

**CITY OF MERCED**  
**Engineering Department**

TO: Bicycle Advisory Commission  
FROM: Joe Cardoso, P.L.S., Land Engineer  
DATE: February 28, 2017  
SUBJECT: Westerly Bike Path Project Update

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**BACKGROUND**

The City of Merced was awarded a CMAQ Grant from the Merced Council of Governments Federal Transportation Improvement Program Fund in 2010 to construct a bike path from Buena Vista Drive at Sarasota Avenue to West 16<sup>th</sup> Street at Bear Creek (CMAQ Grant Project 5085-029). The bike path was revised to the Westerly Bike Path Connection in April 2016 due to unforeseen circumstances. The new project alignment is from Buena Vista Drive at Sarasota Avenue to the BNSF Railroad behind Walmart.

**DISCUSSION**

With the change in project scope, the City of Merced is seeking comments from the Bicycle Committee. The new project scope includes constructing a 10-foot wide pedestrian/bike bridge spanning Black Rascal Creek and constructing 3/4 mile of class I bikeway, including some upgrades. The upgrades include removing half a mile of existing AC bike path and replacing that with a 10-foot wide class I concrete bikeway. The project will also seek to add lighting to the path to provide safe guards for bicyclists and pedestrians.

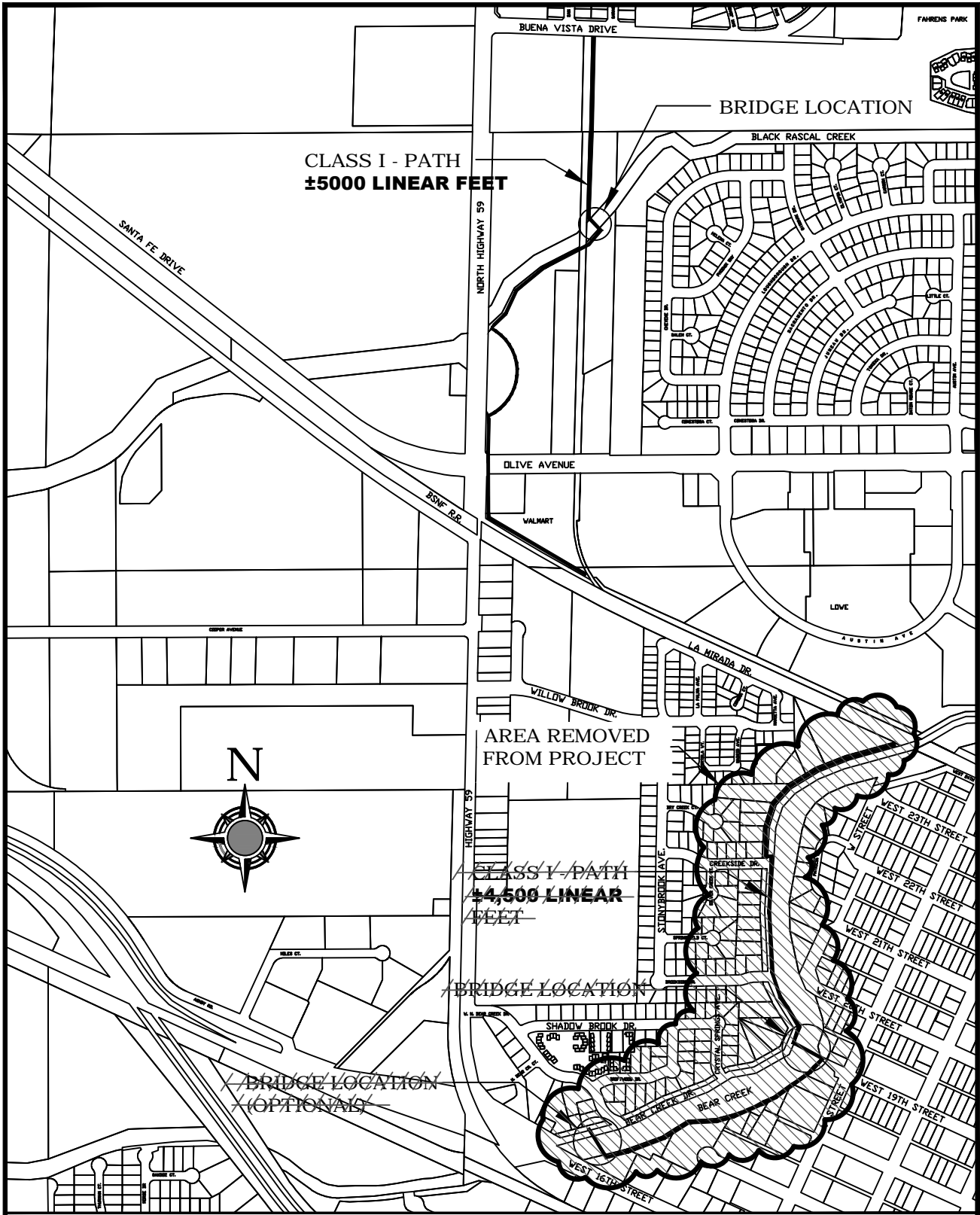
Staff invites comments and discussion of the items above.

**ACTION**

City staff is seeking a formal letter of support from the Bicycle Advisory Commission approving the revised project scope.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit A – Location Map



**City of Merced**  
 "Gateway to Yosemite"  
 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
 ENGINEERING PROJECTS AND STANDARDS  
 678 W. 18th Street (209) 385-6846

CMAQ PROJECTS  
 BEAR CREEK BIKE PATH CONNECTION  
 16TH STREET / BUENA VISTA ROAD

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