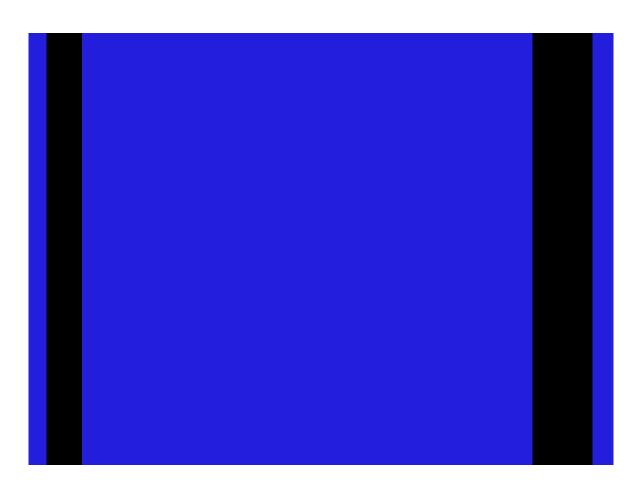


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# **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

BMP best management practice

CEQA California Environmental Quality Act

MP milepost

project UPRR Bahia Yard Expansion Project

ROW right-of-way

UPRR Union Pacific Railroad

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# 1. Project Proponent

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)

## 2. Project Title

UPPR Bahia Yard Expansion Project (project), Martinez Subdivision, Solano County, California

# 3. Project Location

UPRR is proposing to construct a 6,406-foot-long second siding track parallel to an existing siding track that is adjacent to the existing UPRR Martinez Subdivision mainline track from Milepost (MP) 37.5 to MP 38.8. The project is in the city of Benicia, Solano County, and extends from approximately 1,860 feet (0.35 mile) north of Lake Herman Road on the southern end to the southern side of Morrow Lane on the northern end. The siding track is centered at latitude 38°5′56.05″ N and longitude -122°6′8.08″ W (U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute Vine Hill quadrangle, Sections 17 and 20, Township 03 North, Range 02 West, Mount Diablo Meridian) (Appendix A, Figure 1).

# 4. Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to allow for interstate commerce and to support safe and efficient rail service for local customers in the Northern California megaregion. The Martinez Subdivision on the Northern California Service Unit serves a variety of markets, including UPRR's Benicia Railroad Automotive Vehicle Transloading Facility. The construction of a support track at the Bahia Yard will facilitate growth of the auto facility and support the capacity of various other industrial customers served by UPRR's yard in Ozol, California.

The geographical and environmental constraints in and around the San Francisco Bay Area limit the ability of UPRR to support the demand and growth of Northern California markets. There are very few locations where tracks can be constructed to meet the capacity needs of California's supply chain. The newly constructed track must be close to the businesses that UPRR supports and long enough to hold the demand for rail cars.

Use of the proposed location of the project at Bahia will expand an existing support track connected to the UPRR mainline to accommodate efficient operations, and the site is large enough to hold the demand for cars at Benicia and the surrounding business community. The project will also improve drainage in the area to support a safe and reliable network.

The rail line supports Capitol Corridor passenger rail service. The expanded capacity will reduce the number of delays to both freight- and passenger-rail service.

# 5. Project Overview

UPRR is proposing to construct a 6,406-foot-long second siding track parallel to an existing siding track that is adjacent to the existing UPRR Martinez Subdivision mainline track from MP 37.5 to MP 38.8. The project also includes five culvert replacements. Appendix B contains design schematics of the proposed siding track and culvert replacements.

Before construction activities, best management practices (BMPs) will be installed as needed to avoid impacts on water quality. Temporary work areas will be cleared and graded for equipment access and mobility. Clean gravel will be placed in temporary work areas to provide a stable surface for equipment.

Materials (culverts and fill material) will be transported to the project site along existing access roads and will be temporarily placed within the UPRR right-of-way (ROW). An existing ROW fence will be removed from the eastern side of the existing tracks for the length of the project area.

The total volume of fill material for the project is estimated to be approximately 25,000 cubic yards. The volume of cut material is estimated to be approximately 20,000 cubic yards. The total cut material will be hauled offsite for disposal. The project will require approximately 5.3 acres of grading/fill. Final estimates will be reported following completion of geotechnical studies and reporting. Approximately 2.43 acres of seeding will be required. Temporary impacts will include jack-and-bore pits and equipment access for ROW fence removal.

Permanent impacts on wetlands and waters (Waters of the United States/State) will occur with implementation of the project. Permanent grading at wetlands and waters is anticipated to affect approximately 2.12 acres. The volume of fill material for wetlands and waters is approximately 10,525 cubic yards. These activities will result in 1.40 acres of temporary impacts to wetlands and waters. Table 1 provides an overview of proposed impacts to wetlands and waters.

Credits at a mitigation bank will be purchased, or a compensation fee will be paid, for 2.12 acres of permanent impacts on wetlands in coordination with regulatory agencies. UPRR anticipates that mitigation credits for impacts to wetlands will be rounded up to the nearest .01 acre, such that adequate compensation will be provided for the <0.01 acre of permanent impacts to non-wetland waters.

#### 5.1 Construction Equipment

Equipment for the project is anticipated to include the following:

- One excavator
- One front-end loader
- One backhoe
- One bulldozer
- Four dump trucks
- One motor grader
- One grapple truck
- One lowbov truck
- Ten construction worker vehicles per day
- One water truck (for dust control)

# 5.2 Access Routes and Staging Areas

Construction vehicles and equipment will be brought to the site via existing access roads at Lake Herman Road and at Morrow Lane and along the UPRR ROW. Laydown areas for rail, ties, and other track material will be within the footprint for the second siding track (Appendix A, Figure 2).

## **5.3** Second Siding Track

The project proposes to construct a 6,406-foot-long second siding track parallel to an existing siding track adjacent to the existing UPRR mainline track from MP 37.5 to MP 38.8. The second siding track will be constructed on the eastern side of the existing track. The siding track will extend from approximately 1,860 feet (0.35 mile) north of Lake Herman Road, and on the northern end the track will terminate on the southern side of Morrow Lane. Construction of the second siding track will require grading, cut, and fill on the eastern side of the track.

# 5.4 Culvert Replacements

The project includes replacement of five existing culverts along the UPRR mainline. Work at these sites will include either jack and bore or plug, fill, and removal of existing culverts. Table 2 summarizes the proposed pre- and post-project conditions at each culvert.

Table 1. Permanent and Temporary Impacts to Waters of the United States/State

Name	Permanent (acres)	Permanent (linear feet)	Permanent (~cubic yards)*	Temporary (acres)	Temporary (linear feet)	Temporary (~cubic yards)*				
Wetlands/Other Waters										
PEM-01	1.24	0	6,200.00	0.34	0	1,700.00				
PEM-02	0	0	0	<0.01	0	25.00				
PEM-03	0	0	0	<0.01	0	25.00				
PEM-04	0.73	0	3,525.00	0.87	0	4,500.00				
PEM-06	0.08	0	400.00	<0.01	0	20.00				
PEM-07	0	0	0	<0.01	0	75.00				
PSS-01	0.07	0	375.00	<0.01	0	155.00				
Subtotal	2.12	0	10,500.00	1.26	0	6,500.00				
Non-wetland waters/Riverine, Intermittent Stream										
W-01	<0.01	13.00	15.00	0.06	190.00	375.00				
W-02	0	0	0	<0.01	0	25.00				
W-04	< 0.01	12.50	10.00	0.07	28.50	225.00				
W-05	0	0	0	0.02	90.00	125.00				
W-06	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Subtotal	<0.01	0	25.00	0.14	0	750.00				
Total	2.12	25.50	10,525.00	1.40	308.50	6,795.00				

<sup>\*</sup>Cubic yards of fill are approximated and rounded to the nearest whole number – total volume is subject to change and will be reported prior to commencement of construction.

Table 2. Existing and Proposed Culvert Features

MP	Existing Culvert	Replacement Culvert	Additional Features at Culvert Inlet	Riprap at Culvert Inlet	Additional Features at Culvert Outlet
37.83	(2) 36-inch × 112-foot CMP	60-inch × 118-foot SSP	Plug, fill, and remove existing 36-inch culvert as needed.	Place Type 1 riprap at inlet, 55 tons	Place Type 1 riprap at outlet, 50 tons
38.09	30-inch × 100-foot SSP	48-inch × 98-foot SSP	Plug, fill, and remove existing 30-inch culvert as needed.	Place Type 1 riprap at inlet, 25 tons	Place Type 1 riprap at outlet, 25 tons
38.20	4-foot × 2-foot × 58-foot WBC	Three 42-inch × 97-foot SSP	Plug, fill, and remove existing 30-inch culvert as needed.	Place Type 1 riprap at inlet, 30 tons	Place Type 1 riprap at outlet, 30 tons
38.31	24-inch × 60-foot CMP	Two 48-inch × 94-foot SSP	Plug, fill, and remove existing 24-inch culvert as needed.	Place Type 1 riprap at inlet, 35 tons	Place Type 1 riprap at outlet, 30 tons
38.68	4-foot × 2-foot × 58-foot WBC	Four 42-inch × 92-foot SSP	Plug, fill, and remove existing 4-foot × 2-foot culvert as needed.	Place Type 1 riprap at inlet, 35 tons	Place Type 1 riprap at outlet, 30 tons

CMP = corrugated metal pipe SSP = smooth steel pipe WBC = wooden box culvert

#### 5.5 Water Diversion

All work conducted below the ordinary high water mark is anticipated to occur during the dry season. Water diversion measures such as cofferdams will be installed within wetland areas during low tide events to ensure additional inundation of water does not occur during construction. Dewatering is not anticipated at this time; however, in the event that dewatering is required an agency approved dewatering plan and water quality monitoring plan will be implemented prior to dewatering activities.

#### 5.6 Right-of-Way Requirements

UPRR will require acquisition of approximately 2.95 acres of ROW from two property owners for construction of the second siding track and replacement culverts.

#### 5.7 Site Preparation, Protection, and Restoration

The following protective measures and site restoration activities will be completed at the site:

- Before ground disturbance, highly visible markers will be used to delineate the project site.
- Existing vegetation that does not present a safety concern relative to train operations will be carefully hand-trimmed to ground level to allow immediate re-establishment.
- A worker environmental awareness training program for construction personnel, including contractors, will be conducted before construction begins to inform them of their responsibilities for BMPs and permit conditions for waters of the United States, special-status species, and other sensitive resources.
- Construction BMPs will be installed in staging areas as needed to contain sediment within the project
  area and to avoid downgradient water quality impacts on Suisun Marsh and Goodyear Slough. Erosion
  control measures will include the use of hay bales, fiber rolls, silt fences, or other accepted practices.
- Vehicle traffic will occur on established roads and the UPRR ROW.
- During construction, trash and construction debris will be removed from the work areas daily.
   Food-related trash items, such as wrappers, cans, bottles, and food scraps, will be disposed of in closed containers and removed at the end of each workday from the project site.
- Fueling and maintenance of vehicles and other equipment will occur at least 100 feet from Suisun Marsh, Goodyear Slough, and any associated riparian habitat.
- A spill prevention and countermeasure plan will be developed before project construction that
  includes onsite handling rules for avoiding impacts on drainages and waterways. Spills will be cleaned
  immediately according to the spill prevention and countermeasure plan, and appropriate agencies
  identified in the plan will be notified of any spills and cleanup activities.

The land on both sides of the tracks within the UPRR ROW is sparsely vegetated but will likely require some vegetation removal. As part of regularly scheduled maintenance, UPRR will clear the vegetation within its ROW as a fire hazard precaution in conformance with Federal Railroad Administration requirements. The UPRR ROW will not be revegetated following construction of the project. The following activities will be performed when the project is complete:

- Temporary fill, including any water diversion structures such as cofferdams, will be removed within 30 days of project completion.
- BMPs will be removed after construction is complete and no potential for sediment transport exists.

# 6. California Environmental Quality Act – Statutory Exemption

This project has undergone extensive environmental analysis, and several measures and BMPs have been incorporated into the project to avoid environmental impacts. However, because this project supports Amtrak passenger service, it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under a CEQA statutory exemption. Government Code Section 21080(b) specifies certain activities that are not subject to CEQA as follows:

(b) This division does not apply to any of the following activities:

(10) A project for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter services on rail or highway rights-of-way already in use, including modernization of existing stations and parking facilities.

This statutory exemption is repeated in the CEQA Guidelines; refer to 14 *California Code of Regulations* Section 15275—Specified Mass Transit Projects, in Article 18—Statutory Exemptions. The first section in Article 18, Section 15260, states "[t]his article describes the exemptions from CEQA granted by the Legislature." This group of exemptions is distinguished from those set forth in Article 19—Categorical Exemptions. Whereas CEQA provides exceptions from the Categorical Exemptions under defined circumstances that the lead agency must consider before it finds such an exemption applicable (Section 15300.2), the Statutory Exemptions in Article 18 apply to the activities they cover without such exceptions (also Section 15061(b)).

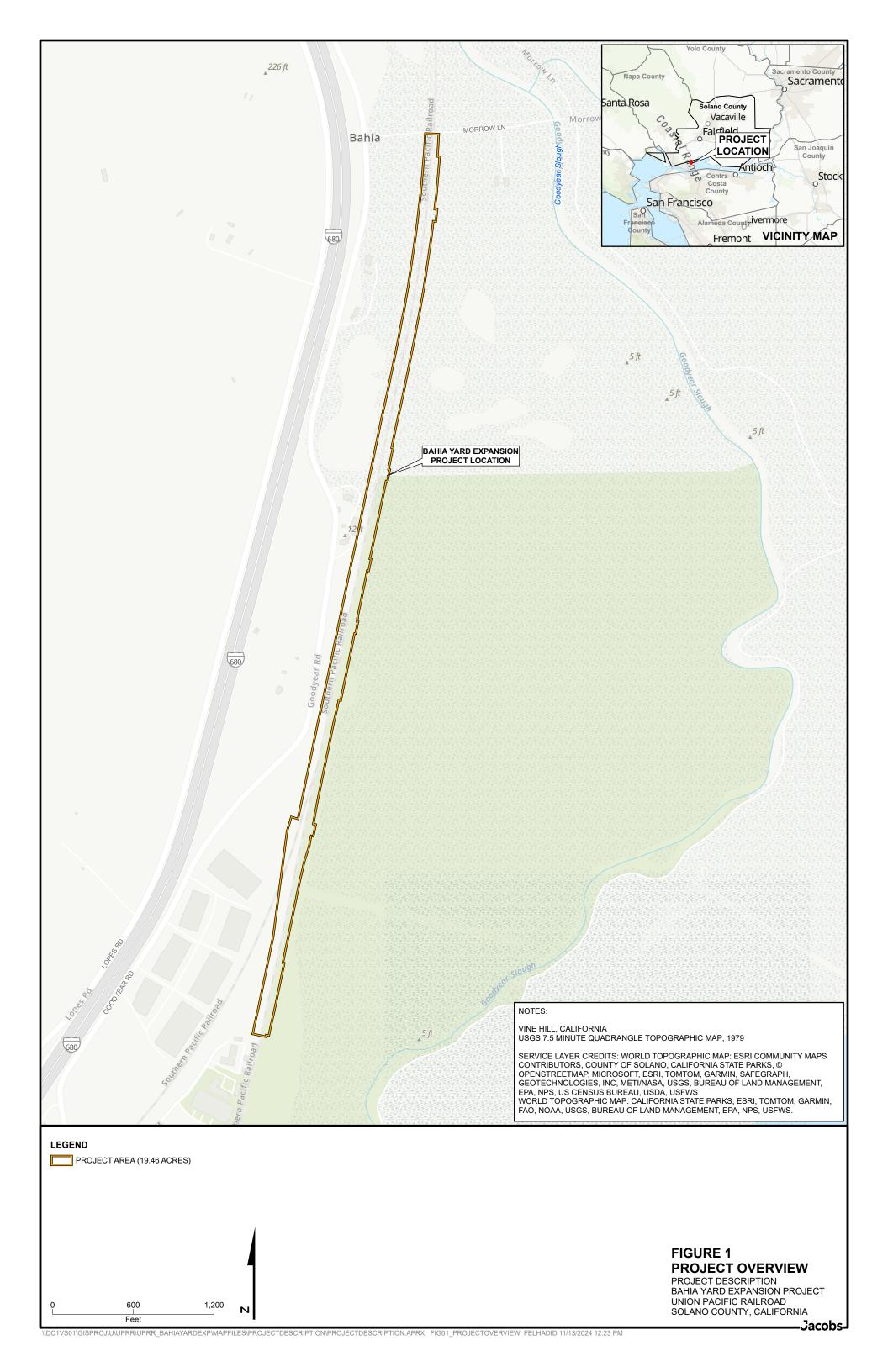
The project is located on the Martinez Subdivision in Solano County, California, which supports Amtrak passenger service. This project is necessary to improve interstate commerce and to support safe and efficient rail service for local customers in the Northern California megaregion.

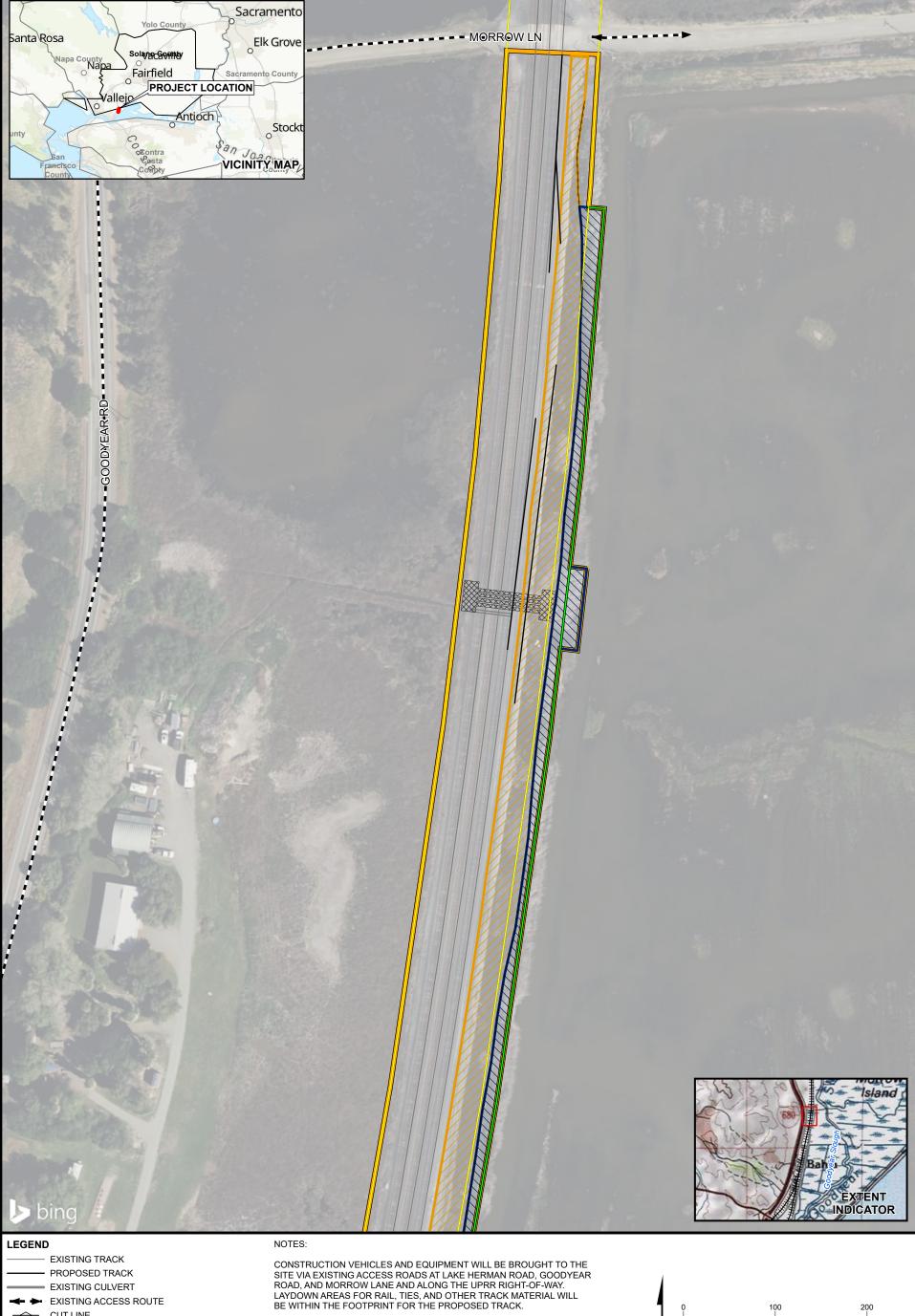
# 7. Project Schedule

Project construction is scheduled to take approximately 10 months and begin in 2026. Most of this time is for equipment and materials delivery, mobilization, and demobilization. Actual construction of the project will be conducted over a period of approximately 24 weeks. All work conducted below the ordinary high water mark is anticipated to occur during the dry season. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- 1. Fall 2025: Obtain permits from agencies.
- 2. Summer 2026:
  - Mobilize and install BMPs.
  - Construct culvert replacements.
  - Remove existing ROW fence.
  - Grade the subgrade and place ballast.
  - Construct siding track.
  - Restore site.
  - Demobilize.

# Appendix A Figures





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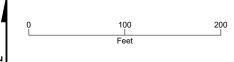
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PROPOSED CULVERT LOCATION

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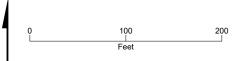
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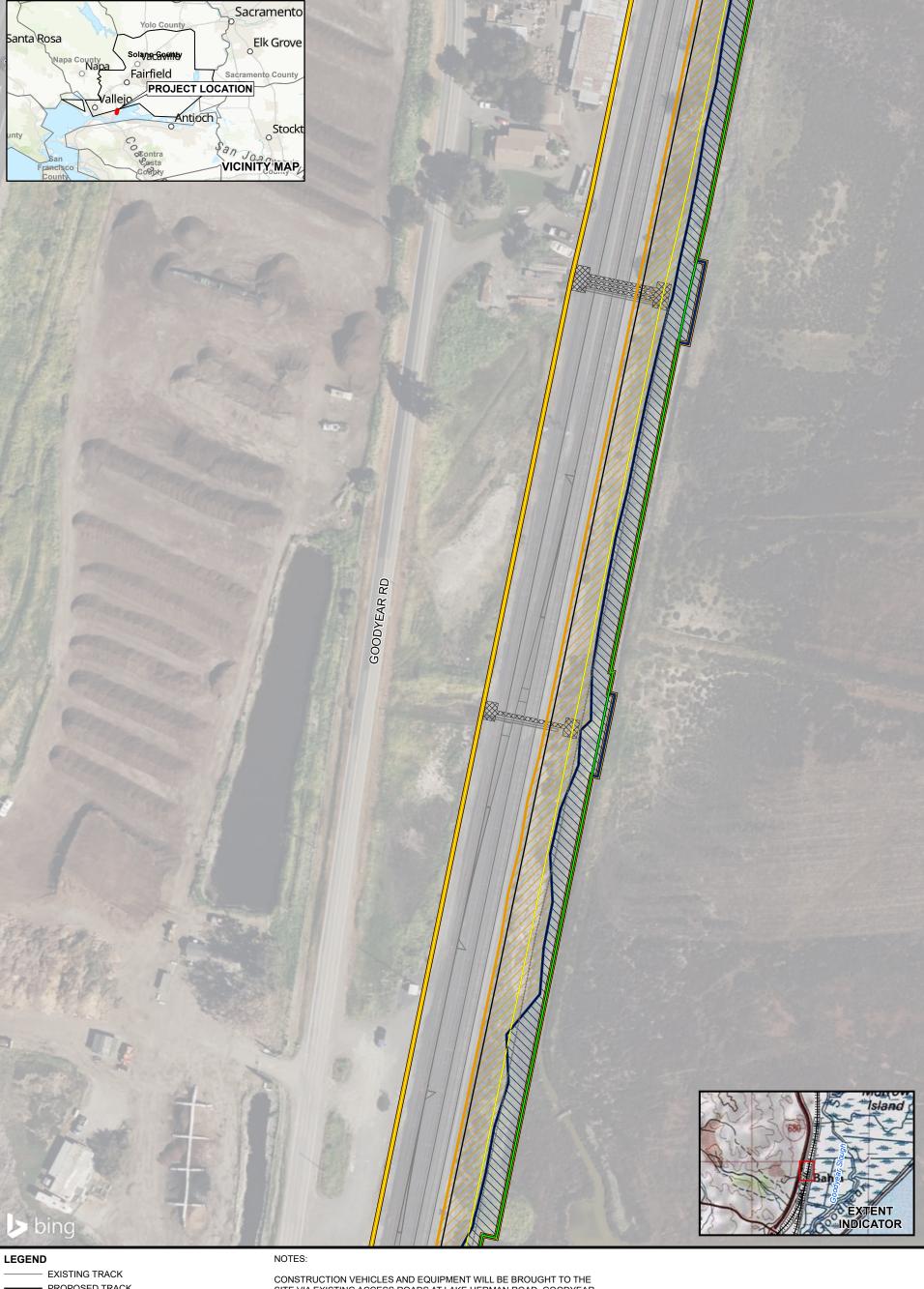
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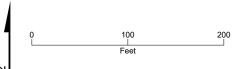
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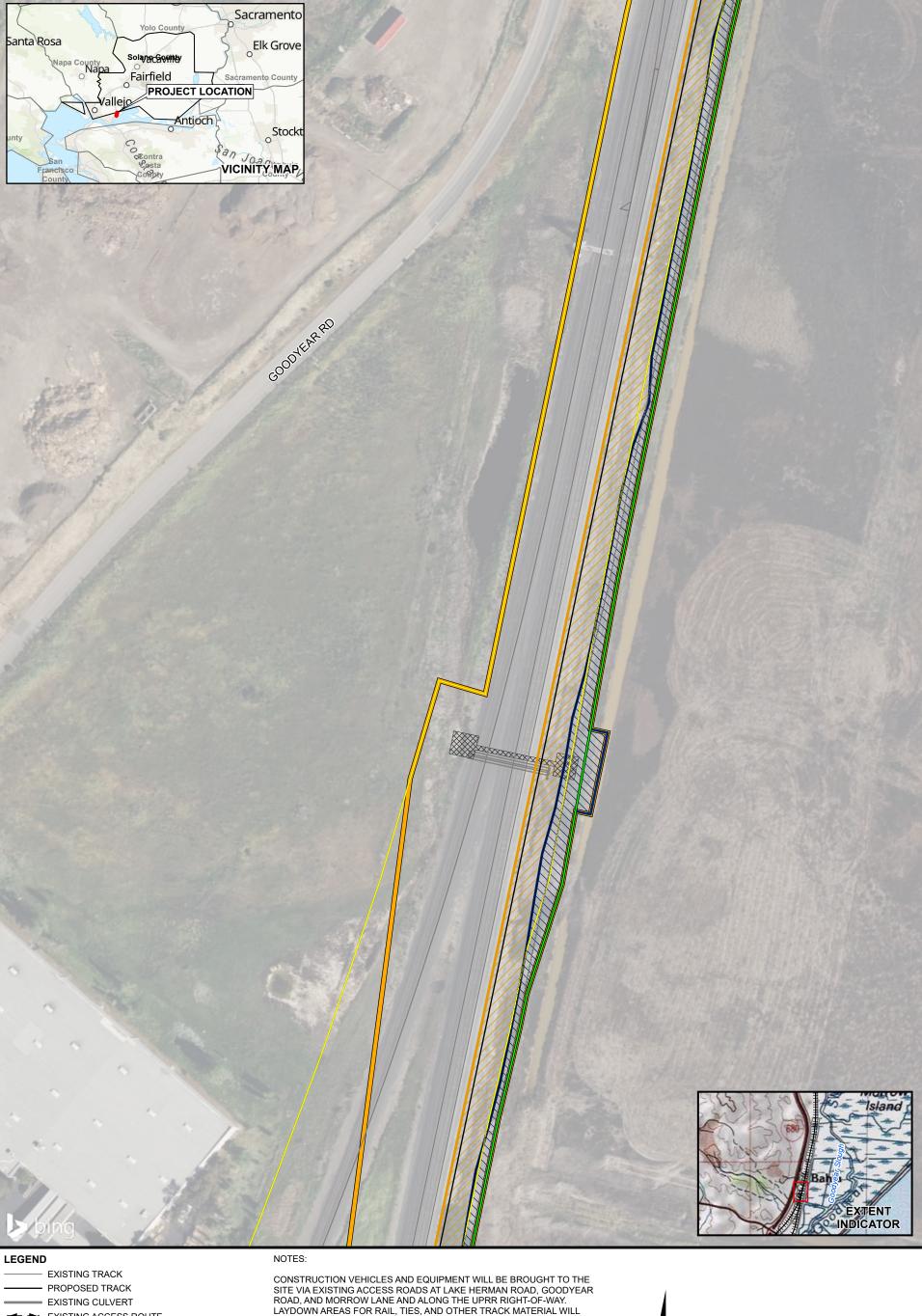
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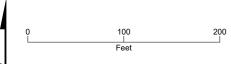
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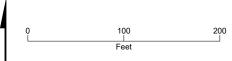
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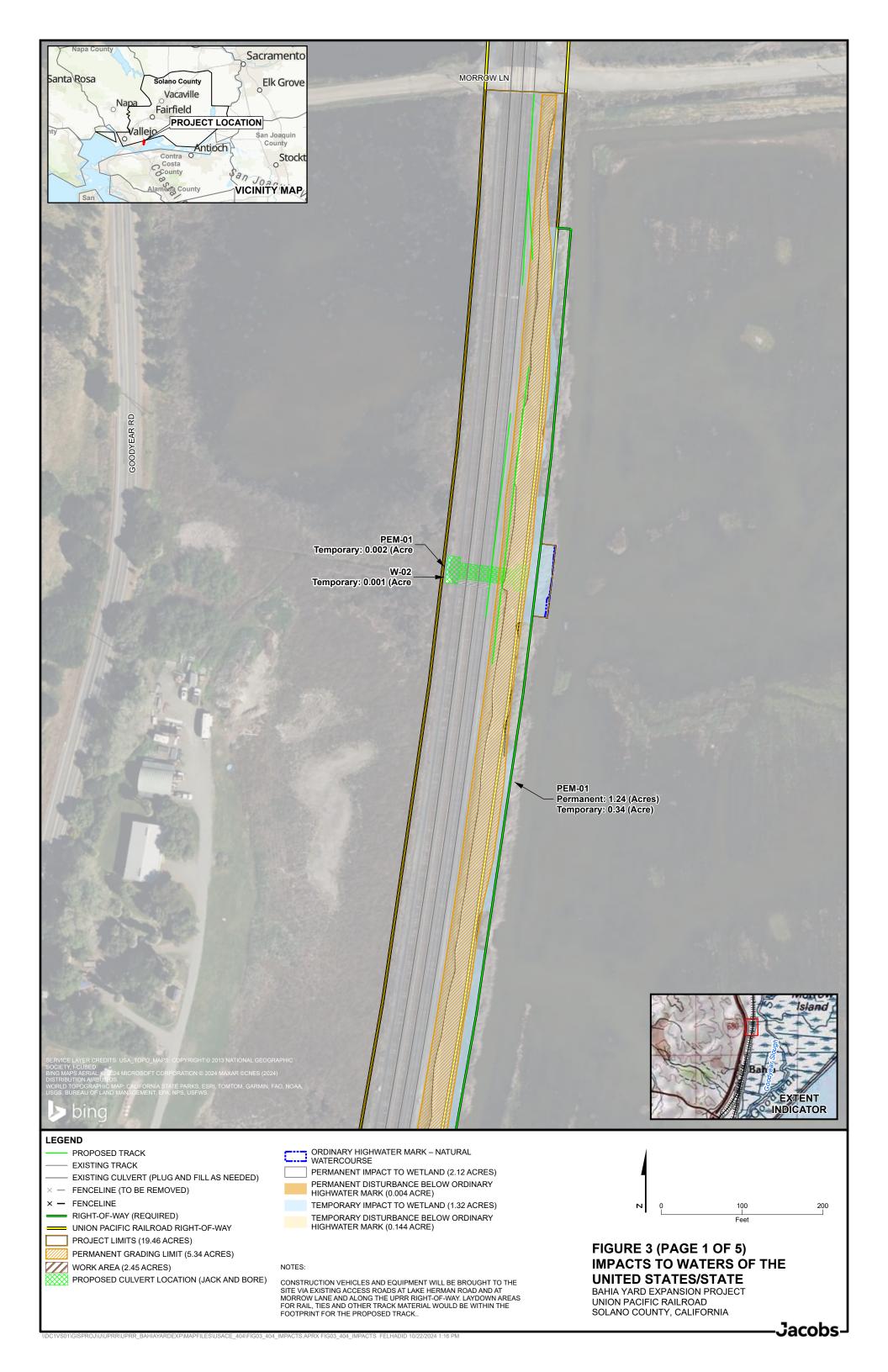
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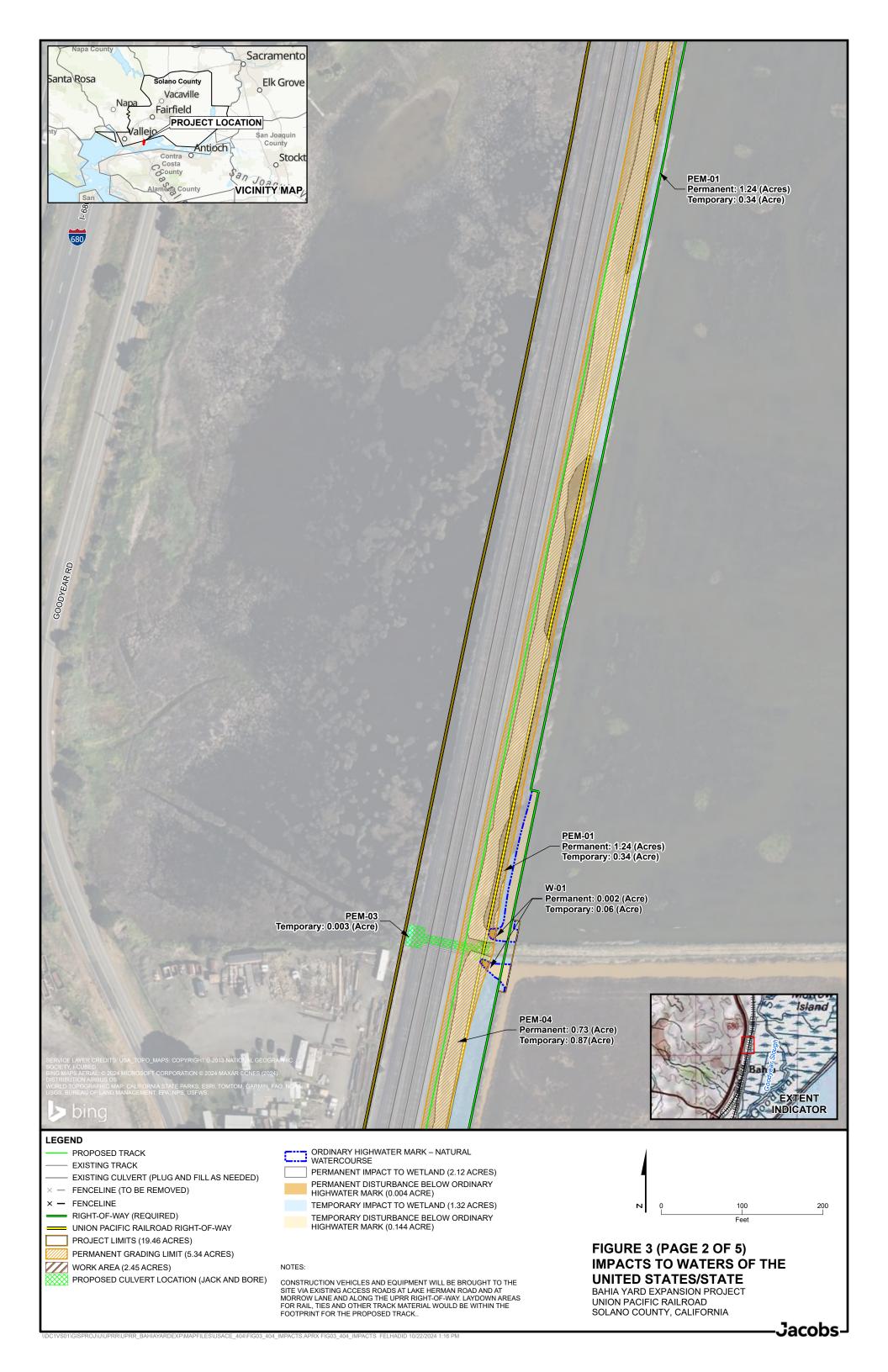
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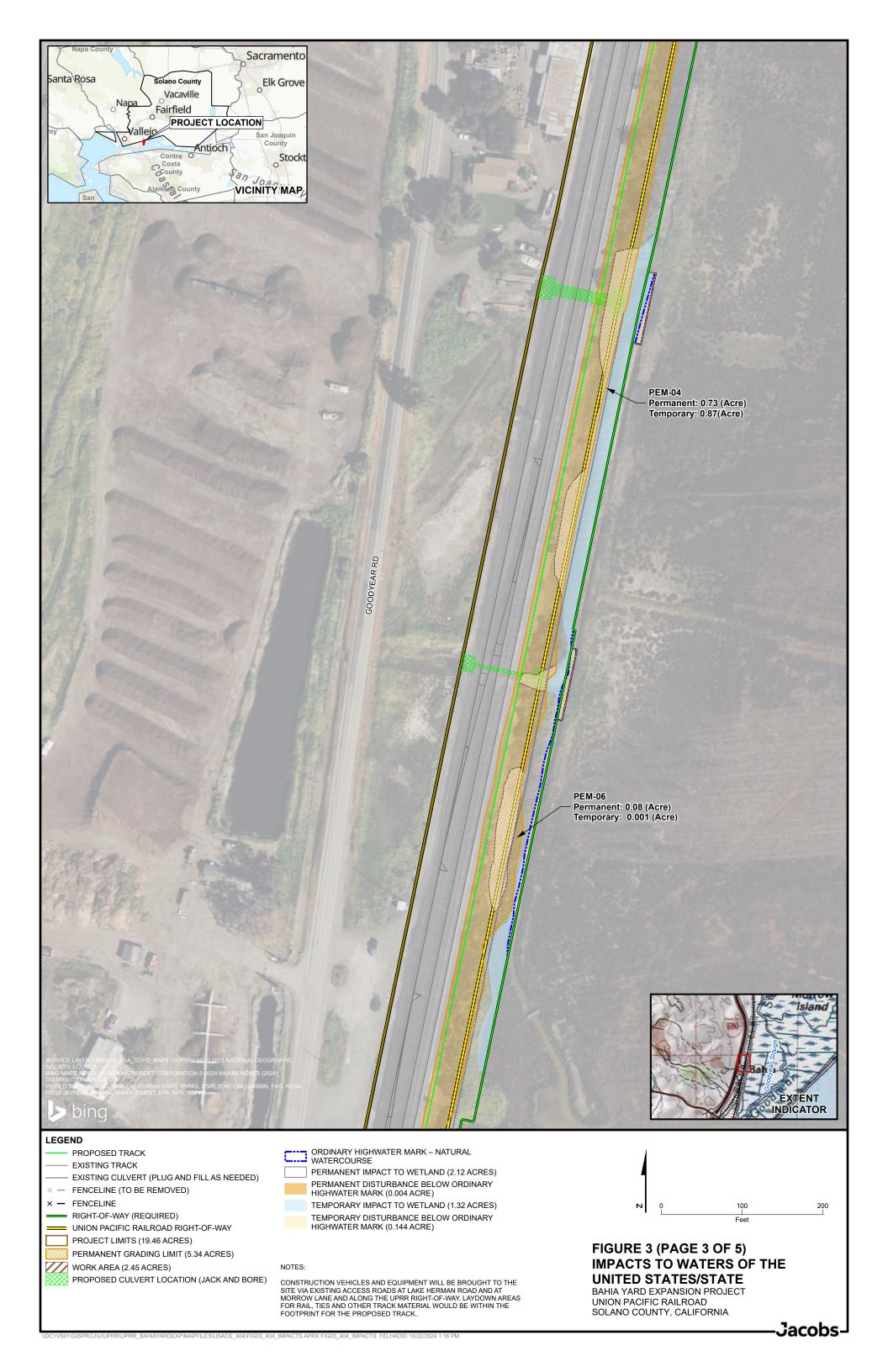
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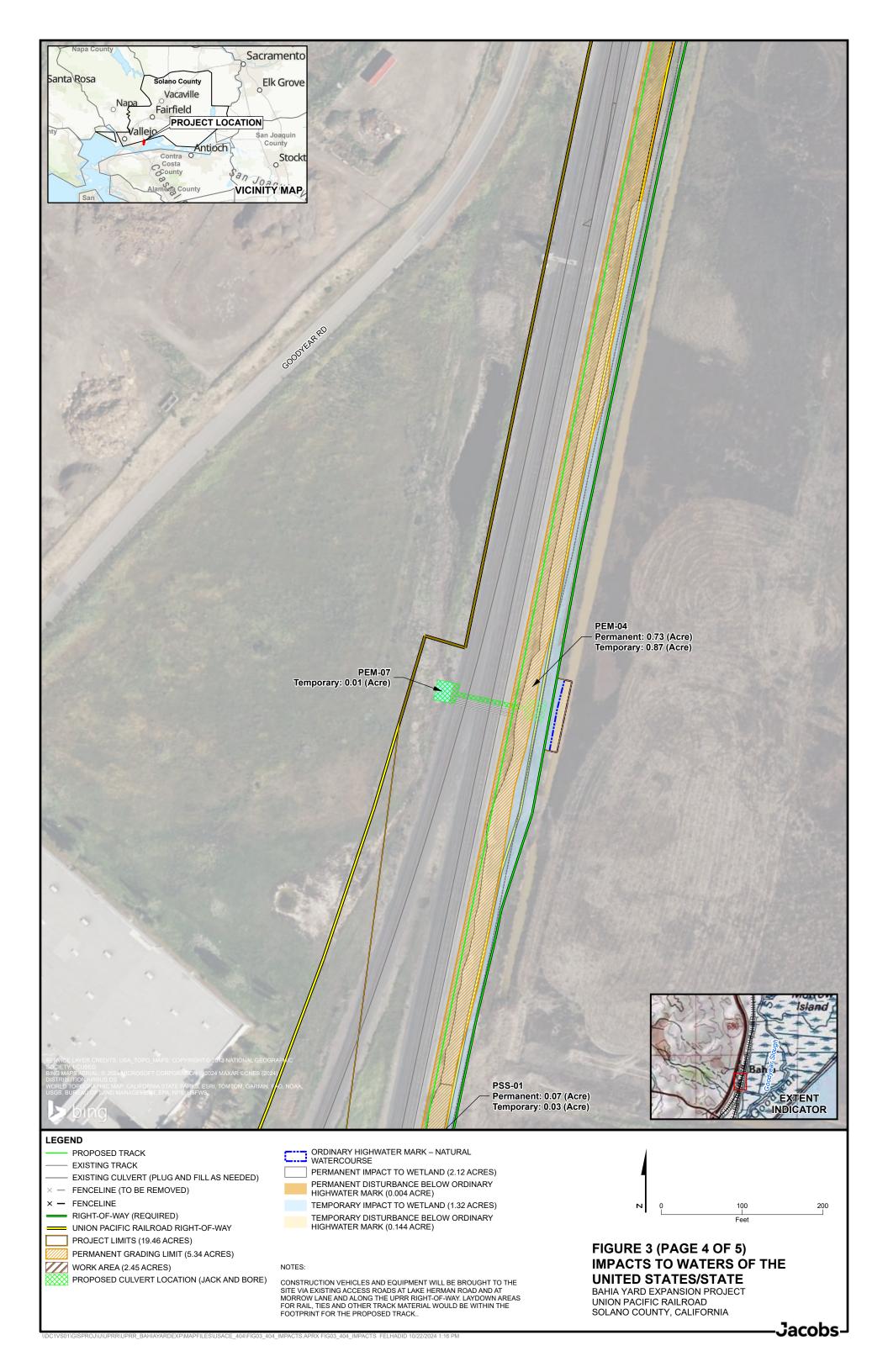


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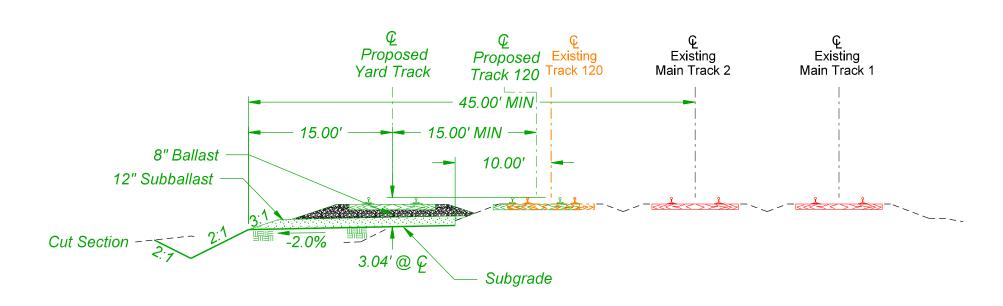






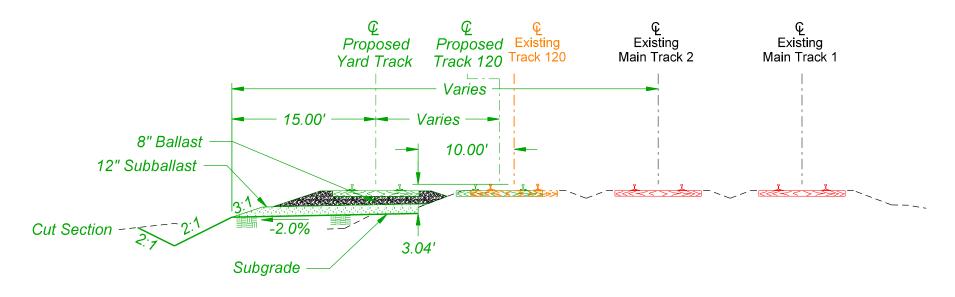






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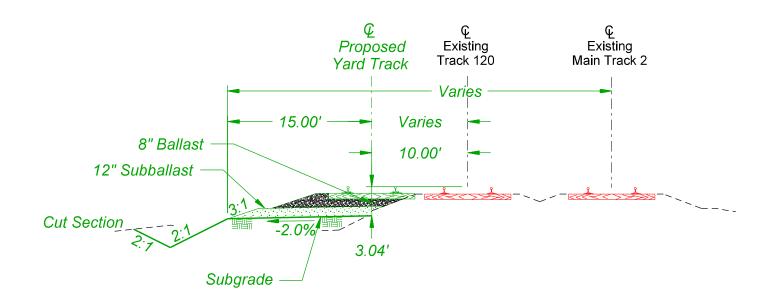


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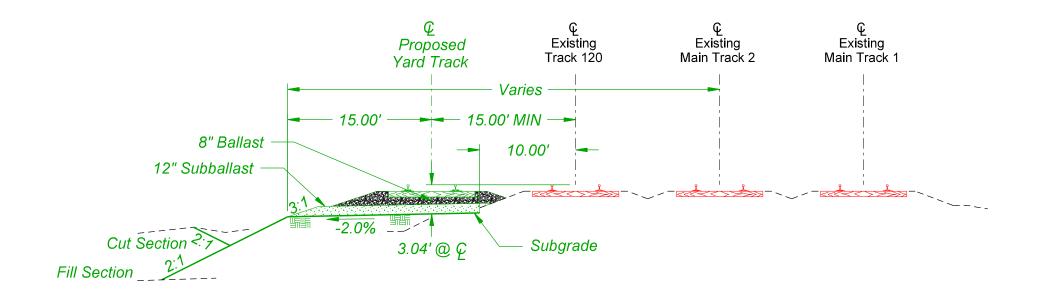
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