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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2019
TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Stockton-Washington Corridor – Downtown Transit & Accessibility Project – Green Street & Stockton Street Crosswalk

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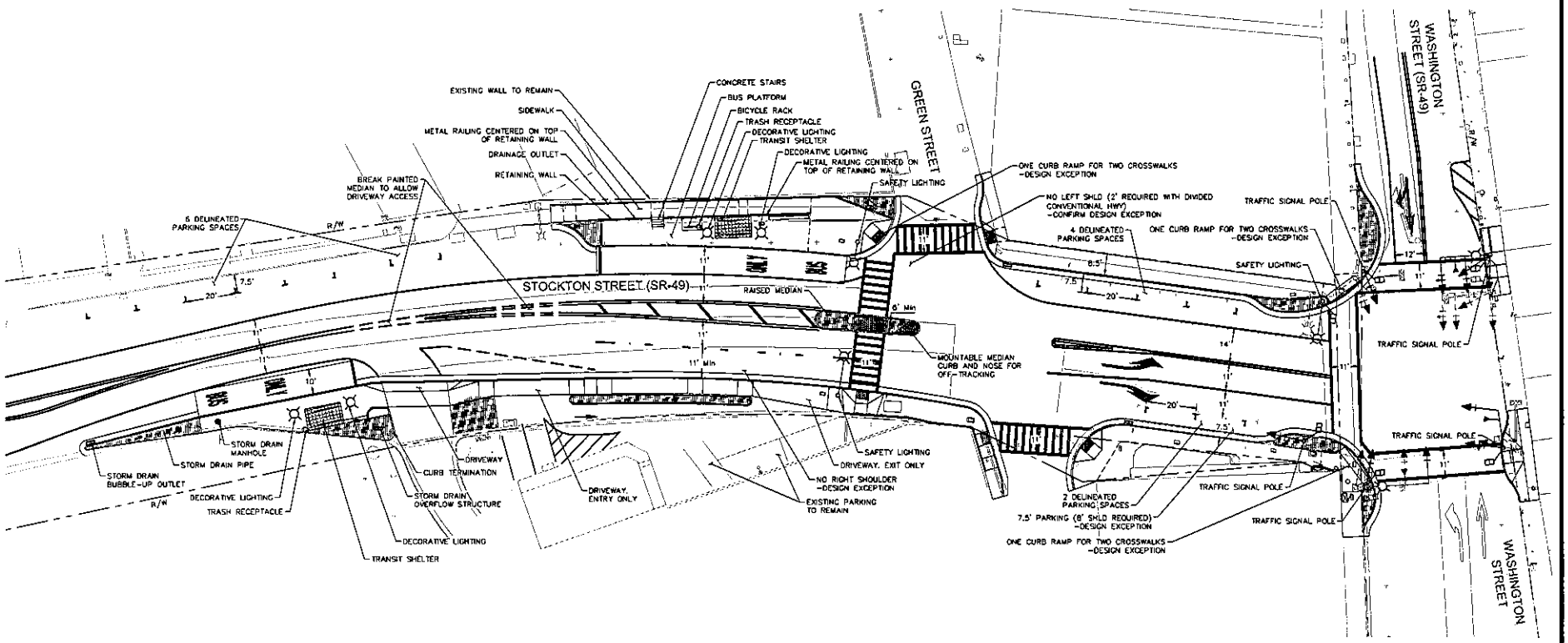
RECOMMENDATION:
City staff is requesting that the City Council review the proposed design alternatives for the Green Street and Stockton Street crosswalk included within the Stockton-Washington Corridor – Downtown Transit & Accessibility Project and provide staff direction.

BACKGROUND:
In December City staff and project consultants met with Caltrans to review the initial project design and identify any initial issues or concerns that needed to be incorporated into the plans. On January 22, 2019, the consulting team presented the revised plans to the City Council for their consideration and to receive any further direction before moving forward with finalizing the 65% plans.

DISCUSSION:
Since January the consulting team has been working with Caltrans' staff to finalize the 65% plans. On May 9th a Project Field Meeting with Caltrans' staff was held in Sonora to discuss specific design elements and conduct a site visit. During this meeting Caltrans suggested a possible alternative to the proposed HAWK system planned for the Green Street and Stockton Street crosswalk. This alternative would be to construct a pedestrian refuge median within the crosswalk providing a two stage crossing for pedestrians but no vehicular traffic control. Alternatively the HAWK is a signalized system that stops traffic while pedestrians are within the crosswalk. The HAWK system would also be synchronized with the signal at Washington and Stockton to help alleviate vehicular stacking issues at the intersection.

City staff is seeking direction from the City Council as to their design preference between the pedestrian refuge median or the HAWK System for the Green Street and Stockton Street Crosswalk.



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