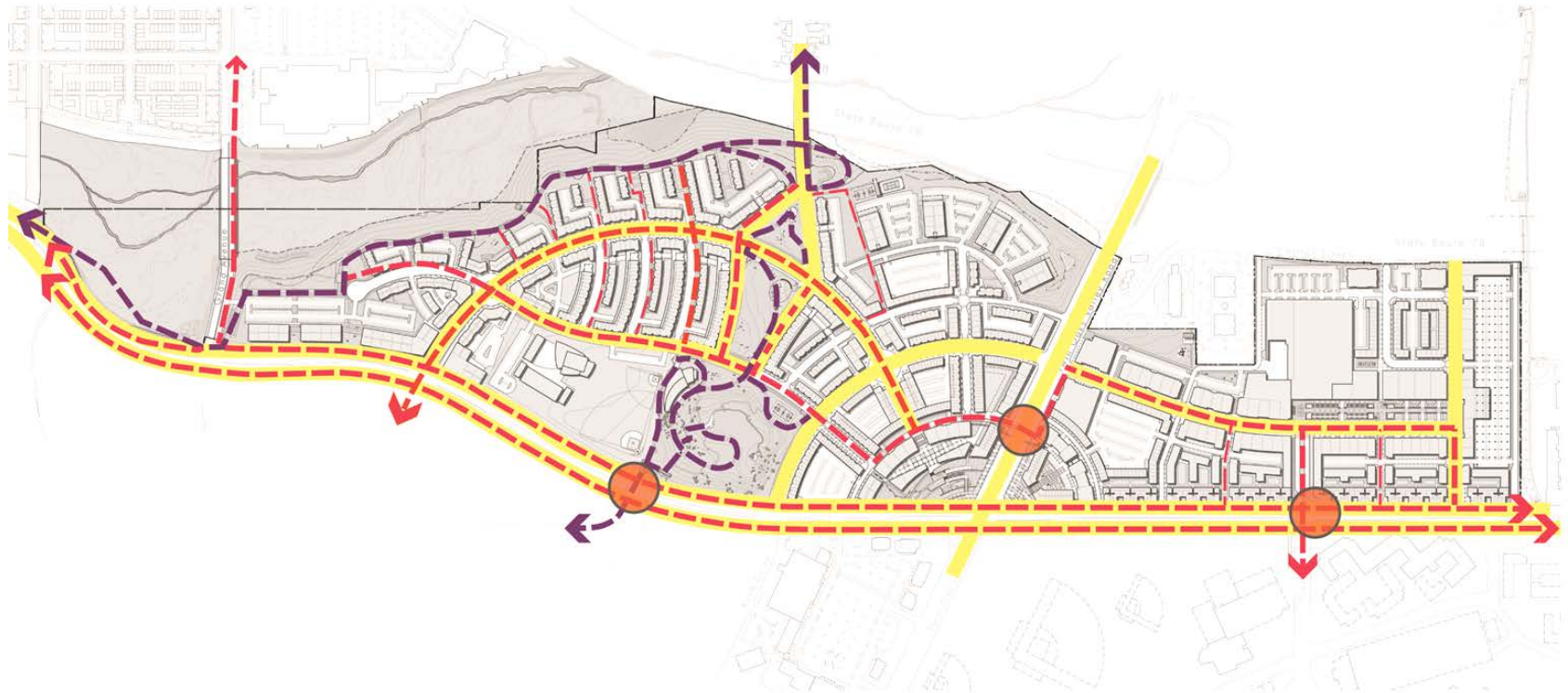
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-  Streets Required by Specific Plan
-  Existing Major Street Network
-  Existing SR-78 Freeway
-  Existing Sprinter Line Route


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FIGURE V.B: Pedestrian Linkages Diagram



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-  Pedestrian Bridge
-  Primary Pedestrian Routes
-  Secondary Pedestrian Routes
-  Multi Use Trail
-  Bicycle Lanes

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FIGURE V.B: Pedestrian Linkages Diagram



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-  Pedestrian Bridge
-  Primary Pedestrian Routes
-  Secondary Pedestrian Routes
-  Multi Use Trail
-  Bicycle Lanes

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FIGURE V.C: Pedestrian and Vehicular Gateways Diagram



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-  Pedestrian Entrance
-  Vehicular Entrance
-  Pedestrian and Vehicular Entrance

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FIGURE V.C: Pedestrian and Vehicular Gateways Diagram



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-  Pedestrian Entrance
-  Vehicular Entrance
-  Pedestrian and Vehicular Entrance

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V.2.2 Parking and Transportation Demand Management

Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) refers to a comprehensive set of strategies for controlling parking, reducing traffic congestion and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), as well as providing alternative modes of travel and access. These measures may include, but are not limited to “Park Once” strategies and parking benefit districts, establishment of an intra-city shuttle service, creation and/or improvement or interconnecting bicycle and pedestrian paths, provision of public transit passes, and instituting a ridesharing and/or car-sharing program.

A comprehensive PTDM program can help to improve efficiency on existing roadways and transportation system networks, and provide opportunities for implementing innovating transportation measures within redeveloping or newly developing areas. The PTDM to be created and approved by the City of San Marcos for *University District* will include a menu of possible management strategies to be implemented within the District, “Park Once” strategies, City formation of a Parking Benefit District, and an intra-city shuttle service.

V.2.3 “Park Once” Strategy

Fundamental to the creation of a thriving, compact mixed-use district is the creation of a “Park Once” environment, which encourages visitors to developments like *University District* to literally park their vehicle once upon arrival and then walk (or use some other form of public transit, trolley system, or bicycle) to access various parts of the project during the remainder of their visit. The typical suburban pattern of isolated, single-use buildings, each surrounded by parking lots, requires two vehicular movements and a parking space to be dedicated for each visit to a shop, or office, or civic institution. To accomplish three errands in this type of environment requires six movements in three parking spaces for three tasks.

With virtually all parking held in private hands, spaces are not efficiently shared between uses, and each building's private lots are therefore typically sized to handle a worst case parking load. If a proposed transit-oriented district attempts to provide typical suburban quantities of parking, with little or no sharing, the result will be a system that is costly and inefficient, and a land use pattern that is anything but transit-oriented.

The design of *University District* lends itself to the "Park Once" strategy because it allows operation of the parking supply as a single shared pool where spaces are efficiently shared between uses with differing parking demands during peak hours, days, and seasons.

As development proposals are submitted for review, the City of San Marcos will employ a variety of parking and transportation demand management strategies to ensure that parking and travel mode opportunities are sufficient to meet demand. Specific to implementing a "Park Once" strategy, the City of San Marcos may choose to form a parking benefit district to manage parking similar to a shared utility, such as streets and other public facilities, with "available-to-the-public" parking provided in strategically-placed lots and garages.

The following sections describe potential locations within the *University District* project area that are most suited for parking structures and/or garages that support the "Park Once" strategy (based on the Conceptual Land Use Plan provided in Chapter III):

Eastern Boundary

A parking structure in this location would abut the existing Sprinter Rail Line wall and elevated tracks (as a neighboring use), eliminating the need to shield one side of the structure, and support the Mixed-Use Commercial/Retail Core. Further, a parking structure in this location would buffer other west side uses from the tracks. This location offers ideal parking for transit riders in proximity to the Cal State San Marcos Sprinter Rail Line Station. In addition, the peak transit ridership parking needs are different from the anticipated parking needs within the commercial area, providing multiple uses for each parking space, as well as an additional source of parking revenue.

Western Edge of Commercial/Retail Core

Parking in this location offers the ability to support both the Mixed-Use Commercial/Retail Core, as well as the eastern side of the Mixed-Use Residential Area, allowing the potential for sharing of parking between retail, office, residential and hotel uses. This proposed location will enable visitors entering from Twin Oaks Valley Road to be quickly diverted from the main street into the parking structure without generating significant traffic along the main pedestrian-oriented main corridor.

West Side Mixed-Use Commercial/Retail Area

Parking in this location anticipates a structure with driveway access from both Twin Oaks Valley Road, as well as Discovery Street. The concentrated mix of uses proposed in this area will allow for substantial shared-parking opportunities during the course of a typical day.

West Side Freeway-Oriented Office Area

Parking in this location, to the south of the primary office uses, would encourage shared-parking by the planned office users with neighboring residential, retail, and hotel uses to the south and west.

Far West Side Location

Parking in this location would serve the Discovery Street office parking area, as well as neighboring retail and residential uses.

V.2.4 Sprinter Line and Bus Transit Services

Although automobiles may serve as the primary mode of transportation to the *University District* project, a major transportation component of the project is the Sprinter Rail Line. North County Transit District (NCTD) Sprinter Rail Line is a light rail system that runs approximately 22 miles along State Route 78 from, between Oceanside and Escondido. Passengers use the Sprinter Rail Line to travel from the coast to inland areas, and vice versa. Stations 12 (San Marcos Civic Center) and 13 (Cal State San Marcos) are located within walking distance to *University District*.



In 2008/2009, Sprinter Rail Line trains served Stations 12, 13, and other nearby Stations with approximately 65 trains per weekday and 50 trains each weekend day, connecting the *University District* project site with major regional employment, retail and recreation centers along the State Route 78 corridor. Ridership counts at the Cal State San Marcos Station average approximately 420 riders daily, with nearly one-quarter of the Sprinter Rail Line passes being sold to University students.

As of 2008, total average weekday ridership for the Sprinter Rail Line is approximately 8,300 passengers. It is projected that average daily ridership will increase by nearly 40 percent in 2009. Weekend ridership averages about 4,500 passengers on Saturdays and 3,500 passengers on Sundays. Given its projected ridership counts, this public transit system has strong potential to attract large volumes of visitors to *University District* who are already traveling through the State Route 78 corridor cities.

Separately, NCTD operates two bus lines through the *University District* project site, which include Route 341/442 and Route 347.

See Figure V.D: Sprinter Line Stations and Route for the existing light rail line route and stations between the Cities of Escondido and Oceanside.



FIGURE V.D: Sprinter Line Stations and Route



V.3 Intra-City Shuttle

As part of the Creek District Specific Plan process, the City of San Marcos developed and approved a plan for high-frequency shuttle service to connect the San Marcos Creek District, University Office and Medical Park, Civic Center, CSUSM, and multiple other destinations including the *University District*. An important part of the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan for *University District* will be for this high-frequency shuttle service to serve the project. The City is developing a funding plan for this shuttle, such as the formation of a Community Facilities District (CFD).

The proposed shuttle routes, which are conceptual only, consist of the three (3) phases as shown in Figures V.E: TDM Route (Phase 1), V.F: TDM Route (Phase 2), and V.G: TDM Route (Phase 3). Actual shuttle route alignments are subject to change.

Phase 1 would be an employer shuttle taking workers from the University Office and Medical Park to the CSUSM Sprinter station during peak hours. Phase 2 would be expanded as an intra-city shuttle with two (2) routes that include sites such as *University District*, Palomar Station, and CSUSM. Phase 3 would be a slight variation to include the Creek District, as it is anticipated to be the final development constructed within the downtown core of San Marcos.

The proposed routes serve employment centers and commuter rail stations. In the first phase, the shuttle is designed to carry employees only during peak commute hours of the day (approximately 6:00–9:00 am and 4:00–7:00 pm). With the possible expansion of the shuttle into an intra-city system in the second phase, the schedule would change to cover the entire weekday beginning at 6 am in order to allow morning connections for residents living along the route and for people to get to their employers. The weekday service is anticipated to run until 11:30 pm in order to catch the entire commuter market as well as allow shoppers and retail employees a way to get home.

On Saturdays and Sundays, the service span would reflect the store hours since major non-retail employers like the City will be closed. On Saturdays the service would begin at around 7:00 am and end at around 11:30 pm once again allowing shoppers a way home once stores close for the evening. A shorter service span is suggested for Sundays since stores often open later and close earlier. Sunday hours are anticipated to be from around 8:00 am to 10:30 pm. Service span hours are based on assumptions of retail store, dining, an entertainment operating hours and employee shift hours.

To make the shuttle an attractive option for possible patrons, the shuttle must be frequent. While Phase 1 is simply timed to Sprinter train arrivals and departures, Phases 2 and 3 have been designed to operate on headway-based service without schedules, with vehicles arriving at least every 15 minutes. For Phases 2 and 3, it has been recommended that the shuttle run on 10-minute headways during the peak and 15-minute headways at non-peak times. With 10-minute headways, the average patron is anticipated to be waiting only five (5) minutes for a vehicle to arrive in the area where the routes overlap.

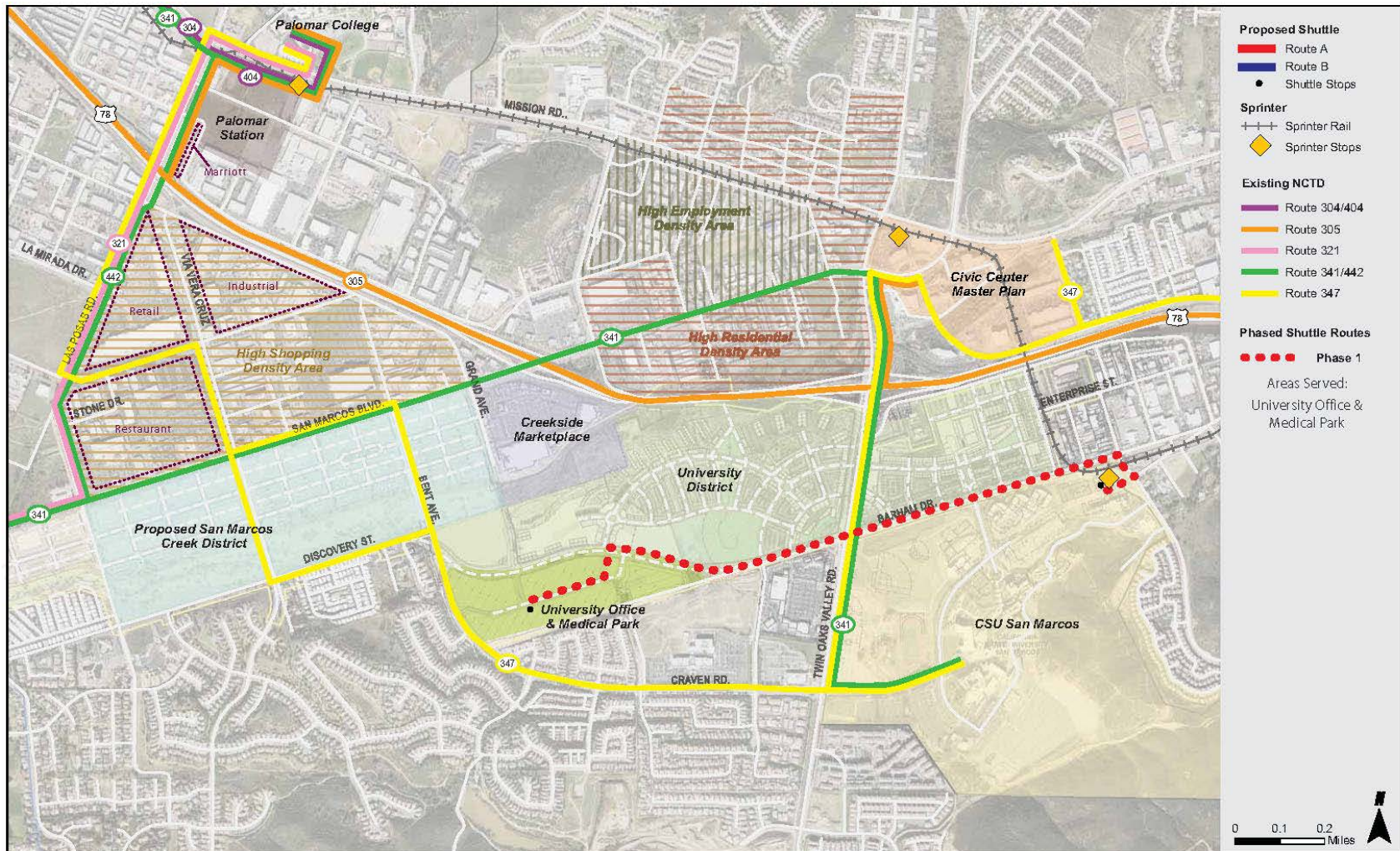
Phase 1 Routing

As noted above, Phase 1 routing would simply take employees and visitors from the University Office and Medical Park to the CSUSM station during peak commute hours (6:00–9:00 am and 4:00–7:00 pm) along East Barham Drive.

The route would be approximately 1.5 miles long. At an average speed of 15 mph (due to no interim stops), the route would take approximately five (5) minutes from end to end, with a 15-minute layover at the Sprinter station to pick up and drop off passengers for east- and westbound trains. At this frequency, only one (1) 30-passenger vehicle is necessary.

See Figure V.E: TDM Route (Phase 1) for route details.

FIGURE V.E: TDM Route (Phase 1)



Phase 2 Routing

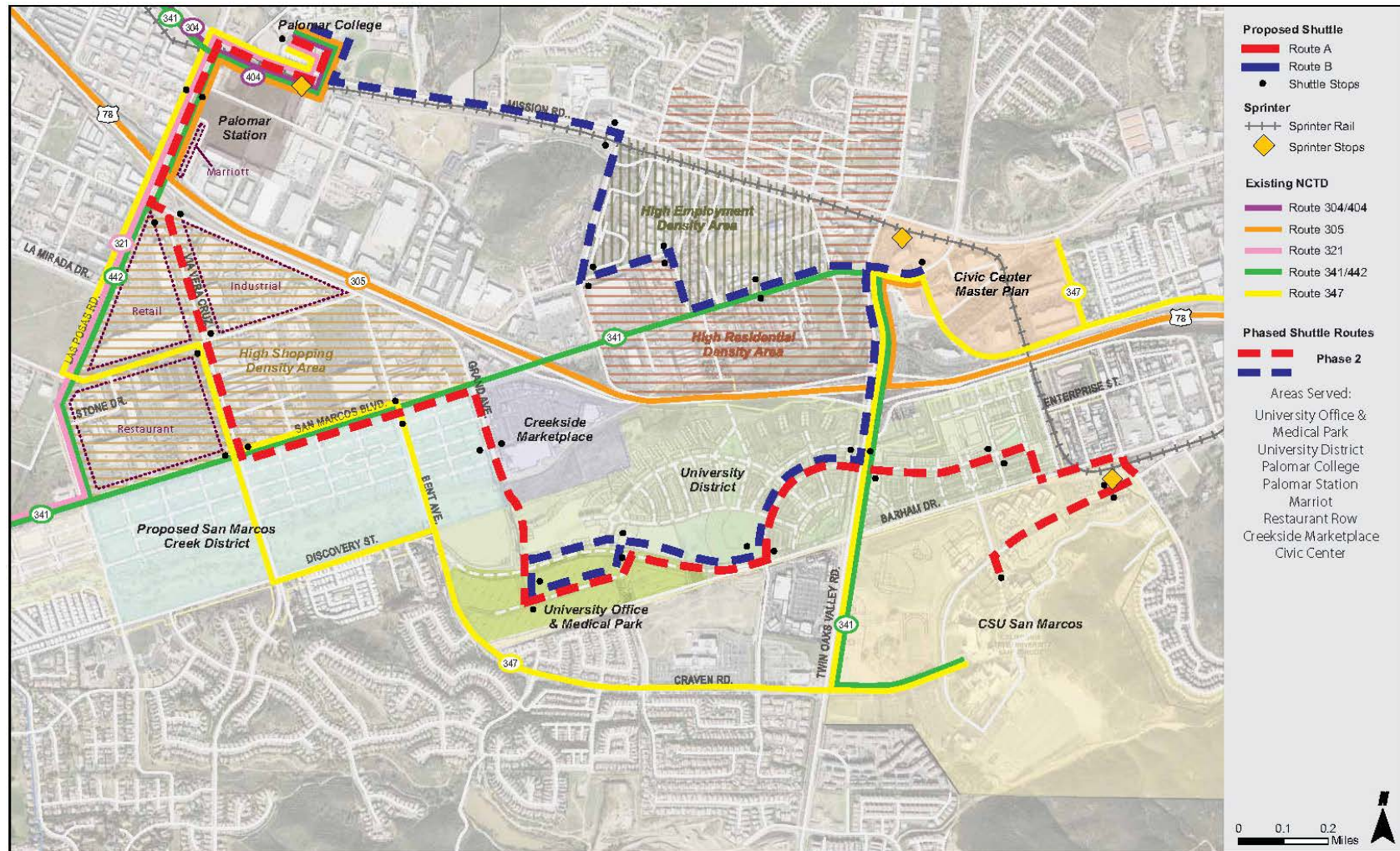
Phase 2 routing of the shuttle plan consists of two (2) partially overlapping routes (A and B), which both terminate at the bus station across Mission Road from the Palomar Sprinter station. These two (2) routes essentially cover all of the major downtown developments except for the Creek District, which is assumed to not yet be constructed.

Route A travels down from Palomar College by Restaurant Row, cutting south on Grand Avenue to the University Office and Medical Park and then heading east through the *University District* to CSUSM. Route B runs towards Civic Center via Mission and Knoll Roads, cuts south on Twin Oaks Valley Road and proceeds east through the *University District* to the University Office and Medical Park.

Route A is approximately 4.5 miles long and route B is almost 3.6 miles long. At an average speed of 11.5 mph, route A and route B would take approximately 23 and 18 minutes to complete, respectively.

See Figure V.F: TDM Route (Phase 2) for route details.

FIGURE V.F: TDM Route (Phase 2)



Phase 3 Routing

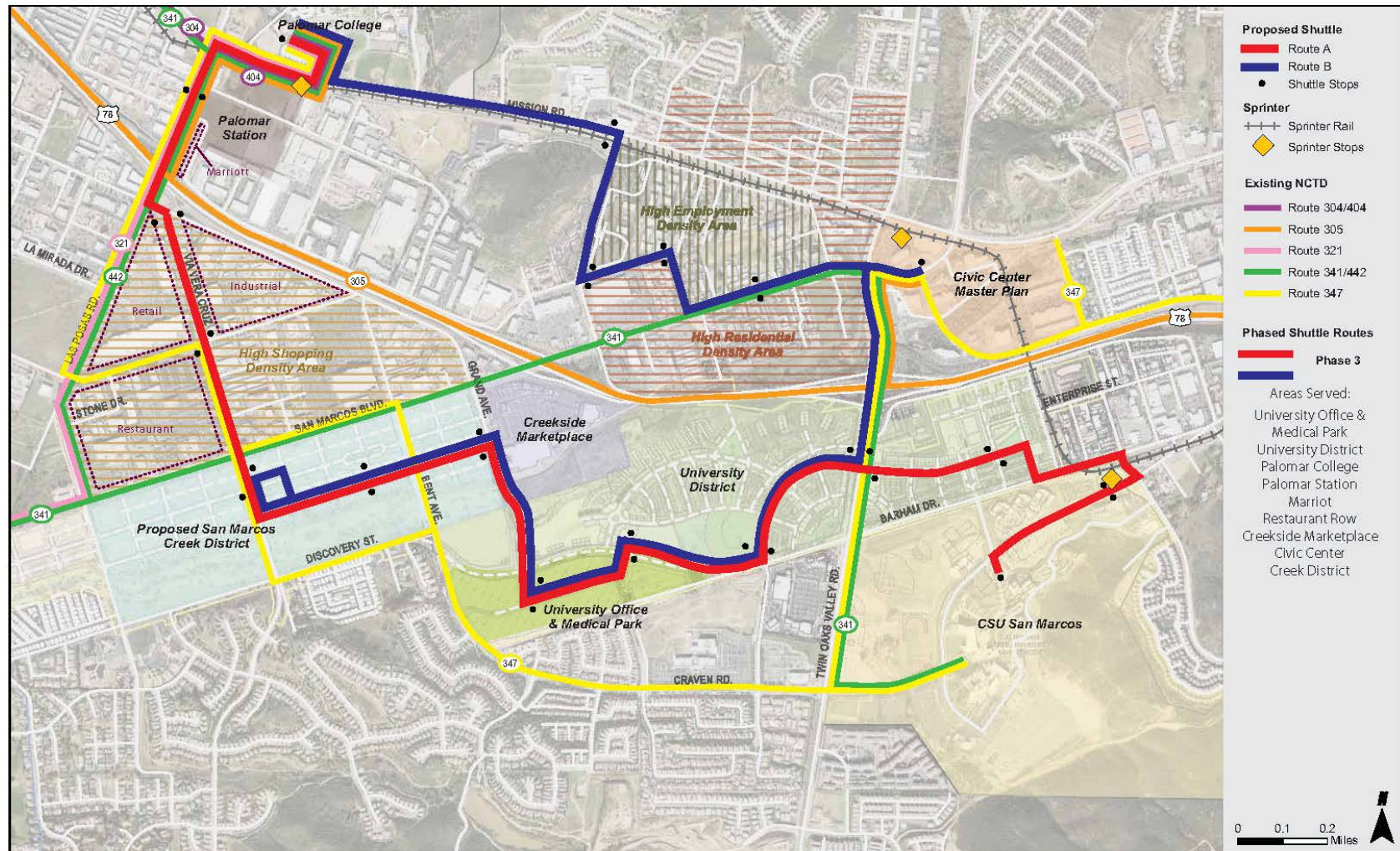
The Phase 3 route would alter the Phase 2 route by expanding shuttle service to the newly constructed Creek District.

Route A would be diverted off of San Marcos Boulevard to pass directly through the Creek District en-route to the Creekside Marketplace. Route B would be extended to terminate in the Creek District rather than at the University Office and Medical Park.

Route A's length would remain unchanged from Phase 2 while Route B would be extended almost one (1) mile, making the total route length approximately 4.6 miles. At an average speed of 11.5 mph, Route B would take about 23 minutes, the same time as route A.

See Figure V.G: TDM Route (Phase 3) for route details.

FIGURE V.G: TDM Route (Phase 3)



V.4 Transportation Conditions and Mitigations

A Circulation Plan has been created to identify the improvements necessary to mitigate traffic and parking impacts that will occur as a result of the estimated land use build-out associated with the *University District* Specific Plan Amendment (UDSPA). An updated detailed Traffic Analysis-Impact Assessment was prepared for the *University District* Specific Plan Addeendum EIR, and includes recommended mitigation measures that are incorporated in the text and plans of this Chapter. The focus of the traffic impact assessment is a determination of whether the SPA will introduce additional traffic impacts that were not identified in the original UDSP EIR Traffic Impact Analysis prepared in 2009. This traffic impact assessment includes a review of various traffic-related factors that have a primary influence on the potential for the revised project to generate traffic impacts. The key traffic-related factors include:

- ❑ Land use changes and associated traffic generation;
- ❑ Changes to project-related trip assignment at build-out on study area roadways and at study area intersections;
- ❑ Changes to project-related traffic impacts;
- ❑ Changes to required mitigation measures;
- ❑ Changes to on-site traffic circulation needs; and
- ❑ Changes to mitigation phasing requirements.

A preliminary-The initial traffic analysis was prepared for the University District Specific Plan in accordance with SANTEC/ITE Traffic Study Guidelines, County of San Diego Congestion Management Plan (CMP) guidelines and Caltrans Guidelines for Preparing Traffic Impact Studies. The analysis forecasts the number of vehicle trips generated by the project. The SANDAG Traffic Generators (April 2002) trip generation rates were utilized in accordance with SANTEC/ITE Traffic Study Guidelines.

The project was analyzed with 2030 being the Horizon Year (final year) in which traffic generated would be at its greatest heightlevel, and traffic impacts may be the most adverse. In addition, interim analyses were also provided during the years of 2015 and

~~2020. These incremental time periods provide focal points which are crucial in determining final traffic counts during the Horizon year of the project for a five-year and 10-year project horizon.~~ A summary of the Traffic Analysis is provided below; please refer to the EIR for full analysis and discussion of traffic impacts and mitigation.

Methodology

The traffic study analyzed the followings study scenarios:

- ❑ Existing Conditions
- ❑ Horizon Year 2030 Conditions with Project (Specific Plan Land Uses)
- ❑ Horizon Year 2030 Conditions without Project
- ❑ Horizon Year 2030 Conditions with General Plan Land Uses
- ❑ Horizon Year 2030 Conditions with Project (w/ TDM-based Trip Generation Reductions)
- ❑ Interim Year 2015 (5-year horizon) Conditions without Project
- ❑ Interim Year 2015 (5-year horizon) Conditions with Project
- ❑ Interim Year 2020 (10-year horizon) Conditions without Project
- ❑ Interim Year 2020 (10-year horizon) Conditions with Project

Analysis of all intersections and roadway segments in the project study area is based on the SANTEC/ITE traffic study guidelines, and is consistent with the City of San Marcos ~~General Plan Circulation Element requirements~~. As required, the 2000 Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) operation methodology for Signalized and Un-signalized Intersections was used to determine the operating Levels of Service (LOS) of the study intersections. The Traffix™ software package was used to evaluate the study intersections using the HCM methodology. The HCM methodology describes the operation of an intersection using a range of levels of service (LOS) from LOS "A" (free-flow conditions) to LOS "F" (severely congested conditions), based on corresponding delay per vehicle thresholds for signalized and un-signalized intersections. The City of San Marcos considers Level of Service (LOS) "D" or better to be acceptable intersection operating conditions during peak traffic periods.

Study Area

A total of 42 existing intersections and 48 existing roadway segments were identified for inclusion in this traffic study (see Figure V.H: Study Area Intersections). Based on the requirements of the SANTEC/ITE traffic study guidelines, the study area consists of the following 48 existing and future intersections:

Mission Road / Knoll Road
 Mission Road / Pico Avenue
 Las Posas Road / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps
 Las Posas Road / Grand Avenue
 Via Vera Cruz / Grand Avenue
 Via Vera Cruz / Linda Vista Drive
 Bent Avenue / Grand Avenue
 Knoll Road / Los Vallecitos Boulevard
 San Marcos Boulevard / Rancho Santa Fe Road
 San Marcos Boulevard / Discovery Street
 San Marcos Boulevard / Las Posas Road
 San Marcos Boulevard / Via Vera Cruz
 San Marcos Boulevard / Bent Avenue
 San Marcos Boulevard / Grand Avenue
 San Marcos Boulevard / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps
 San Marcos Boulevard / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps-Knoll Road
 San Marcos Boulevard / Westlake Drive
 San Marcos Boulevard / Pico Avenue
 San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road
 San Marcos Boulevard / Rancheros Drive
 San Marcos Boulevard-Vineyard Road / Mission Road
 Discovery Street / La Sombra Drive
 Discovery Street / Via Vera Cruz
 Discovery Street / Bent Avenue-Craven Road (*only Bent in future*)
 Discovery Street / Craven Road (*future intersection*)

Discovery Street / Grand Avenue (*future intersection*)
Discovery Street / Rush Drive (*future intersection*)
Discovery Street-Barham Drive / Twin Oaks Valley Road
Barham Drive / Campus Way
Barham Drive / La Moree Road
Barham Drive / Hill Street
Barham Drive / State Route 78 Eastbound Off-Ramp
Barham Drive / Woodland Parkway
Woodland Parkway / Rancheros Drive
Rancheros Drive / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps
Twin Oaks Valley Road / Borden Road
Twin Oaks Valley Road / Richmar Avenue
Twin Oaks Valley Road / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps
Twin Oaks Valley Road / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps
Twin Oaks Valley Road / Carmel Street
Twin Oaks Valley Road / Campus Marketplace Driveway
Twin Oaks Valley Road / Craven Road
Craven Road / Rush Drive
Twin Oaks Valley Road / (North) Village Drive
Twin Oaks Valley Road / (South) Village Drive
Twin Oaks Valley Road / Street "C" (*Project Intersection*)
Discovery Street / Street "A" (*Project Intersection*)
Barham Drive / Street "E" (*Project Intersection*)

The City of San Marcos considers Level of Service (LOS) "D" or better to be acceptable intersection operating conditions during peak traffic periods. The following existing intersections are operating below this standard during peak hours:

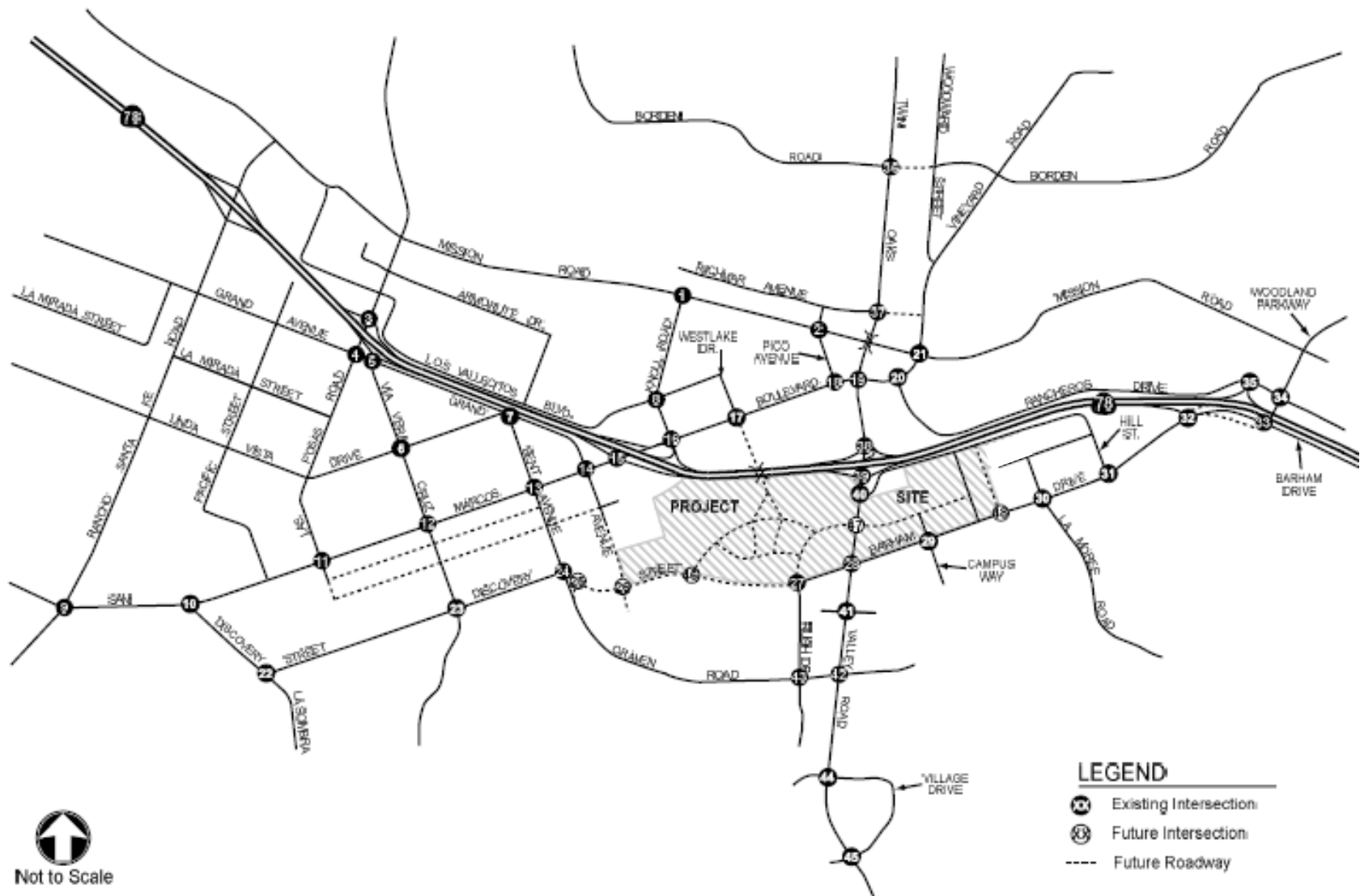
- ☐ San Marcos Boulevard / Rancho Santa Fe Road
- ☐ San Marcos Boulevard / Bent Avenue
- ☐ San Marcos Boulevard / Westlake Drive
- ☐ Discovery Street / Via Vera Cruz

- ❑ Barham Drive / Campus Way
- ❑ Barham Drive / Hill Street
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road / Borden Road
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road / Carmel Street

In addition, the following roadway segments were identified as operating below LOS “D” based on daily volume capacities:

- ❑ San Marcos Boulevard, from Rancho Santa Fe Road to Discovery Street
- ❑ San Marcos Boulevard, from Discovery Street to Las Posas Road
- ❑ San Marcos Boulevard, from Las Posas Road to Via Vera Cruz
- ❑ San Marcos Boulevard, from Via Vera Cruz to Bent Avenue
- ❑ Discovery Street, from Rush Drive to Twin Oaks Valley Road
- ❑ Barham Drive, from State Route 78 Eastbound Off-Ramp to Woodland Parkway
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road, from Borden Road to Richmar Avenue
- ❑ Woodland Parkway, from Rancheros Drive to Barham Drive

FIGURE V.H: Study Area Intersections



V.4.1 Horizon Year 2030 (Project Build Out)

Analysis of Horizon Year 2030 conditions was conducted using the SANDAG Series 11 North San Diego County Sub-Area traffic model, which was modified to include the land uses and roadway network associated with the proposed University District Specific Plan project. A Select Zone Assignment model run was conducted by SANDAG for Year 2030 conditions that included the proposed land uses for the University District Specific Plan project, the proposed bridge crossing over State Route 78 between the San Marcos Boulevard and Twin Oaks Valley Road freeway interchanges, and an internal street network throughout the project site. All build-out roadway improvements in the project study area are included in the analysis of Horizon Year 2030 Conditions.

Specific Plan Amendment Project Description

At full build-out the proposed UDSPA project will consist of the following uses:

- ❑ 3,400 Mixed-Use Multi-Family Dwelling Units
- ❑ 700,000 square-feet Mixed-Use Community Commercial
- ❑ 652,000 square-feet Mixed-Use Office
- ❑ 300,000 square-feet Mixed-Use Medical Office
- ❑ 450 Hotel Rooms
- ❑ 30,000 square-foot Community Center
- ❑ 850-student Elementary School (pending School District decision)

The UDSPA project will continue to include construction of a new bridge crossing over the SR-78 freeway to provide direct access to the site from San Marcos Boulevard between SR-78 and Twin Oaks Valley Road. The proposed bridge crossing will be generally aligned with Westlake Drive, and a new signalized four-way intersection will be constructed at San Marcos Boulevard / Westlake Drive. An internal street network will be built throughout the project site, with access intersections provided on Discovery Street, Barham Drive, and Twin Oaks Valley Road. The project will also

provide a third westbound lane on Barham Drive along the project frontage between Twin Oaks Valley Road and the eastern boundary of the project site.

Specific Plan Amendment Project Trip Generation

The trip generation estimated for the original UDSP is summarized below in Table V.A.

Table V.A: Original UDSP Project Trip Generation at Project Build-Out

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Intensity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Daily Trips</u>	<u>AM Trips</u>	<u>AM In</u>	<u>AM Out</u>	<u>PM Trips</u>	<u>PM In</u>	<u>PM Out</u>
<u>Mixed Use Multi-Family Residential</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>20,400</u>	<u>1,632</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>1,306</u>	<u>1,836</u>	<u>1,285</u>	<u>551</u>
<u>Mixed Use Community Commercial</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>KSF</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,280</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>Mixed Use Office</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>KSF</u>	<u>12,750</u>	<u>1,658</u>	<u>1,492</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>1,785</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>1,428</u>
<u>Mixed Use Medical Office</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>KSF</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>1,155</u>
<u>Hotel</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>Rooms</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>144</u>
<u>Community Center</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>KSF</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>1,360</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>73</u>
<u>Sub Total</u>			<u>134,696</u>	<u>8,143</u>	<u>4,911</u>	<u>3,232</u>	<u>13,803</u>	<u>6,416</u>	<u>7,386</u>
<u>10% Mixed Use Reduction ⁽¹⁾</u>			<u>-13,265</u>	<u>-766</u>	<u>-462</u>	<u>-304</u>	<u>-1,363</u>	<u>-635</u>	<u>-728</u>
<u>5% Transit Reduction</u>			<u>-6,735</u>	<u>-407</u>	<u>-246</u>	<u>-162</u>	<u>-690</u>	<u>-321</u>	<u>-369</u>
<u>NET PROJECT TRIPS</u>			<u>114,697</u>	<u>6,970</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>2,767</u>	<u>11,749</u>	<u>5,460</u>	<u>6,289</u>

Note: (1) SANDAG allows a 10% trip rate reduction for mixed-use developments where residential and commercial are combined.

(2) SANDAG does not have a trip rate available for a Community Center; therefore, the ITE trip generation rate for Community Center was used instead. Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation, 7th Edition, 2003.

Table V.B presents the UDSPA project trip generation at project build-out. As shown in this table, at project build-out, the proposed UDSPA project is forecast to generate approximately 92,880 trips per day, with approximately 5,970 trips occurring during the a.m. peak hour, and 9,511 trips occurring during the p.m. peak hour. In comparison, the original UDSP project was estimated to generate approximately 114,697 trips per day, with approximately 6,970 trips occurring during the a.m. peak hour, and 11,749 trips occurring during the p.m. peak hour. The trip generation comparison shows the UDSPA will reduce the UDSP daily and p.m. peak hour trips by 19% and the a.m. peak hour trips by 14%.

Table V.B: Proposed UDSPA Project Trip Generation at Project Build-Out

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Intensity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Daily Trips</u>	<u>AM Trips</u>	<u>AM In</u>	<u>AM Out</u>	<u>PM Trips</u>	<u>PM In</u>	<u>PM Out</u>
<u>Mixed Use Multi-Family Residential</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>DU</u>	<u>20,400</u>	<u>1,632</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>1,306</u>	<u>1,836</u>	<u>1,285</u>	<u>551</u>
<u>Mixed Use Community Commercial</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>KSF</u>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>1,344</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>2,800</u>
<u>Mixed Use Office</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>KSF</u>	<u>11,084</u>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>1,297</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>1,552</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>1,241</u>
<u>Mixed Use Medical Office</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>KSF</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>1,155</u>
<u>Hotel</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>Rooms</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>144</u>
<u>Community Center</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>KSF</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>Elementary School</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>1,360</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>73</u>
<u>Sub Total</u>			<u>109,030</u>	<u>6,967</u>	<u>4,140</u>	<u>2,827</u>	<u>11,169</u>	<u>5,170</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<u>10% Mixed Use Reduction ⁽¹⁾</u>			<u>-10,698</u>	<u>-648</u>	<u>-385</u>	<u>-263</u>	<u>-1,100</u>	<u>-511</u>	<u>-589</u>
<u>5% Transit Reduction</u>			<u>-5,452</u>	<u>-348</u>	<u>-207</u>	<u>-141</u>	<u>-558</u>	<u>-258</u>	<u>-300</u>
<u>NET PROJECT TRIPS</u>			<u>92,880</u>	<u>5,970</u>	<u>3,548</u>	<u>2,422</u>	<u>9,511</u>	<u>4,401</u>	<u>5,110</u>

Note: (1) SANDAG allows a 10% trip rate reduction for mixed-use developments where residential and commercial are combined.

(2) SANDAG does not have a trip rate available for a Community Center; therefore, the ITE trip generation rate for Community Center was used instead. Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation, 7th Edition, 2003.

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A comparison of project traffic generation for the daily and a.m. and p.m. peak hour, demonstrate that in all cases the UDSPA will result in fewer project trips on roadway segments and at intersections throughout the study area. As such, there is no possibility for the UDSPA project to introduce new off-site traffic impacts that were not identified in the original UDSP EIR Traffic Impact Analysis.

Specific Plan Amendment Project Buildout (Year 2030) Impacts and Mitigation

Although the UDSPA project will have a lower level of traffic impact due to the lower trip generation, the same list of off-site mitigation measures have been maintained that were identified in the original EIR Traffic Impact Analysis.

The following 11 intersections were previously identified as being significantly impacted by the project under Horizon Year 2030 conditions:

- ❑ Mission Road / Knoll Road
- ❑ San Marcos Blvd. / Rancho Santa Fe Road
- ❑ San Marcos Blvd. / Las Posas Road
- ❑ San Marcos Blvd. / Via Vera Cruz
- ❑ San Marcos Blvd. / Bent Avenue
- ❑ San Marcos Blvd. / Twin Oaks Valley Road
- ❑ Discovery Street / La Sombra Drive
- ❑ Barham Drive / La Moree Road
- ❑ Barham Drive / Woodland Parkway
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road / Borden Road
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road / SR-78 Eastbound Ramps

The following five roadway segments were identified as being significantly impacted by the project under Horizon Year 2030 conditions:

- ❑ Discovery Street, from San Marcos Blvd. to La Sombra Drive
- ❑ Discovery Street, from La Sombra Drive to Via Vera Cruz
- ❑ Bent Avenue, from San Marcos Blvd. to Discovery Street
- ❑ Westlake Drive, North of San Marcos Blvd.
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road, from Richmar Avenue to San Marcos Blvd.

Mitigation measures have been identified for all of the above-listed intersections and roadway segments. The recommended mitigation measures for each significantly impacted intersection and roadway segment under Horizon Year 2030 conditions are described in detail below:

Specific Plan Amendment Project Buildout (Year 2030) Recommended Mitigation

Recommended Intersection Improvements

Mission Road / Knoll Road

- ❑ Northbound: Restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane, one shared left-turn/through/right-turn lane, and one right-turn lane.

San Marcos Boulevard / Rancho Santa Fe Road

- ❑ Westbound: Provide a third left-turn lane.

Note: The recommended improvements at San Marcos Boulevard / Rancho Santa Fe Road would mitigate the significant impact by reducing the average intersection delay to lower than the delay without the project. Improving intersection operations to an acceptable level of service would require additional widening at the intersection approaches to increase capacity, which may not be feasible due to development constraints.

San Marcos Boulevard / Las Posas Road

- ☐ Northbound: Restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane, one shared left-turn/through lane, and one shared through/right-turn lane.
- ☐ Southbound: Provide a second right-turn lane. Modify signal to provide right-turn overlap phase. Prohibit u-turns during the corresponding eastbound left-turn phase.
- ☐ Convert signal phasing to split phasing for the northbound and southbound approaches.

San Marcos Boulevard / Via Vera Cruz

- ☐ Southbound: Reduce existing dual left-turn lanes to a single left-turn lane; restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane, one through lane, and one shared through/right-turn lane.
- ☐ Eastbound: Provide a dedicated right-turn lane.

San Marcos Boulevard / Bent Avenue

- ☐ Convert signal phasing to split phasing for the northbound and southbound approaches.
- ☐ Northbound: Restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane, one shared left-turn/through lane, and one right-turn lane.
- ☐ Southbound: Restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane, one shared left-turn/through lane, and one right-turn lane.
- ☐ Westbound: Provide a second left-turn lane.

San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road

- ☐ Northbound: Modify signal to provide right-turn overlap phase. Prohibit u-turns during the corresponding westbound left-turn phase.
- ☐ Southbound: Provide a dedicated right-turn lane.
- ☐ Westbound: Provide a third left-turn lane.

Discovery Street / La Sombra Drive

Install traffic signal and provide the following lane geometries:

- ☐ Northbound: Provide one shared through/right-turn lane (same as existing conditions).
- ☐ Southbound: Restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane and one shared left-turn/through lane.
- ☐ Westbound: Restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane and one right-turn lane. Provide a right-turn overlap phase.
- ☐ Provide split phasing for the northbound and southbound approaches.

Barham Drive / La Moree Road (West)

- ☐ Northbound: Modify signal to provide right-turn overlap phase. Prohibit u-turns during the corresponding westbound left-turn phase.
- ☐ Southbound: Restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane and one shared through/right-turn lane.

Barham Drive / Woodland Parkway

- ☐ Westbound: Modify signal to provide right-turn overlap phase. Prohibit u-turns during the corresponding southbound left-turn phase.

Twin Oaks Valley Road / Borden Road

- ☐ Eastbound: Modify signal to provide right-turn overlap phase. Prohibit u-turns during the corresponding northbound left-turn phase.

Twin Oaks Valley Road / SR-78 Eastbound Ramps

- ☐ Eastbound (Off-Ramp Approach): Restripe approach to provide one left-turn lane, one shared left-turn/through/right-turn lane, and one right-turn lane. (Note that this improvement has already been implemented by the City of San Marcos)

Recommended Roadway Segment Improvements**Discovery Street, from San Marcos Boulevard to La Sombra Drive**

- ☐ Improve roadway segment to four-lane Secondary Arterial standards.

Discovery Street, from La Sombra Drive to Via Vera Cruz

- ☐ Improve roadway segment to four-lane Secondary Arterial standards.

Note: The current City Circulation Element now has different designations for 4-lane roadways and the future widening of Discovery Street should be consistent with the current Circulation Element design standards.

Bent Avenue, from San Marcos Boulevard to Main Street (Creekside District)

- ☐ Improve roadway segment to four-lane roadway standards.

Note: The City Circulation Element classifies Bent Avenue as a two-lane roadway between San Marcos Boulevard and Discovery Street. The addition of traffic from the Creekside District Specific Plan project and other larger-scale projects results in daily roadway segment operations worsening to LOS F by Year 2030. The forecast Year 2030 ADT volume of 11,900 on Bent Avenue between San Marcos Boulevard and Discovery Street is an average of daily volumes along shorter segments within the Creekside District project, with the highest daily volume between San Marcos Boulevard and Main Street, and the lowest daily volume between Creekside Drive and Discovery Street. It is recommended that Bent Avenue from San Marcos Boulevard to Main Street be improved to four-lane roadway standards.

Bent Avenue, from Main Street (Creekside District) to Discovery Street

- ☐ Upgrade roadway segment to a two-lane roadway with continuous two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL).

Note: The existing daily capacity of Bent Avenue between San Marcos Boulevard and Discovery Street is 8,000 ADT is based on its current pavement width. Although Bent

Avenue south of Main Street can remain with two travel lanes to operate at LOS D or better, it is recommended that Bent Avenue from Main Street to Discovery Street be improved to a two-lane roadway with a continuous two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL).

Westlake Drive, North of San Marcos Boulevard

- ☐ Improve Westlake Drive from Dusty Lane to San Marcos Boulevard to a two-lane roadway with a two-way left-turn lane.

Note: This improvement can most likely be accommodated without physical widening; however, on-street parking would need to be prohibited to restripe the roadway as recommended.

Twin Oaks Valley Road, from Richmar Avenue to San Marcos Boulevard

- ☐ Improve intersection of Twin Oaks Valley Road / San Marcos Boulevard to provide peak hour operations at LOS D or better. The recommended improvements at Twin Oaks Valley Road / San Marcos Boulevard will also serve to mitigate the significant impact on this segment of Twin Oaks Valley Road.

Note: This 4-lane segment is totally access-controlled between the two intersections at either end and it is the operations of these two intersections during the peak hours that would most influence operations on this roadway segment. A close look at the peak hour directional volumes on this segment of Twin Oaks Valley Road showed that during the peak hours, a maximum of 1,600 vehicles would travel between Richmar Avenue and San Marcos Boulevard, or approximately 800 vehicles per lane. This is equivalent to the directional volumes per lane on most segments of San Marcos Boulevard, which are forecast to have daily operations at LOS D or better.

Table V.C and Table V.D summarize the recommended Horizon Year 2030 mitigation measures for the impacted intersection and roadway segment locations, respectively, as described above.

Table V.C: Summary of 2030 Mitigation Measures (Intersections)

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>2030 NP</u>	<u>2030 WP</u>	<u>Recommended Mitigation Measure</u>
<u>Mission Rd. / Knoll Rd.</u>		X	<u>NB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through / right-turn lane, and 1 right-turn lane.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Rancho Santa Fe Rd.</u>	X	X	<u>WB: Provide a third left-turn lane.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Las Posas Rd.</u>	X	X	<u>NB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through lane, and 1 shared through / right-turn lane. SB: Provide a second right-turn lane, and modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase. Convert NB and SB signal phasing to split phasing.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Via Vera Cruz</u>	X	X	<u>SB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 through lane, 1 shared through / right-turn lane. EB: Provide a dedicated right-turn lane.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Bent Ave.</u>	X	X	<u>Convert NB and SB signal phasing to split phasing. NB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through lane, and 1 right-turn lane. SB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through lane, and 1 right-turn lane. WB: Provide a second left-turn lane.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Twin Oaks Valley Rd.</u>	X	X	<u>NB: Modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase. SB: Provide a dedicated right-turn lane. WB: Provide a third left-turn lane.</u>
<u>Discovery St. / La Sombra Dr.</u>	X	X	<u>Install traffic signal. Provide split phasing at NB and SB approaches. NB: No changes to existing lane geometry. SB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane and 1 shared left-turn / through lane. WB: Restripe approach to provide a dedicated left-turn lane, and modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u>
<u>Barham Dr. / La Moree Rd.</u>	X	X	<u>NB: Modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase. SB: Provide 1 left-turn lane and 1 shared through/right-turn lane.</u>
<u>Barham Dr. / Woodland Pkwy.</u>		X	<u>WB: Modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u>
<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd. / Borden Rd.</u>		X	<u>EB: Modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u>
<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd. / SR-78 EB Ramps</u>	X	X	<u>EB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through / right-turn lane, and 1 right-turn lane. (Note: this improvement has already been implemented)</u>

Note: 2030 NP = Year 2030 Without Project2030 WP = Year 2030 With Project (Specific Plan Land Uses)

Table V.D: Summary of 2030 Mitigation Measures (Roadway Segments)

<u>Roadway Segment</u>		<u>2030 NP</u>	<u>2030 WP</u>	<u>Recommended Mitigation Measure</u>
<u>Discovery St., from San Marcos Blvd. to La Sombra Dr.</u>		X	X	<u>Improve to four-lane roadway.</u>
<u>Discovery St., from La Sombra Dr. to Via Vera Cruz</u>		X	X	<u>Improve to four-lane roadway.</u>
<u>Bent Ave.</u>	<u>From San Marcos Blvd. to Main St.</u>	X	X	<u>Improve to four-lane roadway.</u>
	<u>From Main St. to Discovery St.</u>	X	X	<u>Improve to two-lane roadway with two-way left-turn lane.</u>
<u>Westlake Dr., North of San Marcos Blvd. Bent Ave.</u>			X	<u>Improve to two-lane roadway with two-way left-turn lane.</u>
<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd., from Richmar Ave. to San Marcos Blvd.</u>		X	X	<u>Improve intersection of Twin Valley Rd. / San Marcos Blvd. to provide LOS D or better peak hour operations (see Table 5 for recommended improvements at this intersection).</u>

Note: 2030 NP = Year 2030 Without Project

2030 WP = Year 2030 With Project (Specific Plan Land Uses)

V.4.2 Intersection and Roadway Mitigation Phasing Requirements

The primary purpose of this analysis is to evaluate the phasing requirements of the mitigation measures identified in the 2030 scenario with the project as well as the proposed phasing needs of new planned roadways such as the Discovery Street extension from Craven Road to Twin Oaks Valley Road and the new Westlake Drive bridge crossing.

To update the phasing analysis of mitigation measure improvements, several factors were considered including:

- ❑ Current traffic volumes at the intersections that are impacted by the project.
- ❑ Estimated traffic associated with City of San Marcos approved or pending projects.
- ❑ The City's current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) transportation projects and the anticipated timing of those projects.
- ❑ Findings of the original mitigation phasing analysis that was performed for interim 5 and 10-year forecast periods (e.g. 2015 and 2020)
- ❑ Estimated traffic associated with the UDSPA

The phasing analysis also included a review of the updated 2030 traffic forecast from the SANDAG Series 11 North County Traffic Model. This model includes the most up to date information relative to the City's General Plan land use and circulation element. For reference purposes, the current transportation projects included in the City's CIP are summarized in Table V.E.

The results of the mitigation phasing analysis for mitigation measures at study area intersections are summarized in Table V.F. The analysis has determined the maximum level of project trip generation that can occur before each mitigation measure must be constructed. In all cases, the project trip generation threshold applies to the number of trips generated during the more critical p.m. peak hour. The threshold is considered to be reached if either the inbound or outbound threshold is achieved during the p.m. peak hour.

Also noted, is whether there is a CIP transportation project that is related to the mitigation measure and the currently programmed timing for the transportation project. In some cases, the UDSPA mitigation measure would be a component of the planned transportation project and coordination would be required. In these cases, the schedule of the CIP project would dictate the timing of the mitigation measure implementation. In other cases, the completion of the CIP transportation project would influence travel patterns in a manner that would accelerate the need for the mitigation measure. In these cases, the schedule of the CIP project would also dictate the need to implement the mitigation measure and this may be in advance of reaching the project trip generation threshold identified. While the timing of the related CIP Transportation project could be in advance of reaching the project trip generation threshold identified herein, the project would need to participate on a "fair share" basis to the cost of the mitigation measure at the time of the CIP project construction.

The results of the mitigation phasing analysis for mitigation measures on study area roadway segments are summarized in Table V.G. It should be noted that the extension of Discovery Street from Rush Street to Bent Street occurs at the first trip generation threshold level (760 total, 350 inbound, 410 outbound p.m. peak hour project trips) and this improvement is related to the CIP transportation construction project identified for Discovery Street between 2017 and 2019. The updated analysis indicates that Discovery should be constructed as a four-lane divided roadway from Bent to Rush Street and as a six-lane divided roadway from Rush Street to Discovery. The extension of Grand Avenue to Discovery could be delayed until the project meets the second trip generation threshold level (1,760 total, 795 inbound, 915 outbound p.m. peak hour project trips).

Table V.E: City of San Marcos Capital Improvement Program Transportation Projects

<u>ID#-Roadway Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Start Year of Construction</u>	<u>Year Open to Traffic</u>
<u>SM1--South Santa Fe Ave</u>	<u>Bosstick Blvd</u>	<u>Smilax Rd</u>	<u>Realign & Signalize Intersection</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>SM2--Woodland Pkwy</u>	<u>La Moree Rd</u>	<u>Rancheros Blvd</u>	<u>Interchange Improvements w/ Barham Widening</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM3--Discovery St</u>	<u>Via Vera Cruz Rd</u>	<u>Bent Ave/Craven Rd</u>	<u>Widen Roadway</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM4--Via Vera Cruz Rd</u>	<u>San Marcos Blvd</u>	<u>Discovery St</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM5--Discovery St</u>	<u>Craven Rd</u>	<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM6--Barham Dr</u>	<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd</u>	<u>La Moree Rd</u>	<u>Widen Roadway</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM7--Creekside Dr</u>	<u>Via Vera Cruz Rd</u>	<u>Grand Ave</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM8--Borden Rd</u>	<u>Mulberry Rd</u>	<u>Vineyard Rd</u>	<u>Street Reconstruction</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM9--Borden Rd</u>	<u>Wulff St</u>	<u>Redhill Ln</u>	<u>Street Widening</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM10--E. La Moree Rd</u>	<u>Williamsburg Dev.</u>	<u>Sandy Ln</u>	<u>Street Widening</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>SM11--Twin Oaks Valley Rd</u>	<u>Buena Creek Rd</u>	<u>Sycamore Dr</u>	<u>Street Widening</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>SM12--Twin Oaks Valley Rd</u>	<u>La Cienega Rd</u>	<u>Cassou Rd</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>SM13--Twin Oaks Valley Rd</u>	<u>Cassou Rd</u>	<u>Buena Creek Rd</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>SM14--Richland Rd</u>	<u>Borden Rd</u>	<u>Rock Springs Rd</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>SM15--Rancho Santa Fe</u> <u>SM16--Interchange</u>	<u>& SR78</u>	<u>& SR78</u>	<u>Interchange Improvements</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>SM17--Rancho Santa Fe Rd</u>	<u>South Santa Fe Rd</u>	<u>Grand Ave</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>SM18--Richmar Ave</u>	<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd</u>	<u>Woodward St</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>SM19--San Marcos Blvd</u>	<u>Knoll Rd</u>	<u>Pico Ave</u>	<u>Street Widening</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>SM20--Rancho Santa Fe Rd</u>	<u>Grand Ave</u>	<u>San Marcos Blvd</u>	<u>Street Widening</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>SM21--Borden Rd</u>	<u>Via Barquero</u>	<u>Palomar College Entrance</u>	<u>Street Widening</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>SM22--Mulberry Dr</u>	<u>Woodward St</u>	<u>Olive St</u>	<u>Street Widening</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>SM23--San Marcos Blvd</u>	<u>Discovery Street</u>	<u>Bent Ave</u>	<u>Street Improvements</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2027</u>

~~V.4.1 Interim Year 2015~~

~~The primary purpose of including the interim Year 2015 conditions scenario is to evaluate the phasing requirements of the mitigation measures identified in the 2030 "With Project" Scenario with the project as well as the proposed new Westlake Drive bridge crossing.~~

~~To determine the interim Year 2015 conditions in the project study area, forecast project traffic associated with City of San Marcos approved or pending projects was added to existing traffic volumes. This formed the base conditions upon which traffic generated by the proposed project was added. The interim Year 2015 conditions analysis assumes that several of the larger scale projects will only be partially developed. The assumed development status of the larger scale cumulative projects by 2015 is listed as follows:~~

- ~~□ Palomar College Master Plan—50percent of planned student increase~~
- ~~□ San Marcos Creek District Specific Plan—10percent built and occupied~~
- ~~□ University Medical and Office Park—33percent built and occupied~~
- ~~□ Kaiser Permanente Master Plan—20percent built and occupied~~
- ~~□ CSU San Marcos Master Plan—38percent of planned student increase~~

~~The interim Year 2015 analysis assumes the following summary of City wide roadway and intersection improvements to be in place and that the proposed Westlake Drive flyover State Route 78 is not yet constructed (see EIR for full discussion):~~

~~Description of Roadway Improvements~~***~~San Marcos Boulevard~~***

~~Widened to a six lane Prime Arterial from Rancho Santa Fe Road to Las Posas Road~~

~~Grand Avenue:~~

~~Extended south to Discovery Street and constructed as a four lane Major Arterial~~

Discovery Street:

Widened to four lanes from Via Vera Cruz to Bent Avenue-Craven Road; Extended east from Bent Avenue-Craven Road to Rush Drive, constructed as a four-lane Major Arterial from Bent Avenue / Craven to Grand Avenue, and constructed as six-lane Prime Arterial from Grand Avenue to Twin Oaks Valley Road

Barham Drive:

Widened to a six-lane Prime Arterial from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Woodland Parkway; The proposed University District Specific Plan project would be responsible for widening Barham Drive along the project frontage between Twin Oaks Valley Road and the eastern boundary of the project site.

Description of Intersection Improvements**Discovery Street / Via Vera Cruz**

Installation of a traffic signal

Discovery Street / Bent Avenue-Craven Road

Re-alignment of intersection into two offset "T" intersections; Installation of traffic signals at both new intersections

Discovery Street / Grand Avenue

New signalized intersection constructed

Discovery Street / Rush Drive

New signalized intersection constructed

Barham Drive / Campus Way

Installation of traffic signal and second westbound left-turn lane for inbound CSUSM traffic

~~Twin Oaks Valley Road / Carmel Street~~

~~Installation of a half traffic signal, which would provide southbound protection, left-turn phasing and control of northbound traffic~~

~~Barham Drive / La Moree Road~~

~~A second westbound left turn lane provided for inbound CSUSM traffic.~~

~~See Table V.A: Summary of 2015/2020 Mitigation Measures for a detailed description of physical improvements for interim years 2015 and 2020.~~

~~V.4.2 Interim Year 2020~~

~~The interim Year 2020 analysis assumes the same summary of City-wide roadway and intersection improvements for 2015, as noted above, to be in place along with the following additions (see EIR for full discussion):~~

~~Description of Roadway Improvements~~**~~Woodland Parkway~~**

~~Widened to four lane Major Arterial from Rancheros Drive to Barham Drive~~

~~Description of Intersection Improvements~~**~~Barham Drive / Hill Street~~**

~~Installation of a traffic signal~~

~~Barham Drive / SR-78 Eastbound Ramps~~

~~Eastbound on-ramp constructed adjacent to existing off-ramp, designed as "hook" ramps; Additional lanes provided to increase intersection capacity~~

~~Rancheros Drive / SR-78 Westbound Ramps~~

~~Installation of traffic signal and additional lanes provided to increase intersection capacity~~

~~Under interim Year 2020 conditions, the addition of traffic generated by the proposed project results in significant impacts at the following six intersections:~~

- ~~❑ San Marcos Boulevard / Grand Avenue~~
- ~~❑ San Marcos Boulevard / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps Knoll Road~~
- ~~❑ San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road~~
- ~~❑ Discovery Street / Grand Avenue~~
- ~~❑ Discovery Street / Barham Drive / Twin Oaks Valley Road~~
- ~~❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps~~

~~The results of the interim Year 2020 conditions roadway segment analysis show that the addition of traffic generated by the proposed project results in significant impacts at the following three roadway segments:~~

- ~~❑ San Marcos Boulevard, from Grand Avenue to State Route 78~~
- ~~❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road, from San Marcos Boulevard to State Route 78~~
- ~~❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road, from State Route 78 to Street "C"~~

~~Mitigation measures are found to be required for the above listed intersections and roadway segments if the planned Westlake Drive Bridge is not constructed by 2020. A close evaluation of each of these intersections was conducted to identify any improvements that could be implemented without the Westlake Drive Bridge. The evaluation results showed that there are no feasible improvements due to high right-of-way acquisition costs and other considerations to mitigate the intersections of San Marcos Boulevard/Grand Avenue and Twin Oaks Valley Road/State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps to a LOS that is better than without the project. Therefore, the only reasonable mitigation measure is to construct the Westlake Drive Bridge to divert traffic from these two intersections.~~

~~The mitigation measures recommended under Horizon Year 2030 conditions show the ultimate intersection improvement needs after the bridge is constructed. The only exception is at San Marcos Boulevard / Grand Avenue, where it is recommended that an~~

~~eastbound right turn lane be provided by 2020 in addition to the improvements recommended under Interim Year 2015 conditions.~~

~~A close evaluation of the three significantly impacted roadway segments under Interim Year 2020 conditions showed that all three roadway segments are already built up to or beyond their ultimate General Plan Circulation Element classification. Therefore, the only feasible mitigation measure is the construction of the Westlake Drive Bridge, which would divert daily traffic away from these roadway segments.~~

~~It should be noted that the following phasing schedule is recommended for the Interim Year 2015 and Year 2020 mitigation measures that have previously been described. This phasing schedule may be modified as an Administrative Amendment to this Specific Plan, as outlined in Chapter IX – Implementation, based on the results of subsequent traffic analysis accepted by the City.~~

~~Improvements Required Prior to Year 2015 (Before 15 Percent Build-Out of Project)~~

- ~~☐ — San Marcos Boulevard / Grand Avenue Improvements~~
- ~~☐ — San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road Improvements~~
- ~~☐ — Twin Oaks Valley Road / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps Improvements~~

~~Improvements Required Prior to Year 2020 (Before 50 Percent Build-Out of Project)~~

- ~~☐ — Construction of Westlake Drive Bridge (before 25 Percent Build-Out of Project)~~
- ~~☐ — Eastbound Right Turn Lane at San Marcos Boulevard / Grand Avenue (before 20 Percent Build-Out of Project)~~

~~It should be noted that mitigation measures recommended under Horizon Year 2030 conditions with the proposed project, but not in either 2015 or 2020, need to be implemented between 2020 and 2030 as development progresses toward build-out of the project.~~

~~See Table V.A: Summary of 2015/2020 Mitigation Measures.~~

Table V.A: Summary of 2015/2020 Mitigation Measures

Intersections	Deficient Scenario				Recommended Mitigation Measure (Intersections)
	2015 NP	2015 WP	2020 NP	2020 WP	
Interim Year 2015 Conditions					
San Marcos Boulevard / Grand Avenue	X	X			NB: Convert signal phasing to protected left turns. Re-stripe approach to provide 2 left turn lanes, 1 through lane, and 1 right turn lane. SB: Convert signal phasing to protected left turns. Re-stripe approach to provide 2 left turn lanes, 1 through lane, 1 shared through/right turn lane. EB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane, 3 through lanes, 1 shared through/right turn lane.
San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road	X	X			NB: Modify signal to provide right turn overlap phase. SB: Provide a dedicated right turn lane. WB: Provide a third left turn lane.
Twin Oaks Valley Road / SR 78 EB Ramps		X			EB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane, 1 shared left turn / through / right turn lane, and 1 right turn lane.
Interim Year 2020 Conditions					
San Marcos Boulevard / Grand Avenue	X	X	X	X	EB: Provide a dedicated right turn lane (in addition to the improvements recommended under Interim Year 2015 conditions).
					Construct Westlake Drive bridge over SR 78.
San Marcos Boulevard / WB Ramps - Knoll Road			X	X	Construct Westlake Drive bridge over SR 78.
San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road	X	X	X	X	Construct Westlake Drive bridge over SR 78 (in addition to the improvements recommended under Interim Year 2015 conditions).
Discovery Street / Grand Avenue				X	Construct Westlake Drive bridge over SR 78.
Discovery Street — Barham Drive / Twin Oaks Valley Road				X	Construct Westlake Drive bridge over SR 78.
Twin Oaks Valley Road / SR 78 EB Ramps		X	X	X	Construct Westlake Drive bridge over SR 78 (in addition to the improvements recommended under Interim Year 2015 conditions).

Table V.F: Summary of Mitigation Measure Phasing Requirements – Intersection Improvements

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Project Trip Generation Threshold</u>	<u>Required Coordination w/ CIP Project Construction Period</u>	<u>Recommended Mitigation Measure</u>
<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd. / SR-78 EB Ramps</u>	<u>760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 350</u> <u>Outbound: 410</u>		<u>EB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through / right-turn lane, and 1 right-turn lane.</u> <u>(Note: This improvement has already been implemented)</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Via Vera Cruz</u>	<u>760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 350</u> <u>Outbound: 410</u>	<u>SM4</u> <u>(Est. 2017 – 2019)</u>	<u>SB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 through lane, 1 shared through / right-turn lane.</u> <u>EB: Provide a dedicated right-turn lane.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Bent Ave.</u>	<u>760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 350</u> <u>Outbound: 410</u>	<u>SM3 & SM5</u> <u>(Est. 2017 – 2019)</u>	<u>Convert NB and SB signal phasing to split phasing.</u> <u>NB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through lane, and 1 right-turn lane.</u> <u>SB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through lane, and 1 right-turn lane.</u> <u>WB: Provide a second left-turn lane.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Las Posas Rd.</u>	<u>760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 350</u> <u>Outbound: 410</u>		<u>Convert NB and SB signal phasing to split phasing.</u> <u>NB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through lane, and 1 shared through / right-turn lane.</u> <u>SB: Provide a second right-turn lane, and modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u>
<u>Barham Dr. / La Moree Rd.</u>	<u>760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 350</u> <u>Outbound: 410</u>	<u>SM6</u> <u>(Est. 2018 – 2019)</u>	<u>NB: Modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u> <u>SB: Provide 1 left-turn lane and 1 shared through/right-turn lane.</u>
<u>Discovery St. / La Sombra Dr.</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>	<u>SM3 & SM5</u> <u>(Est. 2017 – 2019)</u>	<u>Install traffic signal. Provide split phasing at NB and SB approaches.</u> <u>NB: No changes to existing lane geometry.</u> <u>SB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane and 1 shared left-turn / through lane.</u> <u>WB: Restripe approach to provide a dedicated left-turn lane, and modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u>

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Project Trip Generation Threshold</u>	<u>Required Coordination w/ CIP Project Construction Period</u>	<u>Recommended Mitigation Measure</u>
<u>Barham Dr. / Woodland Pkwy.</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>	<u>SM2</u> <u>(Est. 2017 – 2019)</u>	<u>WB: Modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u>
<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd. / Borden Rd.</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>	<u>SM8 & SM9</u> <u>(Est. 2018 – 2019)</u>	<u>EB: Modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Grand Ave.</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>	<u>SM5</u> <u>(Est. 2017 – 2019)</u>	<u>NB: Convert signal phasing to protected left-turns. Restripe approach to provide two left-turn lanes, one through lane, and one right-turn lane.</u> <u>SB: Convert signal phasing to protected left-turns. Restripe approach to provide two left-turn lanes, one through lane, and one shared through/right-turn lane.</u> <u>EB: Reduce existing dual left-turn lane to a single left-turn lane. Restripe approach to provide three through lanes and one shared through/right-turn lane.</u> <u>(Note: Some of these improvements have already been implemented)</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Twin Oaks Valley Rd.</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>	<u>SM19</u> <u>(Est. 2020 – 2021)</u>	<u>NB: Modify signal to provide a right-turn overlap phase.</u> <u>SB: Provide a dedicated right-turn lane.</u> <u>WB: Provide a third left-turn lane.</u>
<u>San Marcos Blvd. / Rancho Santa Fe Rd</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>	<u>SM20</u> <u>(Est. 2020 – 2021)</u>	<u>WB: Provide a third left-turn lane.</u>
<u>Mission Rd. / Knoll Rd.</u>	<u>2,855 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>		<u>NB: Restripe approach to provide 1 left-turn lane, 1 shared left-turn / through / right-turn lane, and 1 right-turn lane.</u>

Note: Mitigation measure is required prior to project trip threshold being exceeded or completion of related CIP project, whichever occurs first.

Table V.G: Summary of Mitigation Measure Phasing Requirements – Roadway Improvements

<u>Roadway Segment</u>	<u>Project Trip Generation Threshold</u>	<u>Required Coordination w/ CIP Project Construction Period</u>	<u>Recommended Mitigation Measure</u>
<u>Bent Ave. from San Marcos Blvd. to Main St.</u>	<u>760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 350</u> <u>Outbound: 410</u>	<u>SM5</u> <u>(Est. 2017 -2019)</u>	<u>Improve to four-lane roadway</u>
<u>Bent Ave. from Main St. to Discovery St.</u>	<u>760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 350</u> <u>Outbound: 410</u>	<u>SM5</u> <u>(Est. 2017 -2019)</u>	<u>Improve to two-lane roadway with two-way left-turn lane.</u>
<u>Discovery St., from San Marcos Blvd. to La Sombra Dr.</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>	<u>SM3 & SM5</u> <u>(Est. 2017 -2019)</u>	<u>Improve to four-lane roadway</u>
<u>Discovery St., from La Sombra Dr. to Via Vera Cruz</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>	<u>SM3 & SM5</u> <u>(Est. 2017 -2019)</u>	<u>Improve to four-lane roadway</u>
<u>Twin Oaks Valley Rd., from Richmar Ave. to San Marcos Blvd.</u>	<u>1,760 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>		<u>Improve intersection of Twin Valley Rd. / San Marcos Blvd. to provide LOS D or better peak hour operations (see Table 5 for recommended improvements at this intersection).</u>
<u>Westlake Dr. Bridge from San Marcos Blvd. to Project Street D on West Side of Project</u>	<u>2,855 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>		<u>Construct minimum two-lane bridge. Monitor directional peak hour volume and widen to four lanes if single direction volume reaches 800 vehicles per hour prior to project build-out.</u>
<u>Westlake Dr., North of San Marcos Blvd. Bent Ave.</u>	<u>2,855 PM Peak Hr.</u> <u>Inbound: 795</u> <u>Outbound: 915</u>		<u>Improve to two-lane roadway with two-way left-turn lane.</u>

Note: Mitigation measure is required prior to project trip threshold being exceeded or completion of related CIP project, whichever occurs first.

Freeway Analysis

A freeway analysis of the project was conducted in accordance with Cal Trans Requirements, using criteria from the 2000 Highway Capacity Manual and the 2000 Highway Design Manual. Cal Trans has a target level of service at project transitions between LOS "C" and LOS "D" for peak hour traffic volumes. In addition, Cal Trans requires freeway ramp interchanges to be evaluated using the Intersection Lane Volumes (ILV) methodology for evaluating intersection performance. To be classified as a stable intersection, the intersection must operate at 1,500 vehicles per hour or less. Although the UDSPA will generate fewer trips and fewer project trips will use the freeway, the reduction in project trips is not anticipated to significantly change the findings of the initial traffic study analysis.

Ramp Intersections

Based on the analysis, the following ramp intersections are forecast to operate at deficient levels of service under the Horizon Year 2030 Scenario:

- ❑ Las Posas Road / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps
- ❑ San Marcos Boulevard / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps — Knoll Road
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps
- ❑ Barham Drive / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps

Freeway Mainline Segments

In addition, the following freeway mainline segments are forecast to operate at LOS "F" under the Horizon Year 2030 Scenario. An "ON" in the description below denotes where motorists would merge onto the freeway, and an "OFF" denotes where motorists would exit:

- ❑ State Route 78 Eastbound, from Las Posas Road ON to San Marcos Blvd OFF (pm)
- ❑ State Route 78 Westbound, from Twin Oaks Valley Road ON to San Marcos Boulevard OFF (am)

- ❑ State Route 78 Eastbound, from San Marcos Boulevard ON to Twin Oaks Valley Road OFF (pm)
- ❑ State Route 78 Eastbound, from Twin Oaks Valley Road ON to Barham Drive OFF (pm)
- ❑ State Route 78 Westbound, from Rancheros Road ON to Twin Oaks Valley Road OFF (pm)
- ❑ State Route 78 Westbound, from Nordahl Road ON to Rancheros Road OFF (am)
- ❑ State Route 78 Eastbound, from Barham Drive ON to Nordahl Road OFF (pm)

Freeway Ramp Junction / Merge Analysis

It is also estimated that the following freeway ramp junction points will also operate at LOS "F" under the 2030 Horizon Year Scenario:

- ❑ Las Posas Road Eastbound On-Ramp (PM)
- ❑ San Marcos Boulevard Eastbound On-Ramp (PM)
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road Westbound On-Ramp #1 (AM)
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road Westbound On-Ramp #2 (AM)
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road Westbound Off-Ramp (AM)
- ❑ Twin Oaks Valley Road Eastbound On-Ramp (PM)
- ❑ Barham Drive Eastbound Off-Ramp (PM)
- ❑ San Marcos Boulevard Eastbound Off-Ramp (PM)
- ❑ Barham Drive Eastbound On-Ramp (PM)

Given that the project will add traffic and affect levels of service for the freeway ramp intersections, mainline segments, and junctions discussed above, the impacts of the proposed University District Specific Plan project are considered significant and mitigation measures are required.

While the addition of one HOV lane in each direction as included in the SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) would mitigate the impacts associated with 2030 forecast traffic with the proposed University District project, the HOV project is not

currently in the “reasonably funded” highway program. The City of San Marcos has initiated discussions with Caltrans and SANDAG that are aimed at identifying interim State Route 78 corridor projects and various potential corridor study alternatives that could be participated in on a fair share basis. These discussions are currently underway but are not advanced enough at this time to reference the specific projects or studies in detail. Once the City’s participation options have been identified by Caltrans, the appropriate participation level for the University District can be assessed, and potential mitigation measures can be discussed.

Transportation Demand Management Plan and Recommended Parking and TDM Monitoring Plan

A Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study prepared in late 2008 indicates that, with an aggressive TDM program in place, the trip generation for the proposed University District Specific Plan project is potentially reduced by over 50 percent for the Horizon Year 2030 with project conditions. Based on the initial traffic analysis report, a reduction in project trips of this magnitude could eliminate the need for some of the mitigation measures that are projected to be needed in the later phases of the project

The intent of the Monitoring Plan is to prescribe a means in which the City of San Marcos can monitor the effectiveness of its overall parking supply requirements and demand as individual projects within the University District Specific Plan Amendment area are being constructed. The Monitoring Plan would also consider the effectiveness of various Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) programs. If certain measures are proving to be unproductive following the City’s review of Annual Transportation Reports, then adjustments can be made.

Note: ~~2015 NP = Year 2015 without Project / 2015 WP = Year 2015 with Project / 2020 NP = Year 2020 without Project / 2020 WP = Year 2020 with Project~~

V.4.3 Horizon Year 2030 (Project Build Out)

~~Analysis of Horizon Year 2030 conditions was conducted using the SANDAG Series 11 North San Diego County Sub Area traffic model, which was modified to include the land uses and roadway network associated with the proposed University District Specific Plan project. A Select Zone Assignment model run was conducted by SANDAG for Year 2030 conditions that included the proposed land uses for the~~

University District Specific Plan project, the proposed bridge crossing over State Route 78 between the San Marcos Boulevard and Twin Oaks Valley Road freeway interchanges, and an internal street network throughout the project site. All build-out roadway improvements in the project study area are included in the analysis of Horizon Year 2030 Conditions.

It should be noted that the 2030 Build-Out Analysis was run under the assumption that by the year 2030, the same summary of City-wide roadway and intersection improvements for 2015 and 2020, as noted above, will be in place with the Westlake Drive flyover and the following additions (see EIR for full discussion):

Description of Roadway Improvements

San Marcos Boulevard

Widened to a six-lane Prime Arterial from Rancho Santa Fe Road to Twin Oaks Valley Road; however, only two westbound lanes are assumed on San Marcos Boulevard west of Rancho Santa Fe Road

Barham Drive

Widened to a six-lane Prime Arterial from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Woodland Parkway; Re-aligned from State Route 78 eastbound ramps to Woodland Parkway

Woodland Parkway

Widened to a four-lane Major Arterial from Rancheros Drive to Barham Drive.

Description of Intersection Improvements

San Marcos Boulevard / Rancho Santa Fe Road

A second northbound right-turn lane and one westbound right-turn lane provided

TDM-Based Project Conditions

A Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study prepared in late 2008 indicates that, with an aggressive TDM program in place, the trip-generation for the proposed *University District Specific Plan* project is potentially reduced by over 50 percent for the Horizon Year 2030 with project conditions.

The study intersections and roadway segments in this scenario are limited to those locations where significant impacts were identified under Horizon Year 2030 with project conditions. The purpose of this scenario is to determine if the mitigation needs can potentially be reduced if an aggressive TDM program were put in place for the proposed project.

Under Horizon Year 2030 conditions with project, with the TDM-based trip generation reduction, the addition of traffic generated by the proposed project results in significant impacts at the following nine intersections:

Mission Road / Knoll Road
 San Marcos Boulevard / Rancho Santa Fe Road
 San Marcos Boulevard / Via Vera Cruz
 San Marcos Boulevard / Bent Avenue
 San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road
 Discovery Street / La Sombra Drive
 Barham Drive / La Moree Road
 Barham Drive / Woodland Parkway
 Twin Oaks Valley Road / State Route Eastbound Ramps

The results of the Horizon Year 2030 conditions roadway segment analysis with the project, with the TDM-based trip generation reduction show that the addition of project-generated traffic significantly impacts the following five roadway segments:

Discovery Street, from San Marcos Boulevard to La Sombra Drive
 Discovery Street, from La Sombra Drive to Via Vera Cruz
 Bent Avenue, from San Marcos Boulevard to Discovery Street and Westlake Drive, North of San Marcos Boulevard
 Twin Oaks Valley Road, from Richmar Avenue to San Marcos Boulevard

Intersection Improvements Required Prior to Year 2030 (Before Full Project Build-Out)

Mission Road / Knoll Road

Northbound: Re-stripe approach to provide one left-turn lane, one shared left-turn/through/right-turn lane, and one right-turn lane

San Marcos Boulevard / Rancho Santa Fe Road

Westbound: Provide a third left-turn lane

San Marcos Boulevard / Via Vera Cruz

Southbound: Reduce existing dual left turn lanes to a single left turn lane; re-stripe approach to provide one left turn lane, one through lane, and one shared through/right turn lane; Eastbound: Provide a dedicated right turn lane

San Marcos Boulevard / Bent Avenue

Convert signal phasing to split phasing for the northbound and southbound approaches; Northbound: Re-stripe approach to provide one left turn lane, one shared left turn/through lane, and one right turn lane; Southbound: Re-stripe approach to provide one left turn lane, one shared left turn/through lane, and one right turn lane; Westbound: Provide a second left turn lane

San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road

Northbound: Modify signal to provide right turn overlap phase. Prohibit u-turns during the corresponding westbound left turn phase; Southbound: Provide a dedicated right turn lane; Westbound: Provide a third left turn lane

Discovery Street / La Sombra Drive

Install traffic signal and provide the following lane geometries; Northbound: Provide one shared through/right turn lane (same as existing conditions); Southbound: Re-stripe approach to provide one left turn lane and one shared left turn/through lane; Westbound: Re-stripe approach to provide one left turn lane and one right turn lane. Provide a right turn overlap phase. Provide split phasing for the northbound and southbound approaches

Barham Drive / La Moree Road (West)

Northbound: Modify signal to provide right turn overlap phase. Prohibit u-turns during the corresponding westbound left turn phase; Southbound: Provide one left turn lane and one shared through/right turn lane

Barham Drive / Woodland Parkway

Westbound: Modify signal to provide right turn overlap phase. Prohibit u-turns during the corresponding southbound left turn phase

Twin Oaks Valley Road / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps

Eastbound (Off Ramp Approach): Re-stripe approach to provide one left turn lane, one shared left turn/through/right turn lane, and one right turn lane.

Roadway Improvements Required Prior to Year 2030 (Before Full Project Build-Out)**Discovery Street, from San Marcos Boulevard to La Sombra Drive**

Improve roadway segment to four-lane Secondary Arterial standards

Discovery Street, from La Sombra Drive to Via Vera Cruz

Improve roadway segment to four-lane Secondary Arterial standards

It should be noted that The City Circulation Element classifies Discovery Street as a four-lane Major Arterial from San Marcos Boulevard to Grand Avenue, and the SANDAG Series 11-2030 North County Sub-Area Model assumes the build-out of all City Circulation Element roadways to their ultimate street classification. Due to the right-of-way impacts that would be associated with widening Discovery Street between San Marcos Boulevard and Via Vera Cruz, the existing roadway classification was used for all future scenarios to determine improvements needs under Year 2030 conditions with the proposed project. It is recommended that Discovery Street from San Marcos Boulevard to Via Vera Cruz be widened to four-lane Secondary Arterial standards (64 feet curb-to-curb width) rather than improving to its ultimate four-lane Major Arterial standards (76 feet curb-to-curb width). This improvement would mitigate the project impact to an acceptable level of service, and it is recommended that the City Circulation Element be revised to downgrade Discovery Street between San Marcos Boulevard and Via Vera Cruz to a four-lane Secondary Arterial.

Westlake Drive, North of San Marcos Boulevard

Improve Westlake Drive from Dusty Lane to San Marcos Boulevard to a two-lane Collector with a two-way left-turn lane

It should be noted that Improvement can most likely be accommodated without physical widening. However, on-street parking would need to be prohibited to re-stripe the roadway as recommended.

Bent Avenue, from San Marcos Boulevard to Main Street (Creek District)

Improve roadway segment to four-lane Secondary Arterial standards.

It should be noted that the City Circulation Element classifies Bent Avenue as a two-lane Collector between San Marcos Boulevard and Discovery Street. The addition of traffic from the Creekside District Specific Plan project and other larger-scale projects results in daily roadway segment operations worsening to LOS "F" by Year 2030. The forecast Year 2030 ADT volume of 11,900 on Bent Avenue between San Marcos Boulevard and Discovery Street is an average of daily volumes along shorter segments within the Creekside District project;

with the highest daily volume between San Marcos Boulevard and Main Street, and the lowest daily volume between Creekside Drive and Discovery Street. It is recommended that Bent Avenue from San Marcos Boulevard to Main Street be improved to four lane Secondary Arterial standards.

~~Bent Avenue, from Main Street (Creek District) to Discovery Street~~

~~Upgrade roadway segment to a two-lane Collector with a continuous two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL).~~

It should be noted that the existing daily capacity of Bent Avenue between San Marcos Boulevard and Discovery Street is 8,000 ADT is based on its current pavement width. Although Bent Avenue south of Main Street can remain with two travel lanes to operate at LOS "D" or better, it is recommended that Bent Avenue from Main Street to Discovery Street be improved to a two-lane Collector with a continuous two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL).

~~Street "C", from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Industrial Street (Project Access Roadway)~~

~~Improve roadway segment to four-lane Secondary Arterial standards from Twin Oaks Valley Road to the parking garage access located between Twin Oaks Valley Road and Street "D", and implement the proposed TDM program.~~

~~Twin Oaks Valley Road, from Richmar Avenue to San Marcos Boulevard~~

~~Improve intersection of Twin Oaks Valley Road / San Marcos Boulevard to provide peak hour operations at LOS "D" or better. The recommended improvements at Twin Oaks Valley Road and San Marcos Boulevard will also serve to mitigate the significant impact on this segment of Twin Oaks Valley Road~~

It should be noted that although the City of San Marcos General Plan Circulation Element classifies Twin Oaks Valley Road from Richmar Avenue to San Marcos Boulevard as a six-lane Prime Arterial, this segment, most of which consists of the bridge crossing over Mission Road, is currently built as a four-lane Major Arterial. Since this segment is totally access-controlled by the two intersections at either end, it is the operations of these two intersections during the peak hours that would most influence operations on this roadway segment. A closer look at the peak hour directional volumes on this segment of Twin Oaks Valley Road showed that during the peak hours, a maximum of 1,600 vehicles would travel between Richmar Avenue and San Marcos Boulevard, or approximately 800 vehicles per lane. This is equivalent to the directional volumes per lane on most segments of San Marcos Boulevard, which are forecast to have daily operations at LOS "D" or better.

Since the identified impacts occur at some locations that are forecast to operate at a deficient LOS in the "With Project" Scenario and in the "Without Project" Scenario, a fair share contribution has been calculated for the project under Horizon Year 2030 with project

conditions, with the TDM-based trip-generation reduction. Fair share contributions were calculated by dividing the project trips by the total increase in traffic forecast through the intersections and on the roadway segments from existing to Horizon Year 2030 conditions.

See Table V.B: Summary of 2030 Mitigation Measures (Intersections) and Table V.C: Summary of 2030 Mitigation Measures (Roadway Segments).

Table V.B: Summary of 2030 Mitigation Measures (Intersections)

Intersections	Deficient Scenario			Recommended Mitigation Measure (Intersections)
	2030 NP	2030 GPLU	2030 WP	
Mission Road/ Knoll Road			X	NB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane, 1 shared left turn / through / right turn lane, and 1 right turn lane.
San Marcos Boulevard / Rancho Santa Fe Road	X	X	X	WB: Provide a third left turn lane.
San Marcos Boulevard / Las Posas Road	X	X	X	NB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane, 1 shared left turn / through lane, and 1 shared through / right turn lane. SB: Provide a second right turn lane, and modify signal to provide a right turn overlap phase. Convert NB and SB signal phasing to split phasing.

San Marcos Boulevard / Via Vera Cruz	X	X	X	SB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane, 1 through lane, 1 shared through / right turn lane. EB: Provide a dedicated right turn lane.
San Marcos Boulevard / Bent Avenue	X	X	X	Convert NB and SB signal phasing to split phasing. NB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane, 1 shared left turn / through lane, and 1 right turn lane. SB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane, 1 shared left turn / through lane, and 1 right turn lane. WB: Provide a second left turn lane.
San Marcos Boulevard / Twin Oaks Valley Road	X	X	X	NB: Modify signal to provide a right turn overlap phase. SB: Provide a dedicated right turn lane. EB: Provide a third left turn lane.
Discovery Street / La Sombra Drive	X	X	X	Install traffic signal. Provide split phasing at NB and SB approaches. NB: No changes to existing lane geometry. SB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane and 1 shared left turn / through lane. WB: Re-stripe approach to provide a dedicated left turn lane, and modify signal to provide a right turn overlap phase.
Barham Drive / La Moree Road	X	X	X	NB: Modify signal to provide a right turn overlap phase. SB: Provide 1 left turn lane and 1 shared through / right turn lane.
Barham Drive / Woodland Parkway		X	X	WB: Modify signal to provide a right turn overlap phase.
Twin Oaks Valley Road / Borden Road			X	EB: Modify signal to provide a right turn overlap phase.
Twin Oaks Valley Road / SR-78 EB Ramps	X	X	X	EB: Re-stripe approach to provide 1 left turn lane, 1 shared left turn / through / right turn lane, and 1 right turn lane.

Note: 2030 NP = Year 2030 without Project / 2030 GPLU = Year 2030 with General Plan Land Uses / 2030 WP = Year 2030 with Project (Specific Plan Land Uses)

Table V.C: Summary of 2030 Mitigation Measures (Roadway Segments)

Roadway Segments	Deficient Scenario			Recommended Mitigation Measure (Roadway Segments)
	2030 NP	2030 GPLU	2030 WP	
Discovery Street, from San Marcos Boulevard to La Sombra Drive	X	X	X	Improve to four-lane Secondary Arterial.
Discovery Street, from La Sombra Drive to Via Vera Cruz	X	X	X	Improve to four-lane Secondary Arterial.
Bent Avenue (from San Marcos Boulevard to Main Street)	X	X	X	Improve to four-lane Secondary Arterial.
Bent Avenue (from Main Street to Discovery Street)	X	X	X	Improve to two-lane Collector with TWLTL.

Westlake Drive, North of San Marcos Boulevard to Bent Avenue			X	Improve to two-lane Collector with TWLTL.
Twin Oaks Valley Road, from Richmar Avenue to San Marcos Boulevard	X	X	X	Improve intersection of Twin Valley Rd. / San Marcos Blvd. to provide LOS "D" or better peak-hour operations.
Street "C", from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Industrial Street			X	Improve to four-lane Secondary Arterial from Twin Oaks Valley Road to parking garage access, and implement the TDM program.

Note: 2030 NP = Year 2030 without Project / 2030 GPLU = Year 2030 with General Plan Land Uses / 2030 WP = Year 2030 with Project / TWLTL = Two-Way Left Turn Lane

Freeway Analysis

~~A freeway analysis of the project was conducted in accordance with Cal Trans Requirements, using criteria from the 2000 Highway Capacity Manual and the 2000 Highway Design Manual. Cal Trans has a target level of service at project transitions between LOS "C" and LOS "D" for peak-hour traffic volumes. In addition, Cal Trans requires freeway ramp interchanges to be evaluated using the Intersection Lane Volumes (ILV) methodology for evaluating intersection performance. To be classified as a stable intersection, the intersection must operate at 1,500 vehicles per hour or less.~~

Ramp Intersections

~~Based on the analysis, the following ramp intersections are forecast to operate at deficient levels of service under the Horizon Year 2030 Scenario:~~

- ~~□ Las Posas Road / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps~~
- ~~□ San Marcos Boulevard / State Route 78 Westbound Ramps — Knoll Road~~
- ~~□ Twin Oaks Valley Road / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps~~
- ~~□ Barham Drive / State Route 78 Eastbound Ramps~~

Freeway Mainline Segments

In addition, the following freeway mainline segments are forecast to operate at LOS "F" under the Horizon Year 2030 Scenario. An "ON" in the description below denotes where motorists would merge onto the freeway, and an "OFF" denotes where motorists would exit:

- ☐ ~~State Route 78 Eastbound, from Las Posas Road ON to San Marcos Blvd OFF (pm)~~
- ☐ ~~State Route 78 Westbound, from Twin Oaks Valley Road ON to San Marcos Boulevard OFF (am)~~
- ☐ ~~State Route 78 Eastbound, from San Marcos Boulevard ON to Twin Oaks Valley Road OFF (pm)~~
- ☐ ~~State Route 78 Eastbound, from Twin Oaks Valley Road ON to Barham Drive OFF (pm)~~
- ☐ ~~State Route 78 Westbound, from Rancheros Road ON to Twin Oaks Valley Road OFF (pm)~~
- ☐ ~~State Route 78 Westbound, from Nordahl Road ON to Rancheros Road OFF (am)~~
- ☐ ~~State Route 78 Eastbound, from Barham Drive ON to Nordahl Road OFF (pm)~~

Freeway Ramp Junction / Merge Analysis

It is also estimated that the following freeway ramp junction points will also operate at LOS "F" under the 2030 Horizon Year Scenario:

- ☐ ~~Las Posas Road Eastbound On-Ramp (PM)~~
- ☐ ~~San Marcos Boulevard Eastbound On-Ramp (PM)~~
- ☐ ~~Twin Oaks Valley Road Westbound On-Ramp #1 (AM)~~
- ☐ ~~Twin Oaks Valley Road Westbound On-Ramp #2 (AM)~~
- ☐ ~~Twin Oaks Valley Road Westbound Off-Ramp (AM)~~

- ☐ ~~Twin Oaks Valley Road Eastbound On-Ramp (PM)~~
- ☐ ~~Barham Drive Eastbound Off-Ramp (PM)~~
- ☐ ~~San Marcos Boulevard Eastbound Off-Ramp (PM)~~
- ☐ ~~Barham Drive Eastbound On-Ramp (PM)~~

~~Given that the project will add traffic and affect levels of service for the freeway ramp intersections, mainline segments, and junctions discussed above, the impacts of the proposed *University District Specific Plan* project are considered significant and mitigation measures are required.~~

~~While the addition of one HOV lane in each direction as included in the SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) would mitigate the impacts associated with 2030 forecast traffic with the proposed *University District* project, the HOV project is not currently in the "reasonably funded" highway program. The City of San Marcos has initiated discussions with Caltrans and SANDAG that are aimed at identifying interim State Route 78 corridor projects and various potential corridor study alternatives that could be participated in on a fair share basis. These discussions are currently underway but are not advanced enough at this time to reference the specific projects or studies in detail. Once the City's participation options have been identified by Caltrans, the appropriate participation level for the *University District* can be assessed, and potential mitigation measures can be discussed.~~

Recommended Parking and TDM Monitoring Plan

~~The intent of the Monitoring Plan is to prescribe a means in which the City of San Marcos can monitor the effectiveness of its overall parking supply requirements and demand as individual projects within the *University District Specific Plan* area are being constructed. The Monitoring Plan would also consider the effectiveness of various Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) programs. If certain measures are proving to be unproductive following the City's review of Annual Transportation Reports, then adjustments can be made.~~

VI. FORM-BASED CODE

VI.1 Introduction

The purpose of this Form-Based Code is to provide a set of development regulations and procedures for property owners or developers to implement the envisioned future for the University District project. Specifically, it is intended to:

- ❑ Facilitate development of walkable urban neighborhoods.
- ❑ Require compact, pedestrian-oriented, and mixed-use development patterns.
- ❑ Provide a range of housing opportunities to accommodate diverse ages and incomes.
- ❑ Develop a range of public spaces, including parks, linear trails and plazas.
- ❑ Respect the topographic features of the site.
- ❑ Incorporate sustainable site, building and landscape design features to minimize consumption of natural resources, water and energy.
- ❑ Provide compatible uses to support California State University at San Marcos.
- ❑ Establish clear design standards while allowing flexibility in future land uses to account for adjustments in market conditions.

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"Without an architecture of our own, we have no soul of our own civilization."

- Frank Lloyd Wright

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Applicability

This Form-Based Code applies to all future development/redevelopment projects within the *University District* and represents the community's intentions regarding urban form and design. As intended, this code regulates massing of the proposed development through height restrictions, setbacks, building form and orientation, as well as mix of land uses.

This Specific Plan establishes development patterns that are very different than the existing patterns of development within the *University District*. Currently, the District consists of a variety of small and large lots that form very large and disconnected block patterns. Existing developed properties contain a mix of building types and uses. In order for development to occur in compliance with this Specific Plan, major changes are required. Existing properties may be consolidated, demolished, subdivided, and graded (as needed) to create new blocks and development sites. Certain properties may not be developable without a coordinated effort between neighboring property owners. The City of San Marcos ~~and the San Marcos Redevelopment Agency~~ may assist in the process of consolidating properties or forming development partnerships to create new blocks and development sites.

Severability

The provisions of this Form-Based Code are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Form-Based Code shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Form-Based Code but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Form-Based Code shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Interpretation

Interpretation of the standards within this Form-Based Code shall be the responsibility of the San Marcos Development Services Staff. All uses not specifically listed or defined within the Form-Based Code are subject to approval and/or interpretation by the Planning Director.

The images within this Form-Based Code are meant to illustrate planning and urban design concepts; ~~they intended, but are~~ for illustrative purposes only.

User's Guide

The following steps should be used to assist users of this Form-Based Code:

- ❑ Step 1: Review Section VI.2 to determine compliance with the regulating plans for the *University District*. Regulating plans include street types, buildings and public spaces, and building heights.
- ❑ Step 2: Review Section VI.3 to gain an understanding of the block standards that shall be used to create new blocks within the *University District*.
- ❑ Step 3: Review Section VI.4 to gain an understanding of the allowed street types and streetscape standards for pavement, streetlights, and street furniture within the *University District*. The allowed locations of each street type are provided on Figure ~~VI.AVI-1~~: *Street Type Regulating Plan*.
- ❑ Step 4: Review Section VI.5 to gain an understanding of the allowed public spaces within the *University District* and standards for what shall and may be provided within each public space. The allowed locations of the public spaces are provided on Figure ~~VI.BVI-2~~: *Building and Public Space Regulating Plan*.
- ❑ Step 5: Review Section VI.6 to gain an understanding of the allowed building types within the *University District* and development standards for each building type. The allowed locations of the building types are provided on Figure ~~VI.BVI-2~~: *Building and Public Space Regulating Plan*.

- ❑ Step 6: Review Section VI.7 to determine the design standards for the frontages and projections for buildings within the *University District*.
- ❑ Step 7: Review Section VI.8 to gain an understanding of the architectural design standards and guidelines for buildings within the *University District*, including materials, colors, roofs, and podium parking structure facades.
- ❑ Step 8: Review Section VI.9 to gain an understanding of the landscaping standards for public and private properties within the *University District*.
- ❑ Step 9: Review Section VI.10 to gain an understanding of the types of business identification signs that are allowed within the *University District*, as well as standards for each sign type.
- ❑ Step 10: Review Section VI.11 to gain an understanding of the terms, acronyms, and definitions of such used throughout this Form-Based Code.
- ❑ Step 11: Contact the City of San Marcos Planning Department ~~and/or San Marcos Redevelopment Agency~~ to discuss specific questions, potential projects, or opportunities for public/private partnerships:

City of San Marcos
1 Civic Center Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069
Phone: 760/744-1050
www.ci.san-marcos.ca.us

VI.2 Regulating Plans

Intent

A regulating plan is a plan or map that designates how building form standards, street design standards, and public space standards are applied to properties within a planning area boundary. The intent of a Regulating Plan is to provide an urban design and regulatory framework to ensure that the vision for the planning area is implemented.

Regulating Plans

This Form-Based Code contains the following three Regulating Plans:

- ❑ *Figure VI.A: Street Type Regulating Plan:* The Street Type Regulating Plan shows the planned street and block network and the locations of various street types within the District. Standards for each street type are provided in Section VI.4 (Street Standards).
- ❑ *Figure VI.B: Building and Public Space Regulating Plan:* The Building and Public Space Regulating Plan shows the general locations of public spaces and development sites for the various building types that are allowed within the District. -Development standards for each public space are provided in Section VI.5 (Public Space Standards). Development standards for each building type are provided in Section VI.6 (Building Type Standards).
- ❑ *Figure VI.C: Height Regulating Plan:* The Height Regulating Plan shows the minimum and maximum number of floors that are allowed on the development sites within the project.

Conceptual Grading Plan

To create the street and block network as illustrated within the Regulating Plans, properties will need to be consolidated, demolished, subdivided, and graded (as needed) to create new blocks that are defined by both existing and new street right-of-ways. The Regulating Plans for the *University District* have been developed based on a conceptual grading plan (see *Figure VI.D: Conceptual Grading Plan*). As individual projects are presented to the City of San Marcos, more precise grading plans for the project area(s) will be created to further define the grading which is intended to meet the goals of this Specific Plan to create a walkable, urban community and to maintain functional connectivity. Buildings shall adhere to the regulations in Chapter VI, the Form Based Code, and are encouraged to utilize a terraced design approach and/or other measures to avoid "table top" style development. The intent of this Specific Plan

is to ensure functional connectivity between the building and sidewalk/paseo/street, as well as between the sidewalk/paseo/street and the rest of the project.

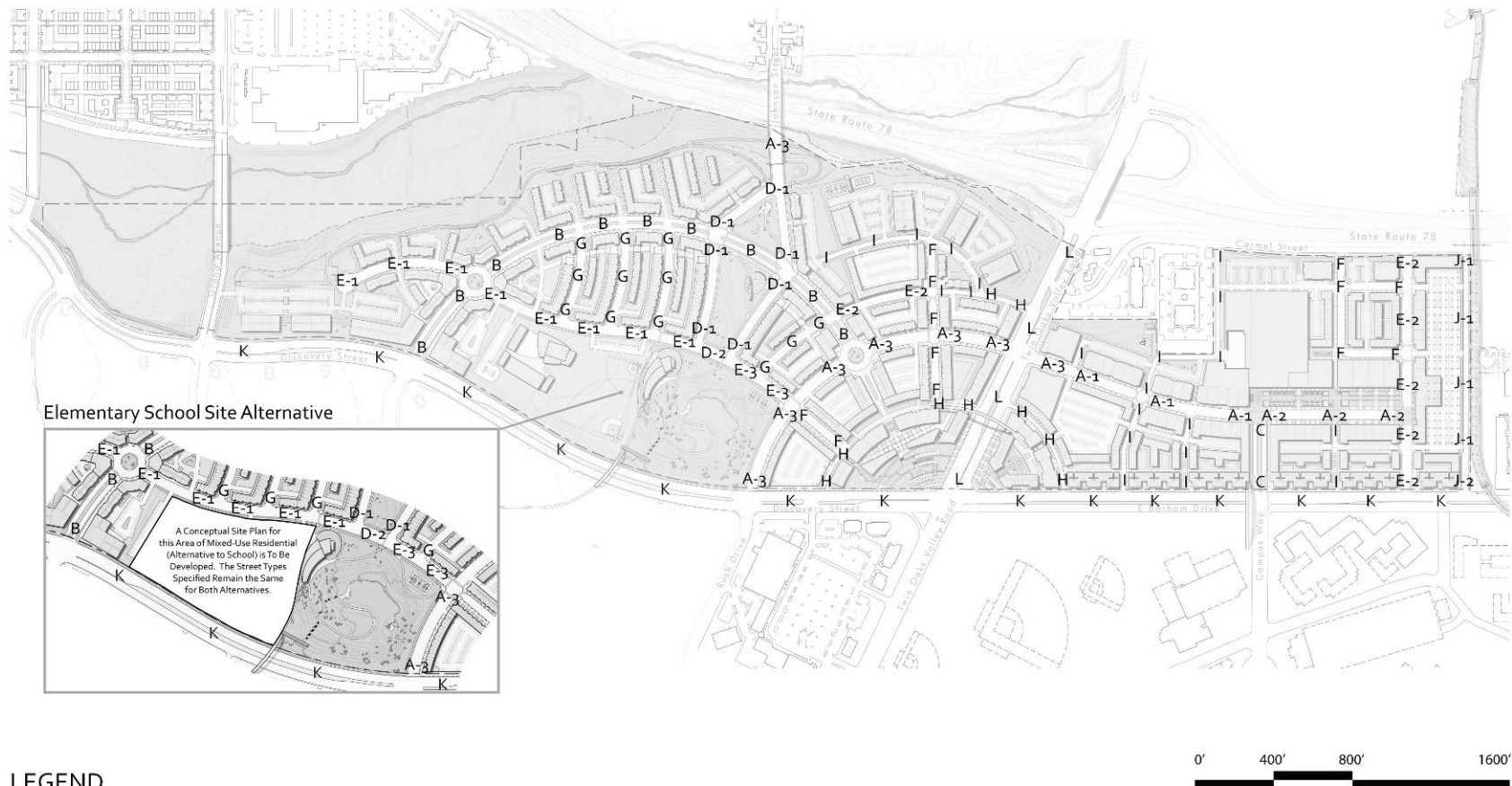
Grading along the northwesterly project frontage shall not impact the proposed San Marcos Creek restoration area and conservation easement.

Modifications

The exact locations, layouts, and elevations of the streets, blocks, public spaces, and development sites (as illustrated by the Regulating Plans and Conceptual Grading Plan) are illustrative in nature and are subject to change and refinement through the subdivision process based on actual field measurements and other unforeseen constraints. Provided that the block standards of Section VI.3 of this Form-Based Code are met, minor adjustments to streets, blocks, public spaces, and zones may result without amendment to the Specific Plan. However, the final street locations, layouts, and elevations should generally comply with the Regulating Plans and Conceptual Grading Plan.

See Chapter IX – Implementation and Administration for the process of obtaining approval for deviations from the Regulating Plan and Conceptual Grading Plan.

FIGURE VI.A: Street Type Regulating Plan



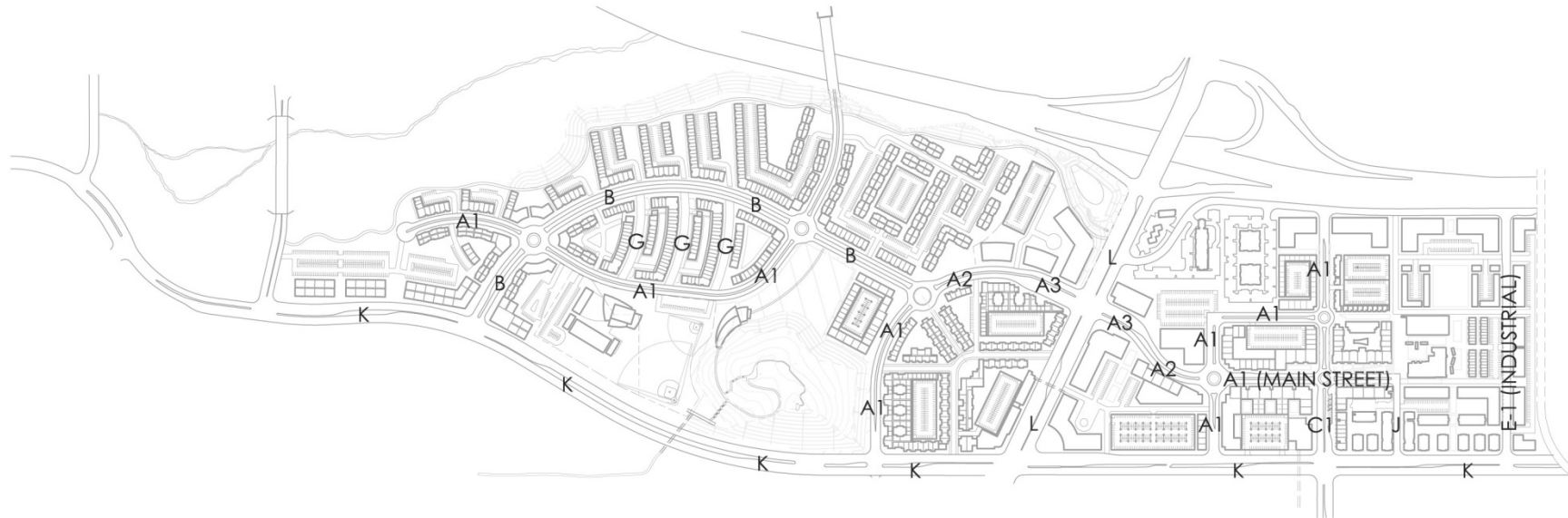
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Following are the street types for which specific cross sections and design standards are referenced in Section VI.4 of this Chapter:

A-1: Spine Street	D-1: One-Way Parkway	F: Mixed-Use Street	J-2: Sprinter Line Access Street w/Turn Lane
A-2: Spine Street at Plaza	D-2: Two-Way Parkway	G: Residential Street	K: Barham Drive / Discovery Street
A-3: Spine Street Collector	E-1: Two-Lane Collector Street at Park / School	H: One-Way Access Street	L: Twin Oaks Valley Road
B: Residential Avenue	E-2: Two-Lane Collector Street	I: Two-Way Access Street	
C: Campus Way Entrance	E-3: Four-Lane Collector Street	J-1: Sprinter Line Access Street	



FIGURE VI.A: Street Type Regulating Plan



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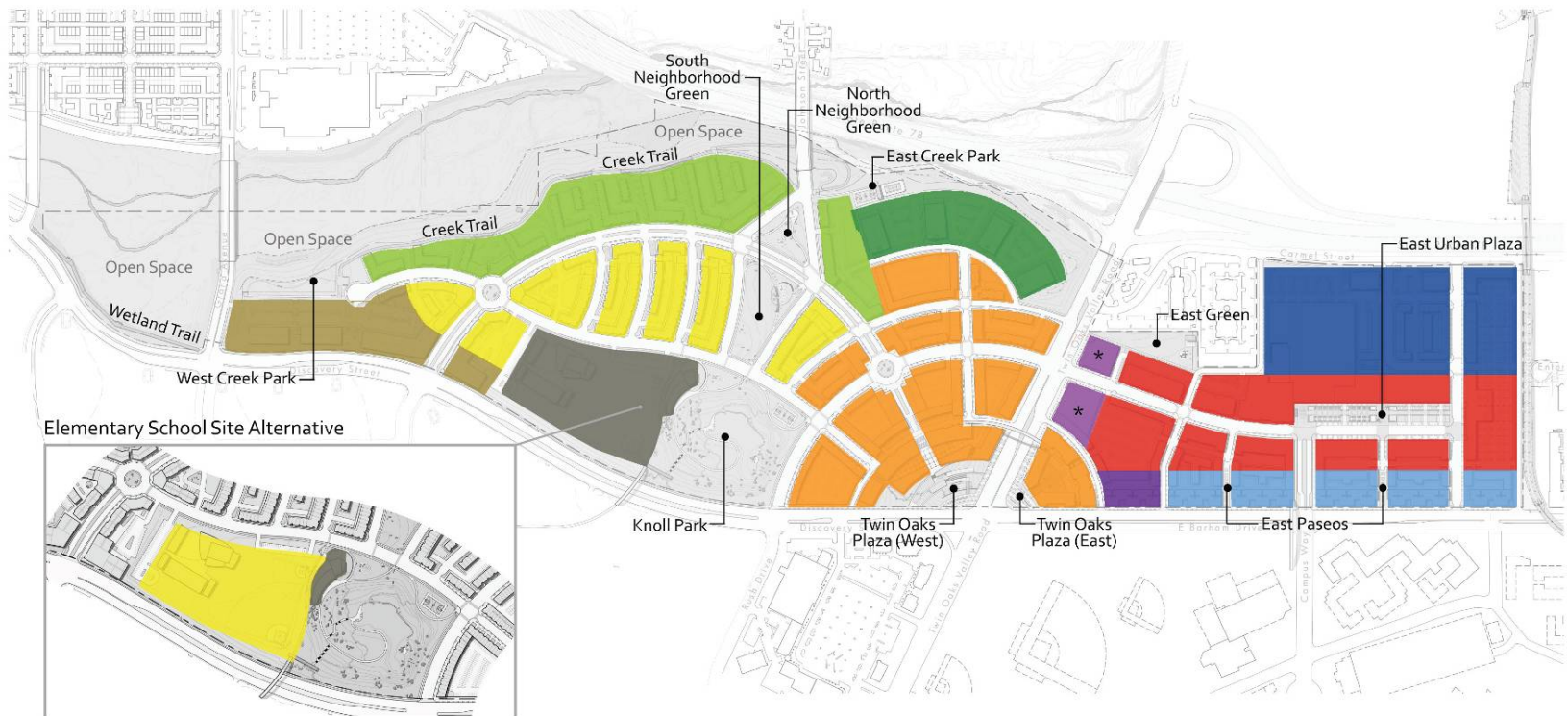
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Following are the street types for which specific cross sections and design standards are referenced in Section VI.4 of this Chapter:

A1: Standard Street Type	E1: Industrial Street
A2: Transition Street Type	G: Residential Street
A3: Street Type at Collector	J: Redel Road
B: Residential Avenue	K: Barham/Discovery
C1: Campus Way	L: Twin Oaks Valley Road



FIGURE VI.B: Building and Public Space Regulating Plan



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Following are the building types permitted in each of the colored zones referenced:

 Mixed-Use Building A	 Mixed-Use Building B
 Mixed-Use Building A - or - Commercial Building *	 Mixed-Use Building B - or - University Flats
 Mixed-Use Building A - or - Freeway Commercial Building A	 Freeway Commercial Building B
 University Flats	 Creek Side Townhomes / Flats
 Community Buildings / School Facilities	 Townhomes / Flats
 Office Flats	

* A Commercial Building is only allowed on one side of Street Type A-3. The other side shall be developed as Mixed-Use Building A. Both sides may alternatively be developed as Mixed-Use Building A.



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FIGURE VI.B: Building and Public Space Regulating Plan

Figure to be updated to show Mixed-Use Building B in the northeast corner of the Knoll Park and Neighborhood Greens

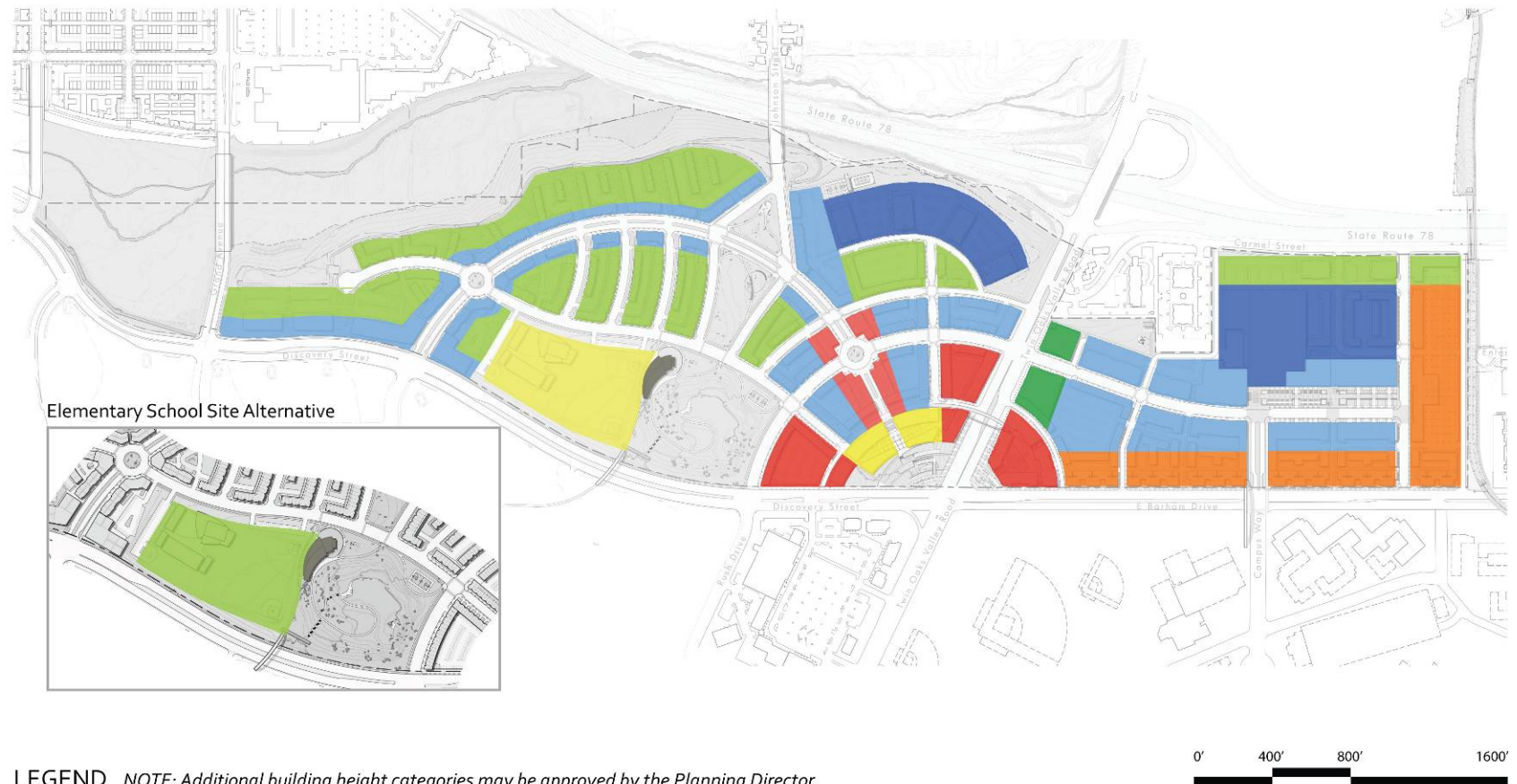


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Following are the building types permitted in each of the colored zones referenced:

■ Mixed-Use Building A	■ Mixed-Use Building B	■ Office Flats
■ Mixed-Use Building A or Commercial Building	■ Mixed-Use Building B or University Flats	■ Elementary School Site
■ Mixed-Use Building A or Freeway Commercial Building A	■ Freeway Commercial Building B	
■ University Flats	■ Creek Side Townhomes / Flats	
■ Community Buildings / School Facilities	■ Townhomes / Flats	

FIGURE VI.C: Building Height Regulating Plan



LEGEND NOTE: Additional building height categories may be approved by the Planning Director.

Following are the minimum and maximum heights permitted in each colored zone referenced:









 1-story min. / 2-stories and 30' max.	 3-stories min. / 5-stories and 70' max. if developed as Mixed-Use Building A and 1-story and 28' min. / 3-stories and 70' max. if developed as Commercial Building	 3-stories min. / 6-stories and 80' max.
 1-story and 18' min. / 4-stories and 60' max.	 3-stories min. / 5-stories and 70' max. if developed as Freeway Commercial Building B or Mixed-Use Building A and 1-story and 36' min. / 3-stories and 70' max. for parts of the building designed for an anchor retail store.	 3-stories min. / 7-stories and 90' max.
 2-stories min. / 4-stories and 60' max.		
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FIGURE VI.C: Building Height Regulating Plan



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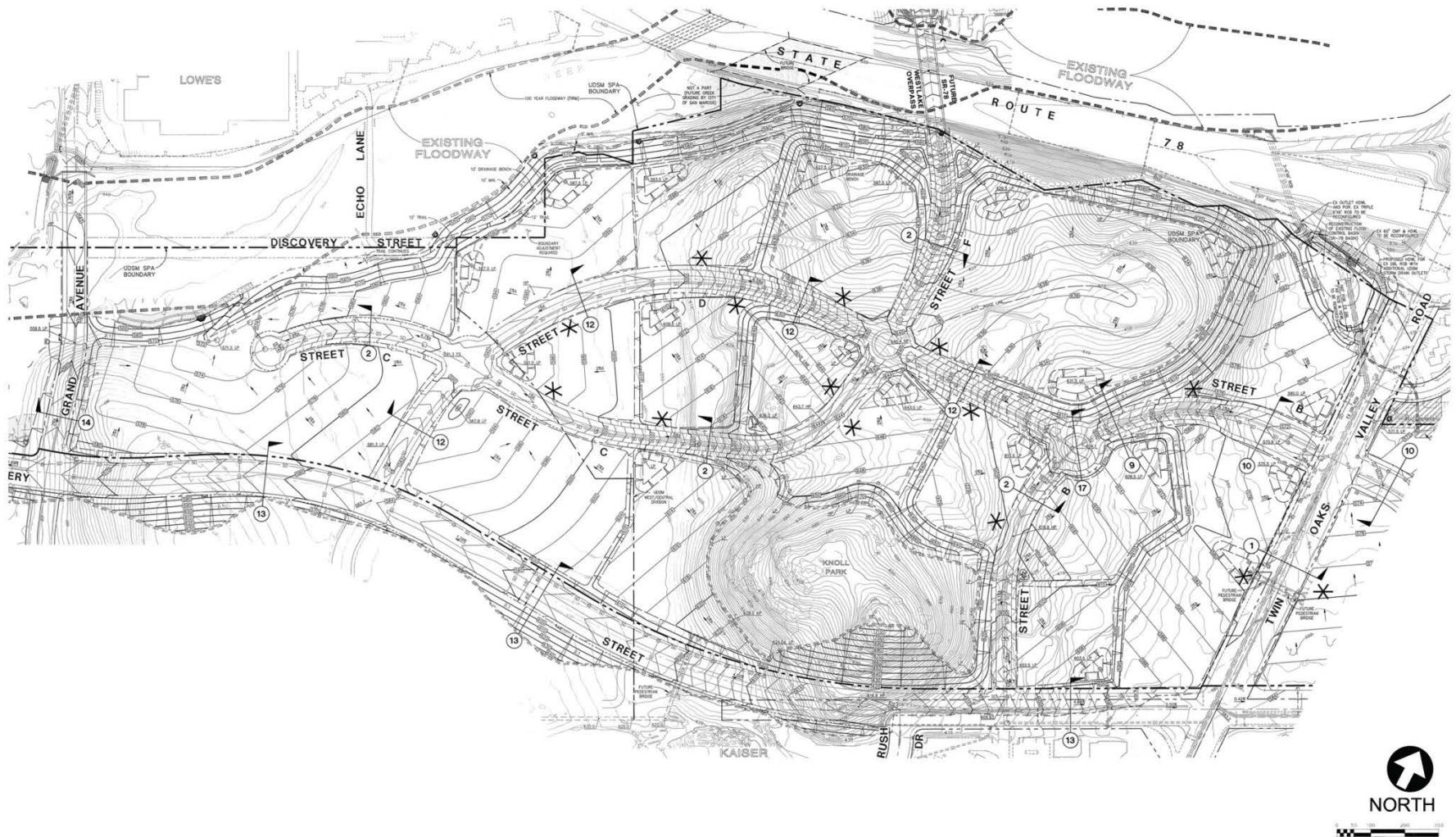
Following are the minimum and maximum heights permitted in each colored zone referenced:

1-story min. / 2-stories and 30' max.	3-stories min. / 5-stories and 70' max. if developed as Mixed-Use Building A and 1-story and 28' / 3-stories and 70' max. if developed as Commercial Building	3-stories or 30' min. / 6-stories and 80' max.
1-story and 18' min. / 4-stories and 60' max.	3-stories min. / 5-stories and 70' max. if developed as Freeway Commercial Building B or Mixed-Use Building A and 1-story and 36' min. / 3-stories and 70' max. for parts of the building designed for an anchor retail store.	3-stories or 30' min. / 7-stories and 90' max.
2-stories or 20' min. / 4-stories and 60' max.		
2-stories or 20' min. / 6-stories and 90' max.		

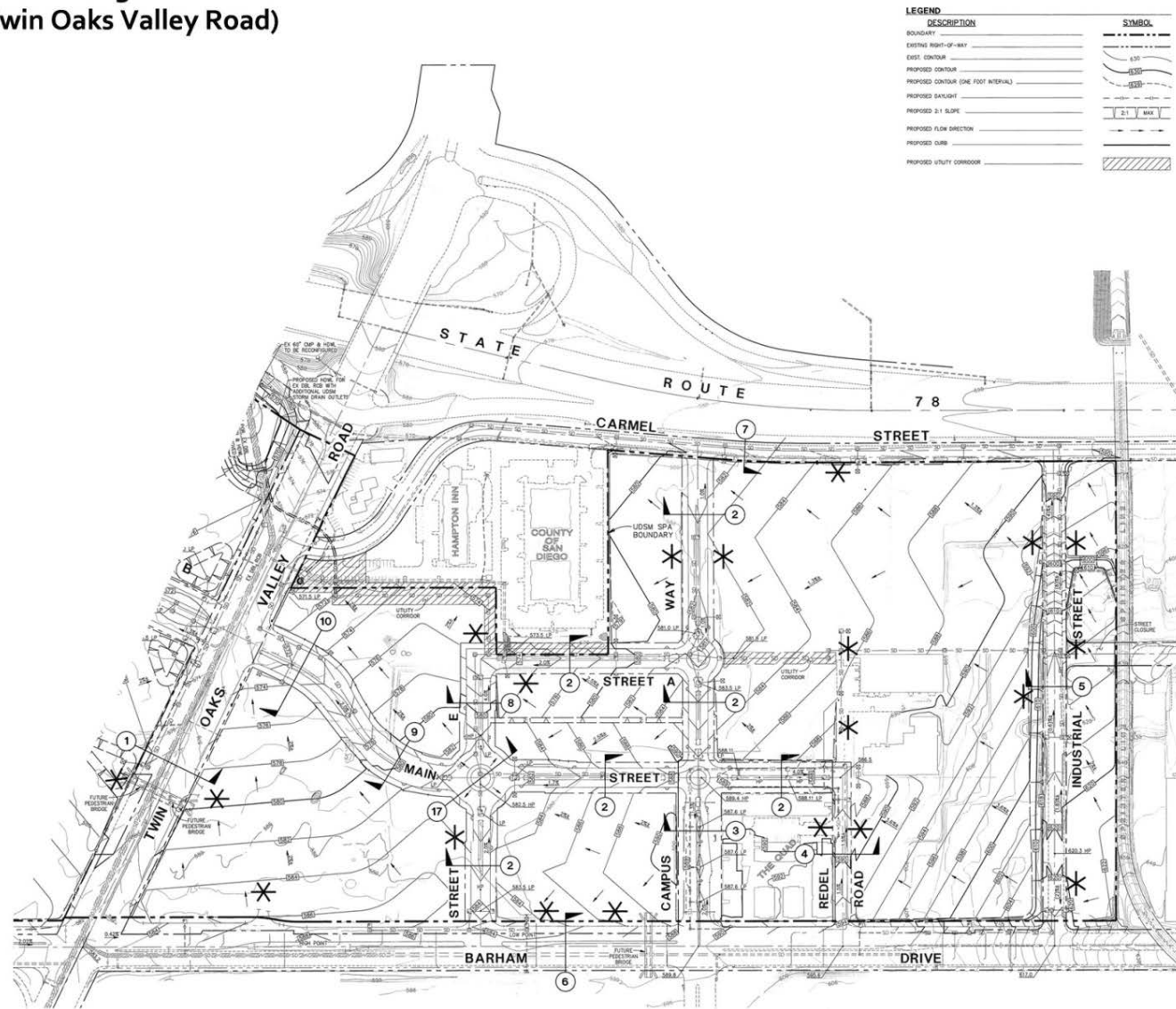
FIGURE VI.D: Conceptual Grading Plan
(West of Twin Oaks Valley Road)

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**FIGURE VI.D: Conceptual Grading Plan
(West of Twin Oaks Valley Road)**



**FIGURE VI.D: Conceptual Grading Plan
(East of Twin Oaks Valley Road)**



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FIGURE VI.D: Conceptual Grading Plan
(West of Twin Oaks Valley Road)

