

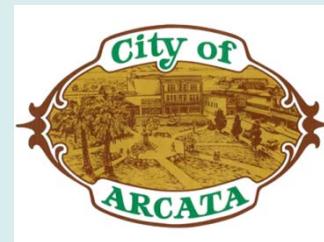
Arcata Annie & Mary Trail

Community Workshop

April 23, 2019

Project Partners

- City of Arcata
- Consultant Team
 - Trail People
 - SHN
 - RCAA
- Caltrans
- Project Task Force
- Community members!



Tonight's Agenda

- Workshop Welcome – 5:30
- Overview Presentation – 5:45
- Open House – 6:25
- Next Steps & Closing – 7:25
- Adjourn – 7:30



Conversation Guidelines

- Be respectful
- Speak one at a time
- Share air time
- All ideas and points of view have value
- Stay on the agenda
- Cell phones off or on vibrate



- Completion of an Arcata Annie & Mary Trail Connectivity Plan to identify options for enhanced safety and connectivity for walking and biking between Valley West, HSU, downtown Arcata, and to the future Annie & Mary Trail



Why Are We Here?

- To understand the goals of the Arcata Annie & Mary Trail Connectivity Project
- To improve safety and connections for walking & biking through north Arcata and in Valley West
- To review and provide input on preliminary trail alternatives
- To understand the next steps and input opportunities for this project





Project Schedule

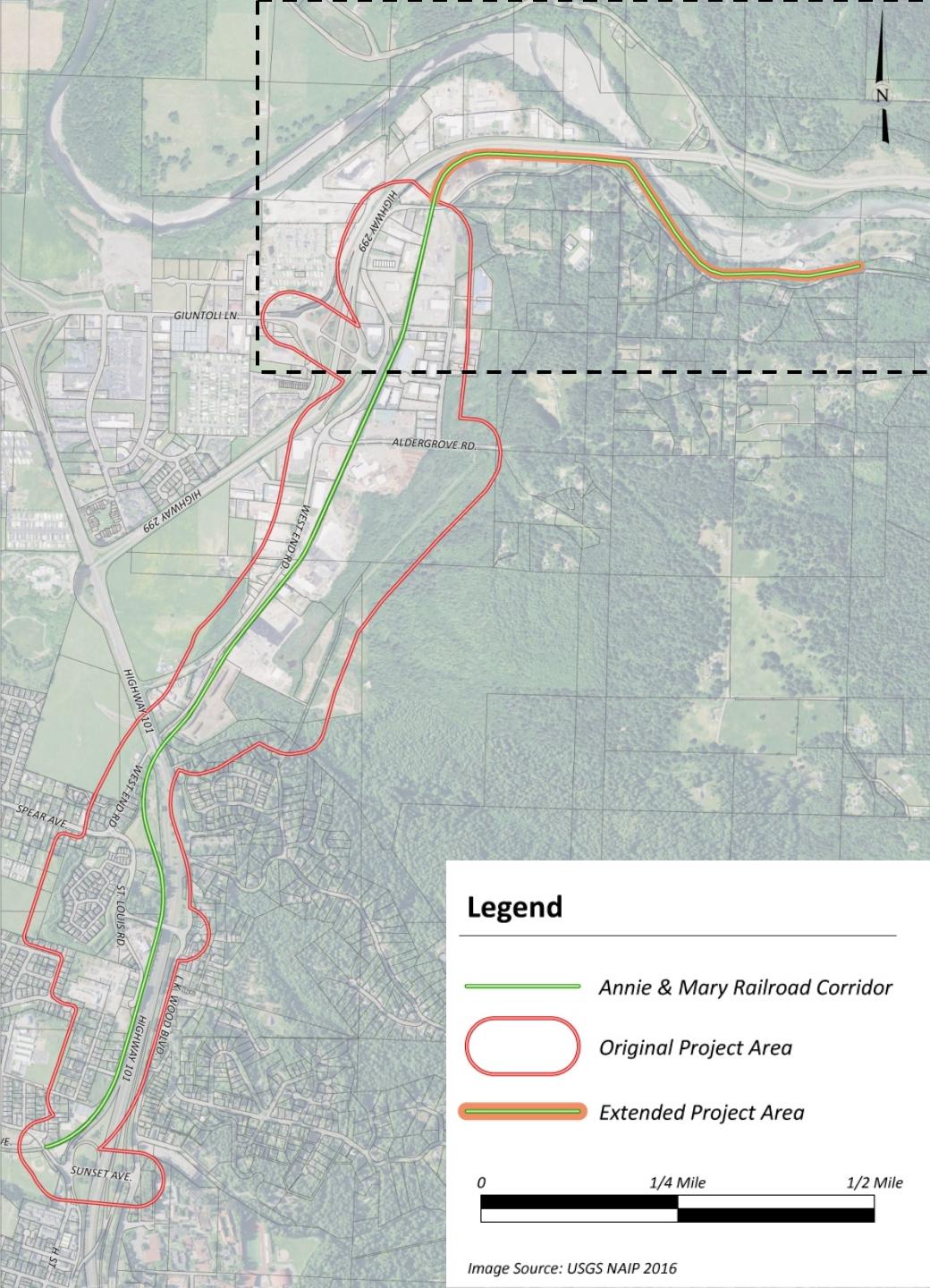
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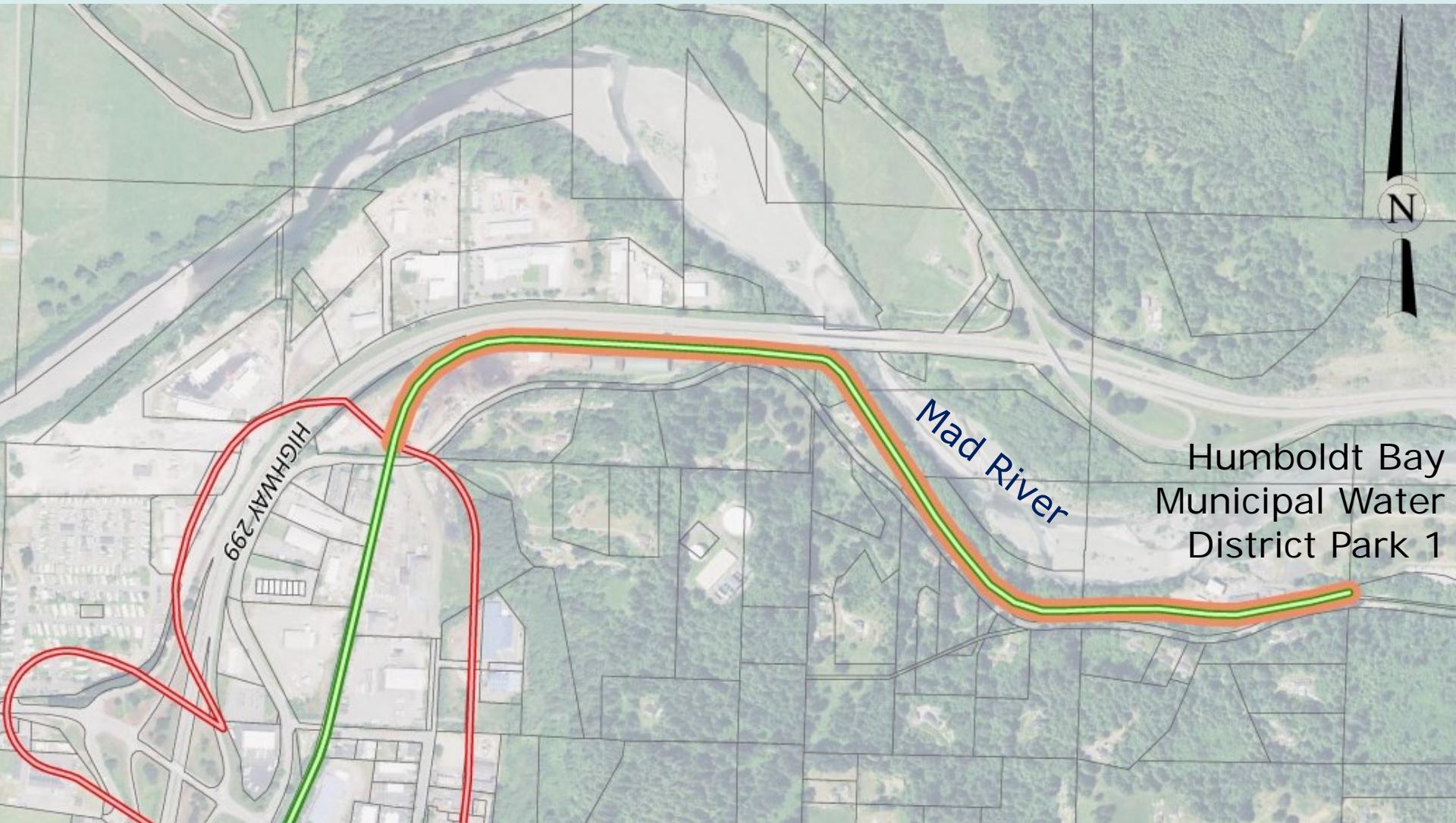
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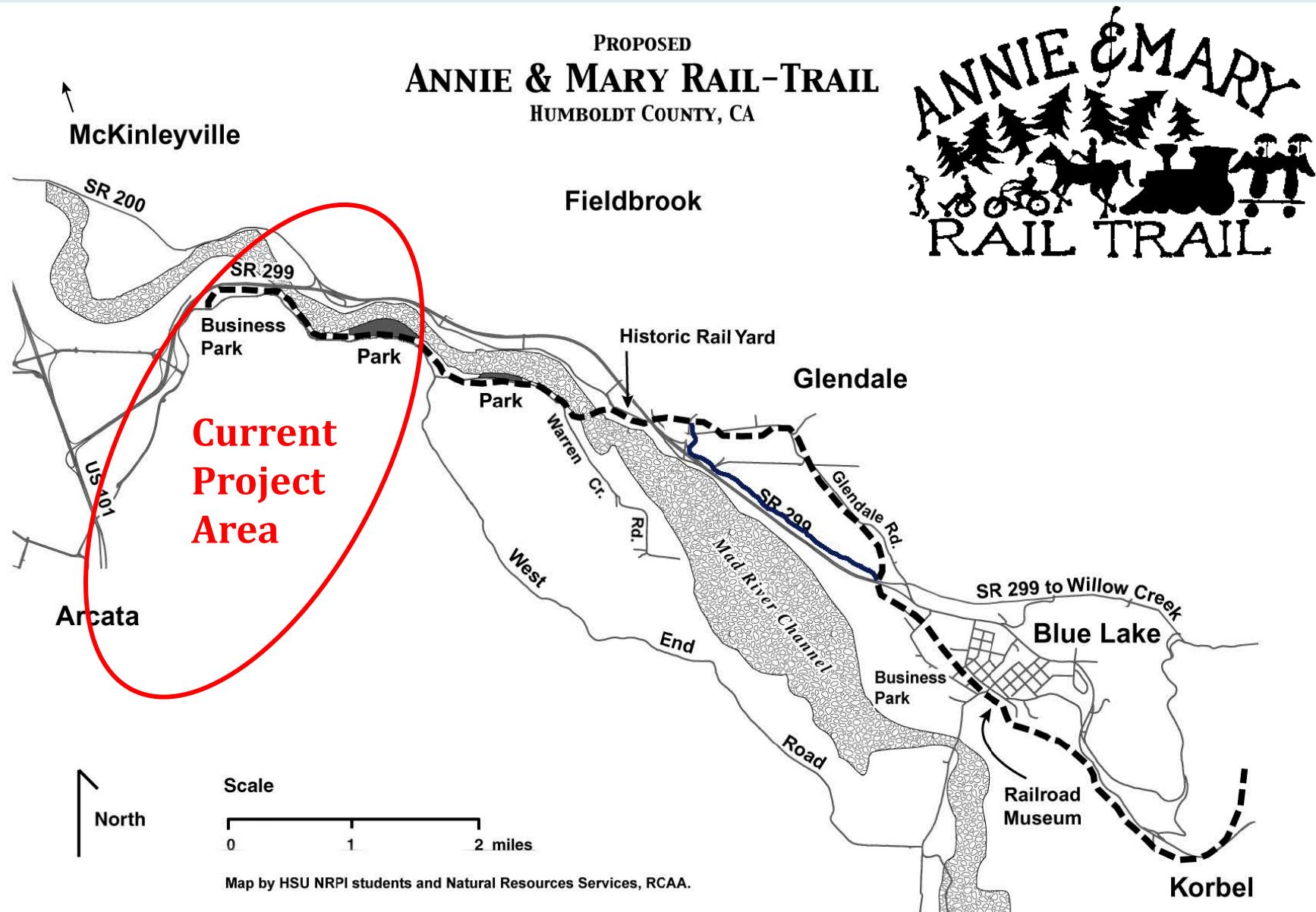
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Annie & Mary Trail Vision



Trail Corridor Opportunities

Along rail corridor



**Along public road
right-of-way**

Rich Rail History – Opportunity for Interpretation



Courtesy Humboldt County Historical Society

Of Railyards and Marshlands



Tracing the Tracks of the Past

This vacant lot, once part of Humboldt Bay's salt marsh system, was filled for railroad and industrial use. Can you find traces of the past?

This grassy area stretching out before you is all that remains of the vast Northwestern Pacific Railroad yard. Known as the *Balloon Tract*, it was named for the tear-shaped track used to turn trains around to head back to the Bay Area. It was the largest yard north of Sacramento and San Francisco.

Built in the 1920s, it included six *rip tracks* (used for sorting rail cars), a car repair shed with blacksmith and carpenter shop, and an eight stall roundhouse with turntable. Yard use declined and all operations ceased by December 1998.



As seen on this 1902 map (left), you would be surrounded by salt marsh at this location. Clark Slough was once part of a continuous marsh system ringing the bay. By the 1920s, this area was filled in with sand, silt and gravel and diked off from tidal cycles. Both the railroad yard of yesterday, and today's waterfront trail, sit atop this fill.

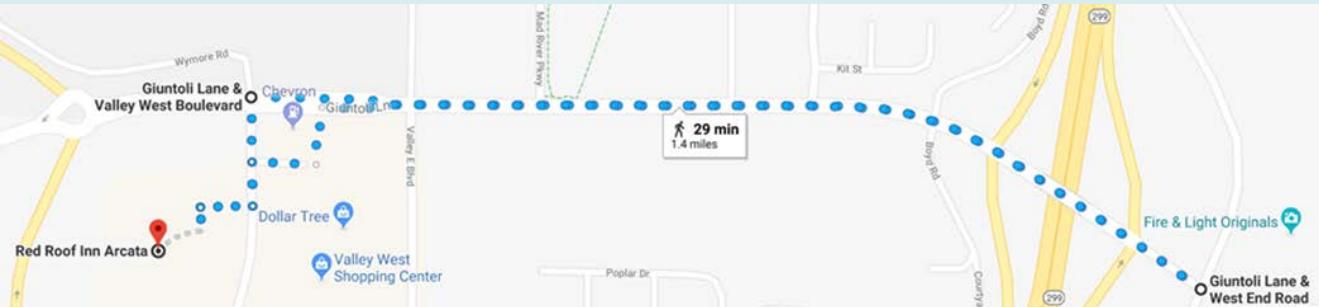
Clark Slough's waters now enter the bay through a culvert pipe. The last of its small exposed waterways still attract egrets, herons, kingfishers, opossums, the occasional otter and passersby like you.



Above: Visible is the encircling balloon track (red), roundhouse, rail line, Clark Slough (blue) and early docks of the Wharfinger Marina. Left: Diesel locomotives at the roundhouse.



Prior Community Input Events



Valley West walkability assessment August 2018

Prior Community Input Events



Kick-off community workshop
February 4, 2019

Arcata Annie and Mary Connectivity Project - **Give your input!**

What specific part of the project area is a challenge or concern for travel safety?



Community Outreach Results

- 370 responses to community survey (online and in person) January-February
- Adjacent landowner input through conversations and questionnaire
- Bilingual outreach with nearby schools

Arcata Annie & Mary Trail Connectivity Project Community Survey

Please help the City of Arcata plan the multiuse Annie and Mary trail in Arcata. The trail will connect the Sunset Avenue/Larson Park area via the railroad corridor and West End Road to the Aldergrove Industrial Park, Valley West, and eventually Blue Lake. Your comments on this short survey will be used to guide the planning and design options for the project. A map of the project area is attached for you to review as you fill out the survey.

1) Why do you/your family travel along West End Road, over the Sunset Avenue or Gunbarrel Communities Program? A map of the project area is attached for you to review as you fill out the survey.

2) How frequently do you walk (whether for commuting or recreation) or jog/ run in the project area?

3) How frequently do you bike, scooter, skate, or other non-motorized mode of transport (whether for commuting or recreation) in the project area?

4) How frequently do you drive in the project area? If so, to where? (optional)

5) If you do not regularly walk, bike or roll in the project area, why is that?

6) If Arcata's section of the Annie & Mary Trail were completed with links from the Sunset Avenue/Larson Park area to West End Road, Valley West, and Aldergrove Industrial Park, in what ways do you estimate that you would use it?

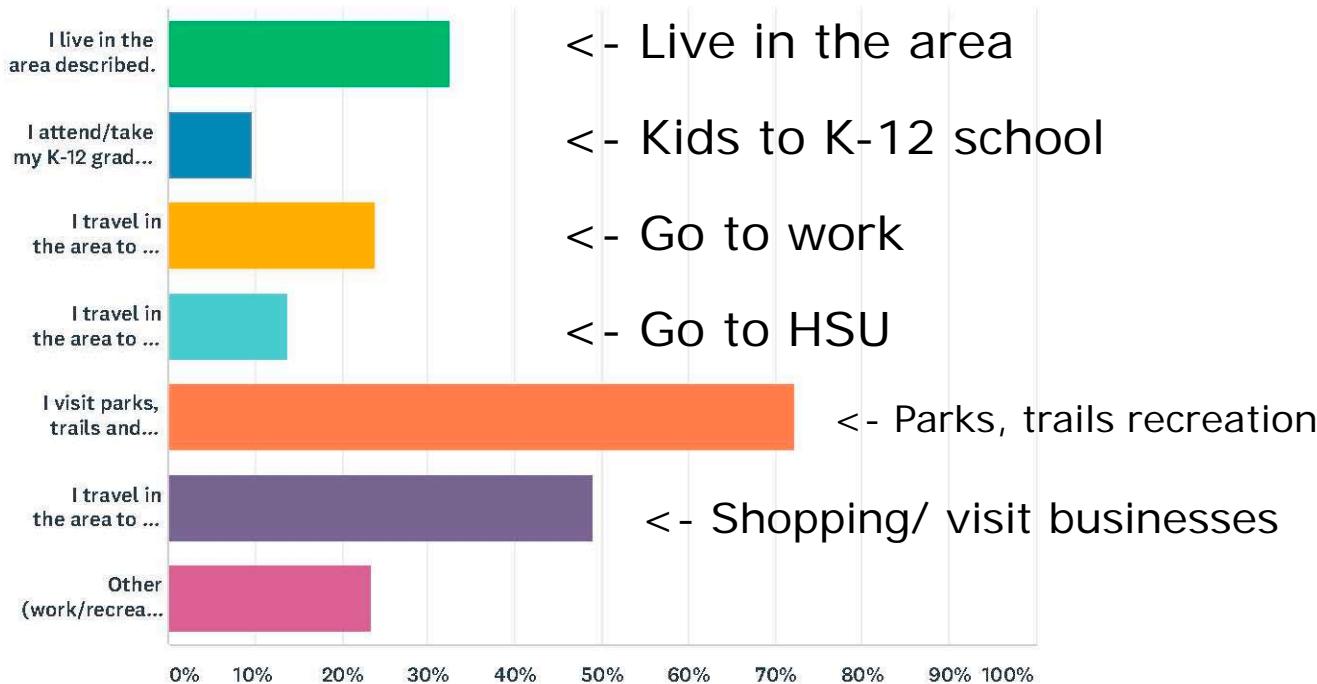
7) I would use the trail for neighborhood transportation in the vicinity of my home.

8) I would like to walk or roll on the trail for fun/exercise/recreation.

Community Outreach Results

Q1 Why do you/ your family travel along West End Road, over the Sunset Avenue or Giuntoli overpasses, or to Valley West or the Aldergrove Industrial Park? Please select all that apply:

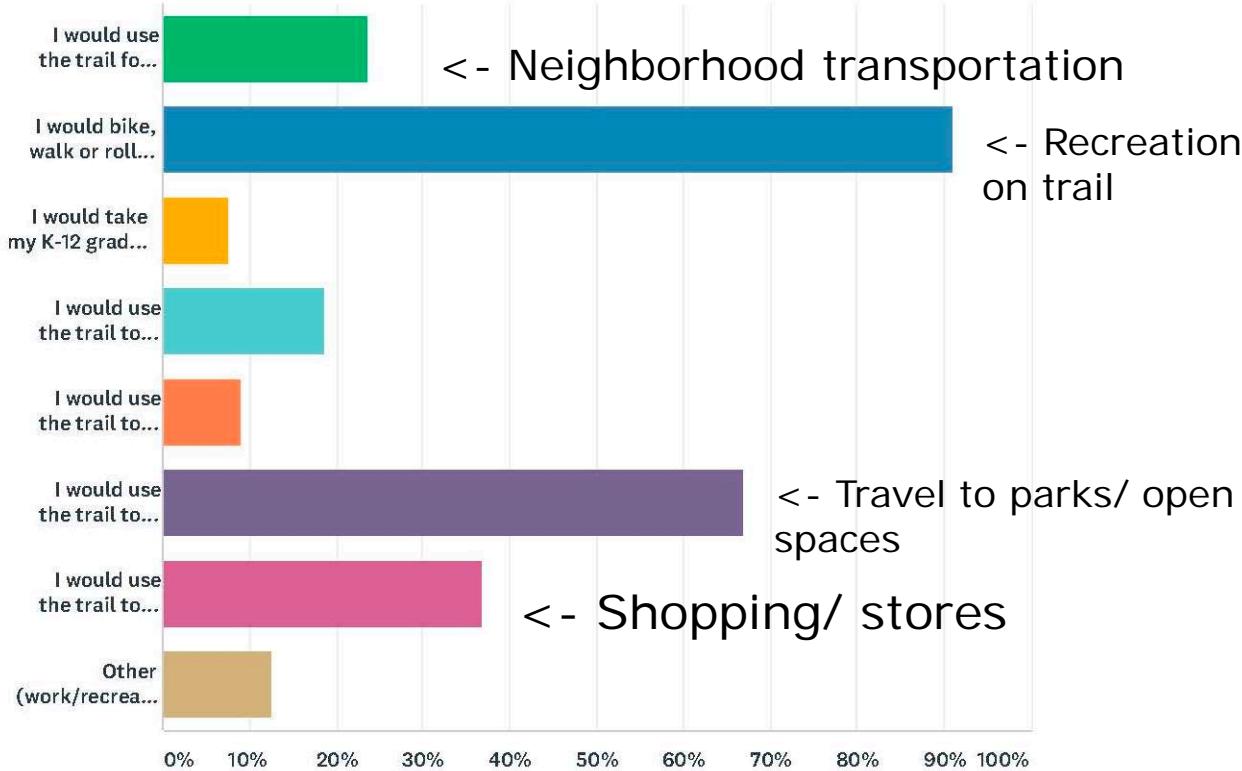
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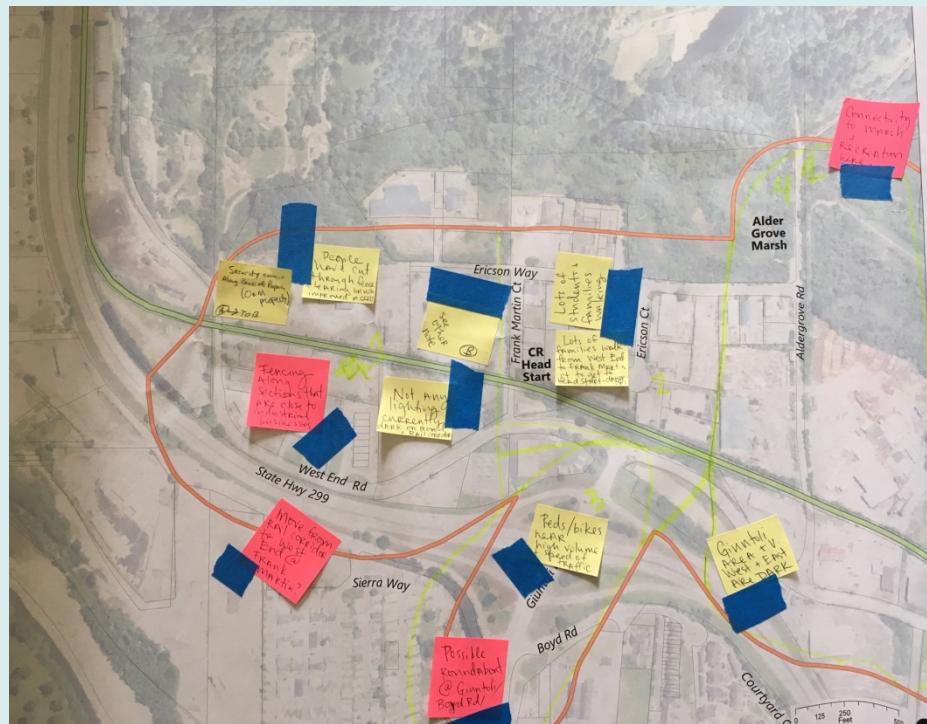
Q6 If Arcata's section of the Annie & Mary Trail were completed with links from the Sunset Avenue/ Larson Park area to, West End Road, Valley West and Aldergrove Industrial Park, in what ways do you estimate that you would use it? Please select all that apply.

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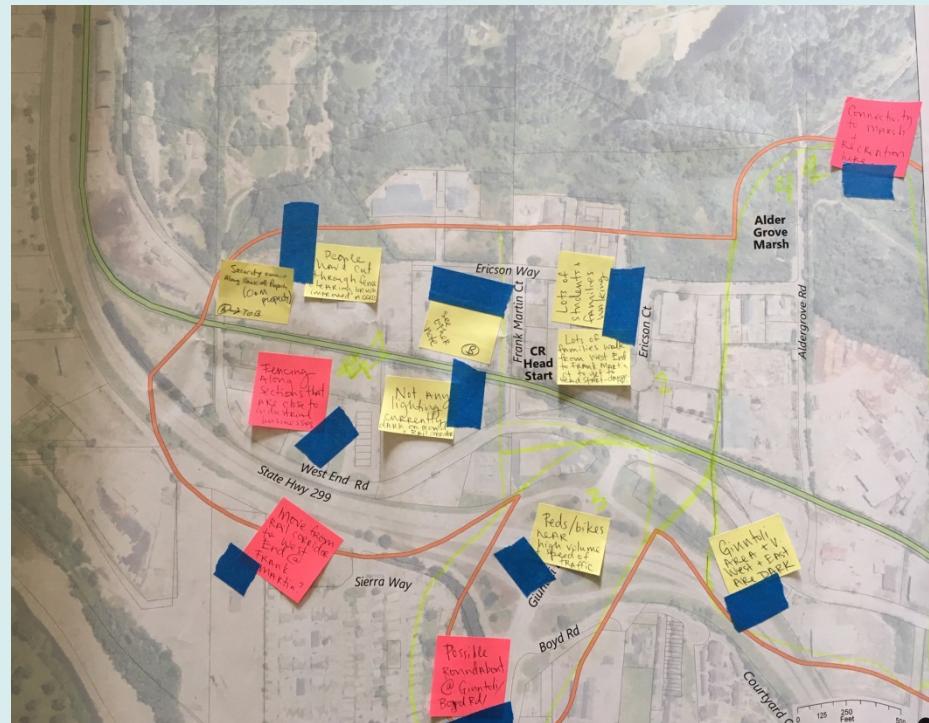
Community Outreach Results

- Desire for trail facility separated from motor traffic
- Desire for connectivity for walking, biking and equestrian access to Arcata Ridge Trail and the Mad River
- Concerns about both transportation safety and personal safety traveling through the project area
- Sunset and Giuntoli overpasses safety concerns



Community Outreach Results

- Ensure connections to neighborhoods and schools
 - Ensure safe trail crossings of roadways
 - Desire for pedestrian-scale lighting, good sight distance, trail maintenance for personal safety
 - Desire for a mix of trail surface if feasible
 - Many helpful comments at specific locations in project area



Feedback from adjacent properties

- Ensure future trail does not impact important industrial and manufacturing hub on West End
- Interest in fencing or other interventions to ensure privacy
- Potential for walking and biking commutes to businesses





Pop-Up Demonstration Yesterday



Overview of Preliminary Trail Concepts

Overview Map (all options shown)

Conceptual Alternative Alignments & Connections

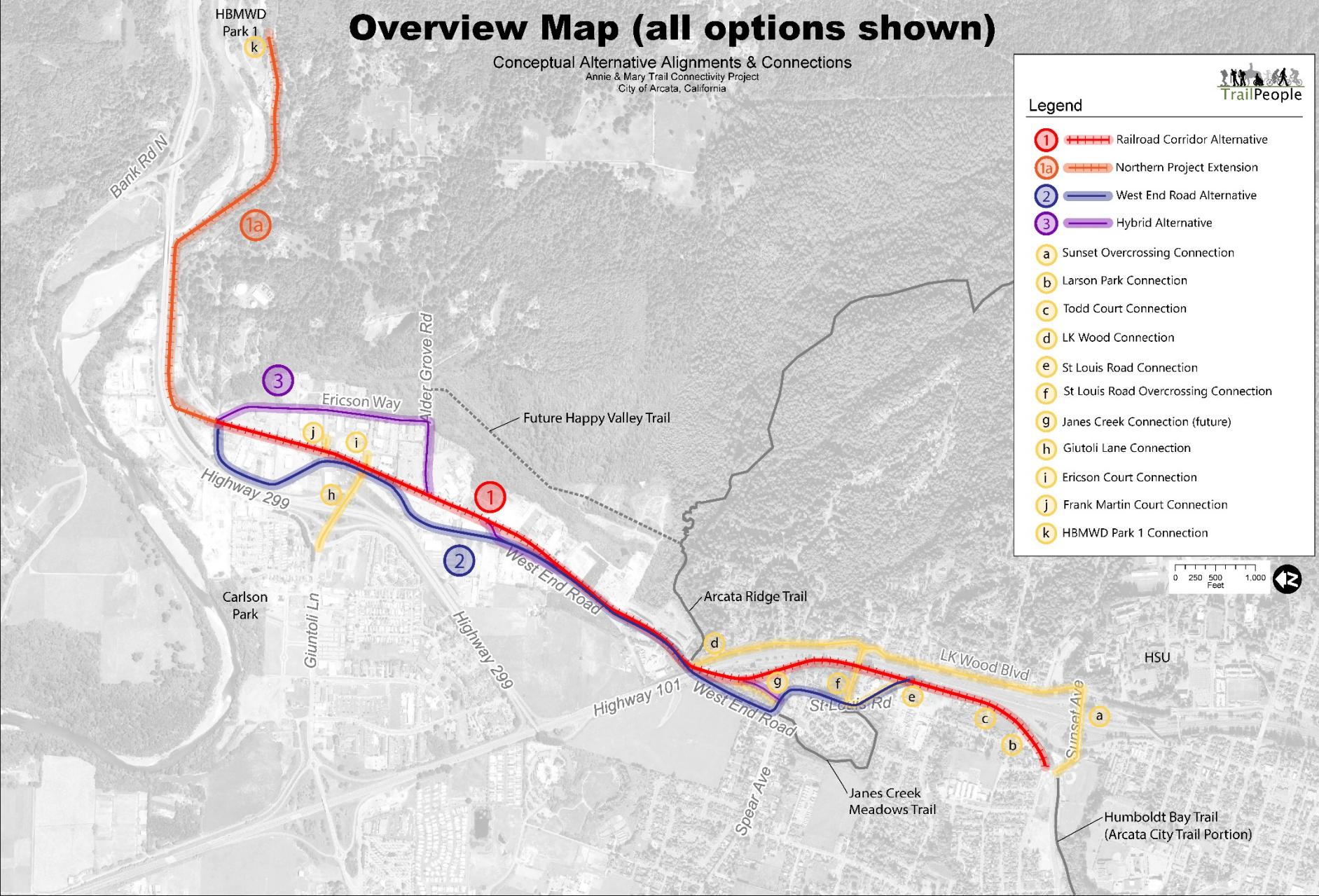
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Legend

- 1 Railroad Corridor Alternative
- 1a Northern Project Extension
- 2 West End Road Alternative
- 3 Hybrid Alternative
- a Sunset Overcrossing Connection
- b Larson Park Connection
- c Todd Court Connection
- d LK Wood Connection
- e St Louis Road Connection
- f St Louis Road Overcrossing Connection
- g Janes Creek Connection (future)
- h Giutoli Lane Connection
- i Ericson Court Connection
- j Frank Martin Court Connection
- k HBMWD Park 1 Connection

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Overview of Preliminary Trail Concepts

1 – Railroad Corridor Alternative

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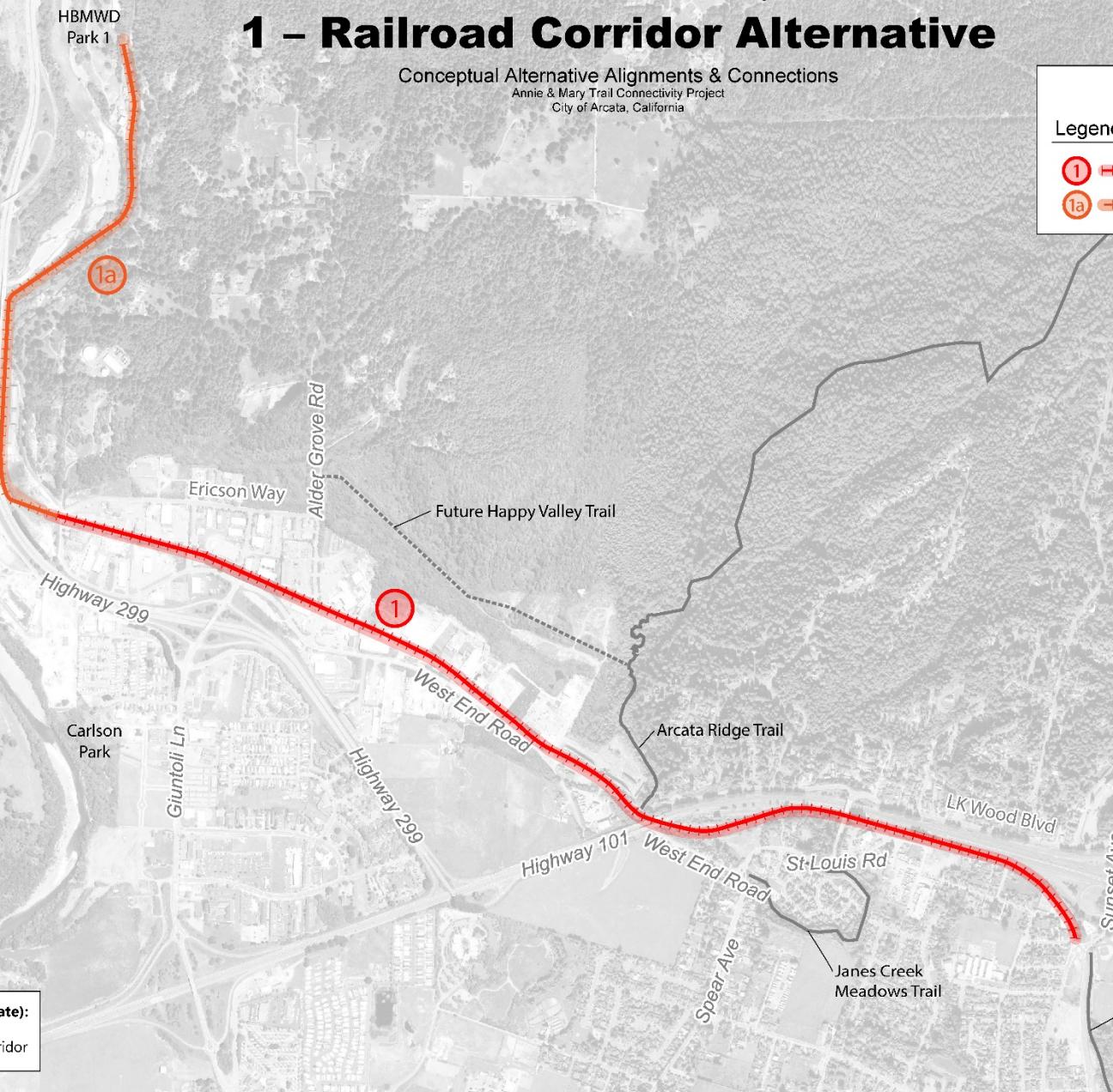
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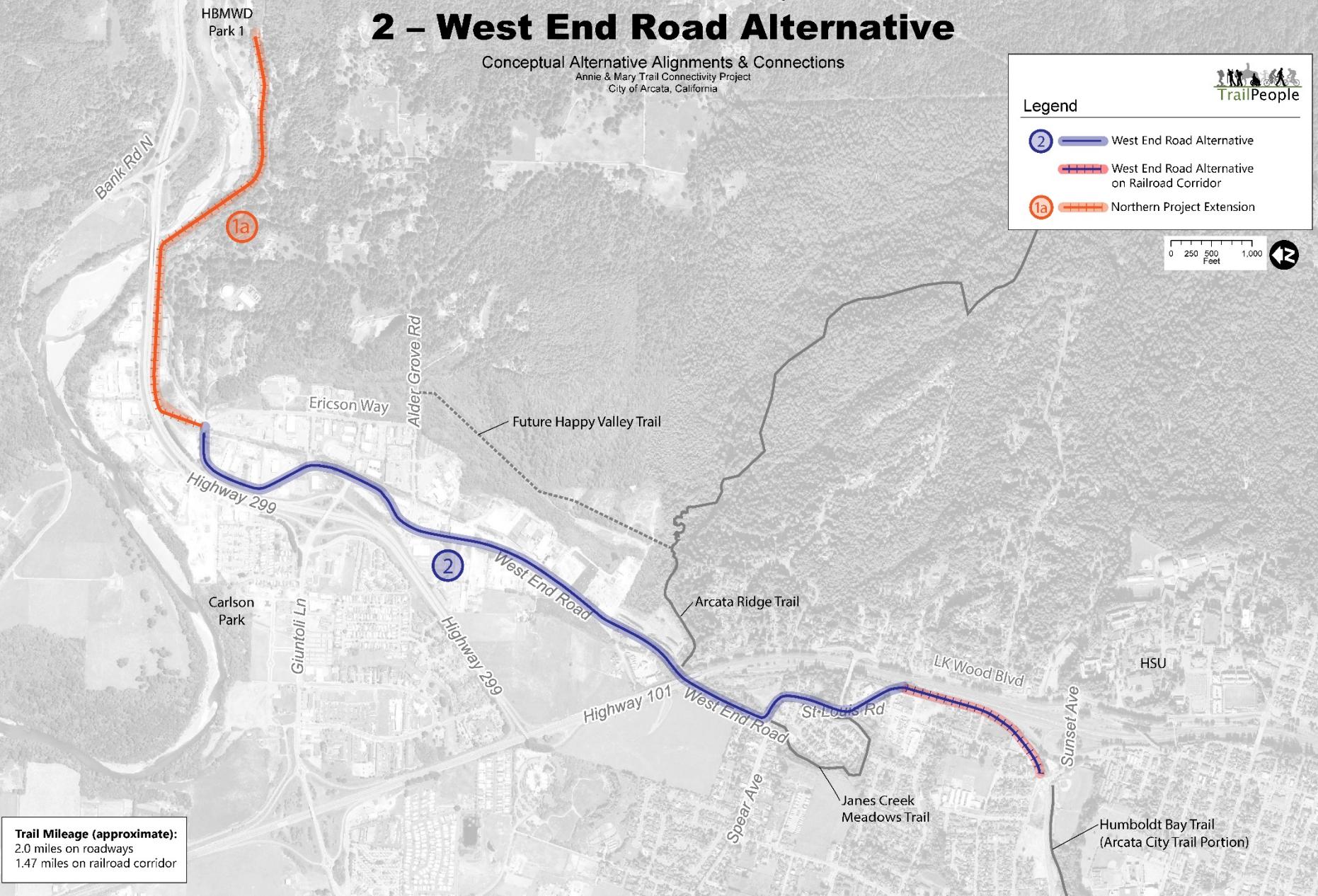
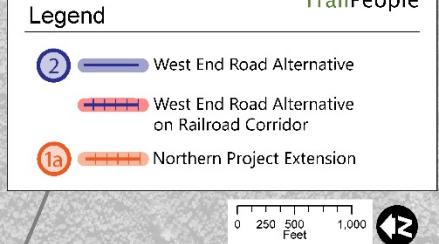


Overview of Preliminary Trail Concepts

2 – West End Road Alternative

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Overview of Preliminary Trail Concepts

3 – Hybrid Alternative

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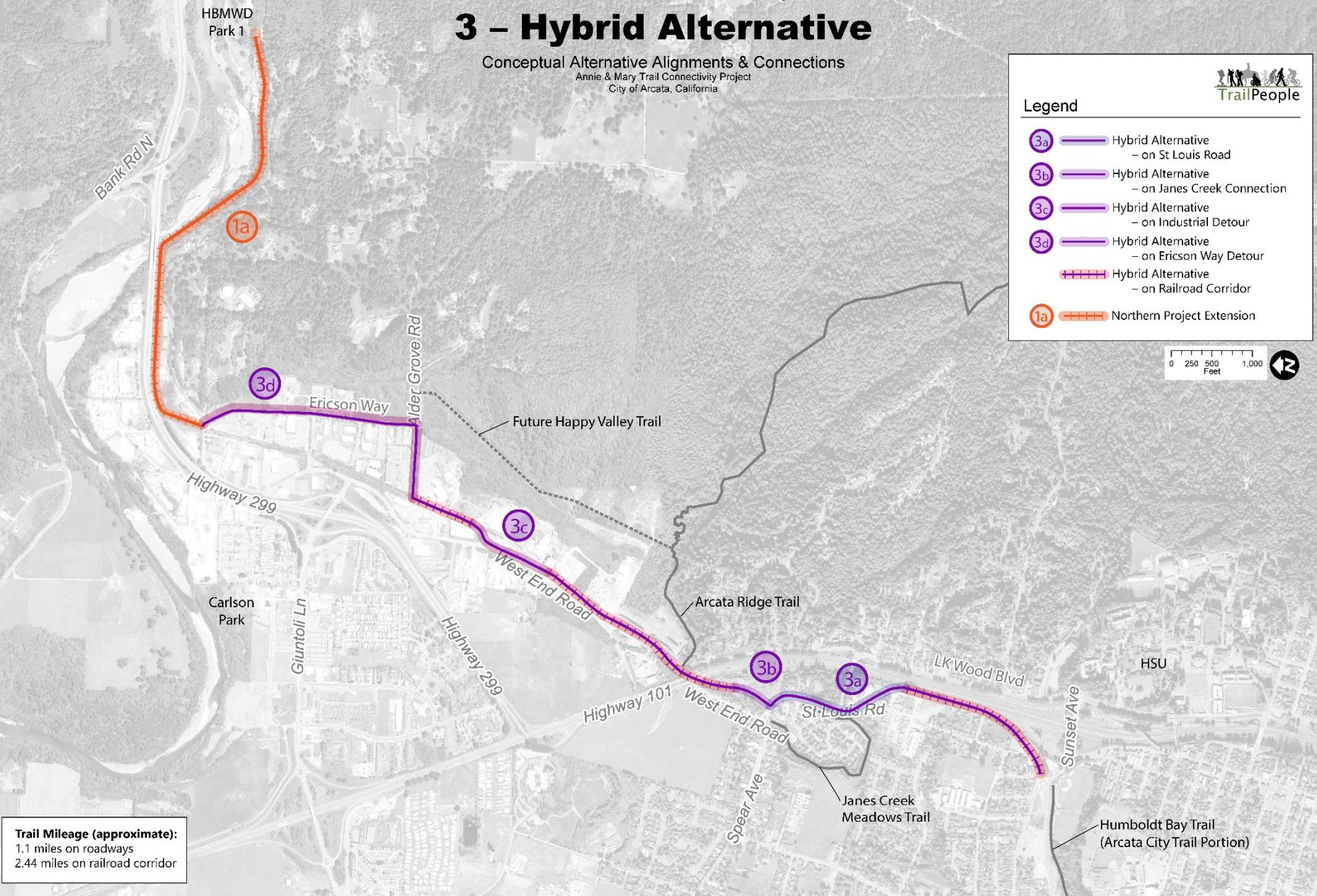
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Legend

- 3a — Hybrid Alternative – on St Louis Road
- 3b — Hybrid Alternative – on Janes Creek Connection
- 3c — Hybrid Alternative – on Industrial Detour
- 3d — Hybrid Alternative – on Ericson Way Detour
- Hybrid Alternative – on Railroad Corridor
- 1a — Northern Project Extension

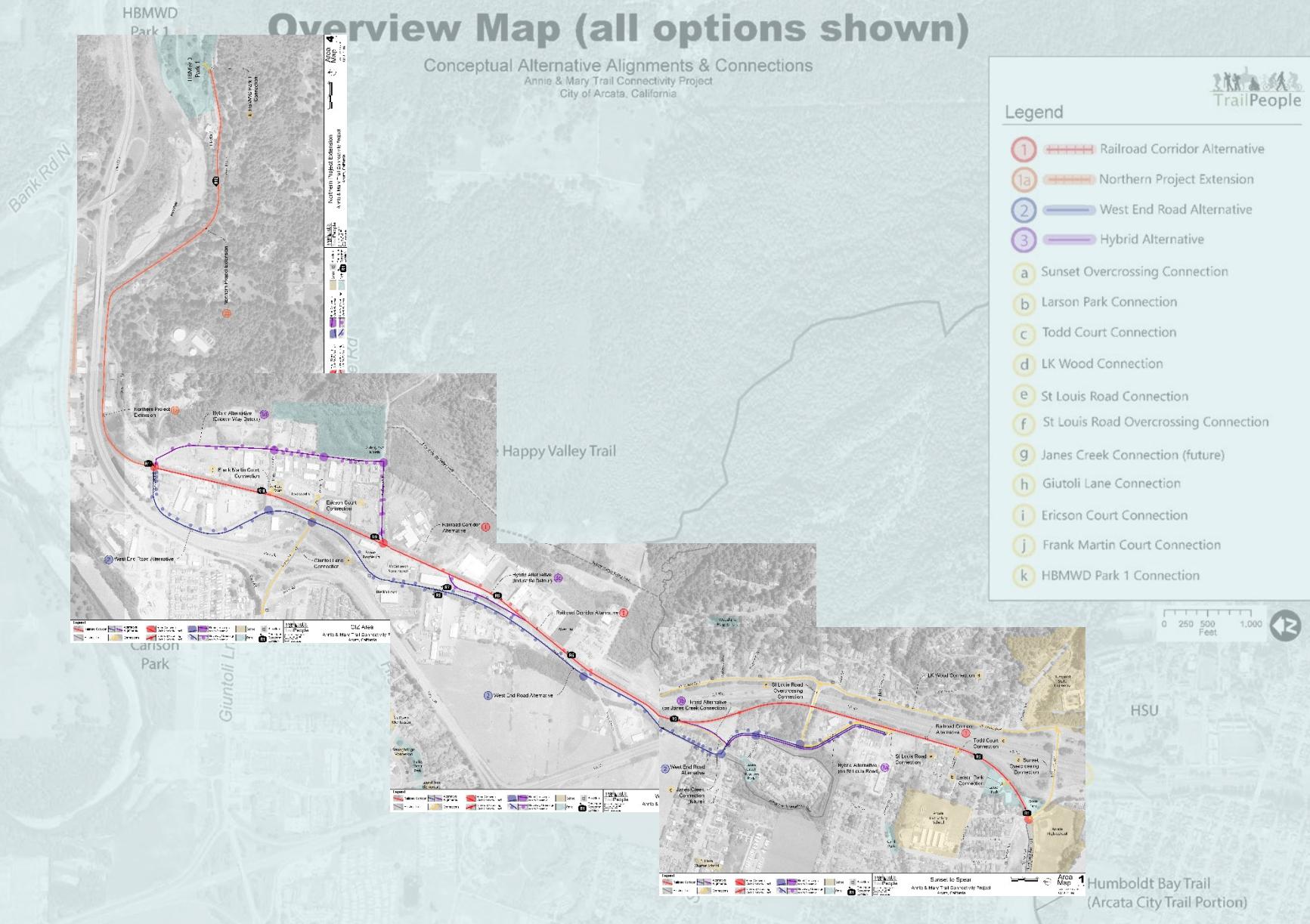
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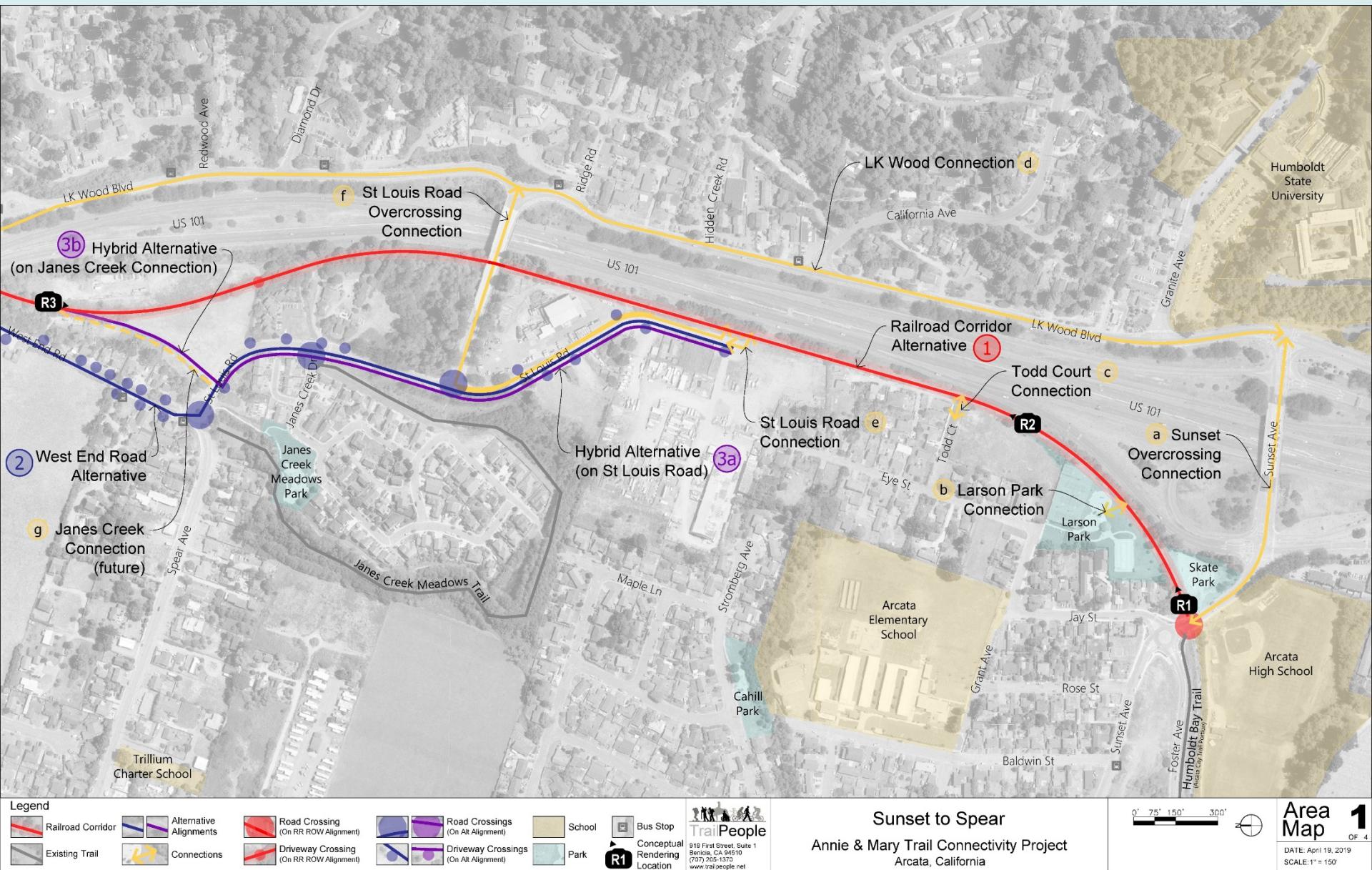
Area Maps

Overview Map (all options shown)

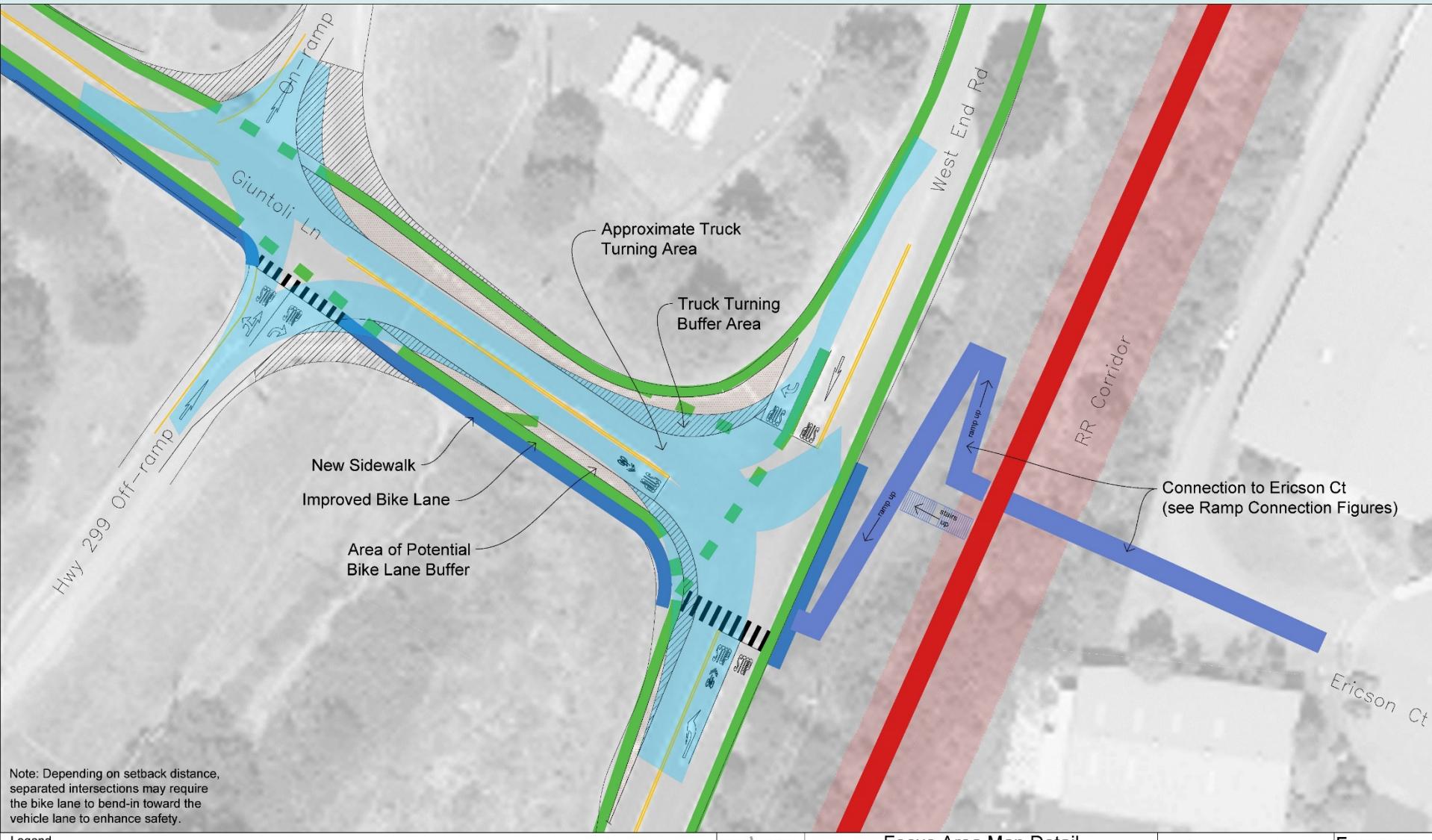
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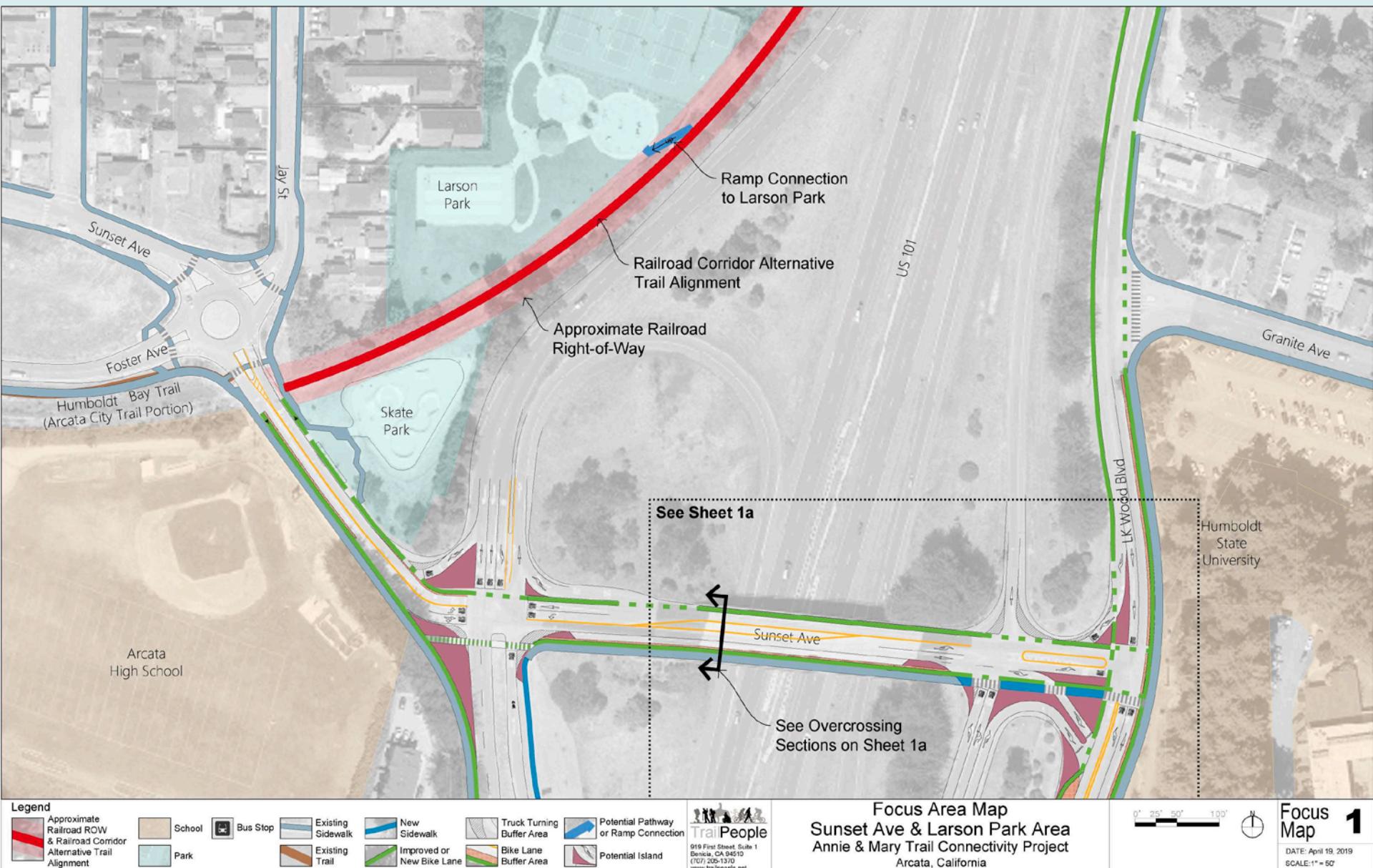
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Connection Focus Maps – Giuntoli Lane

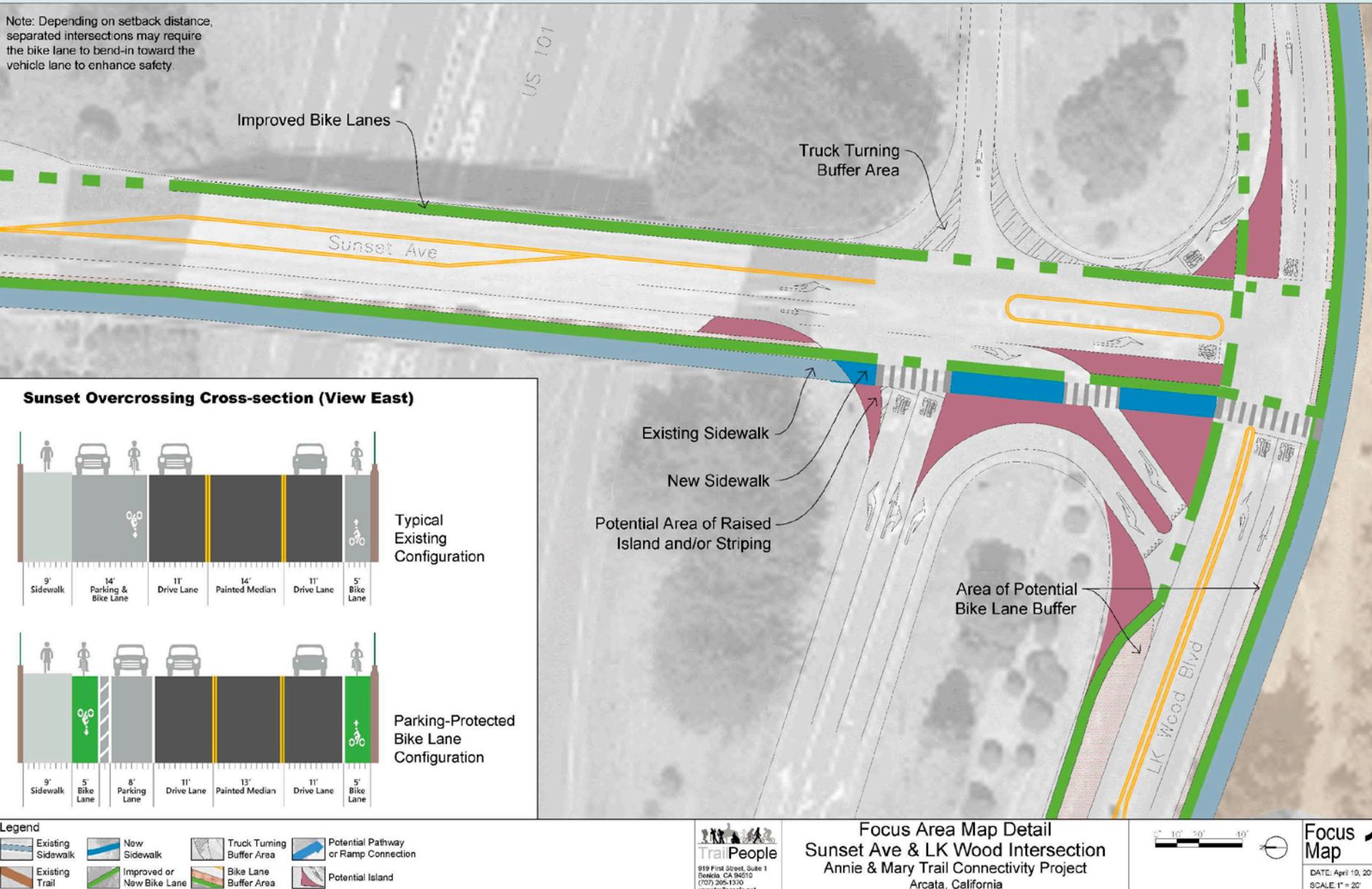


Connection Focus Maps – Sunset Avenue

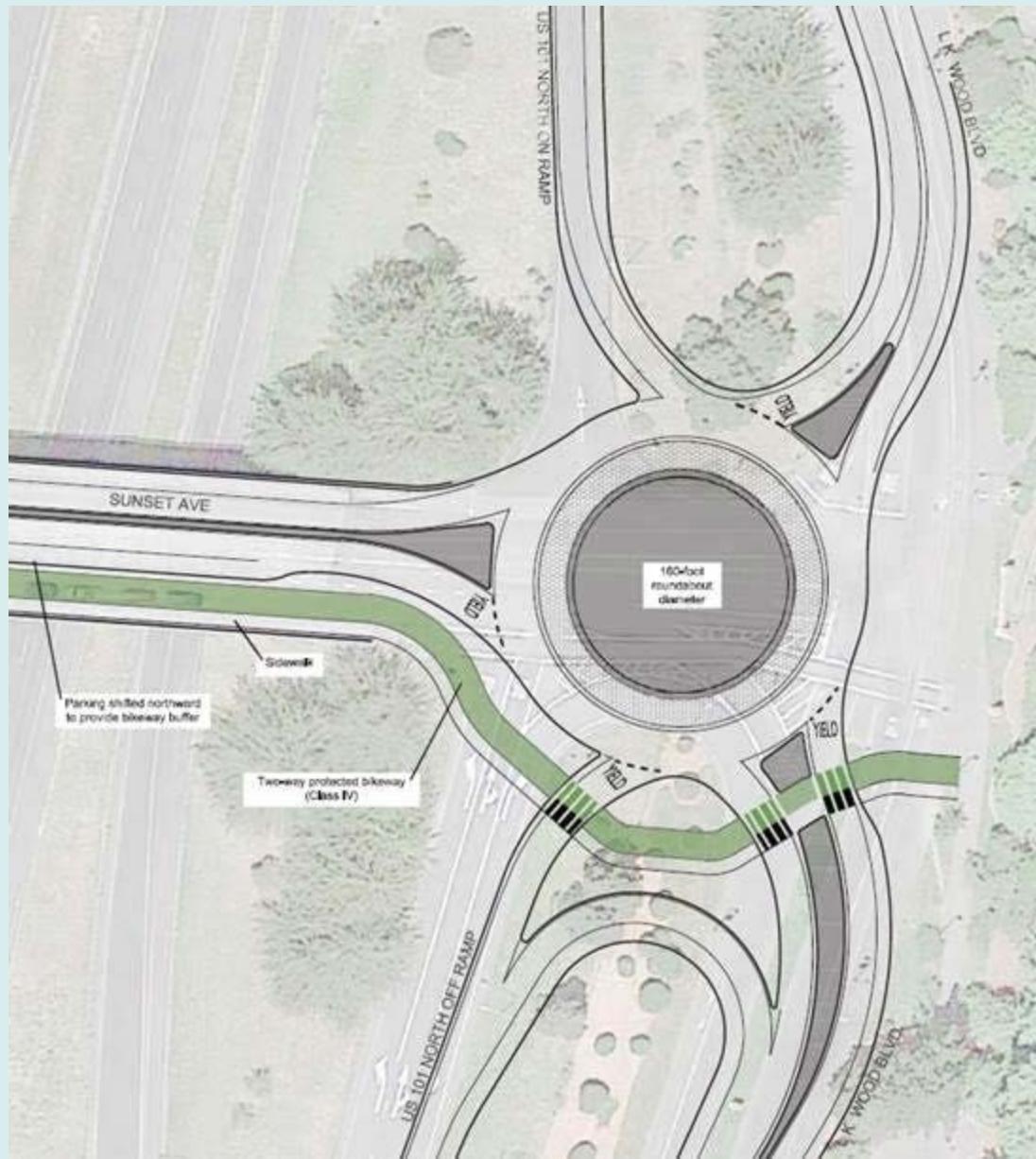


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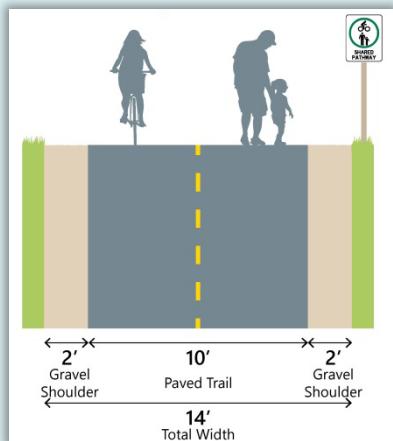
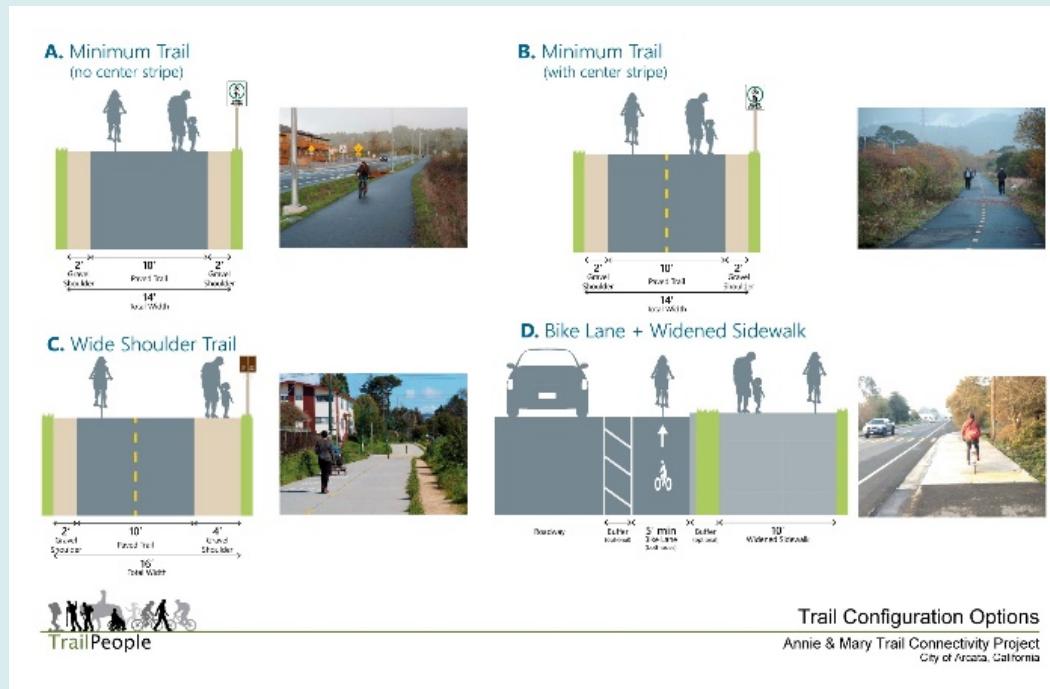
Note: Depending on setback distance, separated intersections may require the bike lane to bend-in toward the vehicle lane to enhance safety.



Future Roundabout at Sunset and LK Wood



Trail Configuration Options



Conceptual Renderings



Input Opportunities

- Review preliminary designs
- Give feedback on open house materials
- Complete comment cards
- Talk with project team staff



Next Steps

- Project team will refine trail concepts based on feedback tonight and from the pop-up demonstration yesterday
- Sign up at the front table for email updates
- May have another pop-up demonstration on Sunset Avenue after HSU classes end – May or June
- Discuss project at City Council this fall
- Follow project updates at:
<https://www.cityofarcata.org/831/Annie-Mary-Trail-Connectivity-Project>
- Humboldt Trails Summit May 4th 9:30-12:30 at HSU Kate Buchanan Room

TRAILS SUMMIT

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES & LOOKING AHEAD



Saturday **MAY 4, 2019**

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

10:00 am

10:30 am

Open House with trail-supporting organizations
Celebrating local trail successes
Senator Mike McGuire Town Hall
on the vision for the Great Redwood Trail

Kate Buchanan Room, Humboldt State University

FREE bike and car parking on HSU campus on Saturdays

For more information visit:

- Facebook.com/HumboldtTrailsCouncil
- humboldtbaytrail.info





Thank you!