

POCK LANE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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PROJECT TEAM

Design Engineering and Construction Management:
San Joaquin County Public Works

Contractor:
Rapid Services LLC
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Services



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Completed in October 2025, the Pock Lane Improvements Project completed a critical missing link in the pedestrian network by transforming a 0.7-mile transportation corridor along Pock Lane into a safer, more accessible public facility between the City of Stockton limits and Loomis Road, located within San Joaquin County.

For over two decades, this corridor lacked a continuous pedestrian facility, requiring pedestrians to walk along the roadway shoulder to access nearby schools, parks, and neighborhood destinations. The project constructed approximately 3,650 linear feet of ADA-accessible concrete walkway along the west side of Pock Lane, creating a continuous pedestrian connection between surrounding neighborhoods, the Kennedy Community Center and Park, Monroe Elementary School, Hamilton Elementary School, Hamilton Junior High School, and the broader transportation network.

To support the new pedestrian facilities, the project also included reconstruction of residential driveways, ADA curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces, utility adjustments, mailbox relocations, and drainage modifications necessary to integrate the new walkway into the existing corridor. Together, these improvements significantly enhanced pedestrian mobility, accessibility, and safety while creating a more connected community.

A distinguishing feature of the project was that it was conceived, designed, and delivered entirely by our in-house Public Works staff. From identifying the long-standing pedestrian deficiency through design development, utility coordination, public outreach, construction management, and project closeout, our design engineers, environmental specialists, and construction management staff led every phase of the project, delivering a comprehensive solution from initial planning to final completion. This collaborative effort transformed a long-missing pedestrian connection into lasting public infrastructure that will serve the community for generations.

MAJOR PROJECT ELEMENTS

- **Construction of approximately 3,650 linear feet of ADA-accessible concrete walkway along the west side of Pock Lane.**
- **Construction of ADA curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces.**
- **Drainage modifications to accommodate the new pedestrian improvements.**
- **Roadway rehabilitation, including localized pavement repairs and resurfacing.**



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community engagement was fundamental to the project's success. Residents received advance notification regarding construction schedules, driveway access, temporary mailbox relocations, and anticipated construction activities. County staff remained readily available throughout construction to answer questions and promptly address concerns.

The project team also maintained regular coordination with nearby schools and the local community center to help minimize construction-related impacts. Because project design and construction management were performed in-house, residents and stakeholders were able to communicate directly with our project team throughout all phases of the project. This allowed questions and concerns to be addressed promptly while fostering trust, transparency, and collaboration with the community.

This proactive communication fostered strong relationships with residents, minimized disruptions, and allowed construction to progress efficiently while maintaining community access throughout the project.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Environmental stewardship was incorporated throughout project planning and construction.

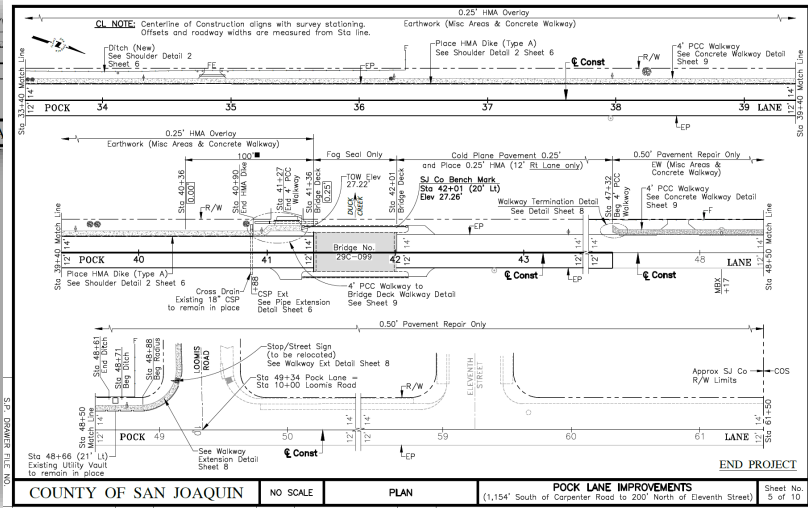
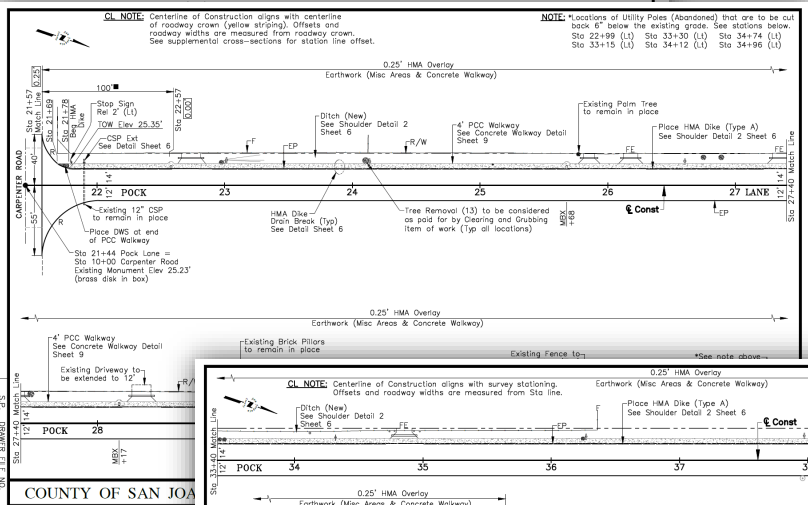
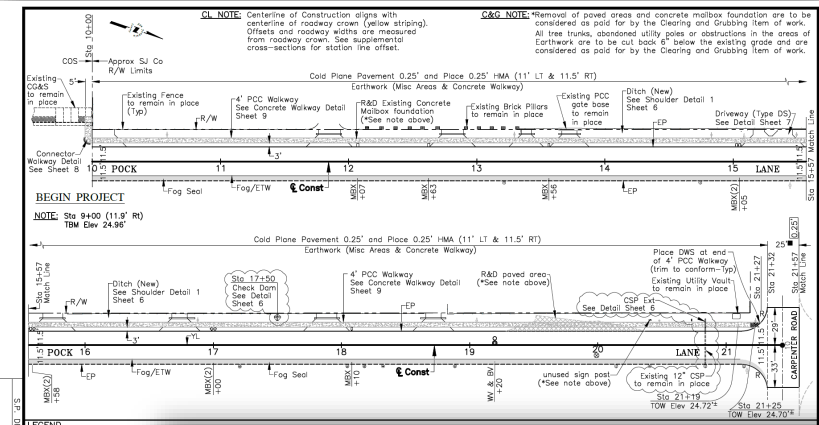
The project design team's approach was to provide pedestrian accessibility while minimizing its footprint to reduce the construction impacts on the environment as well as the residents fronting Pock Lane.

Construction activities were coordinated to comply with environmental requirements, including preconstruction surveys for protected nesting birds when portions of the work occurred during the nesting season.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER CHALLENGING CONDITIONS

Constructing the new pedestrian facilities required extensive coordination with residents, utility providers, adjacent agencies, and the nearby school. Existing driveways, mailboxes, drainage facilities, and utilities all required modification to accommodate the new walkway while maintaining residential access throughout construction.

Successfully integrating new improvements into an established corridor, which included a bridge crossing, while balancing community access, environmental requirements, and construction activities demonstrates the project's thoughtful planning, collaboration, and execution.



INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND LONG-TERM COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Pock Lane Improvements Project demonstrates how a transportation improvement can deliver lasting benefits that extend well beyond the construction limits.

The project:

- Closed a two-decade-old gap in the pedestrian network.
- Improved pedestrian accessibility and enhanced safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.
- Connected neighborhoods to schools, parks, and community facilities.
- Improved quality of life for residents along the corridor.
- Strengthened connectivity between San Joaquin County and the City of Stockton.

More importantly, the project transformed how residents experience and use the corridor. What was once a roadway that required pedestrians to walk along the shoulder is now a continuous, ADA-accessible pedestrian walkway linking neighborhoods to essential community destinations.

