

**SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 19, 2013

TO: Mayor and Council Members
School Board President and Board Members

FROM: James L. Armstrong, City Administrator
David Cash, Superintendent

SUBJECT: JOINT MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL

BACKGROUND:

In 2000, the City Council and School Board began meeting in joint session for two purposes: to improve communication between the two agencies, and to expand collaborative programming and the sharing of facilities to better serve the community. Joint meetings are now held at least annually.

The most recent joint meeting was held on April 20, 2012, during which presentations were made about both agencies' continuing budgeted challenges, parcel tax measures on the November 2012 ballot, and the dissolution of the City Redevelopment Agency. Status reports were also provided on collaborative activities and projects of mutual interest. The joint meeting on April 19th will be another opportunity for the City Council, School Board and the community to receive status reports regarding on-going activities and projects of mutual interest.

AGENDA ITEMS:

6. Report on Crossing Guard Program

The following report was prepared by Frank Mannix, Deputy Police Chief and Meg Jetté, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services.

A key program demonstrating collaboration between the City and the District is the School Crossing Guard Program. The City and the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in June 2010 for School Crossing Guard services.

Through the Police Department, the City provides staffing and administration of the Crossing Guard Program and the District reimburses the City for one-half the cost to staff and administer the program. The maximum annual obligation for the District is \$46,630 including an annual cost-of-living adjustment. Crossing guards are provided at specified street crossings at District elementary schools within the boundaries of the District and the City in order to assist children as they enter and exit the elementary school grounds. The City also provides these services for Peabody Charter School and Hope School District through separate agreements.

The current three year agreement between the City and the District is set to expire on June 3, 2013. A new MOU is being drafted for the continuation of Crossing Guard Program services, and staff from the City and the District will work over the next several weeks to finalize the agreement.

7. Report on Safe Routes to School

The following report was prepared by Browning Allen, City Transportation Manager.

Safe Routes to School is an international movement that has taken hold in communities throughout the United States. The concept is to increase the number of children who walk or bicycle to school by funding projects that remove the barriers that currently prevent them from doing so. Those barriers include lack of infrastructure, unsafe infrastructure, and a lack of programs that promote walking and bicycling through education/encouragement programs aimed at children, parents, and the community. Both state and federal funds are available through CalTrans for such projects.

The City's Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project (Project) includes pedestrian and vehicular safety improvements at five intersections within the Eastside Neighborhood, including Clifton Street at Canada Street, Clifton Street at Oak Street, Clifton Street at Salinas Street, Cacique Street at Salinas Street, and Santa Ynez Street at Eucalyptus Hill Road (see Attachment 1). All five of these intersections are on the suggested route to school for Cleveland Elementary School, as presented in the City's Pedestrian Master Plan.

At the intersections of Clifton Street at Canada Street, Clifton Street at Oak Street, and Santa Ynez Street at Eucalyptus Hill Road, the Project proposes to install sidewalk access ramps. At the intersection of Clifton Street and Salinas Street, the project proposes to install pedestrian safety lighting.

The largest proposed improvement is the realignment of the intersection at Salinas Street and Cacique Street. Currently, the centerline of Salinas Street is offset approximately fifteen feet from north of the intersection to just south of the intersection, but the existing curbs do not match this taper (see Attachment 2). The Project proposes to realign the curb lines by extending the center line taper to approximately 235', an appropriate taper for the given offset and posted speed limit (30 MPH) under the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices 2012 edition (see Attachment 3). The proposed location of the

taper along Salinas Street was chosen to minimize necessary paved area improvements, and therefore cost, while maintaining at least a thirty-foot traveled way to accommodate two ten-foot wide vehicular lanes and a five-foot wide shoulder for bicycle travel in each direction. The benefit to pedestrians is a shorter crossing distance, and improved starting position, meaning the pedestrians will be more visible to approaching drivers. Pedestrian safety lighting is also proposed to be installed at this intersection, if funding allows.

Following construction of the Project, the City plans to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at both the Salinas Street at Clifton Street and Salinas Street at Cacique Street intersections to improve the safety for children walking to school along the Salinas Street Corridor.

Measure A Safe Routes to School grant funding has been awarded for the design of the Project in the amount of \$46,000. Federal Safe Routes to School grant funding, which is administered by Caltrans, was awarded for the Project's construction and construction engineering services in the amount of \$225,000. The amount of City funds dedicated to complete the project is \$40,000.

8. Report on South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs

The following report was prepared by Saul Serrano, Interim Coordinator, South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs.

The mission of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs (Task Force) is to eliminate gang activity, thus improving the safety and quality of life for youth, their families, and the community in the south coast. The vision behind the mission is one of fostering a caring environment and opportunities for youth to fulfill their educational, employment, and personal potential rather than join gangs.

In 2012, on a specific given day there were approximately an average of 130 youth under Probation Department supervision and designated by "gang terms and conditions," meaning these youth have been active in some form of gang activity. Although the actual number fluctuates, this population of young males and females represents the target population for the Task Force.

Information about the Task Force, such as annual reports, meeting notes, monthly updates, and relevant articles, can be found on the Task Force's webpage at www.youthgangtaskforce.org.

The following is a snapshot of data recently collected focused on the target population and the intervention efforts that were in place for youth and families.

Highlights for 2012

- The California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (Cal-GRIP II) program completed its final year of work in the south coast providing case management services to 120 youth, focusing on the target population. Some of the outcomes of

the youth participating include increased school attendance, improved relationships with their families and a desire to not be involved in future gang activities

- Through Cal-GRIP, parents of the youth were directly offered the opportunity for parent support programming on a weekly basis. 30 parents attended group meetings held in the City of Goleta. Through a survey, all of the participating parents expressed a noted improvement in the relationship with their participating child.
- As a result of coordination on the Task Force, the City of Carpinteria and City of Lompoc were able to secure Cal-GRIP funds for intervention services in their communities for youth from January 2012 through December 31st 2013.
- The Santa Barbara Unified School District continued to provide services at all of its high schools, and also at El Puente and Los Prietos Boys Camp, through the work of the outreach coordinator, Ismael Huerta.
 - Services by the coordinator reached 125 youth in the schools.
 - A new service was started targeting Franklin Elementary School students in the last quarter of 2012.
 - A Restorative Justice Pilot program began at Santa Barbara Junior High which has been successful and includes plans to expand in school year 2013-2014.
- As part of a State grant awarded to the Tri-County region of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura, the Task Force coordinated two conferences which were held to improve coordination as well as provide current information for participants.
- The South Coast Youth Intervention Project (SCYIP) further developed and began to partner with Human Tools, a new nonprofit database group, which will be data host for the pilot project in 2013. This project will enhance the coordination of services provided to youth. Assessments will be used to guide treatment and evaluate the quality and success of services.
- An in-depth survey was conducted by the SCTFYG and the SB County Probation Department which captured the voice of the young men at Los Prietos Boys Camp.
- Bridges to Recovery is an innovative program for all young men serving in the Los Prietos Boys Camp who reentered the community after completing their 4 – 6 month commitment at the Camp.
 - The project is led by Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Department from the County of Santa Barbara in collaboration with UCSB, CADA, CAC and the SB County Probation Department.
 - The youth receive treatment services, they are case managed, and take part in a GAIN assessment at intake, 3 months, 6 months, and a year later.

- UCSB conducts the evaluation for this project.
- School services in the neighborhoods where the youth live, the SB County Office of Education has two additional Summit schools in the South Coast.
 - These schools provide independent study in a small group setting for youth that have not had success in the schools up to now.
 - One school is located at the Police Athletic League's building and the other is at the CAC administration building in the City of Goleta.
 - Youth that have been attending the program have shown a 90% success rate of becoming credit compliant.

Goals For 2013

These are the goals that the Task Force on Youth Gangs will be focusing on in 2013.

- Implementation of the South Coast Youth Intervention Project
In 2013 the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs will continue to work on the South Coast Youth Intervention Pilot Project. The Task Force will work closely with UCSB and Human Tools to get this project going and have the initial agencies sharing information by spring 2013.
- Engagement of Service Providers
At the end of 2012 a service providers planning group was convened to bring providers together with the intent to maximize collaboration.
- Strengthen Law Enforcement and Juvenile Justice Connections
In 2012 the South Coast Task Force worked with Law Enforcement to share resources and information. However this effort was not at the level that it needs to be and in 2013 will be working closer with School Resource officers, Gang Suppression teams, Sheriff deputies, to strengthen coordination with available Service Providers. The goal is to reach youth and families before youth become involved within the Justice System by being able to provide resources youth and families can utilize proactively.
- Seek Funding for Services
The South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs will be working with cities and community based organizations to apply for funding for intervention services (Cal-GRIP) in 2013.

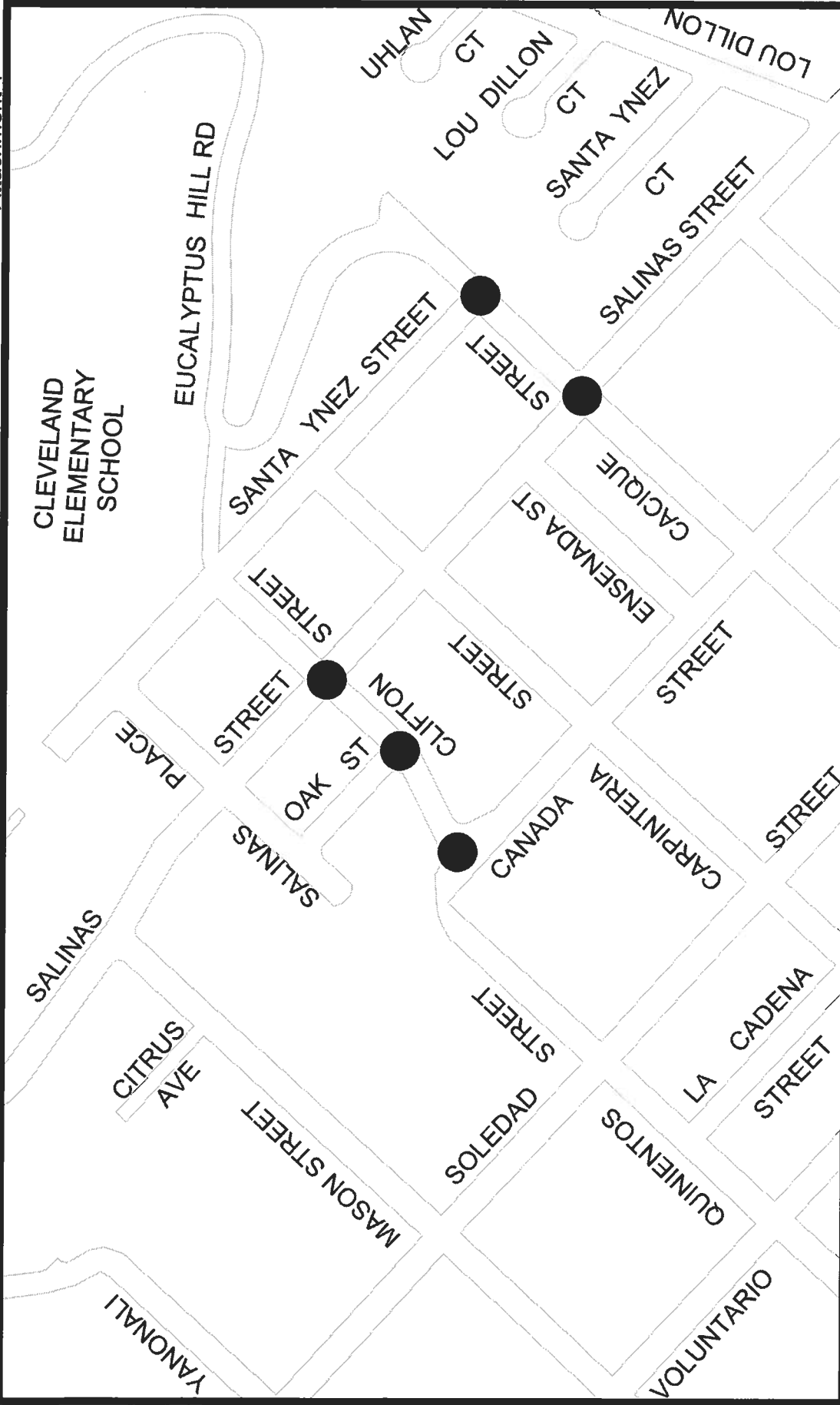
Probation Data

Through the work of collaboration, intervention, and education efforts the number of youth in the South Coast with probation gang terms and conditions has dropped 33% from 2009 to 2012

- Juveniles on probation with Gang Terms & Conditions in South Coast
 - 2009: 306
 - 2012: 203
 - $203/306 = 33\%$ decrease

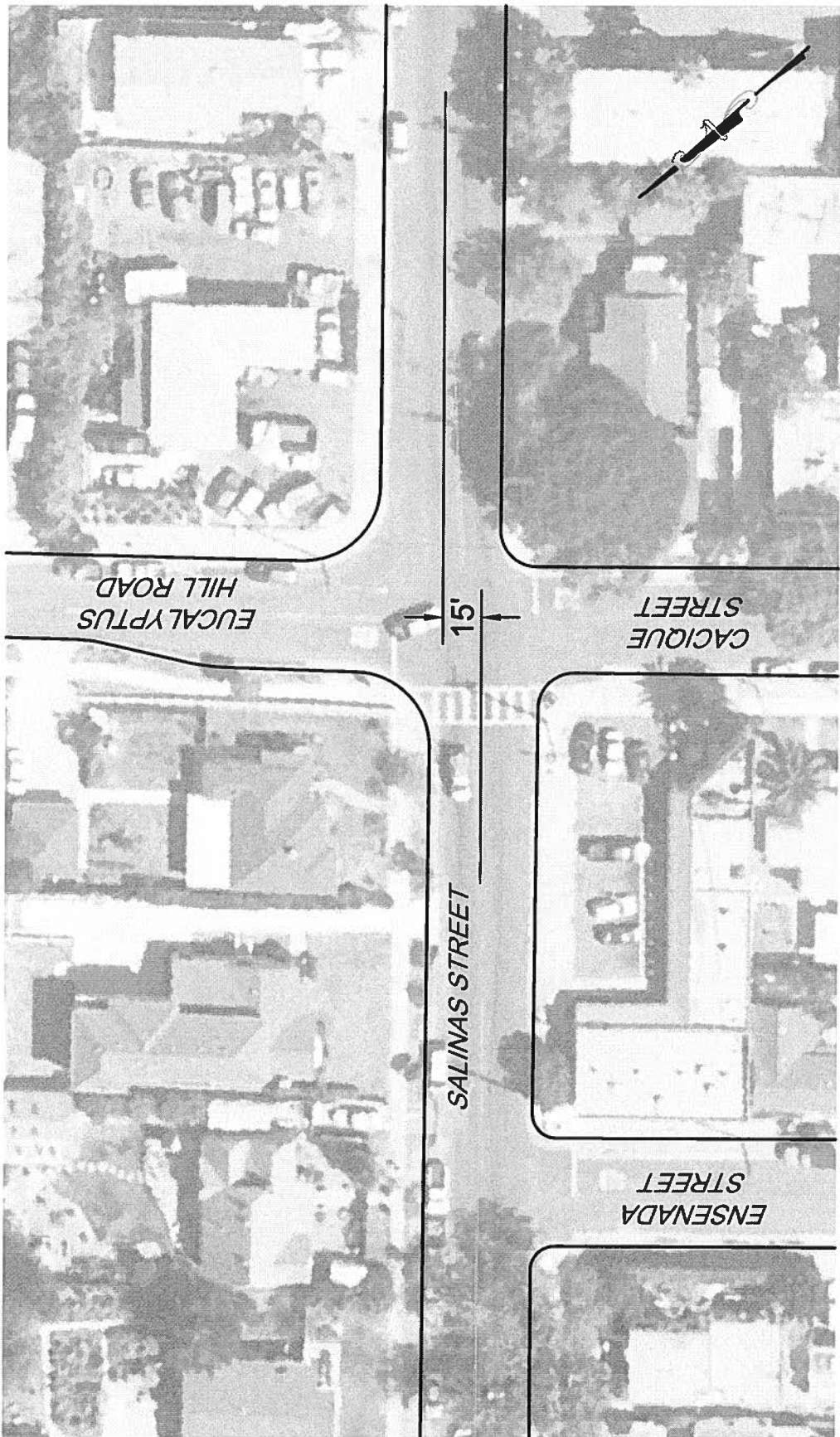
- Increase in Juveniles in the South Coast with Gang Terms & Conditions that successfully completed their probation commitment.
 - o 2009: 35/306 =11%
 - o 2012: 79/203= 39%**28% Increase** rate of juveniles with gangs terms completing probation from 2009 to 2012.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. Project Location Map (Item 8)
 2. Salinas at Cacique Existing Conditions (Item 8)
 3. Salinas at Cacique Preliminary Design (Item 8)



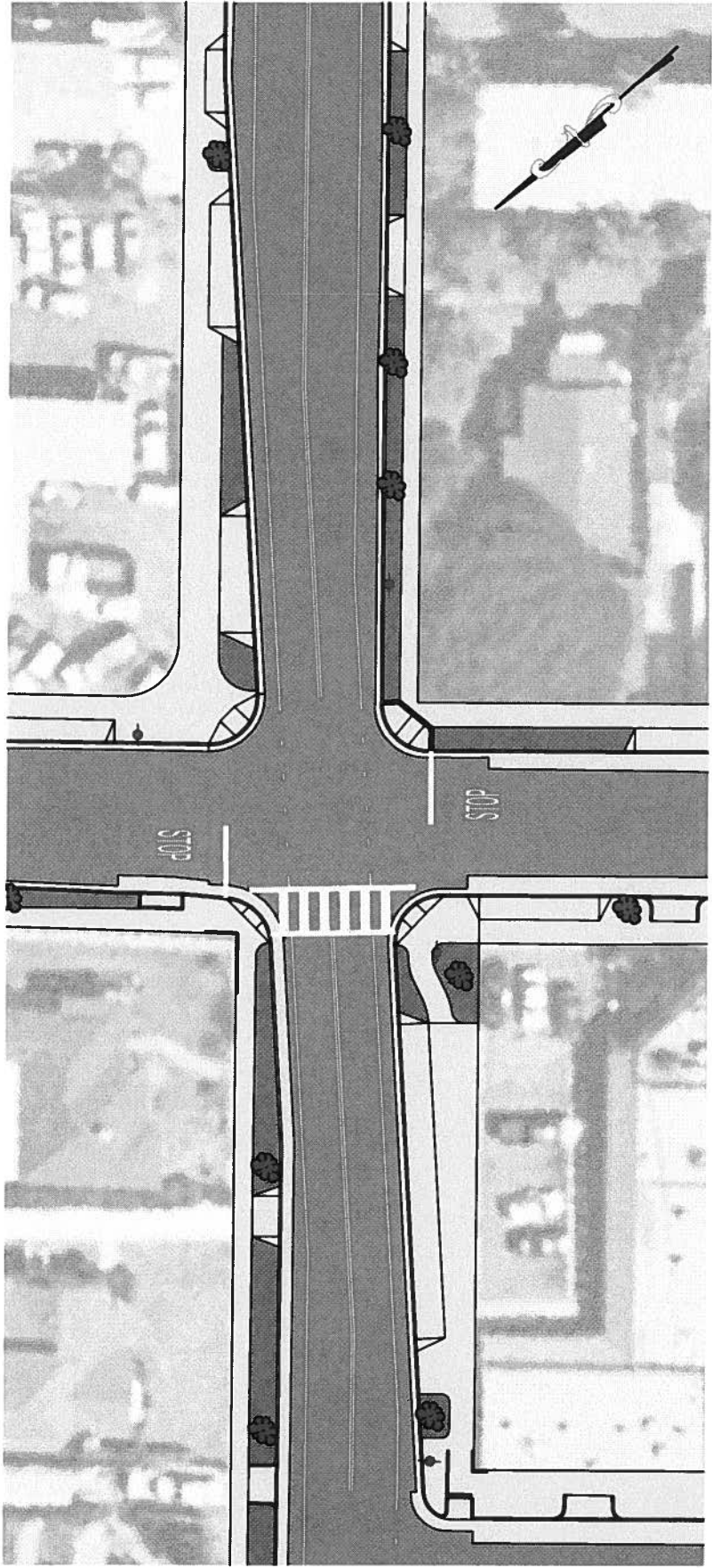
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CLEVELAND PROJECT LOCATION MAP

DATE	2/28/13
DRAWN	MR
BID NO.	3668
SCALE	N/A
SHEET	1 OF 3



SRTS CLEVELAND
SALINAS ST AT CACIQUE ST
 EXISTING CONDITIONS

DATE	2/28/13
DRAWN	MR
BID NO.	3668
SCALE	1" = 50'
SHEET	2 OF 3



SRTS CLEVELAND
SALINAS ST AT CACIQUE ST
PRELIMINARY DESIGN

DATE	2/28/13
DRAWN	MR
BID NO.	3668
SCALE	1" = 40'
SHEET	3 OF 3