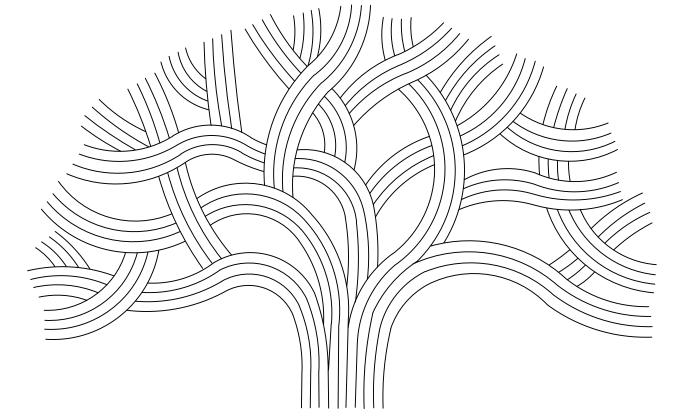
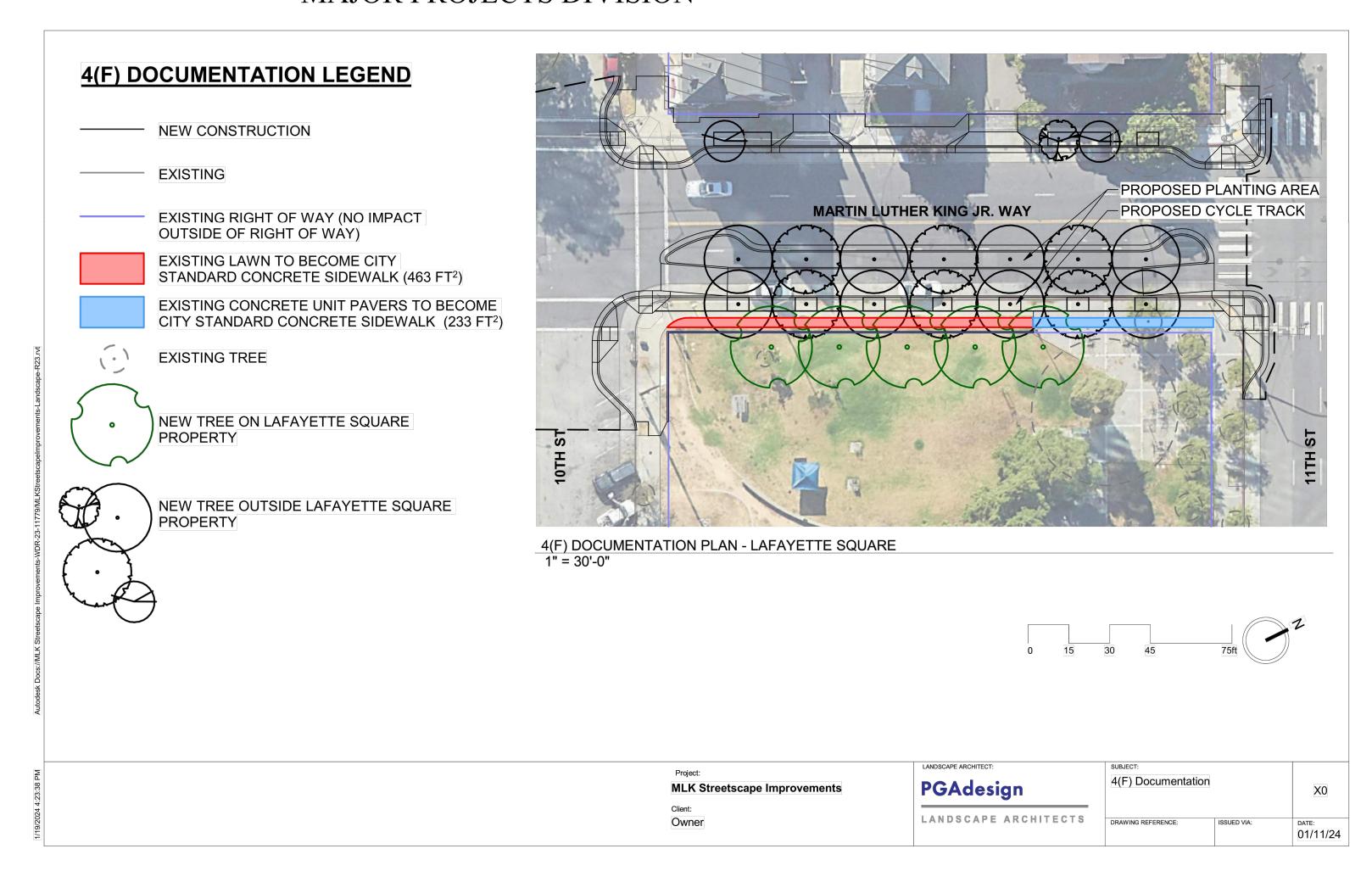
PUBLIC NOTICE



CITY OF OAKLAND

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT SECTION 4(F)
DE MINIMIS FINDINGS FOR IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PRJECT

PROJECT TITLE: MLK Streetscape Improvement Project

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WHAT IS BEING PLANNED: The City of Oakland, in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing improvements to Oakland's bikeway network, pedestrian facilities, and other streetscape improvements along the Martin Luther King Jr. Way Corridor between 2nd Street and 14th Street to extend and enhance pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver safety within historically underserved communities in the City. The project includes installation of a Class IV Cycle Track between 2nd Street and 14th Street, traffic signal improvements, curb ramp improvements to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines, and pedestrian improvements such as high visibility crosswalks and pedestrian scale lighting. The project is also proposing to install a new fiberoptic utility line on 7th Street between Brush Street and Madela Parkway, which will help close the digital divide and improve the public Wi-Fi network in historically underserved neighborhoods.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE: The proposed project is an action that is subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 303). Section 4(f) of this legislation seeks to protect publicly owned parklands, recreational areas, waterfowl refuges, and significant historic sites from impacts – the "use" of these resources – by U.S. Department of Transportation actions. After evaluation of the impacts of an action upon Section 4(f) resources, a finding must be made. The responsibility for Section 4(f) findings has been assigned by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Highways Administration to Caltrans through the 23 USC 326 Memorandum of Understanding (updated in April 2022). Caltrans has determined that this project would have a de minimis impact on Section 4(f) resources. Section 4(f) evaluation guidelines requires that a public notice and opportunity for review and comment be provided for projects that are determined to have a de minimis impact.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW: Copies of the Section 4(f) Evaluation and project information are available for review at the following location: City of Oakland Public Works Department, 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza Suite 4344, Oakland, CA, 94612. It is available to public review during normal City office hours. The Section 4(f) Evaluation and additional project information is also available on the City's webpage: https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/martin-luther-king-jr-way-streetscape-improvements.

Public comments on the Section 4(f) de minimis finding will be accepted from April 9, 2024 through May 8, 2024. Responses or replies to public comments may not be required depending on the substantive nature of the comments; however, all comments and responses will be considered and documented in the administrative record for the proposed project.

For more information about the project please contact Beaver Boonsook, Transportation Engineer, at BBoonsook@oaklandca.gov.

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