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City of Willits Safe Routes to School Plan

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Safe Routes to School Plan Goals

- Improve safety of walking/biking students
- Increase frequency of walking/biking students
- Increase support for student walking/biking

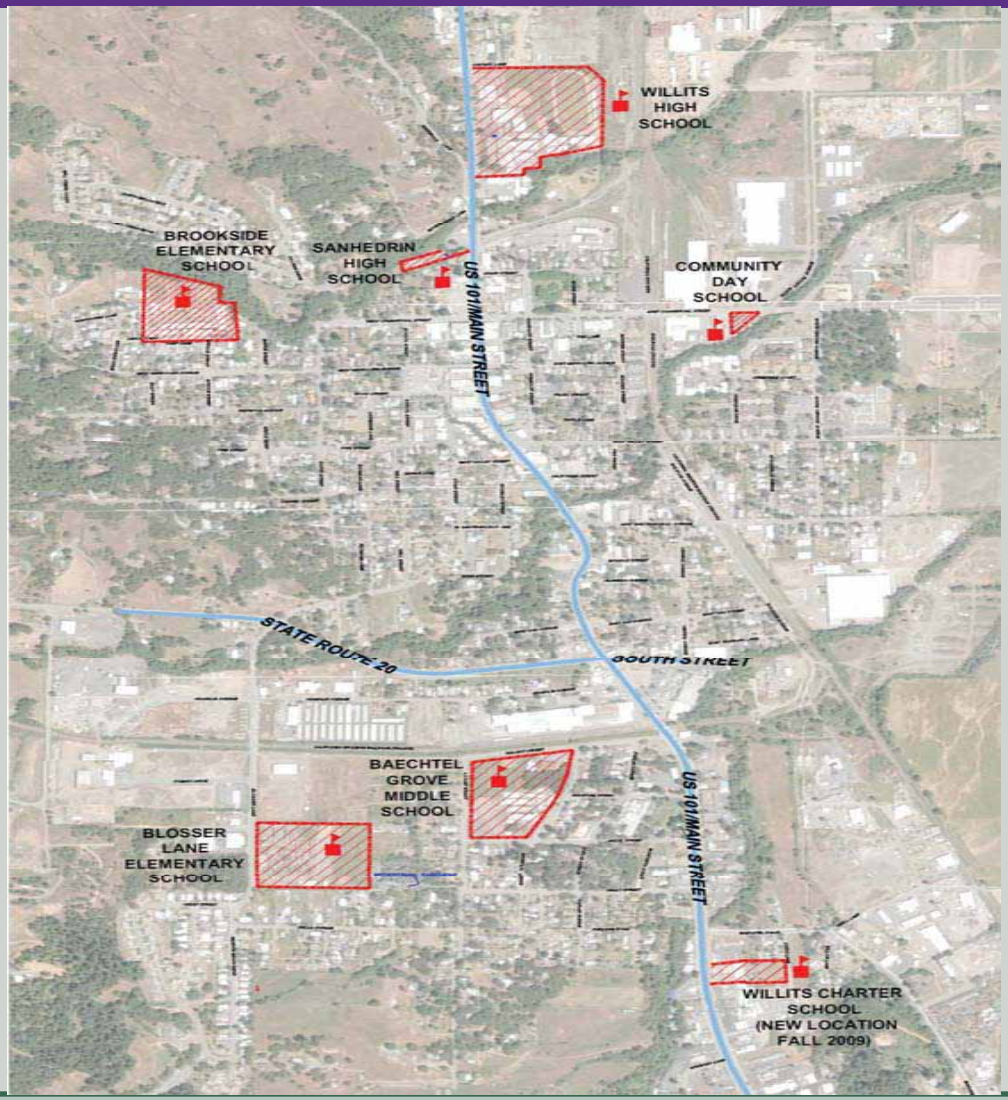
Plan Components

- Engineering
- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Evaluation

Engineering Program Details

- Physical inventory of
  - Sidewalks
  - Street crossings
  - Bike facilities on streets
  - Bike racks
- City-wide review
- Seven schools included in this plan

Engineering Study Area



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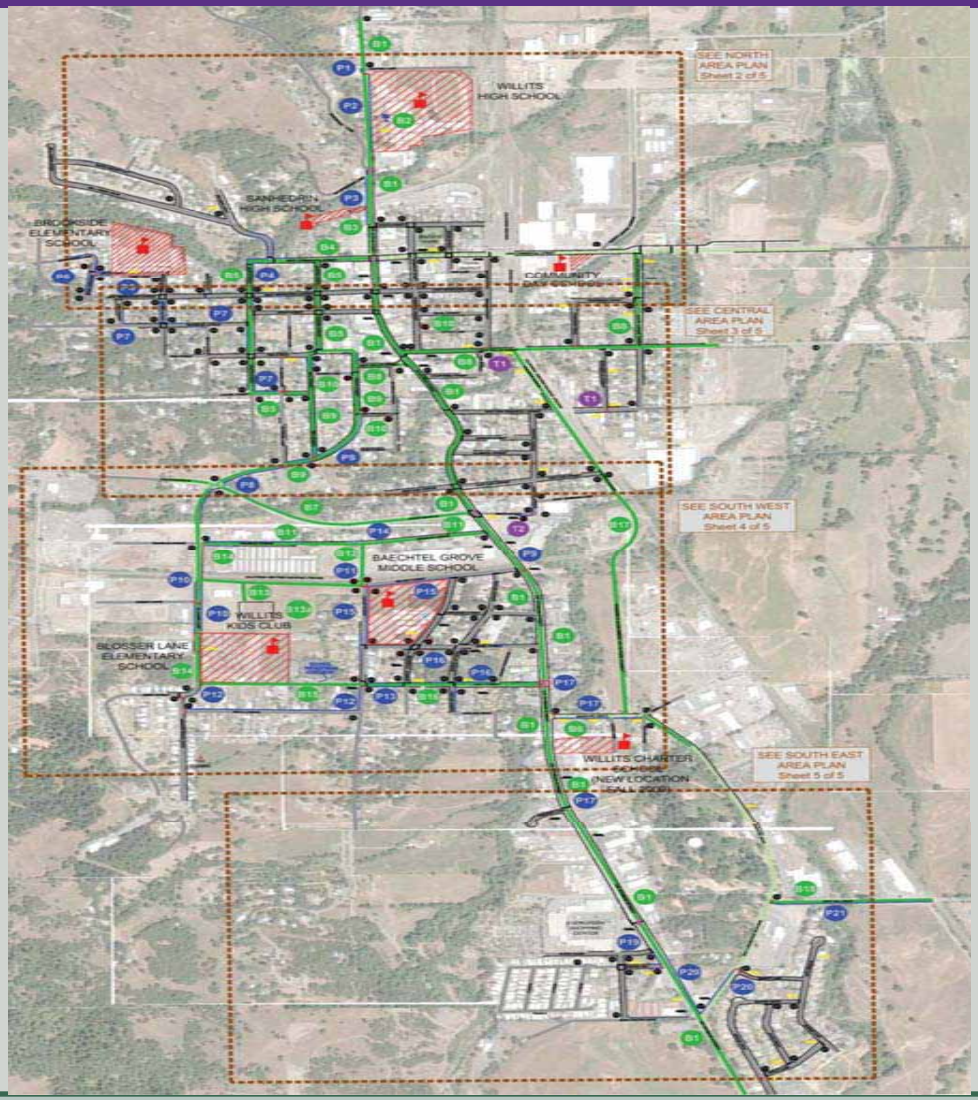

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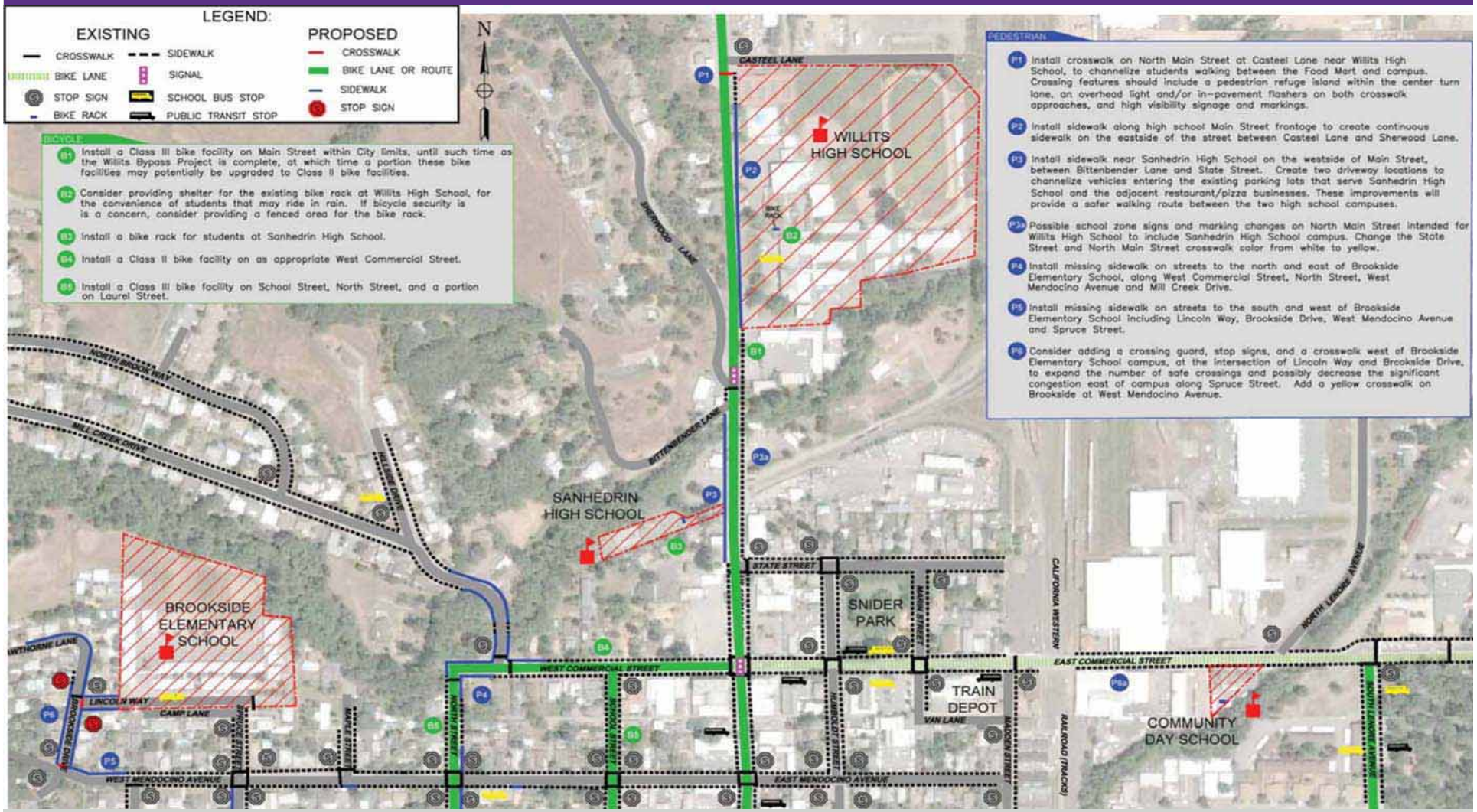

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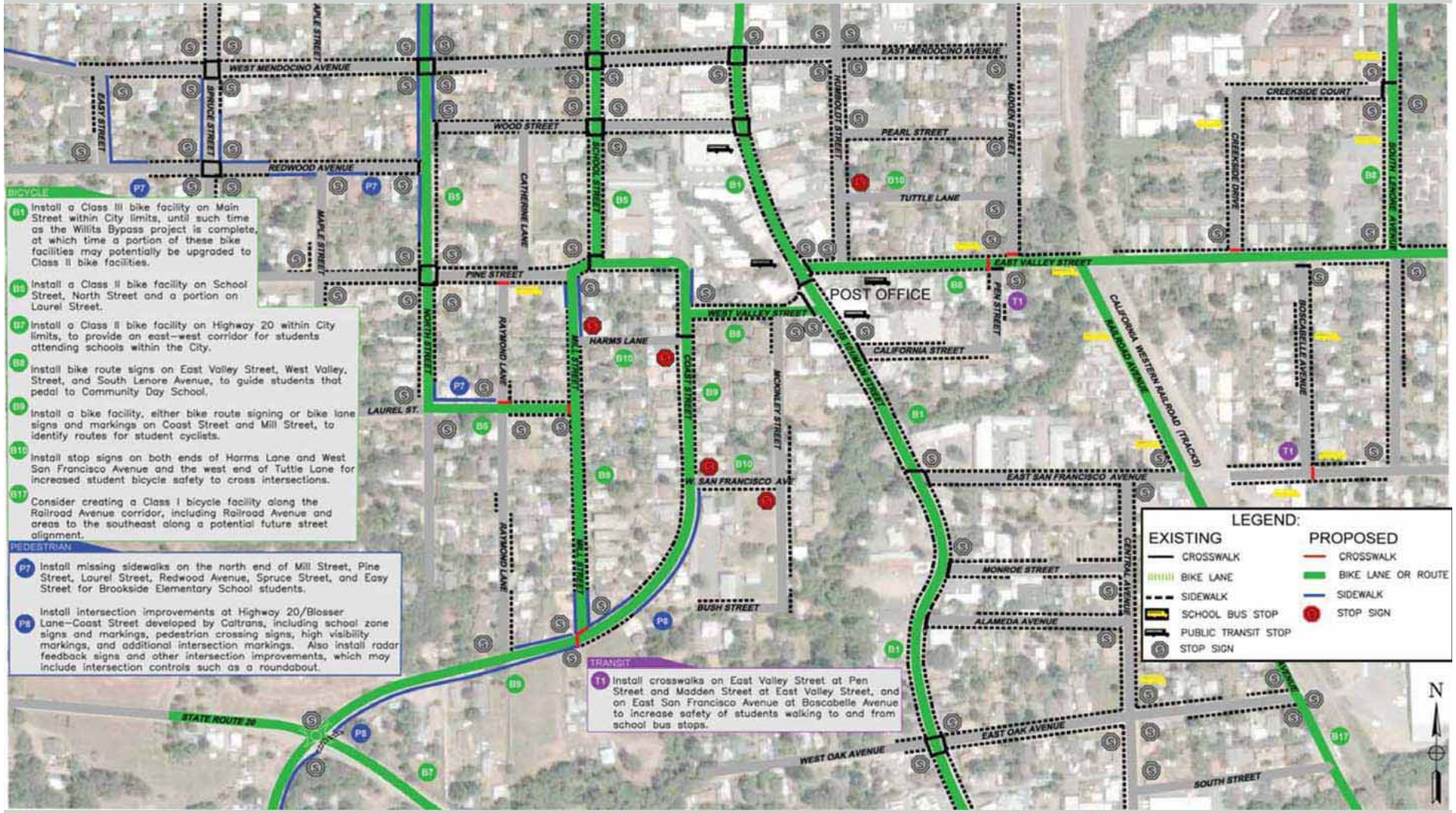

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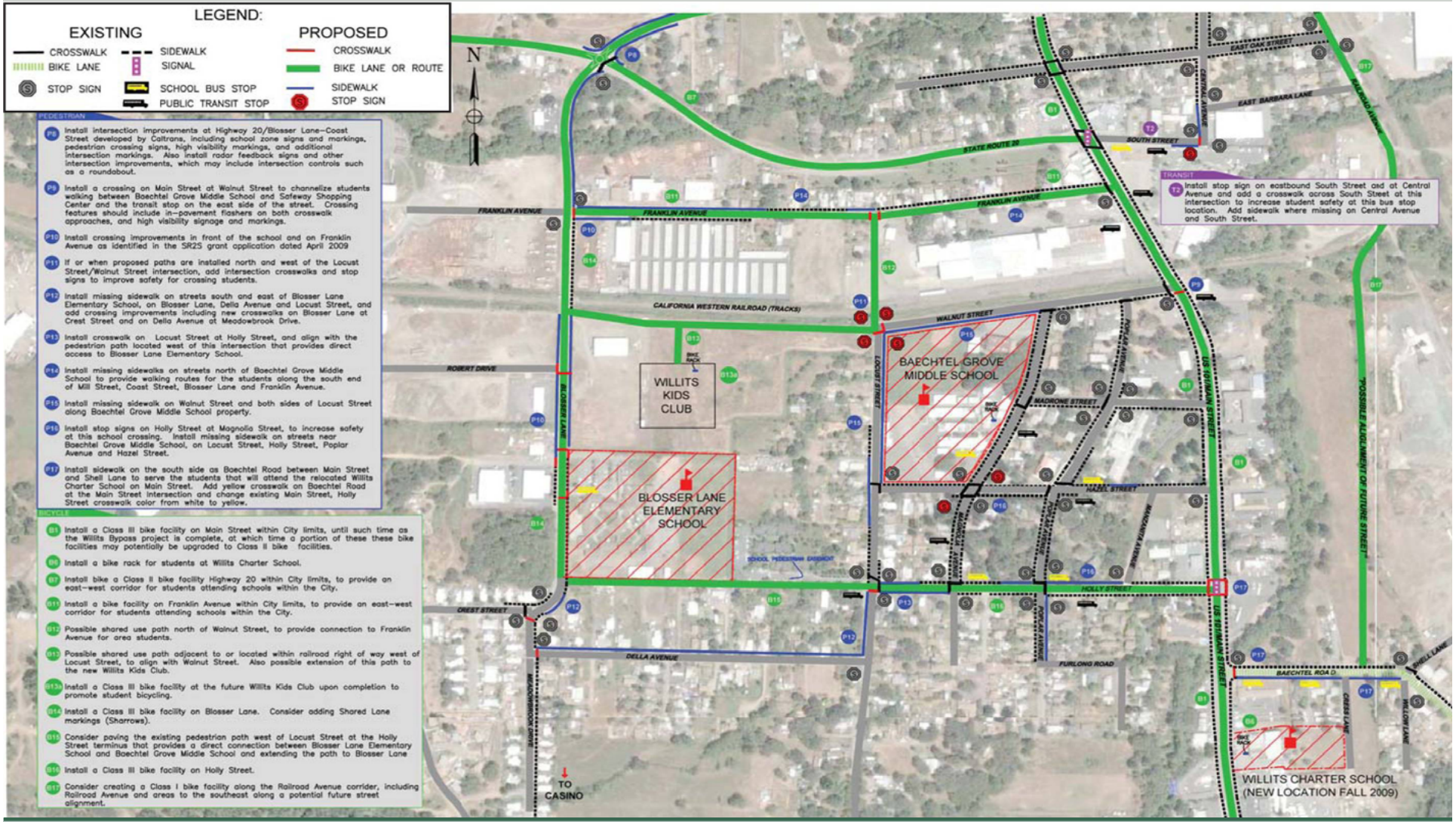

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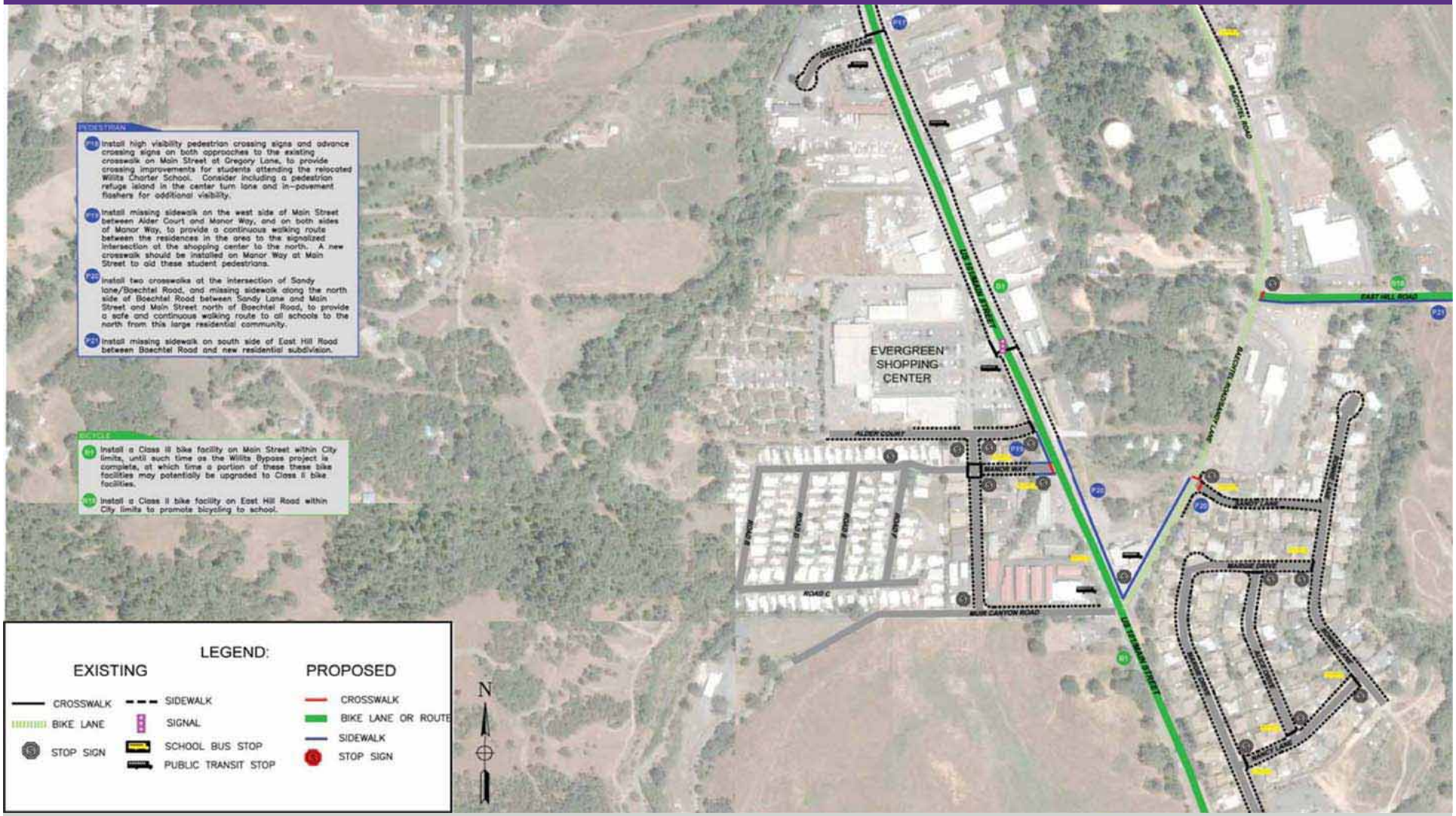

Education & Encouragement Program Recommendations

- Walk and Bike to School Day – for all students
- Pedestrian Safety Education – for 1st and 2nd grade students
- Bicycle Safety Training – for 5th and 6th grade students
- Back to School Blitz – for parents and students
- Classroom Lessons and Activities – for all students
- Friendly Walking/Biking Competition – for all students
- School Zone Traffic Safety Campaign – for general public

Enforcement & Evaluation Program Recommendations

- School safety patrols and crossing guards – for all students
- Crosswalk enforcement – for motorists
- School parking lot "citations" – for motorists
- Speed radar trailers – for motorists
- Perform annual hand tally and parent surveys – for all schools and students

Conclusions

- Willits Safe Routes to School Plan consists of the 5 E's approach
- Engineering recommendations require City support to implement
- Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation recommendations primarily require school and parent support to implement
- Implementing plan would achieve program goals

Questions?