

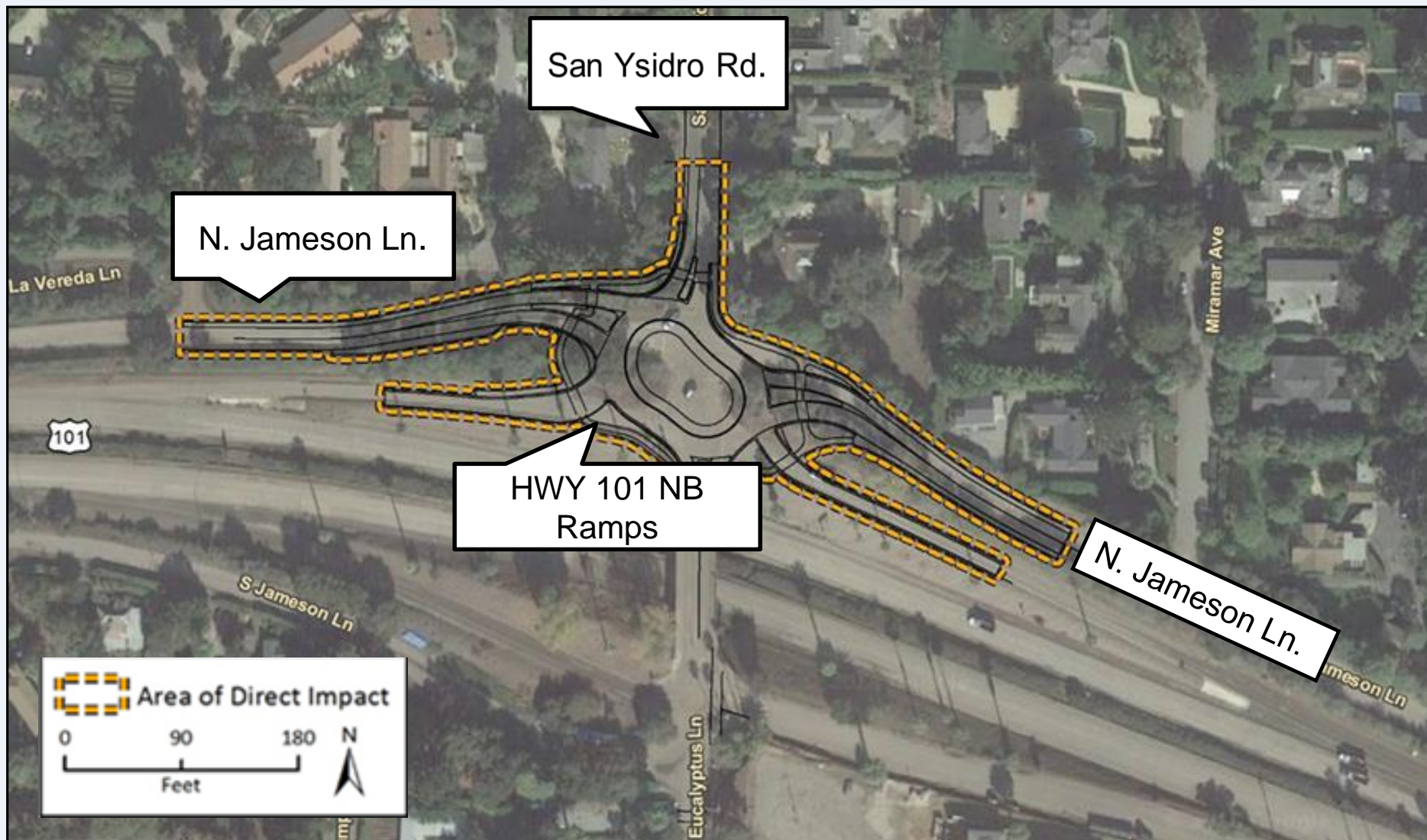
Becker Appeal of MPC Approval of the San Ysidro Roundabout Project Case No: 20APL-00000-00015

**Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
November 17, 2020**

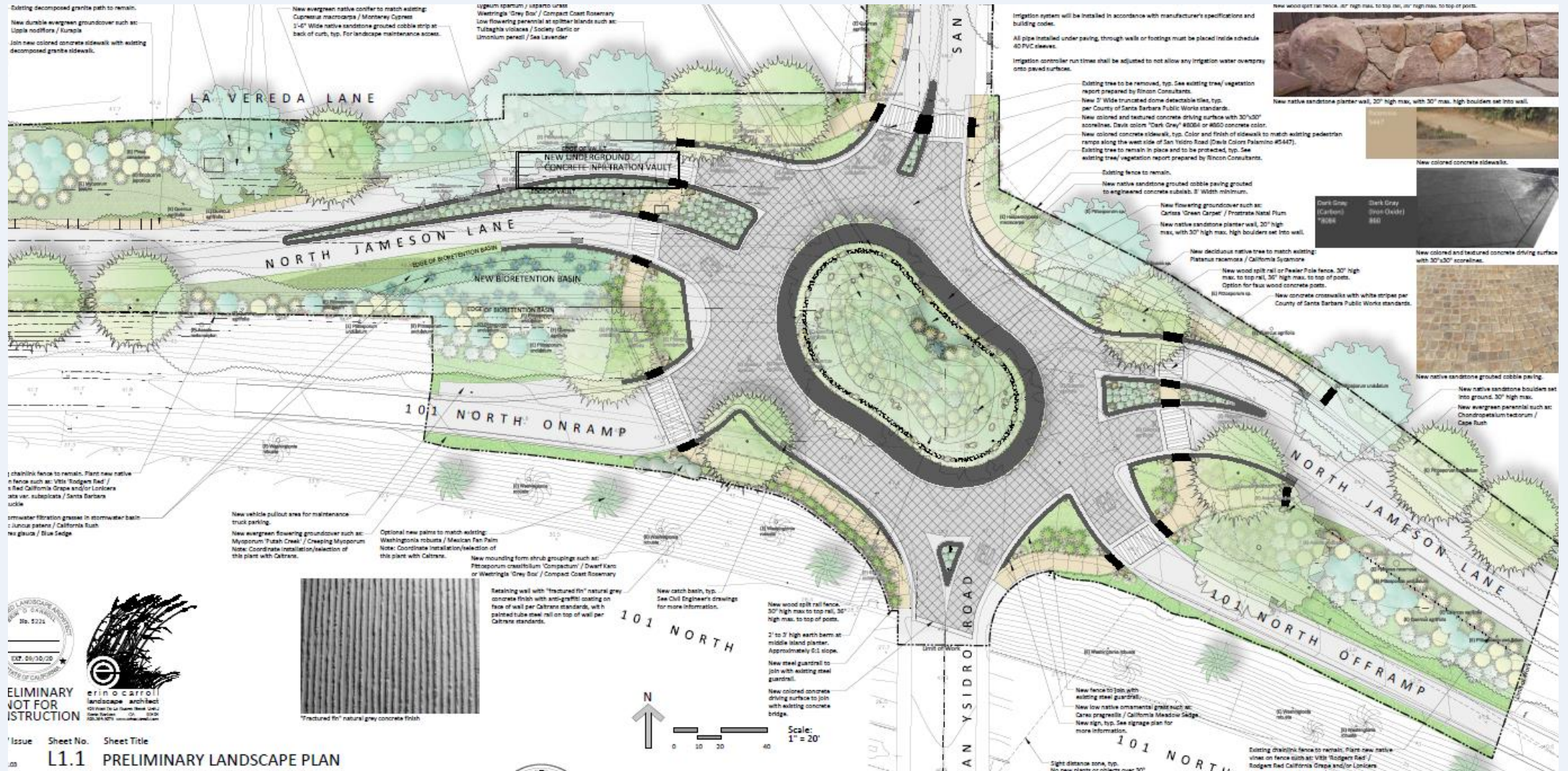


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Project Area



Proposed Project



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
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Issue Sheet No. Sheet Title
L1.1 PRELIMINARY LANDSCAPE PLAN

Visual Simulation-North



Visual Simulation-West



Background

- **1992:** Montecito Community Plan identifies unacceptable Level of Service (LOS) at San Ysidro intersection
- **2013-2017:** Public Works identifies roundabout as preferred improvement alternative
- **2017:** Highway 101 EIR identifies roundabout as mitigation
- **2019:** Board of Supervisors adopts Local Coastal Plan policies requiring roundabout implementation
- **June 10, 2020:** Montecito Planning Commission approves roundabout

Consistency

- Consistent with Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance, Montecito Community Plan, and Coastal Land Use Plan
 - Installs roundabout per CLUP Policy 7-32
 - Improves intersection Level of Service
 - Improves pedestrian/bike circulation
 - Design consistent with community character

Environmental Review

Addendum

- No new significant effects
- No substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects
- Mitigation Compliance, Monitoring and Reporting Plan ensures implementation of mitigation
- Per CEQA Section 15162 no new EIR is required

Appeal Issue 1

- **Assertion**

- Non-compliance with Coastal Policies requiring minimization of VMTs

- **Response**

- Will not measurably increase VMTs
- Project components support VMT reduction

Appeal Issue 2

- **Assertion**

- Project violates specified CEQA sections pertaining to EIRs
- Alternatives should be evaluated in environmental review
- GHG emissions must be evaluated per CEQA

- **Response**

- Environmental review properly completed with Addendum
- Related EIR is already certified
- Alternatives analysis is not required
- Addendum did analyze GHGs

Appeal Issue 3

- **Assertion**

- CEQA Section 15064.3 does not apply
- Roundabout is VMT-inducing and subject to VMT impact analysis
- Roundabout purpose is to handle increased traffic volume Highway 101 HOV project

- **Response**

- CEQA Section 15064.3 does apply
- Project does not measurably increase VMTs
- Roundabout required independent from HWY 101 project
- HWY 101 EIR was certified in 2017; is not subject to appeal

Appeal Issue 4

- **Assertion**

- MPC approval violated various CEQA Sections

- **Response**

- No evidence provided
- CEQA review was appropriately completed under an Addendum
- Related EIR was certified in 2017; is not subject to legal challenge

Recommended Actions

- Deny the appeal, Case Number 20APL-00000-00015
- Make the required findings for approval, including CEQA findings
- After considering the March 2020 Addendum to the previously certified EIR dated August 26, 2014, the Revised EIR dated October 27, 2017, and the EIR Addendum dated June 1, 2018 determine that no subsequent EIR or ND shall be prepared for this project
- Grant de novo approval of the project subject to the conditions of approval