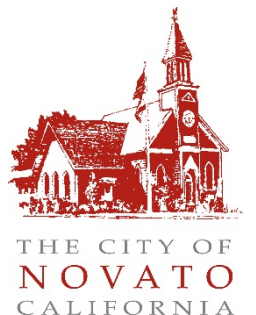


# VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WORKSHOP

# Welcome!

- Agenda:**
- 1. Discuss current CIP Project #15-017**
  - 2. Discuss potential future improvements**

**Presenters:** Petr Skala, Project Engineer  
Christopher Blunk, PE, Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer



# VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Vineyard Rd. is in need of major pavement rehabilitation. Average PCI = 34/100 (Very Poor)

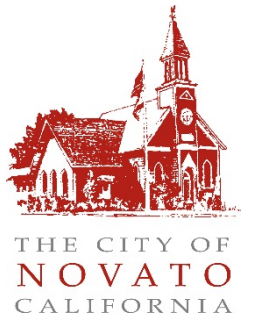


- CIP #15-017 originated in FY14/15 Budget to...

*“...perform pavement maintenance on the traveled way of Vineyard Road from Wilson Avenue to Sutro Avenue, and pending community feedback, install bicycle lanes and property owner-funded frontage improvements.”*

# VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDING/HISTORY

- Vineyard Road is eligible to receive federal funds based on functional classification.
- Project was originally funded with FY15/16 Gas Tax & TAM Measure A funds.
- FY14/15 Budget states *“Construction will be funded by a funding swap of Measure A and Gas Tax with a Federal STP Grant.”*
- Federal STP Grant was awarded to purchase open space, but required exchange with local funds due to federal programmatic restrictions.
- Vineyard Rd. project exchanged the funds and became ‘federalized’ in 2016.
- Original funding deadline was construction NLT summer 2017.
- FHWA/Caltrans granted a 1-yr extension for construction NLT summer 2018.



# CIP #15-017 VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## SCOPE OF WORK:

- Resurfacing existing roadway
- Curb ramp upgrades as mandated by federal law
- Restriping existing roadway (possible addition of bike lanes and/or crosswalks)
- Road sign modifications to match new striping (possible addition of crosswalk signs)



# CEQA & NEPA EXPLANATION

Level of Documentation	NEPA (Federal Highway Administration)	CEQA (California)	Explanation	Approximate Duration
Low	Categorically Excluded (CE)	Categorically Exempt (CE)	Project is excluded/exempt—usually for maintenance of existing features only.	1 month
Medium	Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI)	Initial Study/Negative Declaration (ISND)	Environmental screening determines project will have no impacts.	3-6 months
High	Complex Environmental Assessment (EA/Complex)	Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)	Environmental screening/study determines potential impacts can be mitigated.	12-24 months
Very High	Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	Environmental study determines project may have unavoidable impacts.	24 months +

# CIP #15-017 VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

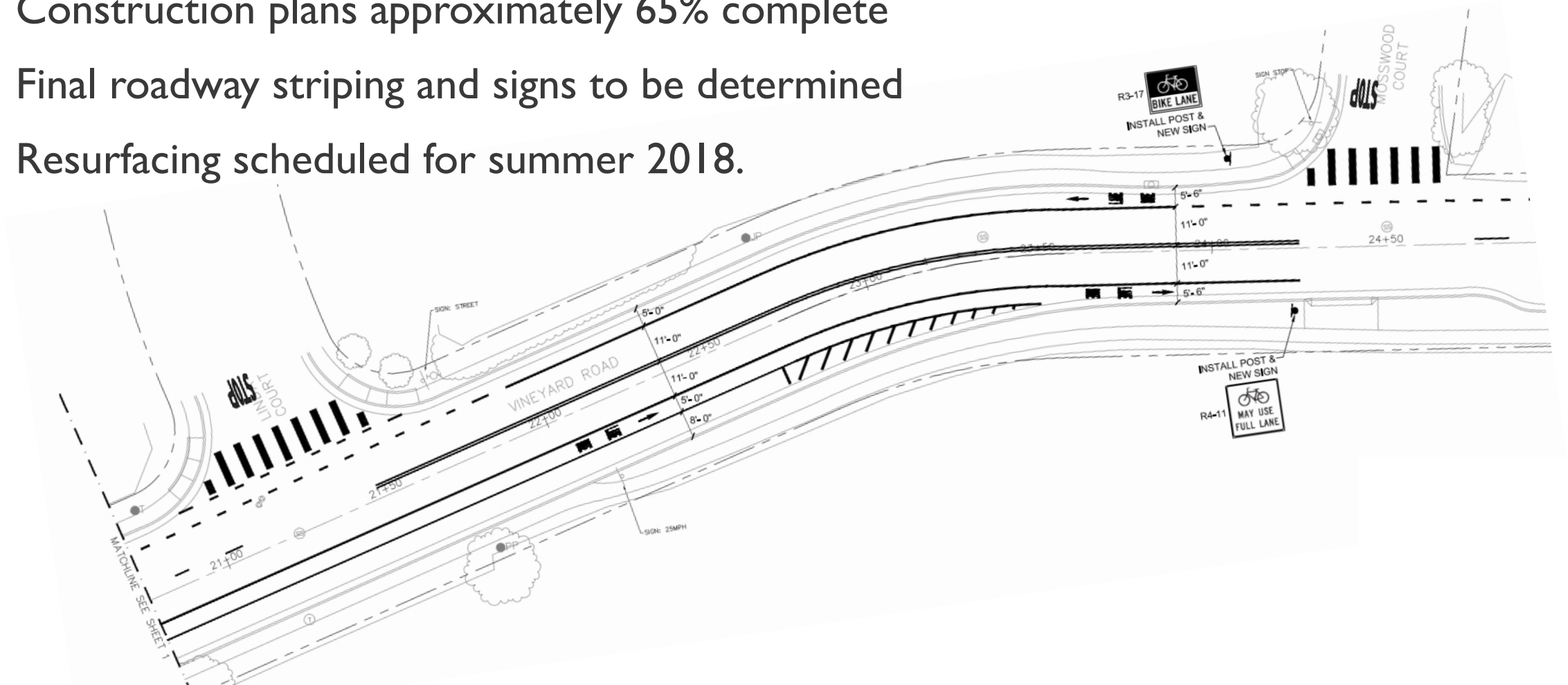
- FHWA/Caltrans approved NEPA Categorical Exclusion (maintenance of existing facilities)
- CEQA Categorically Excluded
- New sidewalks/widening to accommodate Class II bike lanes will require additional NEPA & CEQA documentation.

## FUNDING RESTRICTIONS & DEADLINES:

- Funding is tied to Federal STP Grant used to acquire open space.
- Expectation is that construction will occur during summer 2018.
- Another extension could be requested, but funds must eventually be spent or repaid.

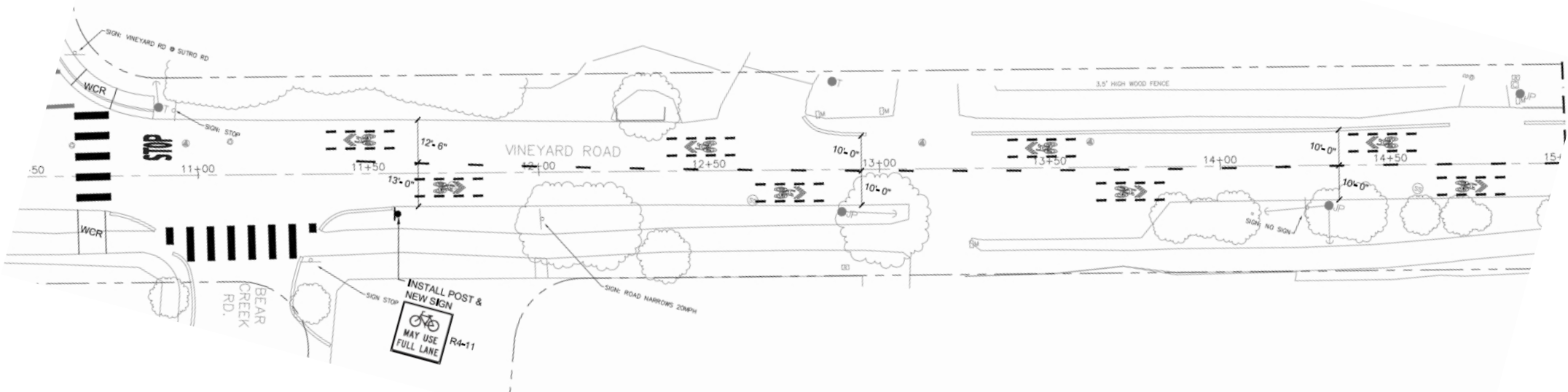
# CIP #15-017 VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STATUS

- Construction plans approximately 65% complete
- Final roadway striping and signs to be determined
- Resurfacing scheduled for summer 2018.



# VINEYARD RD. STRIPING OPTIONS ON CURRENT PROJECT

- Bicycle lanes—Class II lanes/Class III lanes
- Enhanced Class III bicycle lane striping
- Maintain existing on-street parking
- Enhanced crosswalk striping & signs
- New crosswalk locations
- Enhanced road sign package



## OTHER VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENTS REQUESTED TO DATE

- Continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities for children to ride/walk to Sinaloa & Pleasant Valley schools.
- Close sidewalk gap between Eucalyptus and just east of Sun Ln.
- Class II bicycle lanes per the city Bike/Ped Master Plan.
- Add midblock crosswalk between Mosswood Ct. & Mill Rd.
- Improve pedestrian access at Vineyard Rd. & Mill Rd.
- Other suggestions?

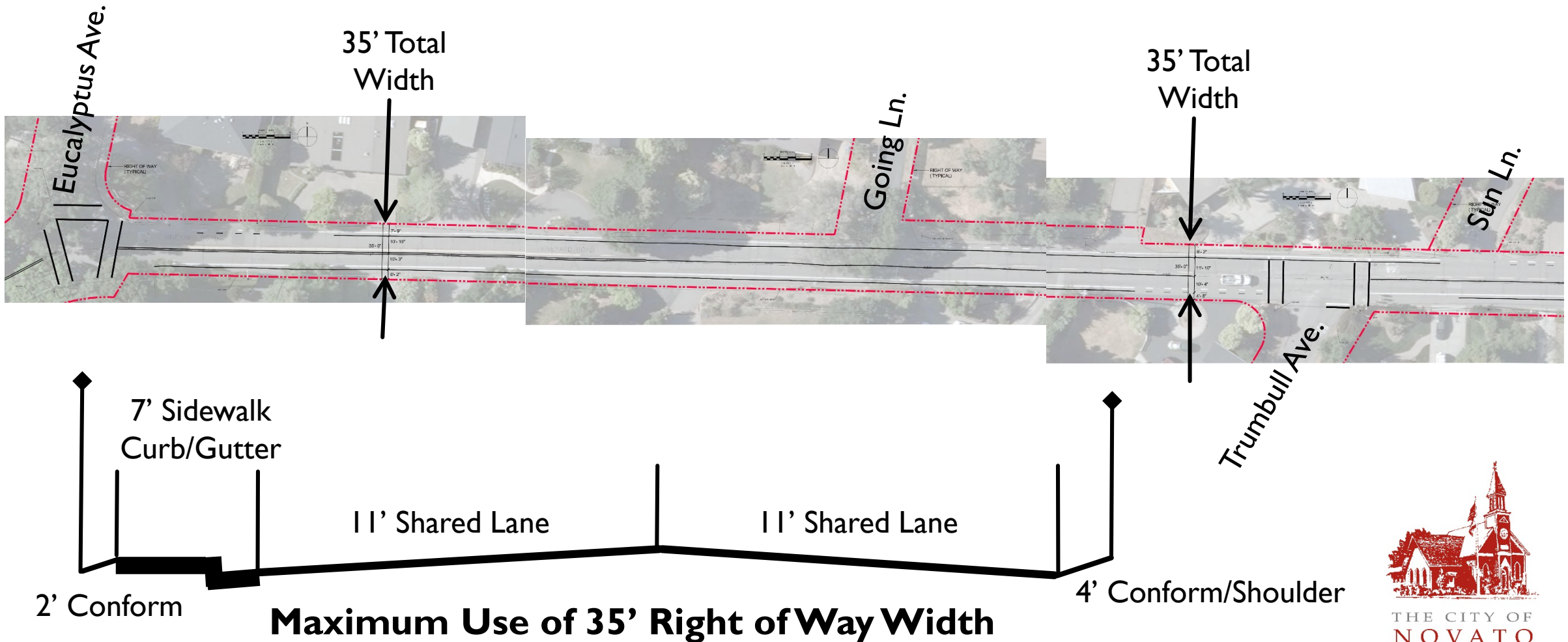


# VINEYARD ROAD IMPROVEMENT CHALLENGES

- Lack of curb/gutter/sidewalk at several locations.
- Narrow right-of-way
  - Utility relocations may be required.
- Desire by several residents to maintain the “rural character” of the street.



# VINEYARD ROAD RIGHT OF WAY CONSTRAINTS



## OTHER VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENTS – NEXT STEPS

### ■ Develop “Master Plan” to address bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and resident requests.

#### PROS

- Comprehensive document for planning future improvements
- Opportunity for inclusive design based on public engagement
- Allows for long-range financial planning & prioritization

#### CONS

- Expensive process and document to prepare
- Longer timeframes to deliver improvements
- Potential for document to become obsolete

### ■ Focus on smaller “prioritized” individual projects.

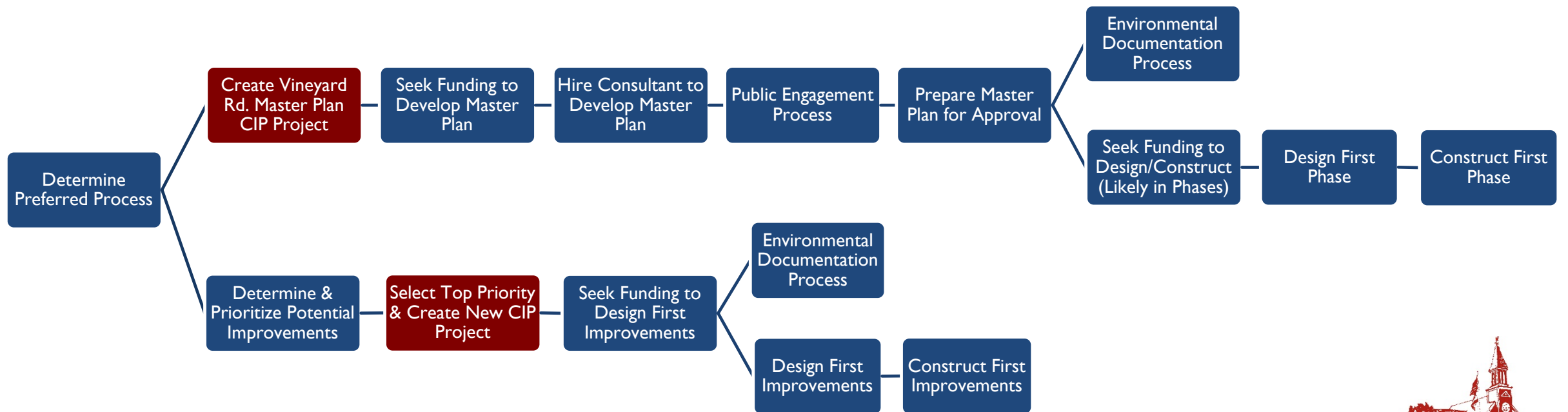
#### PROS

- No long-term planning process for entire street required
- Lower cost individual projects may be easier to budget
- Fastest way to implement future improvements

#### CONS

- No collective/shared “vision” of Vineyard Rd.
- Likely higher sum of all future project costs
- May not address all public requests/concerns

# OTHER VINEYARD RD. IMPROVEMENTS – NEXT STEPS



# CONCLUSIONS

- Resurfacing project plans will be finalized based on community feedback received.
- Construction is expected to take place during summer of 2018.
- Staff intend to initiate a new project in the 2018/19 fiscal year budget to address other requested improvements.
- Questions/comments?



# VINEYARD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WEBSITE

[novato.org/vineyardimprovements](http://novato.org/vineyardimprovements)

