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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County of San Joaquin California
44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 260
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FROM: San Joaquin County
Department of Public Works
1810 East Hazelton Avenue
Stockton, California 95205

Project Title: Ahern Road and Bird Road Median Island Modification

Project Location: See attached vicinity map

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries: See attached project description

Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin County Public Works Department

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin County Public Works Department

This is to advise that the San Joaquin County Public Works Department has approved the above described project on 10/6/2026 and has made the determination that the project is exempt due to the following:

Exempt Status (check one):

___ Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b) (1); 15268)
___ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080 (b) (3); 15269(a))
___ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080 (B) (4); 15269(b) (c))
X Categorical Exemption: Existing Facilities (Sec. 15301 (c))
___ Statutory Exemption (Sec. 15282(l))

Reason(s) why project is exempt: The project will modify an existing median and will not result in any major alterations to the configuration of the road. No additional vehicle travel lanes will be constructed.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Fatima Gutierrez, Associate Planner, (209) 468-3035

Signature: Fatima Gutierrez Title: Associate Planner Date: 10/28/2026

AHERN ROAD AND BIRD ROAD MEDIAN ISLAND MODIFICATION
Project Description

Project Location:
Intersection of Ahern Road and Bird Road. **See attached Vicinity Map.**

Project Justification:
This island median modification was originally planned as a Contract Change Order during the Ahern Road Improvements project. Due to complications with the Contractor and project closeout, it was redirected to the Job Order Contract program.

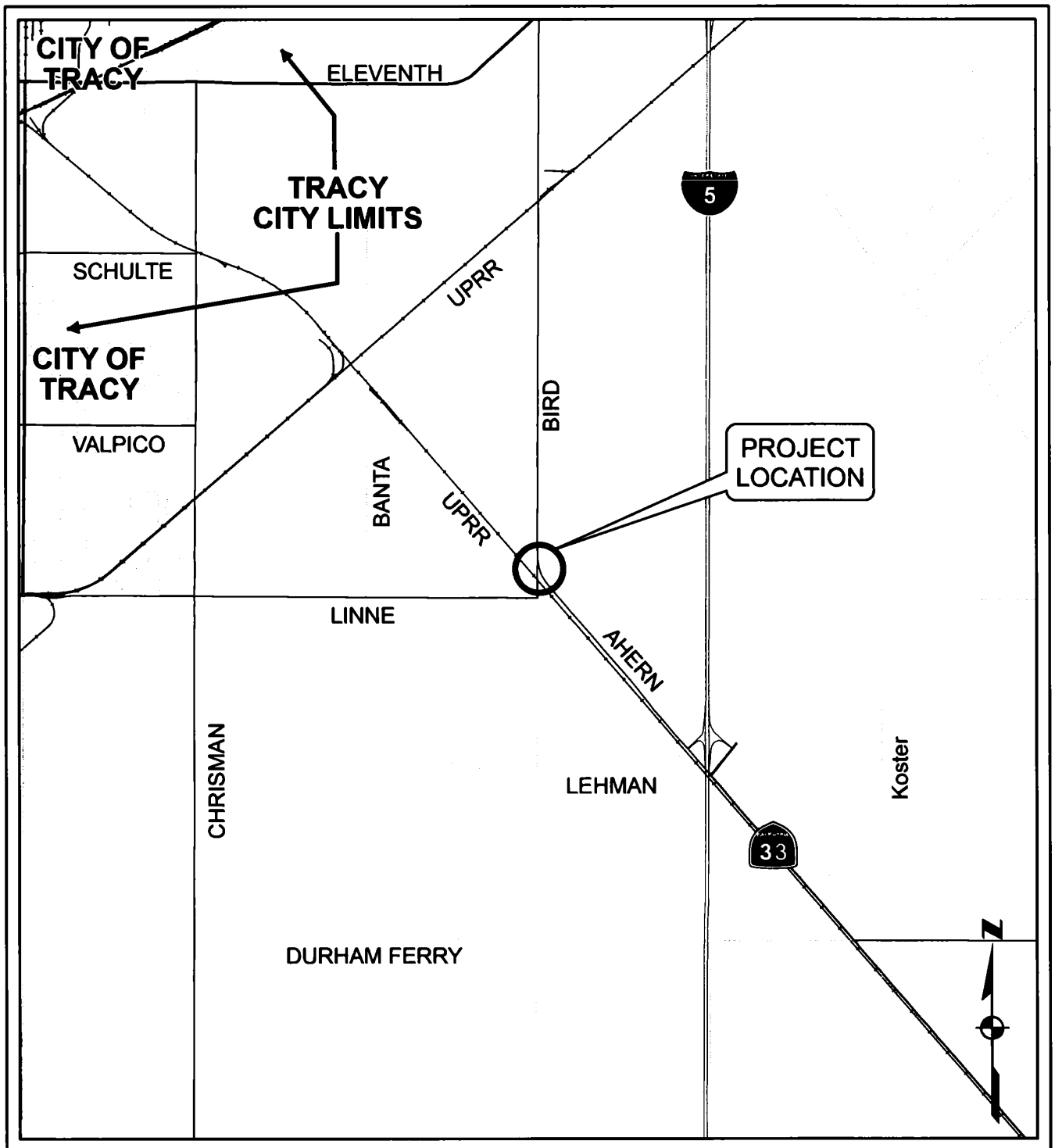
Scope of Work:
The project will consist of:

1. Modifying the Ahern Road and Bird Road median island to reduce conflict between northbound Bird Road traffic and Ahern Road left turning movements at Bird Road.

Environmental Setting:
In these portions of the San Joaquin County, land usage is primarily **agricultural.**

There are many large trees adjacent to the project area. Nesting and migratory birds, protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, may nest within these trees. Furthermore, the Swainson's Hawk, a raptor species of concern within the State of California and listed as threatened may nest adjacent to or within the project area. A pre-construction survey for nesting Swainson's Hawks and other migratory birds is recommended if construction is scheduled to occur from February 15th to September 1st.

Beneficiaries:
The public will see increased safety and fewer hazards with this well-maintained median. Overall, there will be reduced maintenance concerns and more reliability within the project area.



NO SCALE

San Joaquin County

(JOC) Ahern Road and Bird Road Median Island Modification
(Intersection of Ahern Road and Bird Road)
-- VICINITY MAP --

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The County of San Joaquin does not warrant the accuracy, completeness, or suitability for any particular purpose.
The information on this map is not intended to replace engineering, financial or primary records research.

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