



SR-4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project

Workshop #2 Summary Report

May 25, 2010 | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Bret Harte High School Theater

- The workshop was closed with apologies from Tim McSorley of the Calaveras Council of Governments as the conditions in the building were becoming no longer safe with the electricity out and the safety lighting starting to go out. A conclusion to the workshop is being scheduled to occur in late June.
- *A copy of the workshop PowerPoint presentation is available on the project website at <http://www.calacoq.org/wagon.shtml>.*

Summary of Community Feedback

- **Avoid Impacts to Residential Property**

No clear consensus emerged from the discussion regarding alternative alignments A and B. In discussions, it became clear that the community wanted more detail regarding the impacts of the two different alternatives on residential property owners. To avoid property owner impacts, participants expressed a desire to see what a lower design speed would involve if the road is left close to its existing location through the neighborhood.

- **Avoid Impacts to Natural Features and Areas**

Although some participants agreed with the safety benefits of routing the realigned highway away from the existing neighborhood, others expressed that this would involve two paved roads where there was only one. The new paved road would impact the natural ranch land where there is not currently a road. There was also concern associated with bridging the existing road to maintain local access. There were comments that bridges should be avoided if possible.

- **Involve the Property Owners so that All Impacts may be Reviewed**

Participants stated that the property owners know the area much better than anyone else and that they need to be involved in the details so that critical areas are avoided.

- **Focus on Safety**

Participants felt strongly that safety should be the key factor in the design. The existing issues at Pool Station and Appaloosa must be addressed. There were concerns voiced regarding the current condition where school buses drop kids off on the existing highway. Safety was also brought up with respect to the ability for traffic to pass and if the entire roadway would have a double yellow line.

- **Keep Speeds Low**

Related to both safety and community character was the topic of keeping roadway speeds low. The Caltrans correspondence regarding the design speed was shared, however,

some questioned why this area couldn't have a special exception. Concern that a higher design speed makes people go faster which causes more accidents

- **Look at Alternative Routes**

A proposed corridor was sketched and handed to the team during the presentation. Community members expressed that they would like to see the profile and costs associated with their suggestion compared with those presented. The Team plans to analyze and post to the website.

- **Suggestions for Future Workshops**

Community members requested that future workshops provide the opportunity to use the "clicker" to express preferences. Some felt uncomfortable with speaking out next to neighbors that had different opinions.



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**Community
Workshop Meeting**

May 25, 2010

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project History
- Overview of the State Route 4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project
- Alternatives Presentation
- Questions and Answers



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Project Team

- Project Team Members
 - Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG)
 - Caltrans
 - RBF Consulting Team
 - Community Members – Please sign in



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Why are we here tonight?

- **Community Workshop #2:**

- ✓ *Review community input from first workshop*
- ✓ *Review and provide feedback on the potential alignment alternatives*
- ✓ *Back Check with Community Values*
- ✓ *Discuss new Community Concerns*



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Project History

- The Team is meeting with you
 - Property Owner Meeting: February 9, 2009
 - Community Focus Meeting: March 26, 2009
 - Limited Field Review: August 2009
 - Community Workshop #1: November 19, 2009
 - Community Workshop #2: May 25, 2010



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Community Feedback

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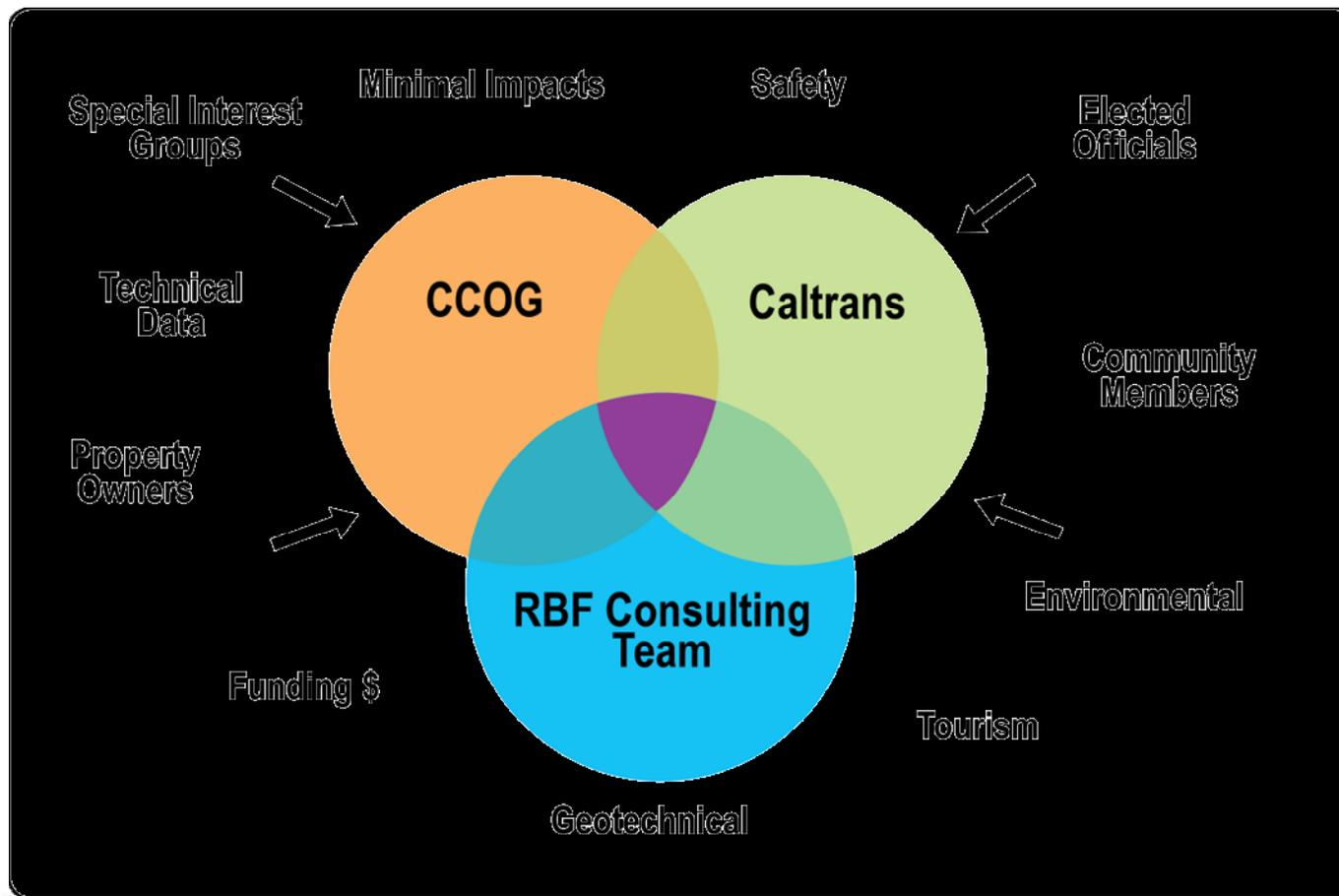
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Development of Viable Alternatives Must Consider Agency and Community Factors



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Project Overview

- State Route - 4 Improvements - Copperopolis to Angels Camp
 - Operational and Safety Improvements
 - Evaluation of Existing Alignment
 - Evaluation of Possible Alignments
 - Incorporation of Community Input



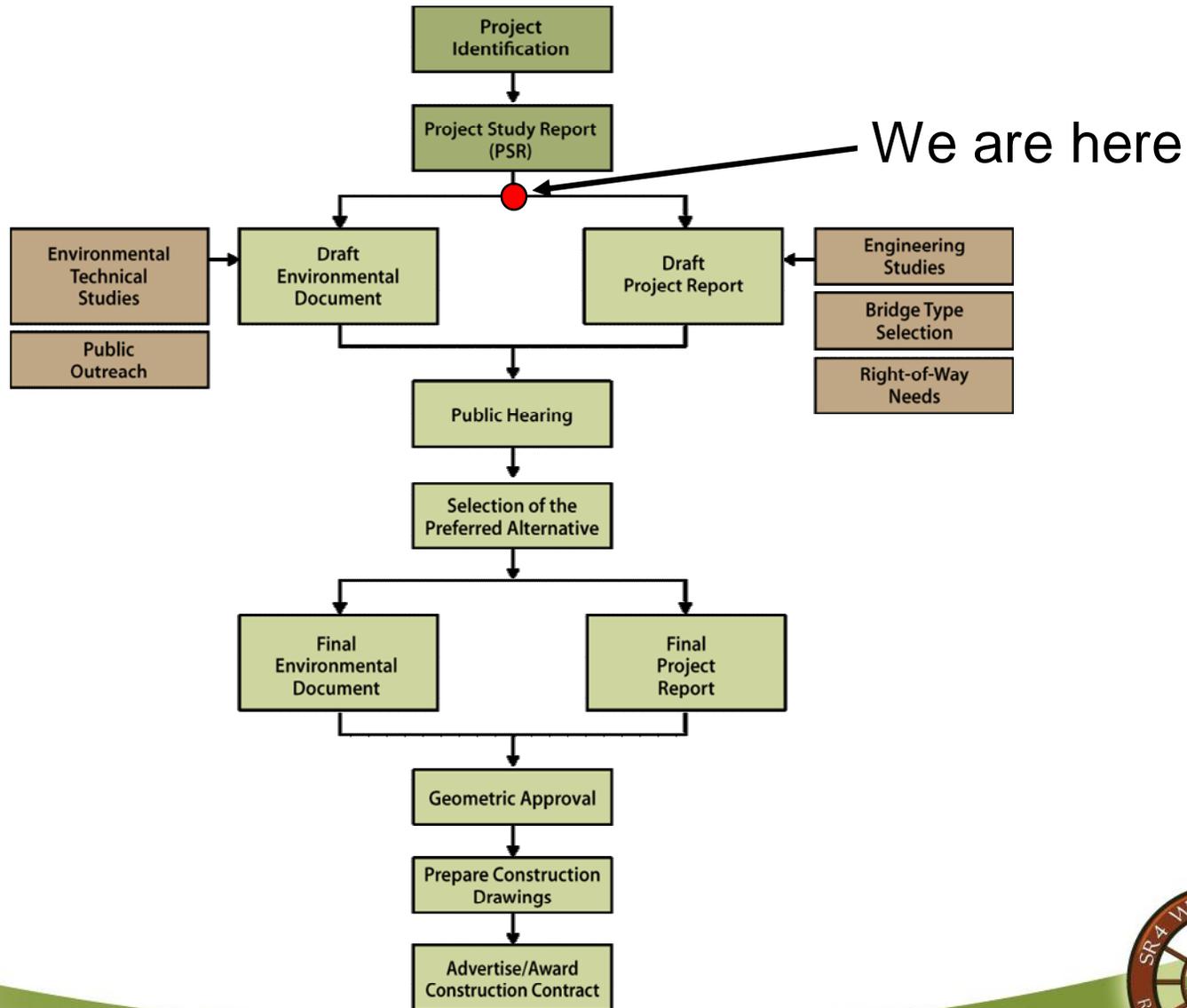
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Project Development Process



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The Project Development Process



- **Phase 1:** Opportunities and Issues Identification
- **Phase 2:** Development of Project Alternatives
- **Phase 3:** Preparation of the Draft Environmental Document and Project Report
- **Phase 4:** Approval of the Environmental Document and Project Report



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Project Approval/ Environmental Document (PA/ED)

- The ultimate goal of these workshops is to support the development of the PA/ED
- Following Project Approval-
construction drawings may be prepared



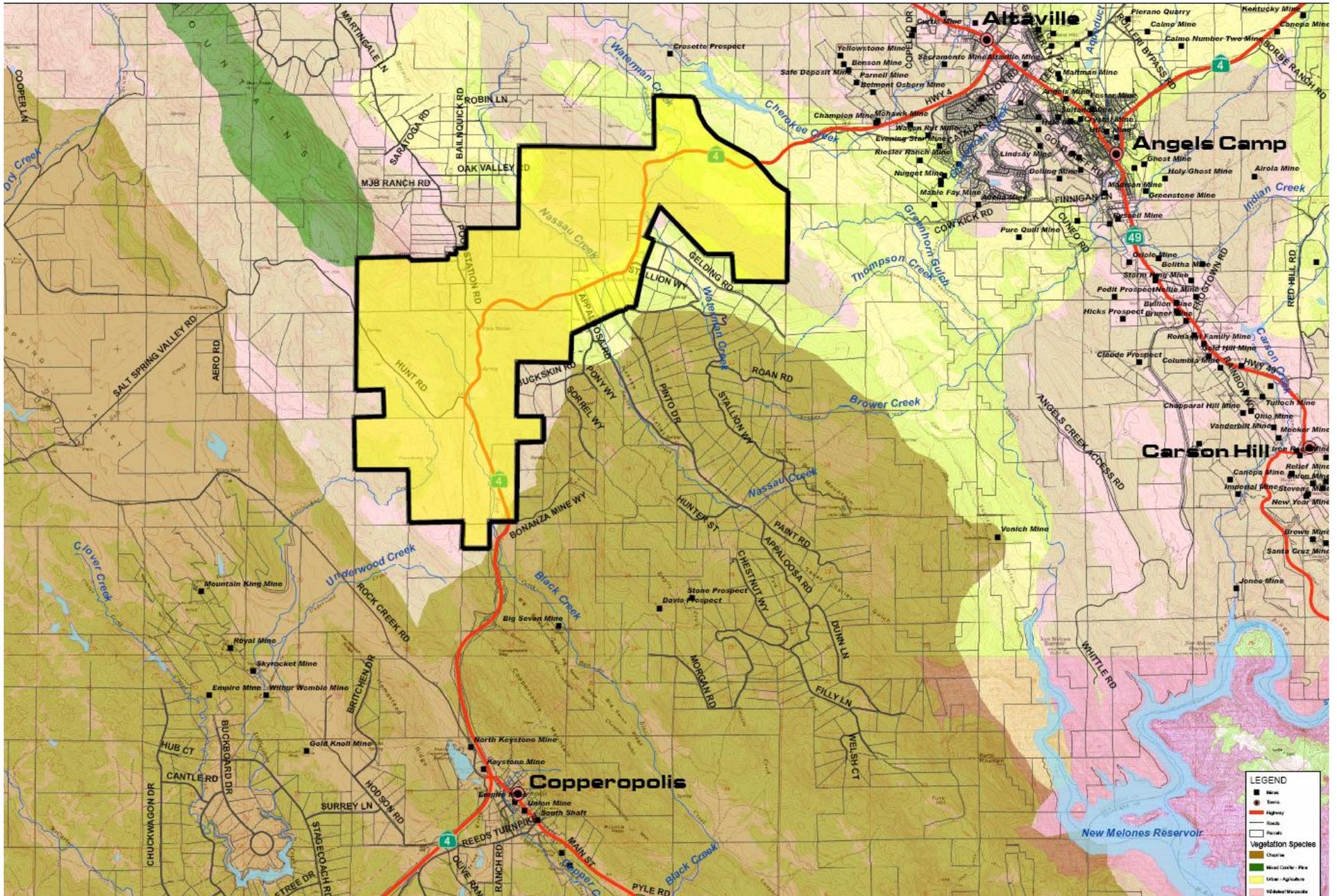
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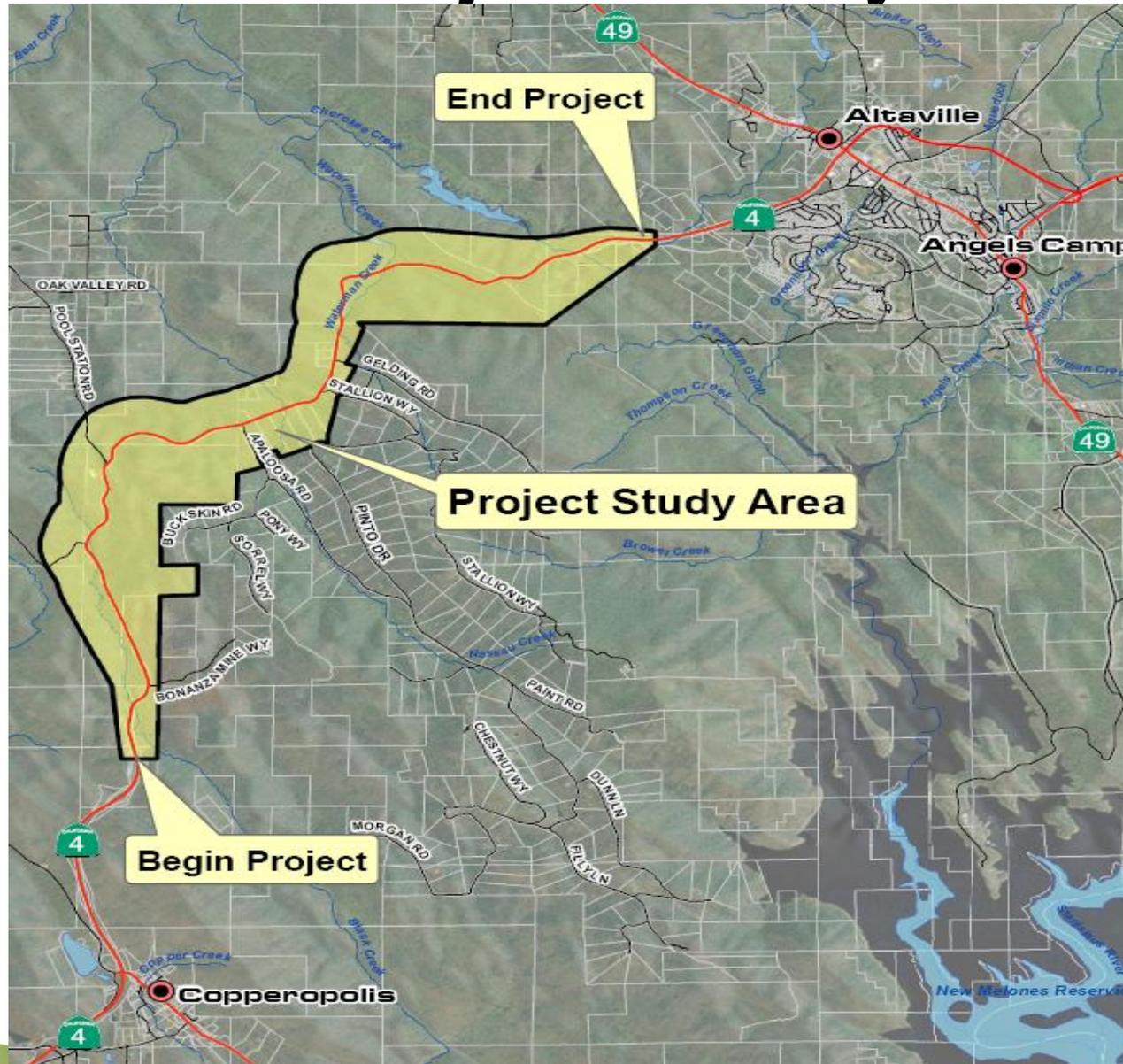
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Initial Project Study Area



Current Project Study Area



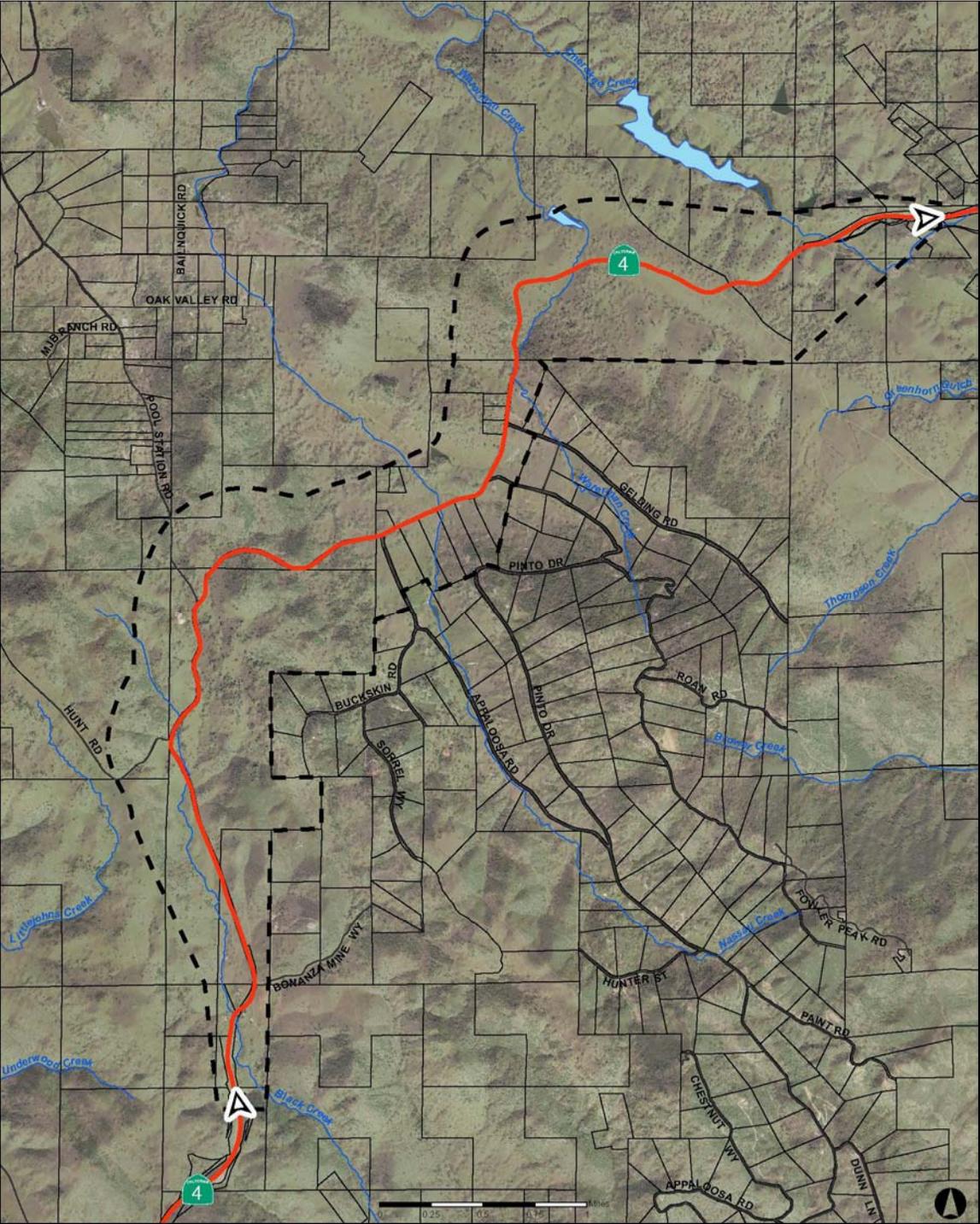
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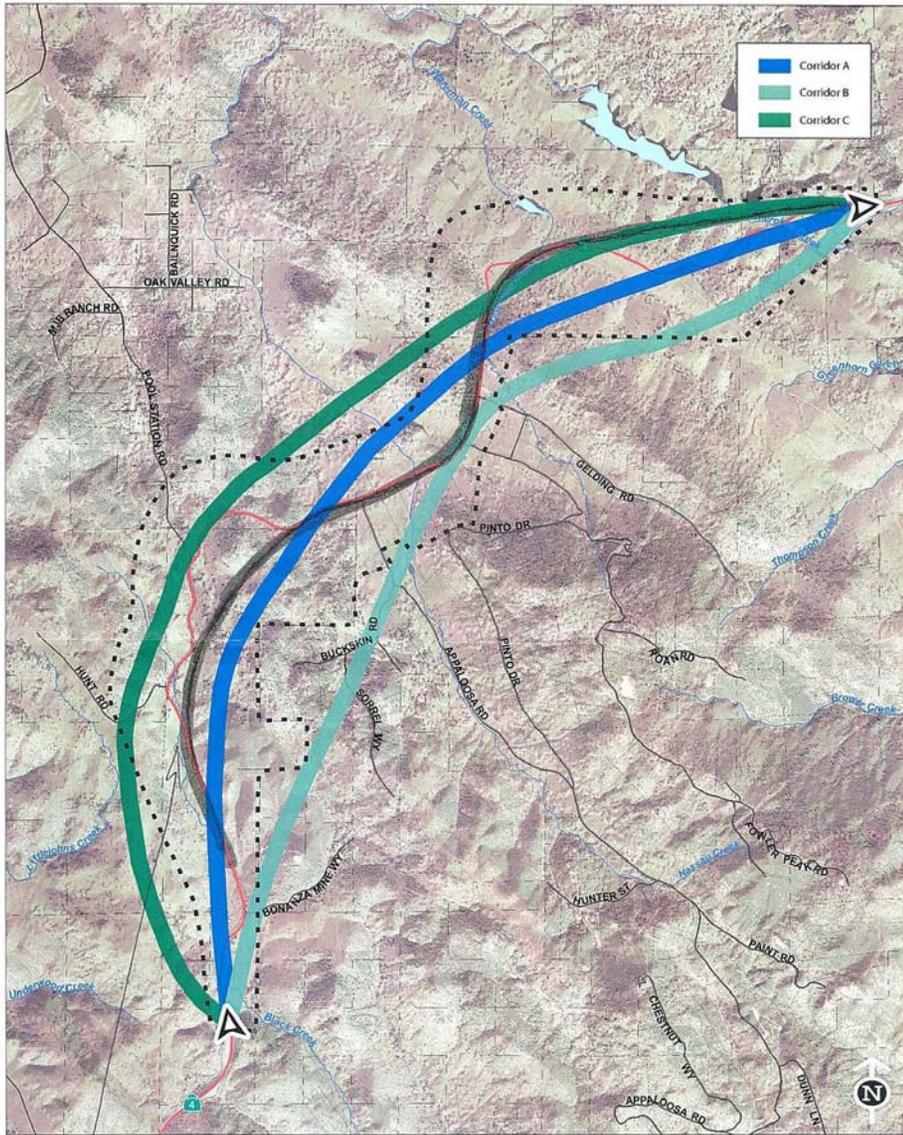
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Existing Alignment



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ALIGNMENT MAP NOTES



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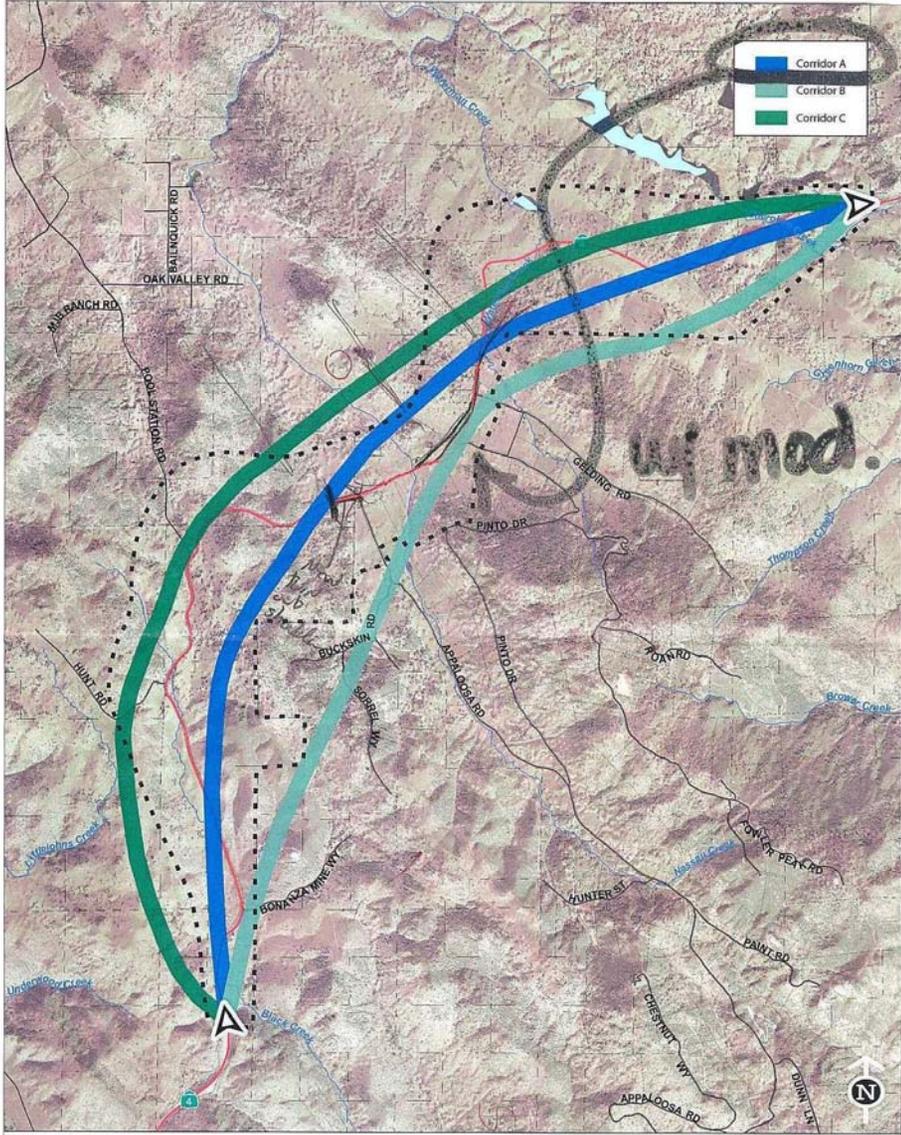
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Potential Corridors



Community Sketches



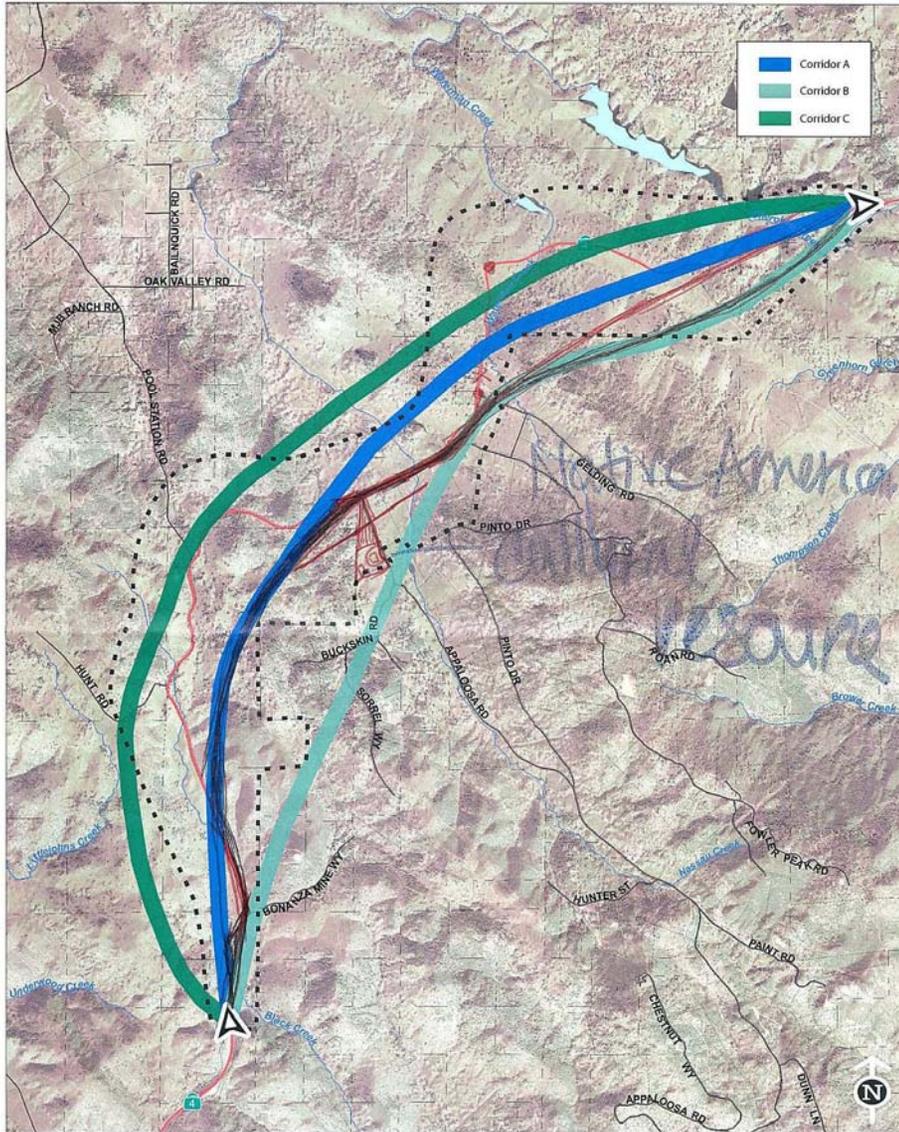
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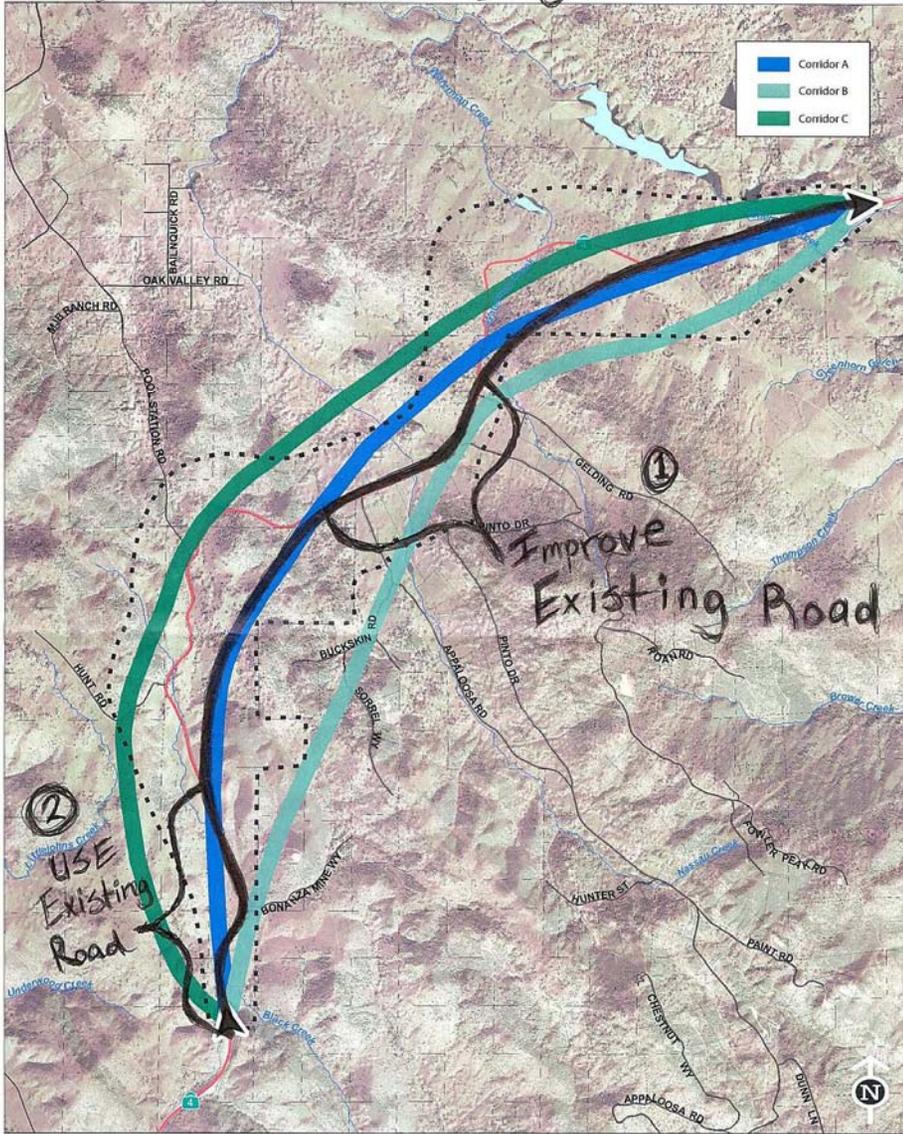
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Community Sketches



Suggestion to improve Corridor A to use more existing Hwy 4 *Improve Existing Corridor*



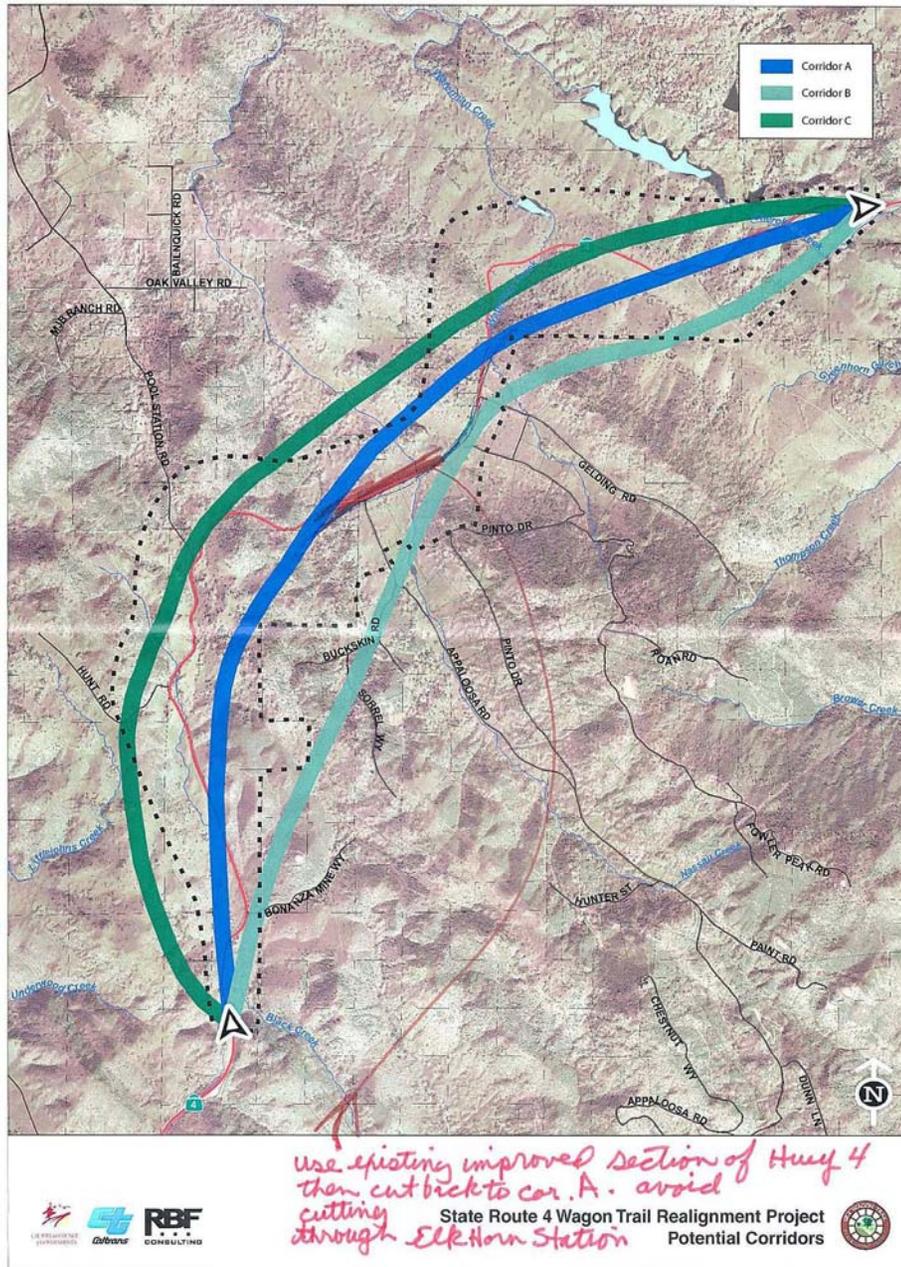
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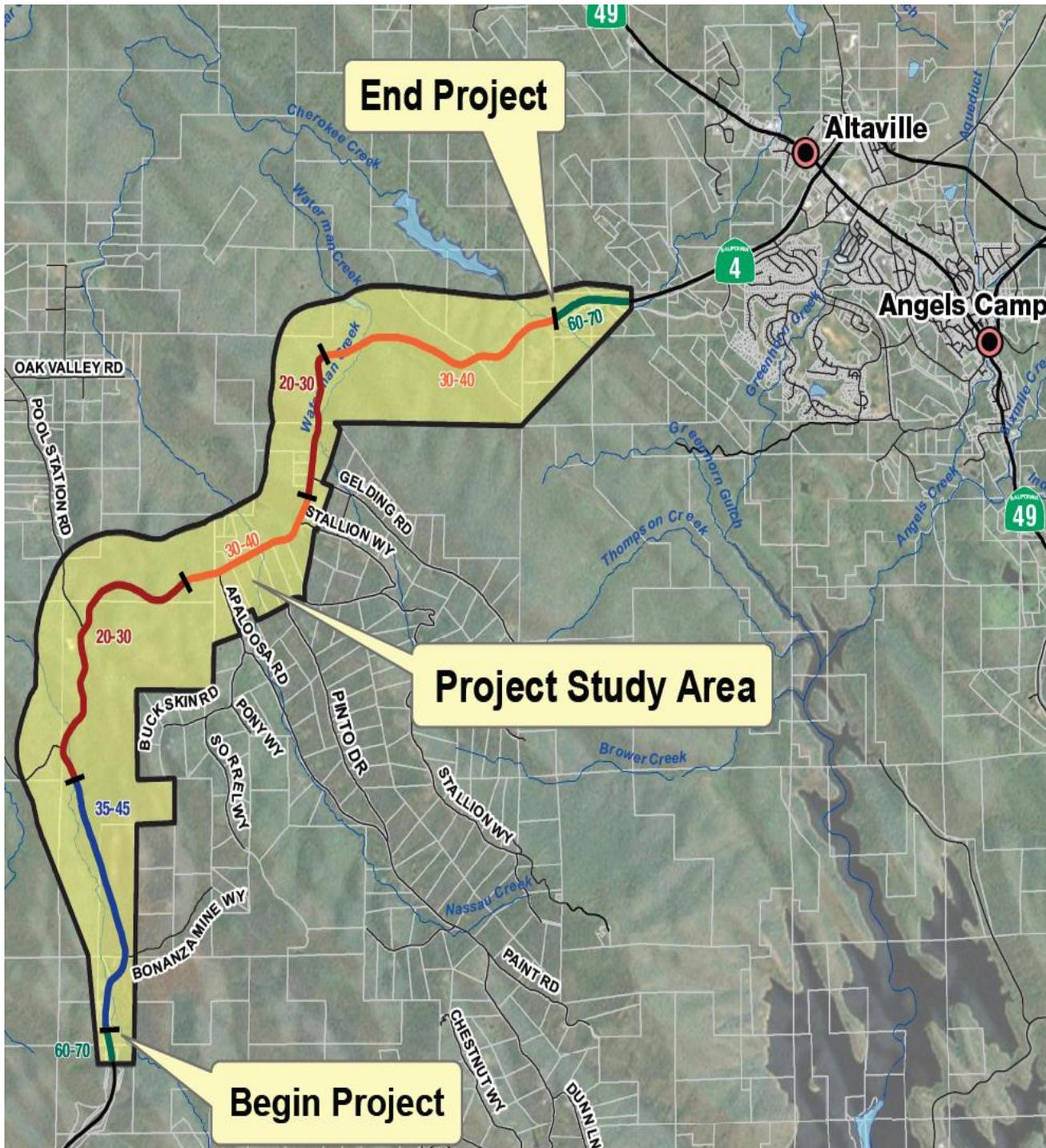


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Approximate Existing Design Speeds



Community Feedback

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Communication with Caltrans Handouts Available

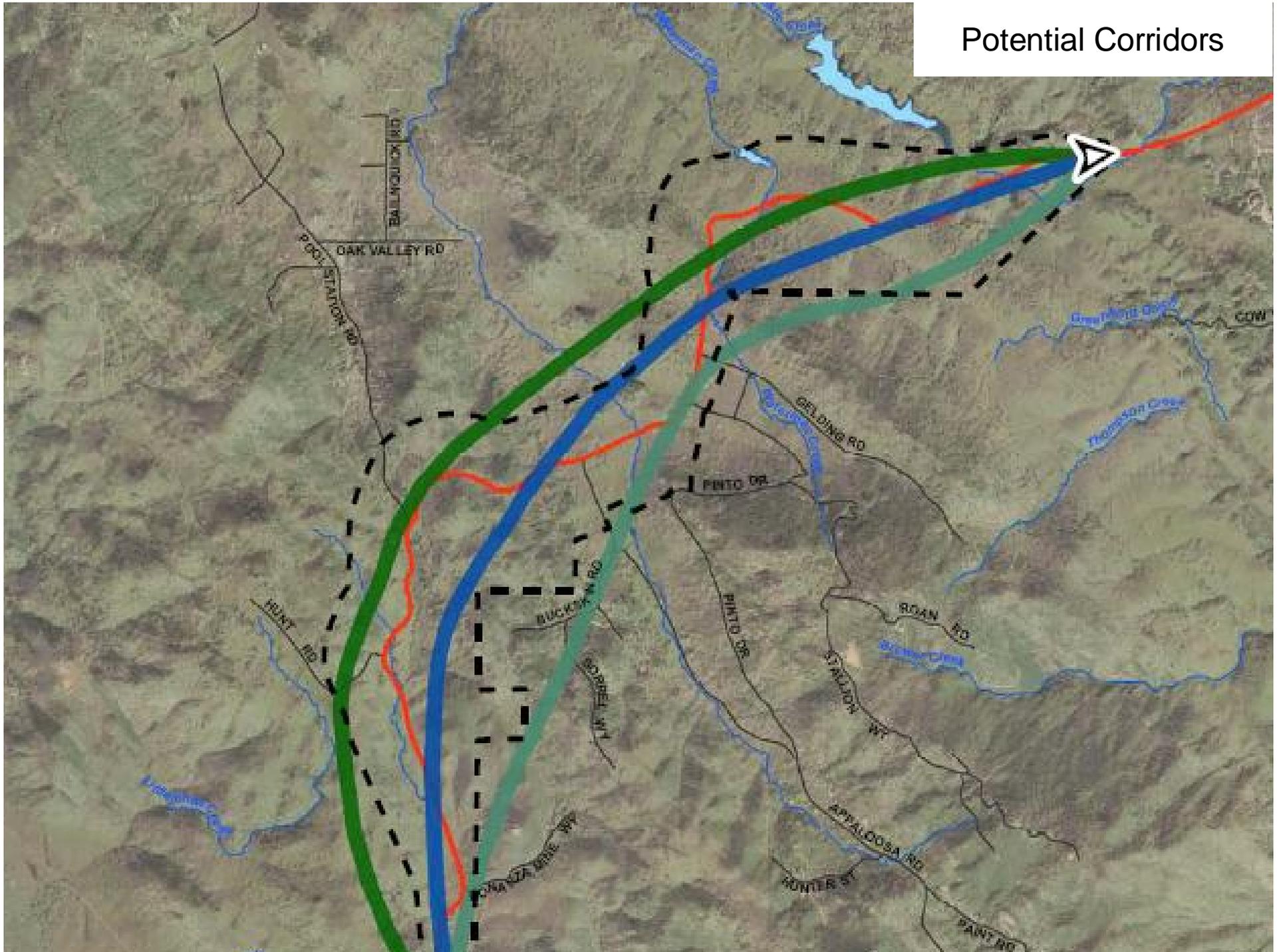
- Letter from CCOG to Caltrans requesting reduced design speed - dated January 14, 2010
- Letter from Caltrans clarifying the process to obtain an exception to standards – dated February 1, 2010



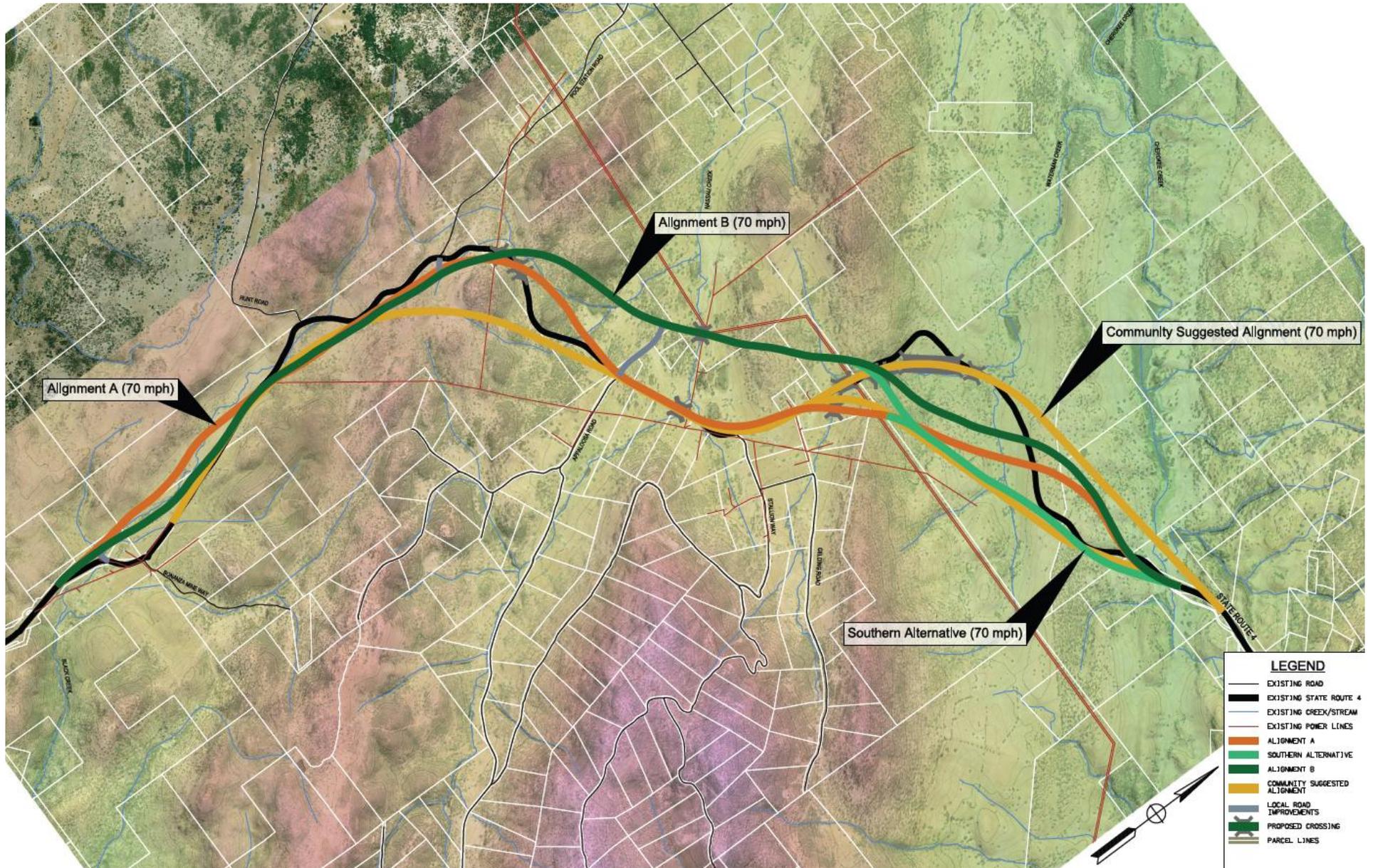
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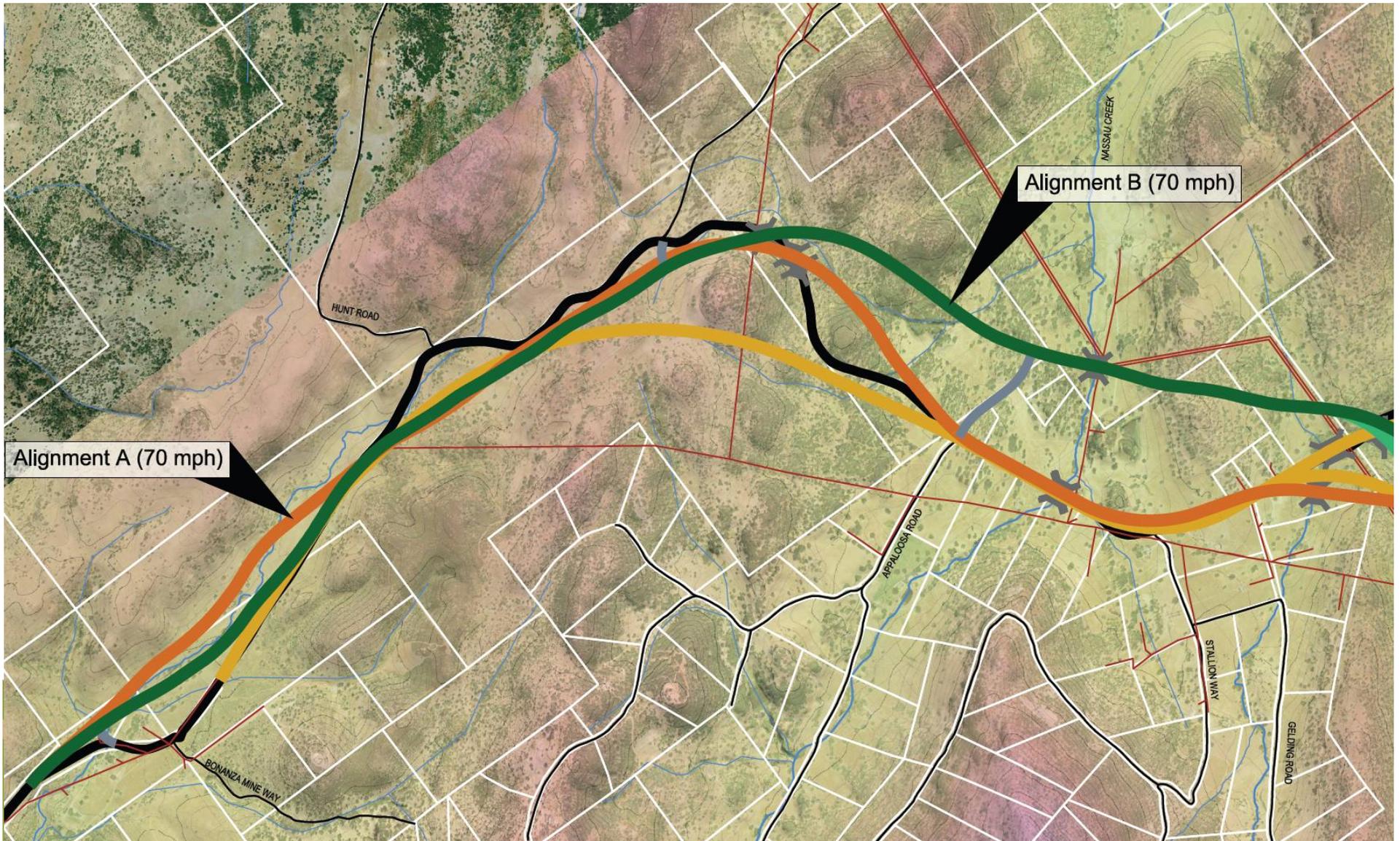
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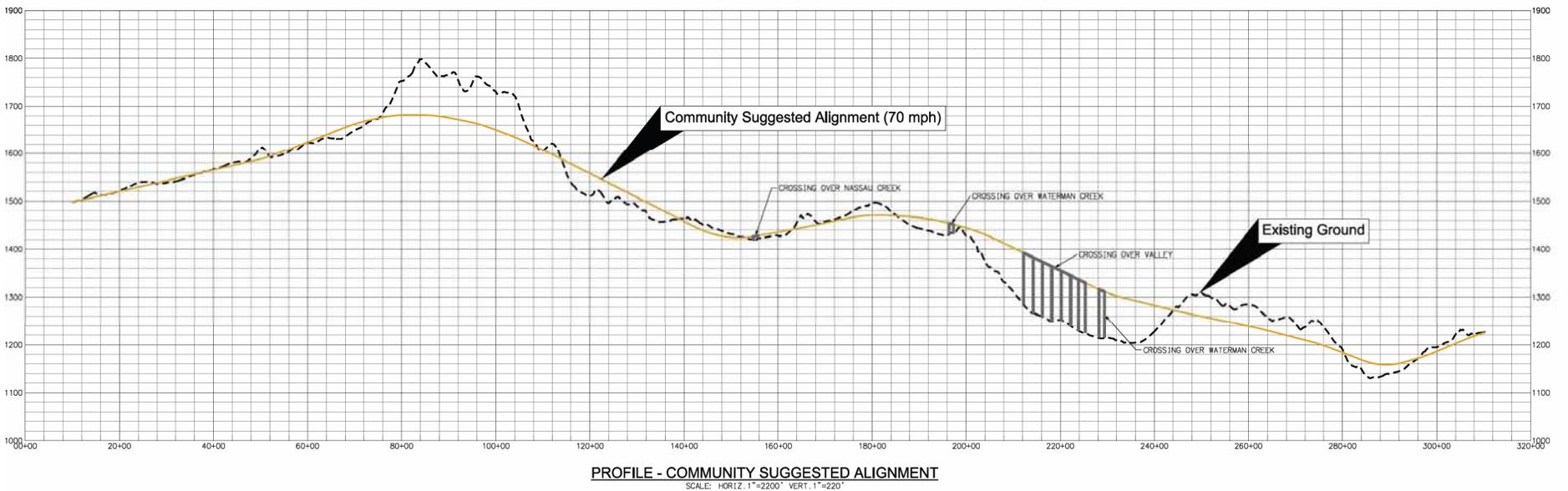
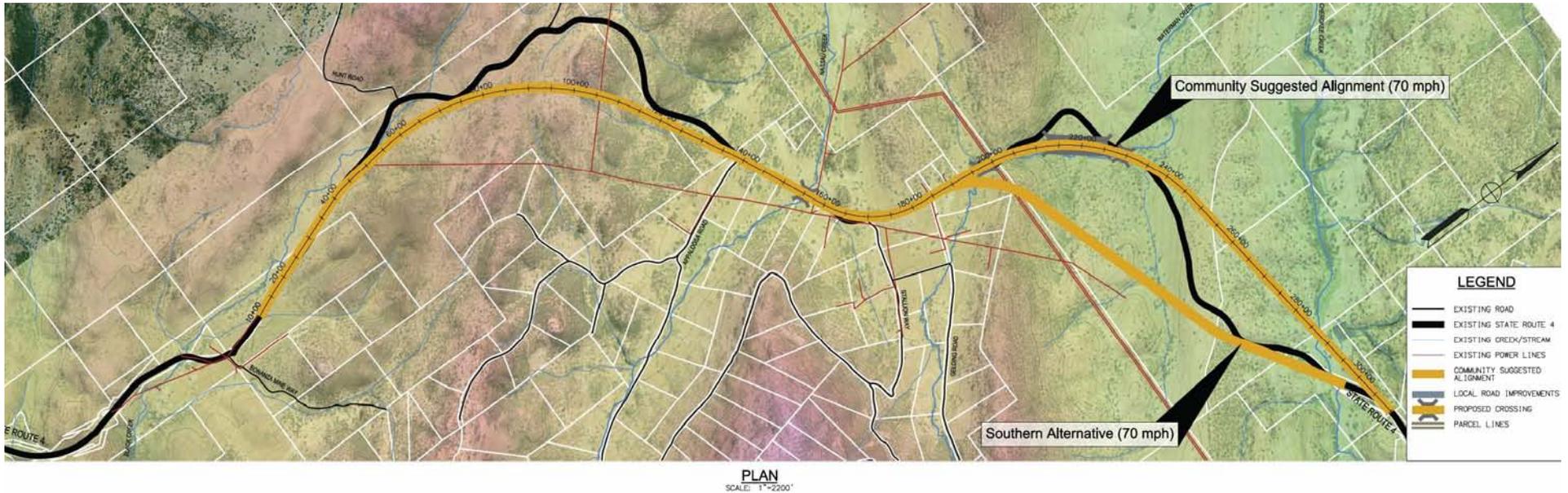
Potential Alignments



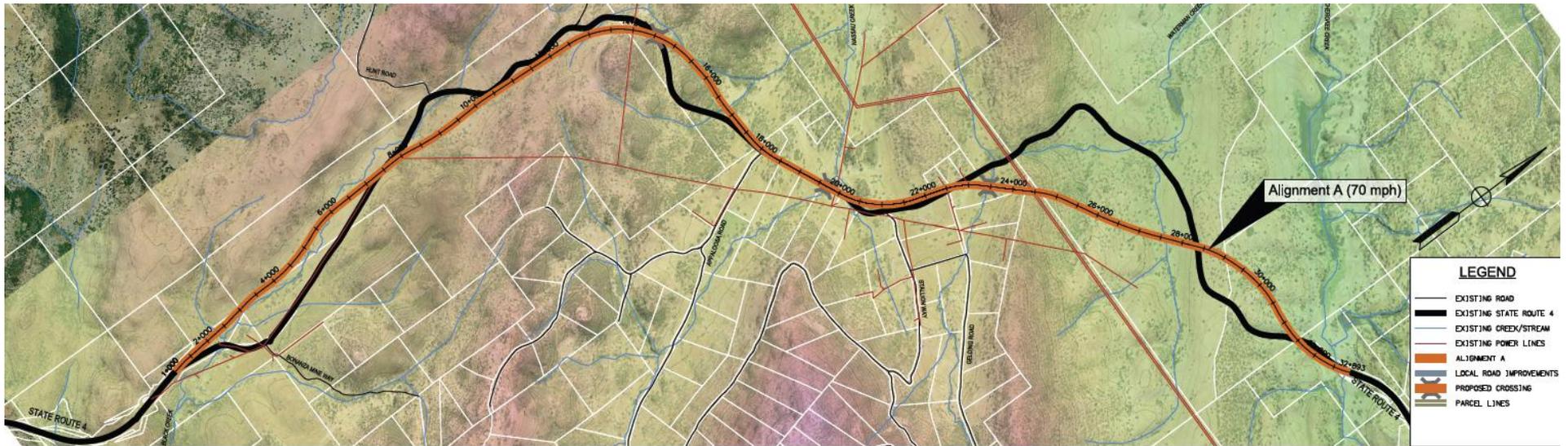
Potential Alignments through Neighborhood Area



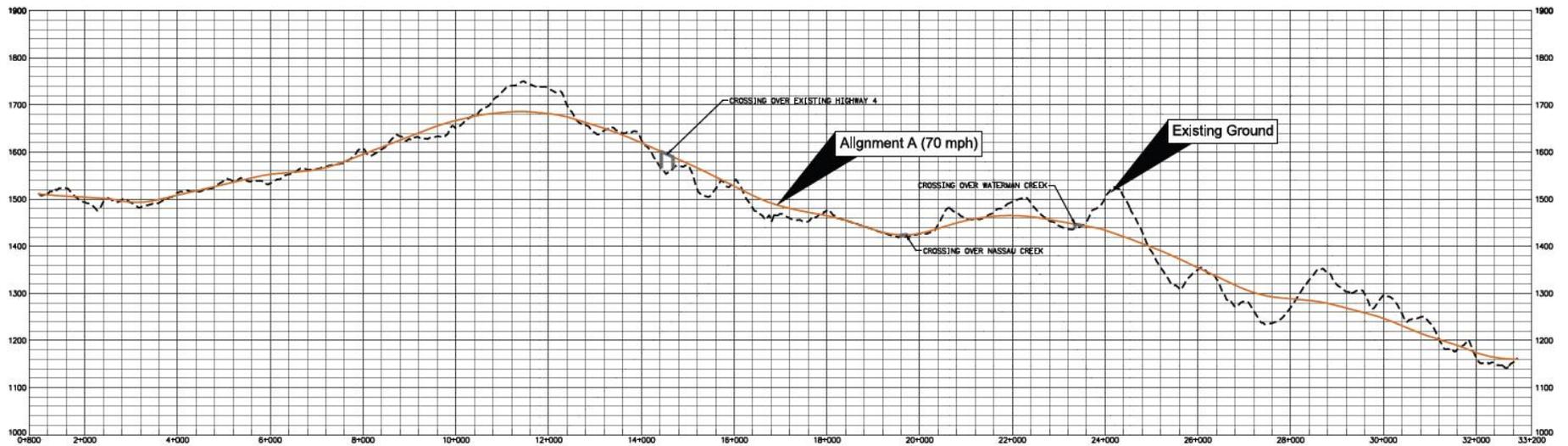
Example Community Suggestion: 70 MPH Alignment Vertical



Alignment A: Most Economical 70 MPH Alignment Following Close to Existing SR-4

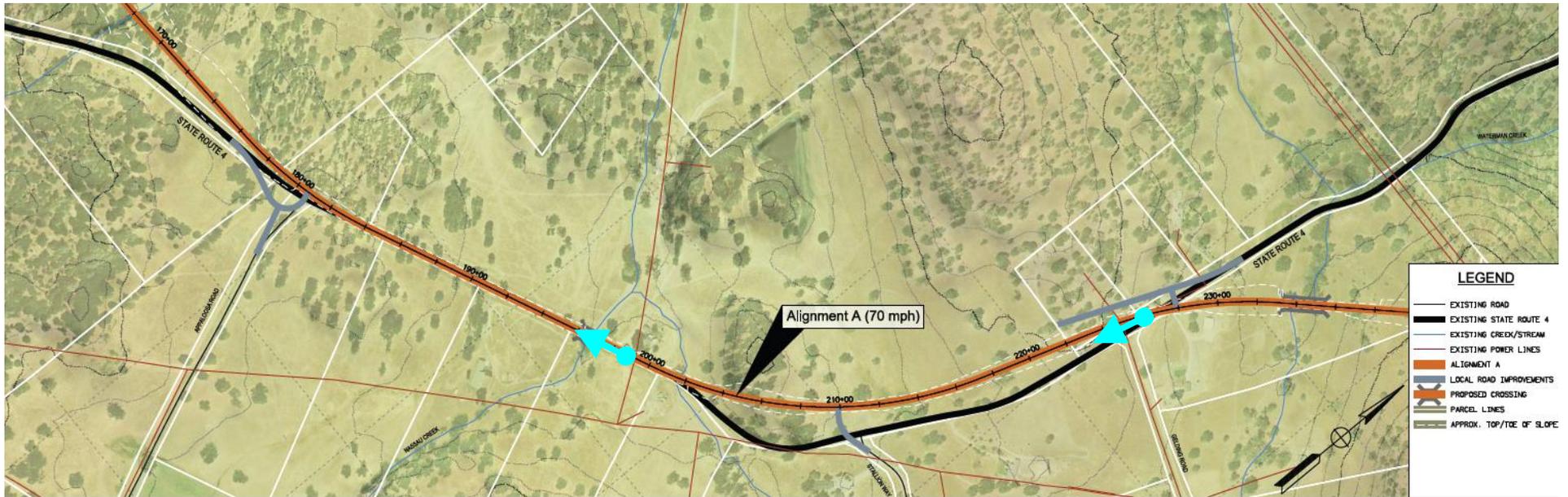


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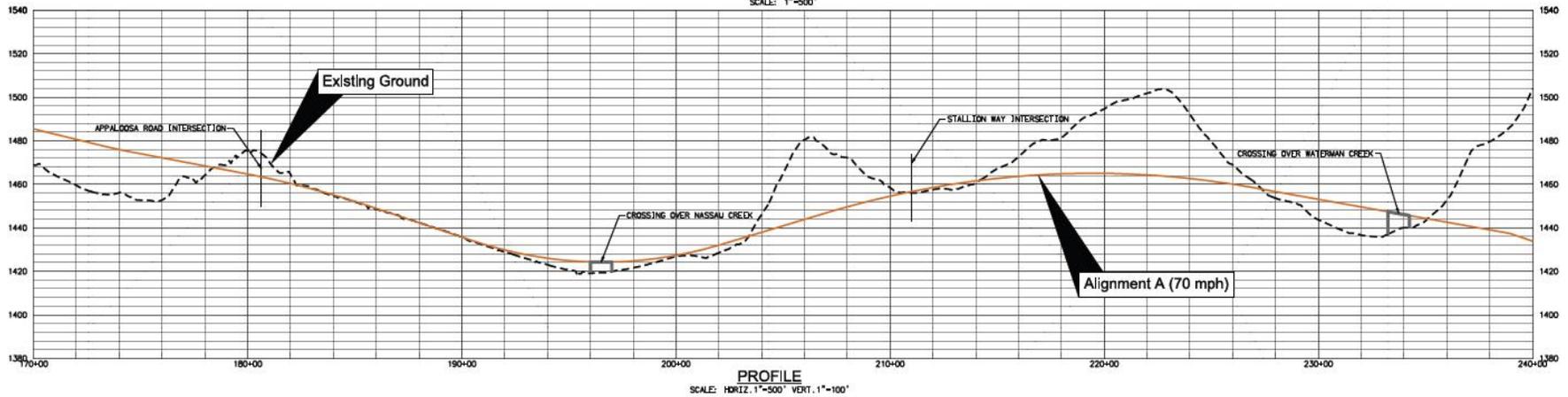


PROFILE - ALIGNMENT A
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Alignment A: Community Suggested 70 MPH Alignment



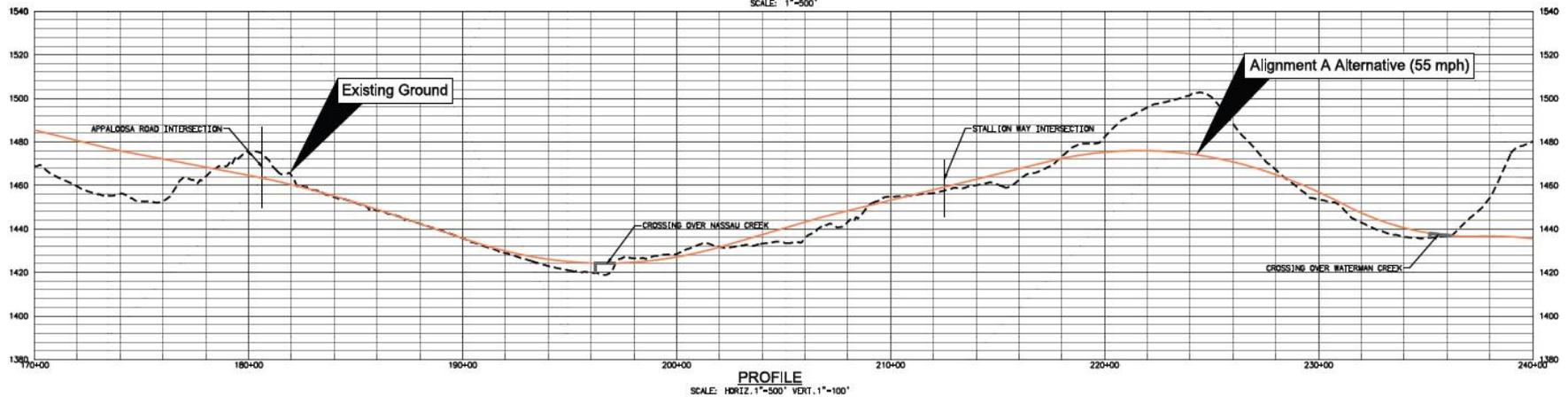
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Alignment A Alternative: Community Suggested with 55 MPH Refinement



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SR-4 at Nassau Creek (Before Project)



SR-4 at Nassau Creek (After Project Concept Alignment A – 70 MPH)



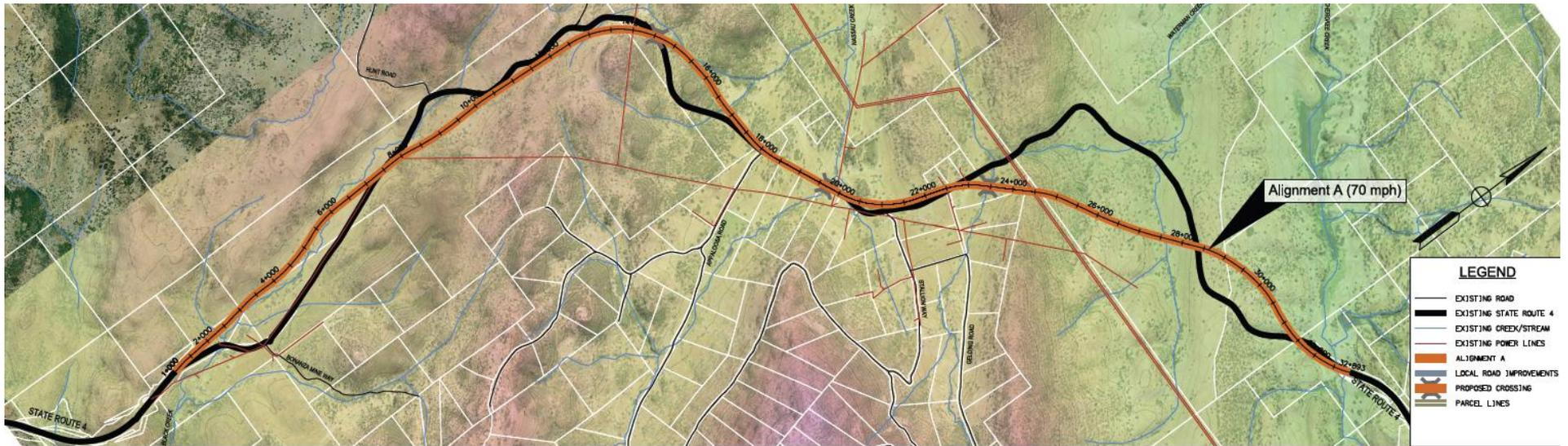
SR-4 at Gelding (Before Project)



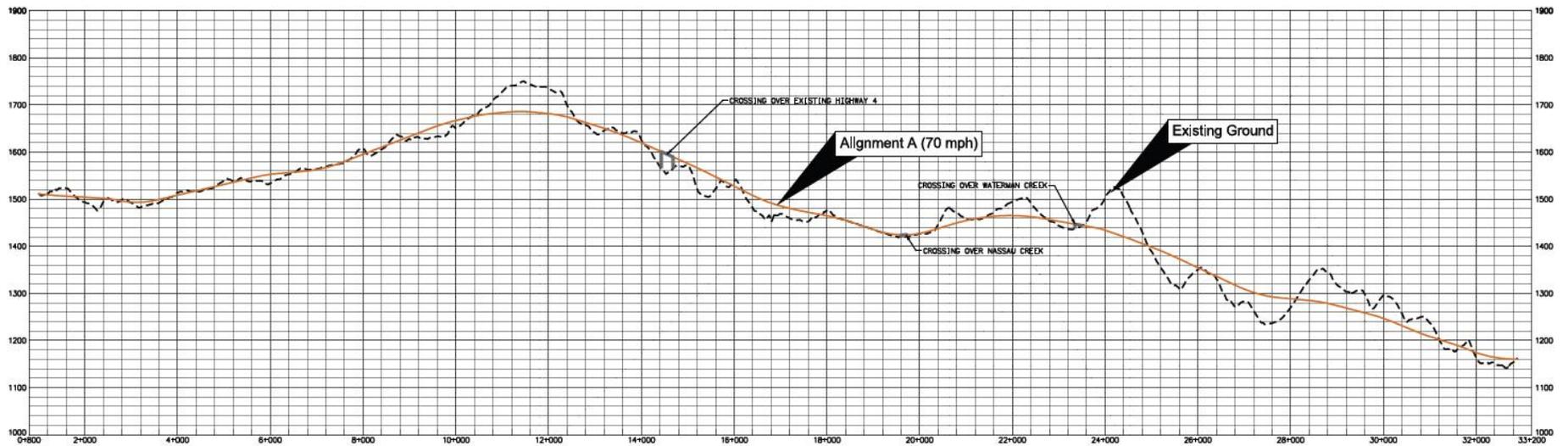
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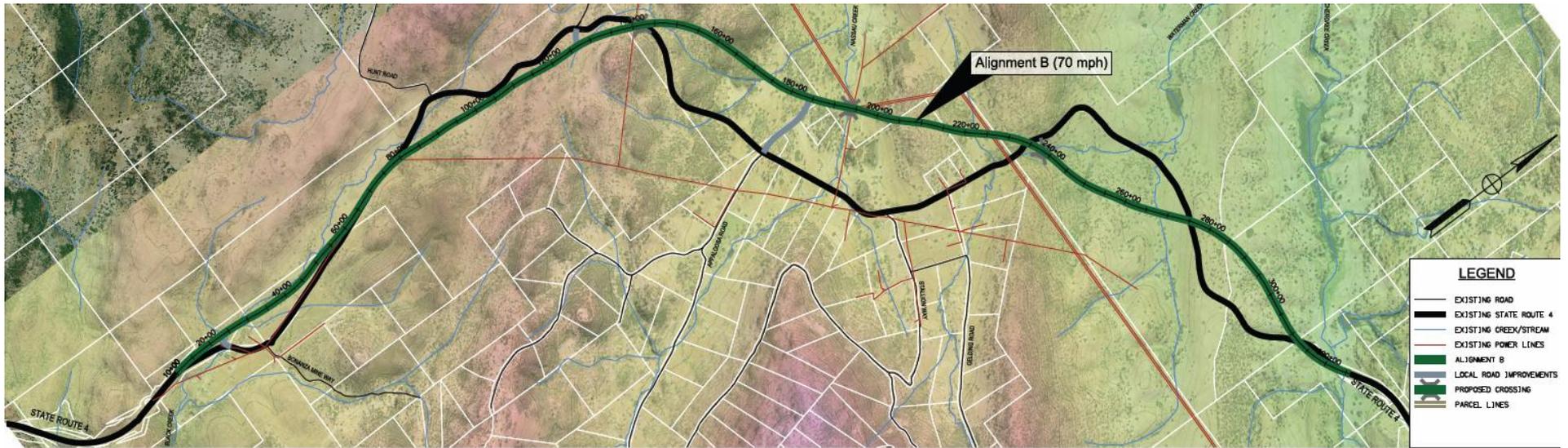


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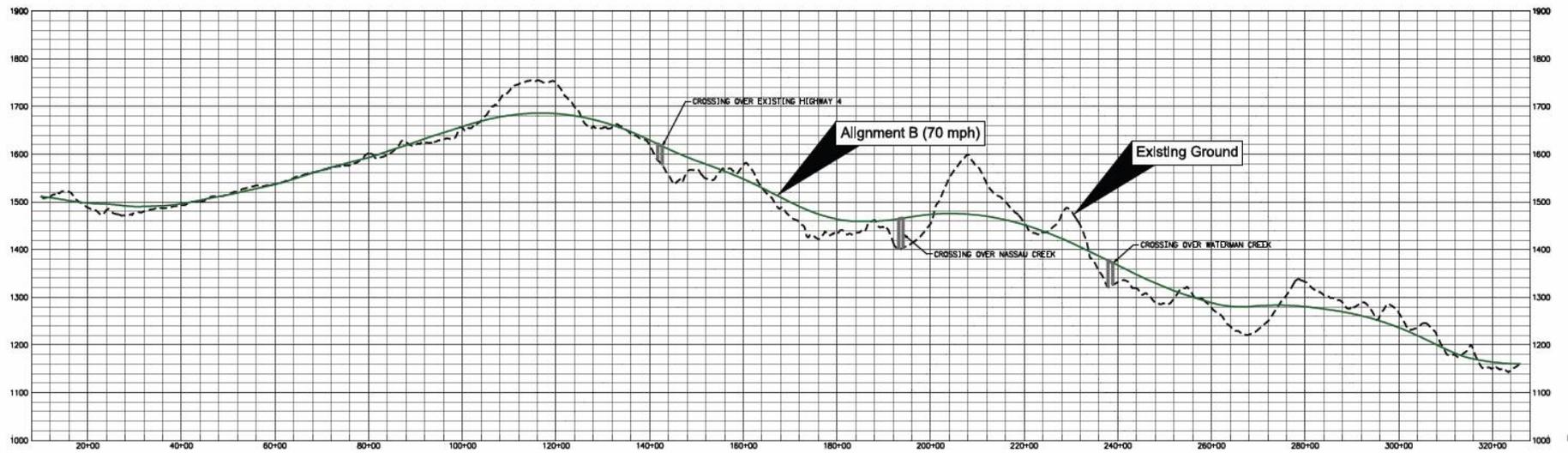


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Alignment B: Most Economical 70 MPH Alignment from Analysis

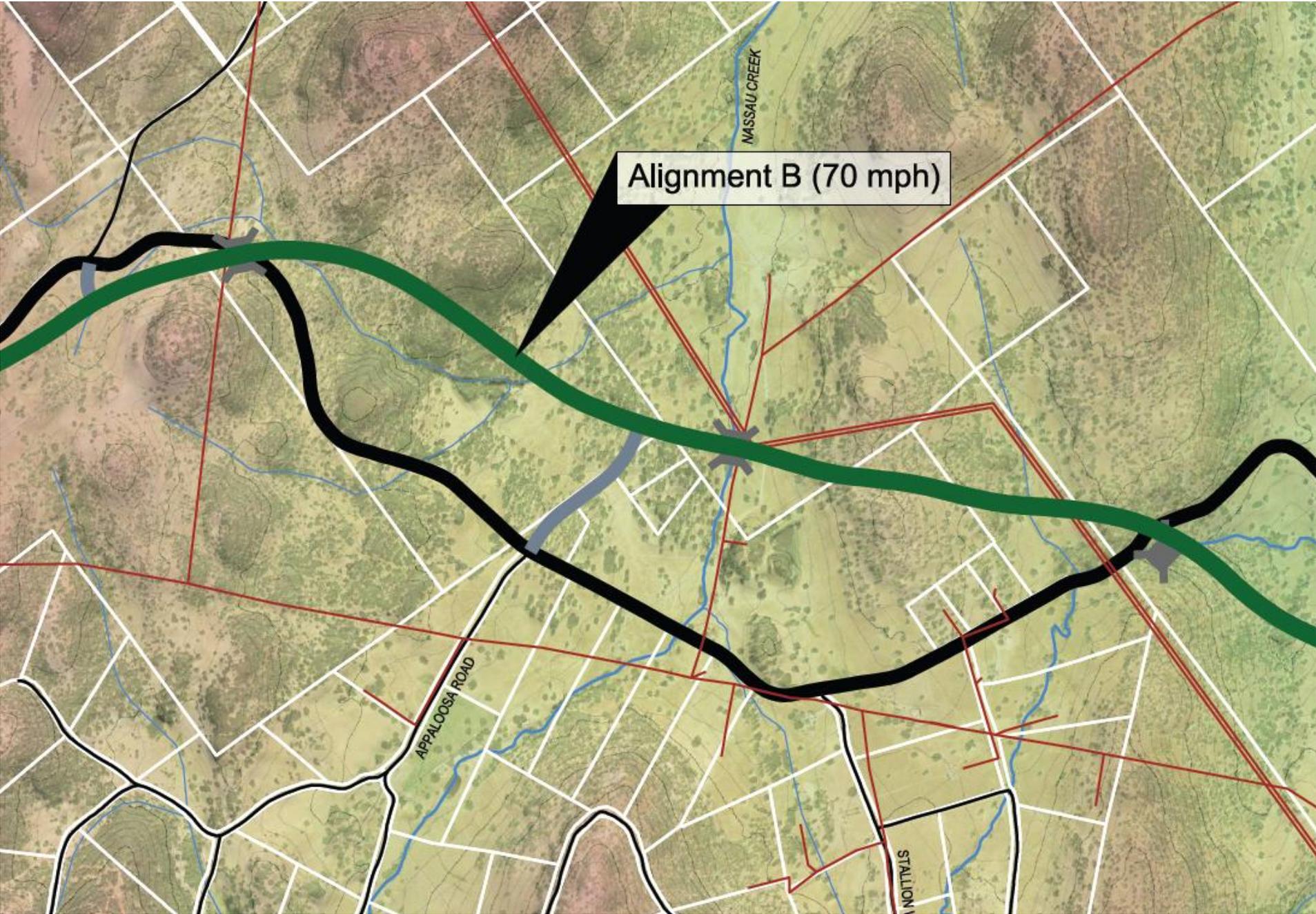


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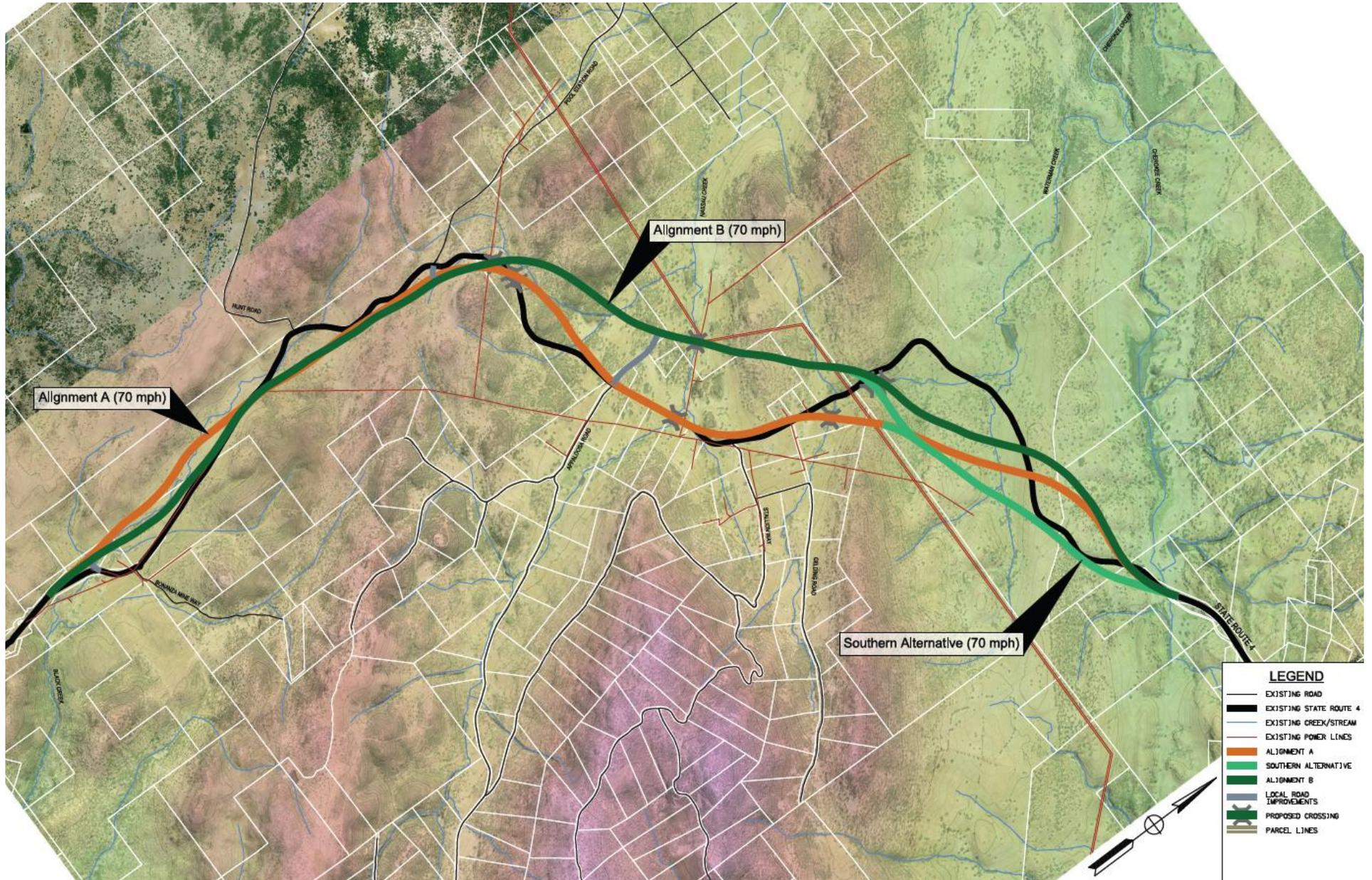


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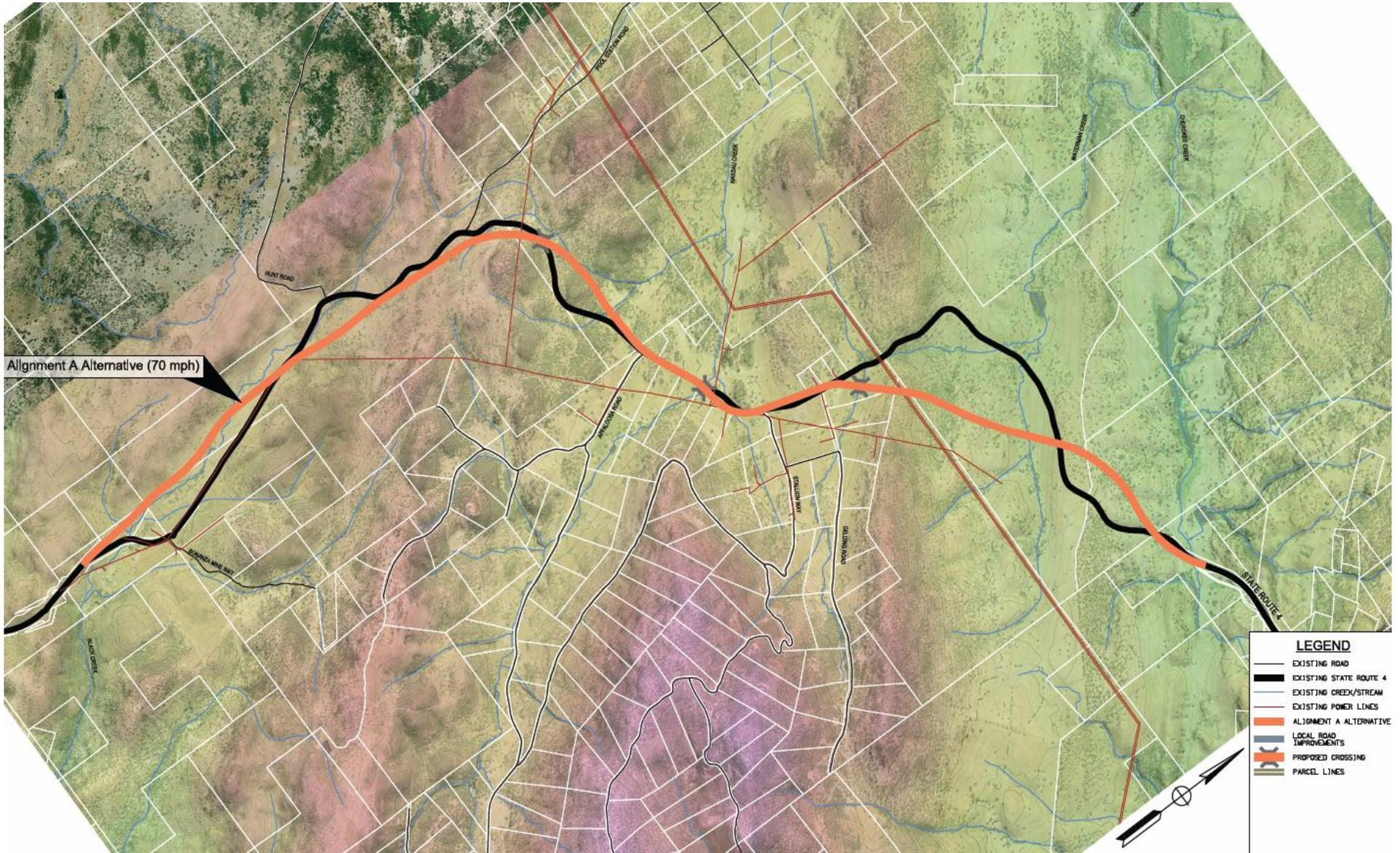
Alignment B: Most Economical 70 MPH Alignment around Neighborhood



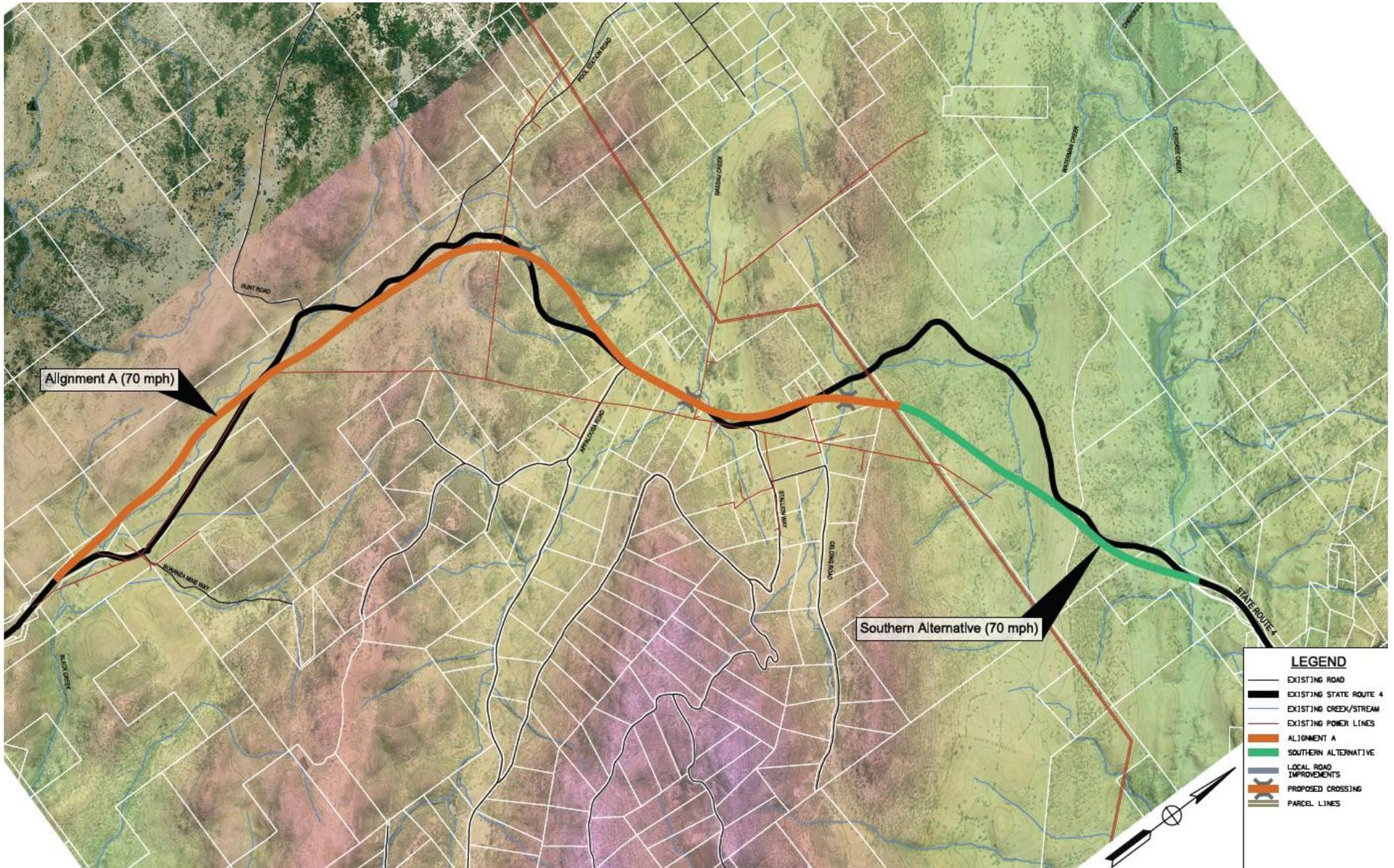
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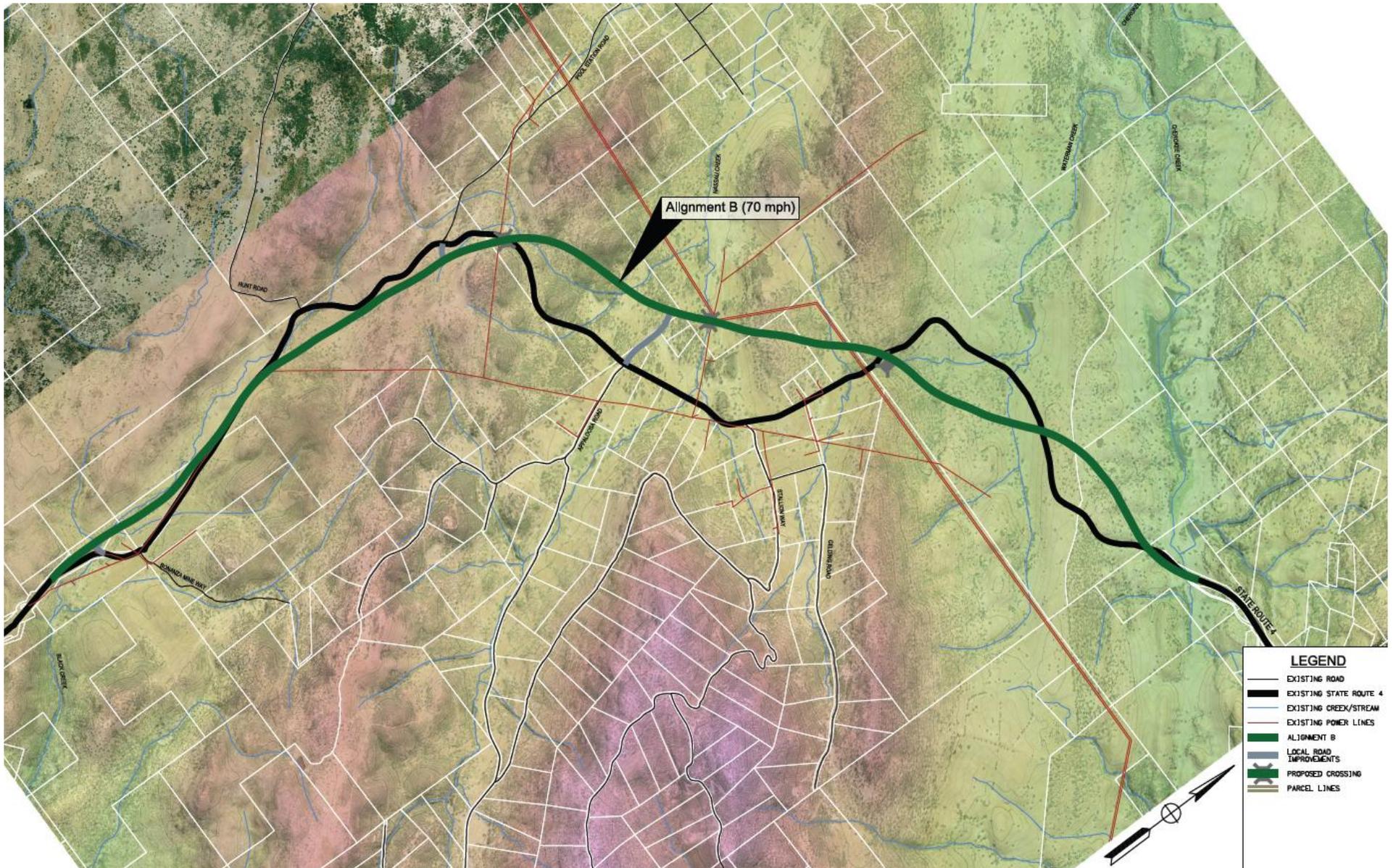
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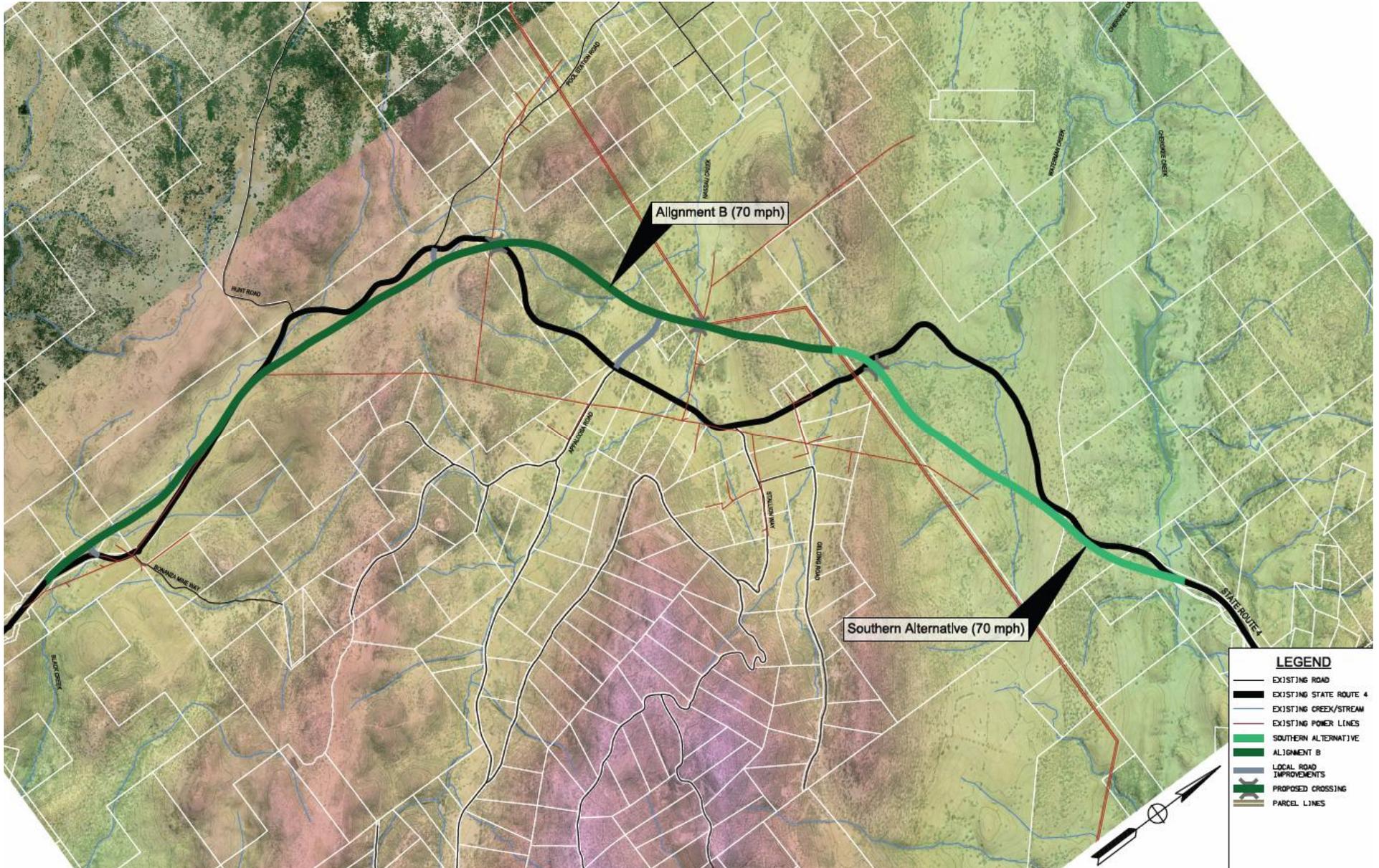
Alignment A with the Southern Alternative



Alignment B



Alignment B with the Southern Alternative



Small Group Discussion



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Interactive Survey - How To Use the Polling Devices



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SHOWS YOUR
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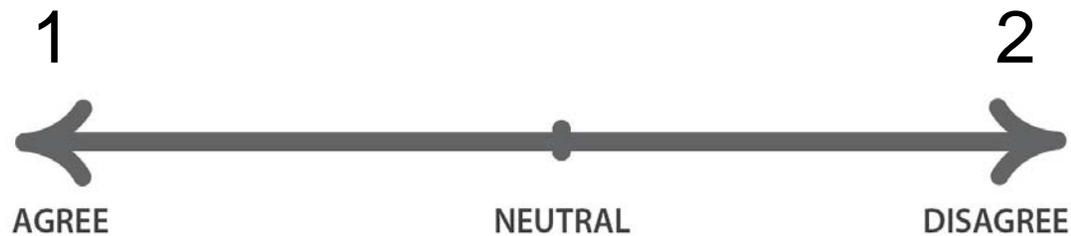


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Test Question 1

I attended the 1st Community Workshop.



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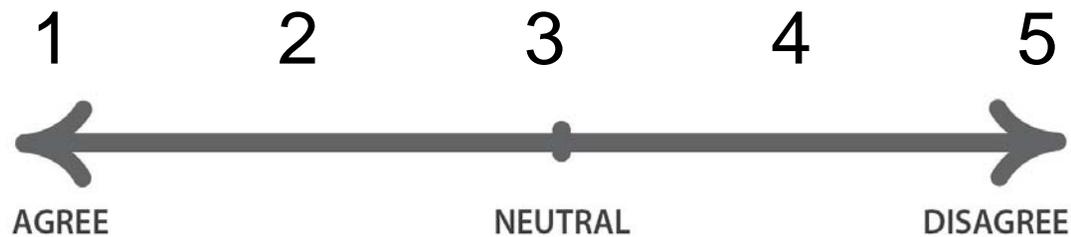


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Test Question 2

I am potentially affected by this Project.



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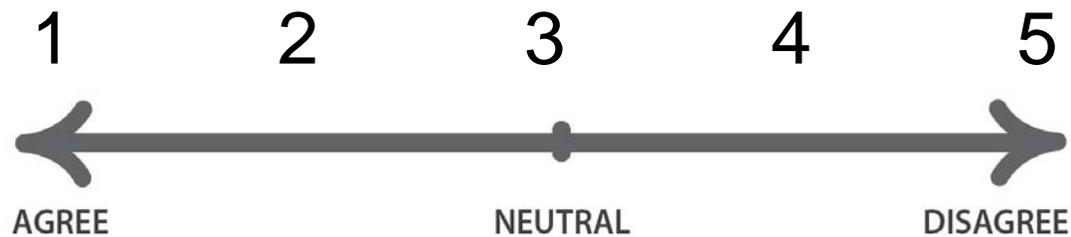


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Test Question 3

I am comfortable answering questions using the handheld device.



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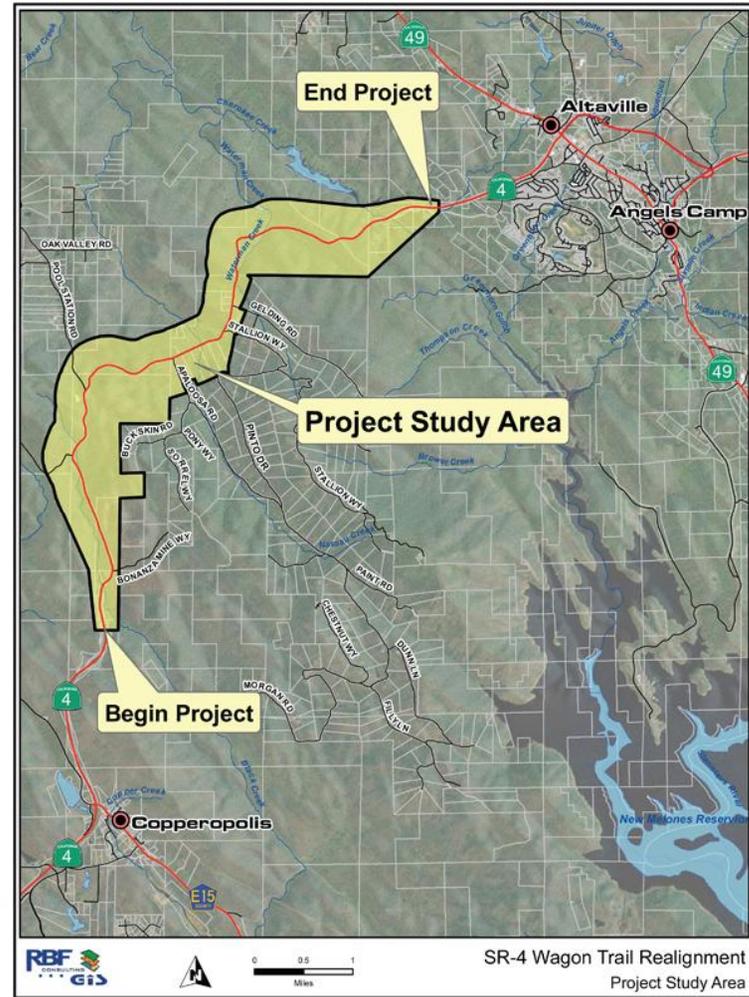
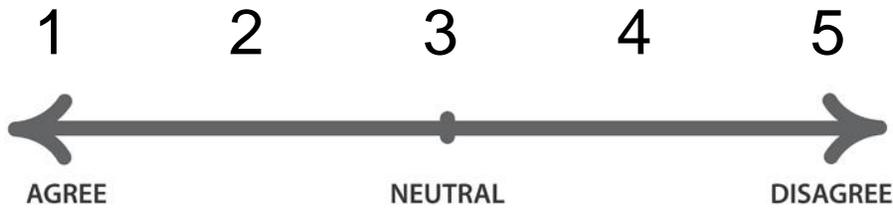
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Question 1

I approve of the location selected for Workshop #2.



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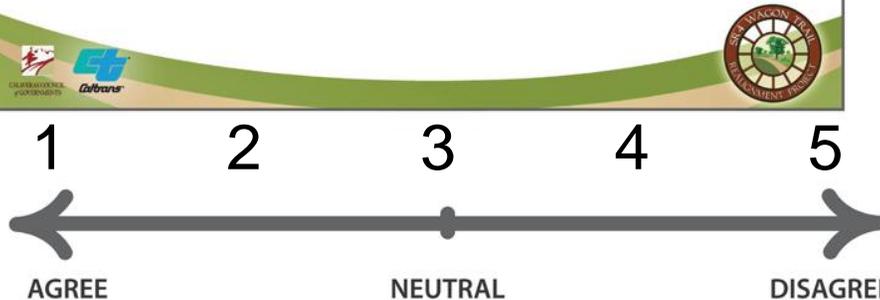


Question 3

The team has been responsive to my concerns/community values.

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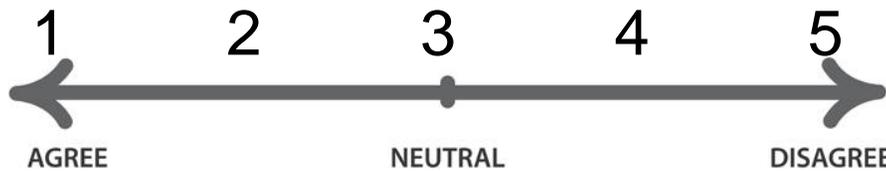
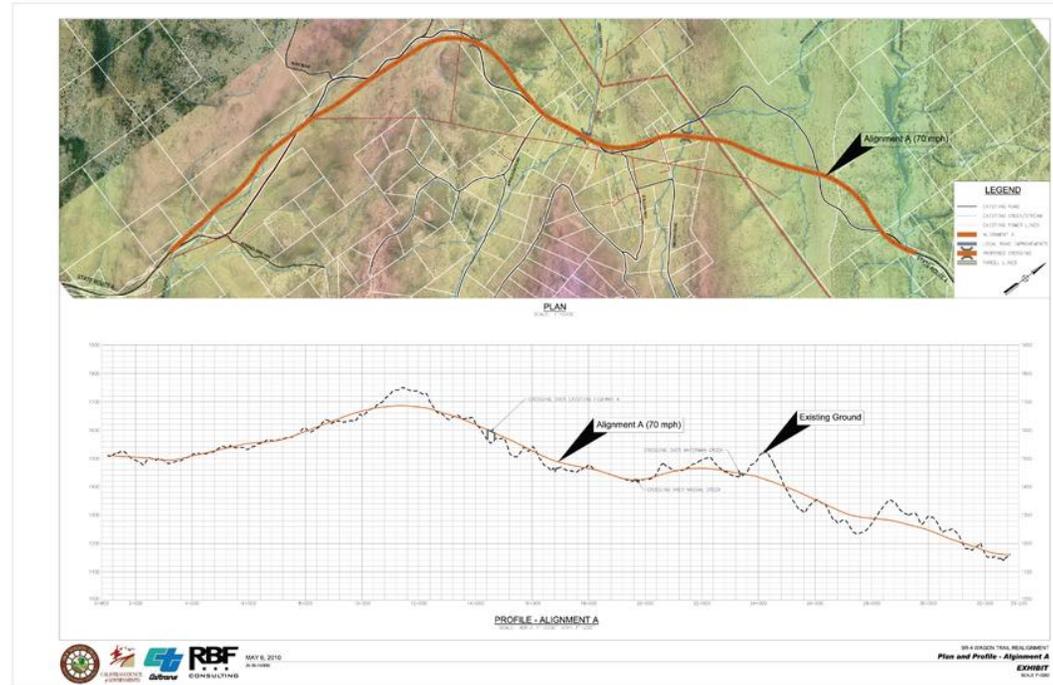
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Question 4

The new State Route 4 should be located as close as possible to the existing road, similar to concept Alignment A.



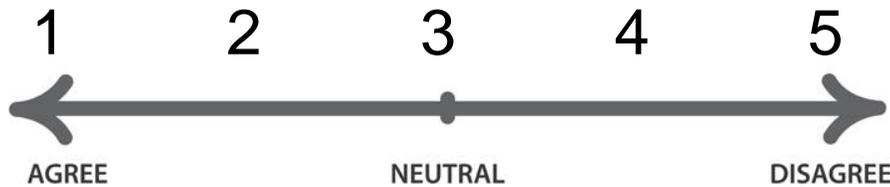
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Question 5

The new State Route 4 should be located as close as possible to the existing road even if the 70 mph design speed criteria must be maintained.



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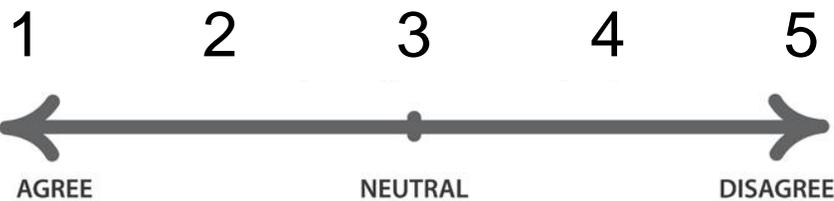
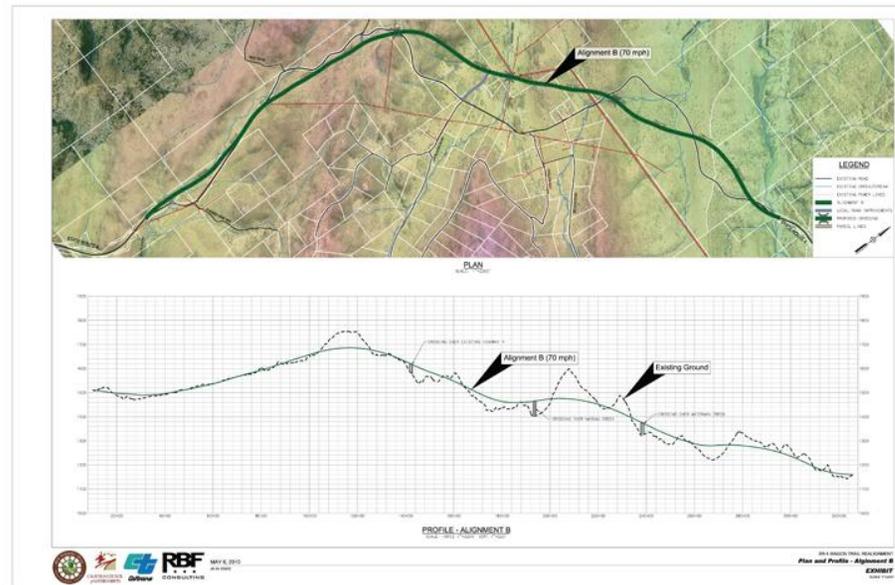
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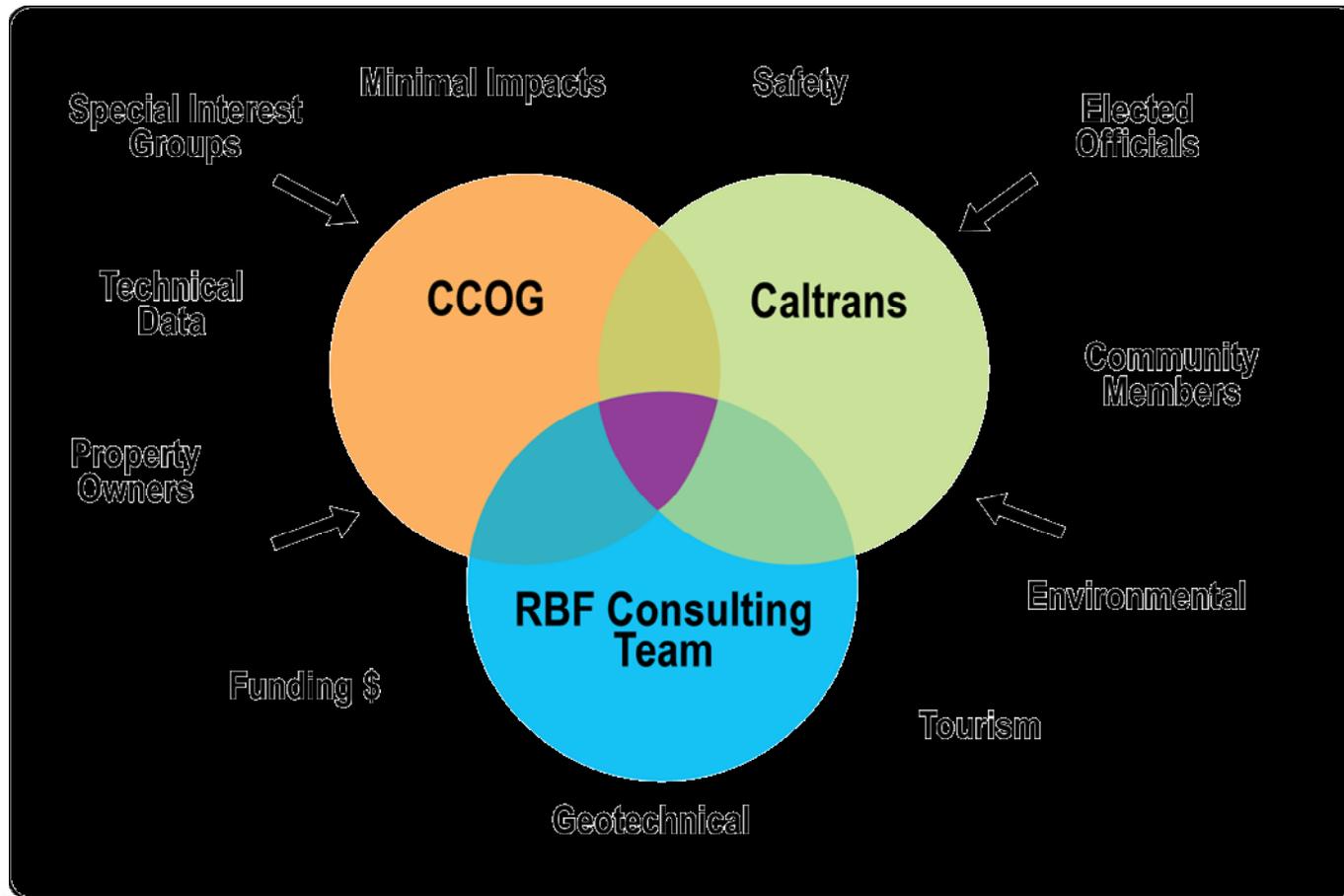
The new road alignment should be separate from the existing road so that the existing road may become a local county access road.



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Next Steps

- **Community Workshop #3 – Scoping Meeting (July / August 2010):**
 - ✓ *Discuss Draft Project Alignments that will be carried forward through the environmental approval process*
 - ✓ *Back Check Community Values*
 - ✓ *Discuss the scope of issues to be addressed*
- **Property Owner Meetings (Fall 2010)**
 - ✓ *Request and coordinate right of entry onto private properties to conduct technical surveys along selected alignments*
- **Community Workshop #4 (Spring / Summer 2011):**
 - ✓ *Presentation of Final Roadway Alignments*
- **Public Hearing (Spring 2012):**
 - ✓ *Approval of the Environmental Document and Project Report by Caltrans*



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Questions?



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Thank You!

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