CITY OF MERCED
Planning & Permitting Division

STAFF REPORT: **#12-07** **AGENDA ITEM: 4.1**

FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: June 6, 2012**

PREPARED BY: Julie Nelson, Planner

SUBJECT: **Street Vacation #12-01**, initiated by the City of Merced to abandon approximately 2,300 square feet of Santa Fe Avenue (east of G Street) subject to existing utility easements, to allow for the re-alignment of Santa Fe Drive as required for the G Street Undercrossing.

ACTION: Finding:

1) The proposed vacation is consistent with the General Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Engineering and Planning Department staff have reviewed this request and recommend that the Planning Commission adopt a Finding that the proposed Vacation of an approximately 2,300 square-foot portion of Santa Fe Avenue east of G Street (Attachment A), subject to the existing Public Utility Easements, is consistent with the General Plan.

BACKGROUND

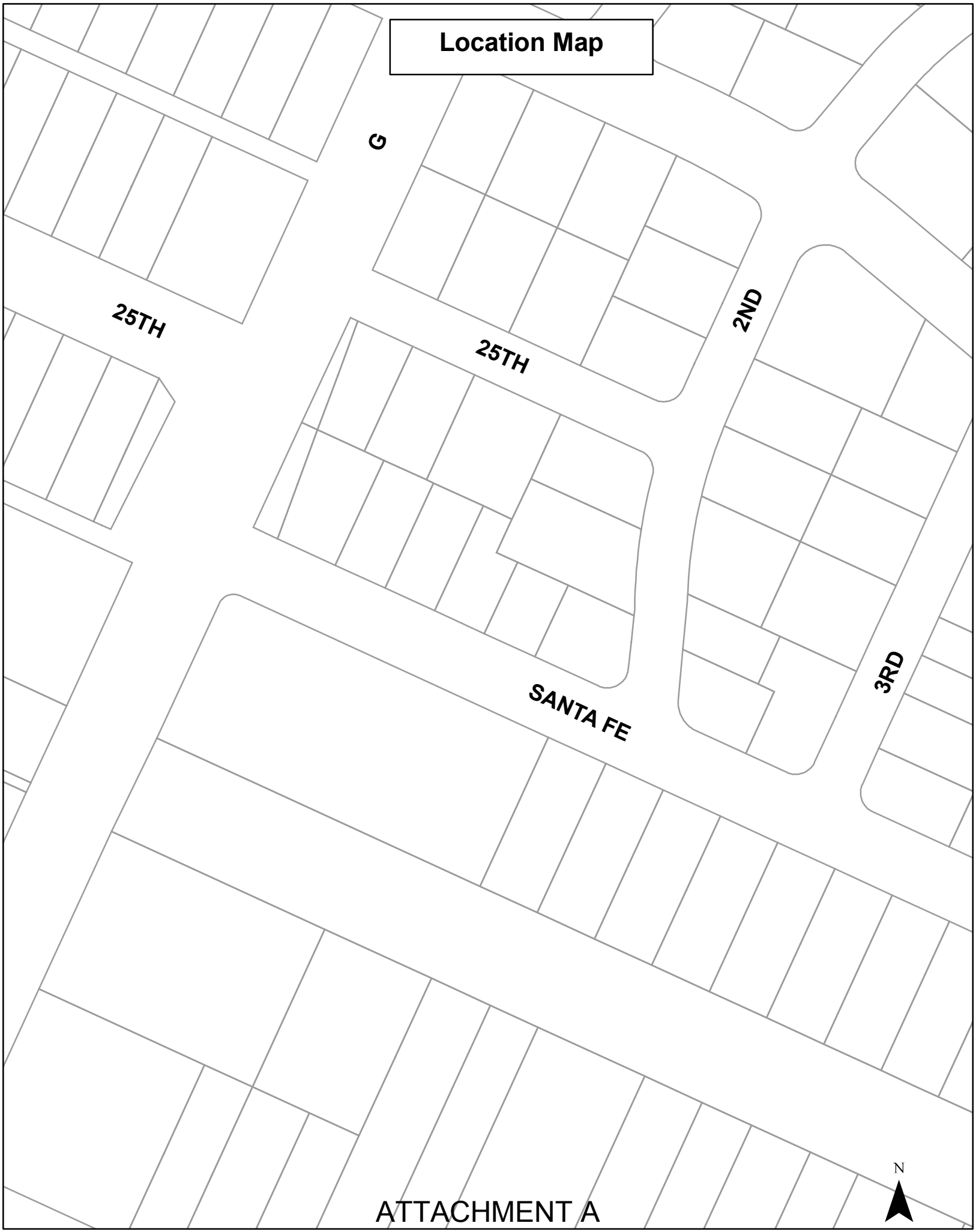
The City of Merced is requesting this vacation due to the realignment of Santa Fe Avenue in conjunction with the G Street Undercrossing project. Santa Fe Avenue was realigned to the south for better/safer access to G Street (Attachment B). A new cul-de-sac was created to allow access to the existing homes. This new cul-de-sac will be renamed to Santa Fe Terrace pending City Council approval. The vacated roadway will be owned by the City of Merced Public Financing and Economic Development Authority and will eventually be developed in conjunction with the adjacent parcel to the north.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:

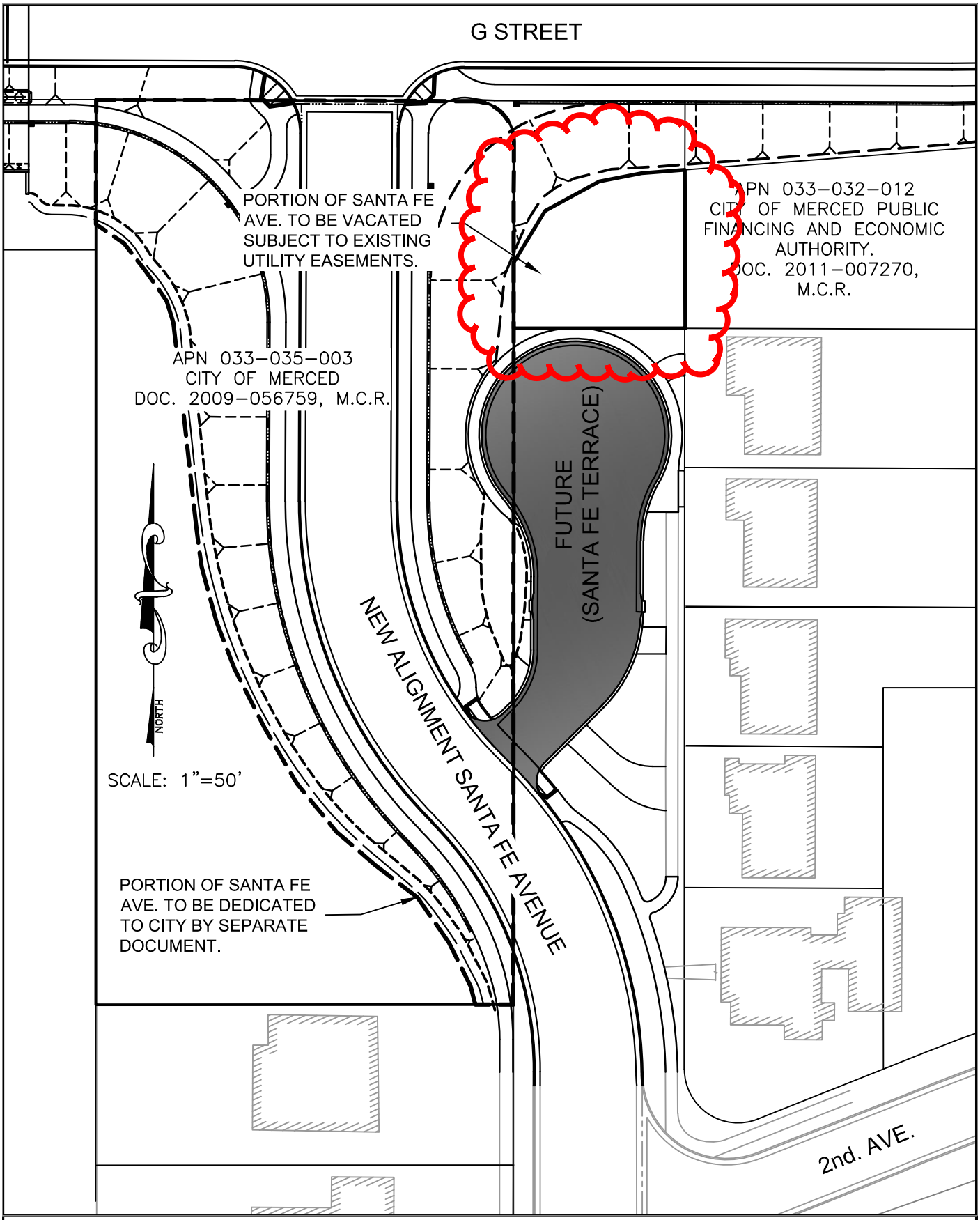
Santa Fe Avenue is designated as a collector within the City's Circulation Plan. Because the roadway was re-aligned and not eliminated, it remains consistent with the current General Plan Goals and Policies.

Attachments:

A) Location Map
B) Vacation Area



ATTACHMENT A



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"G" STREET UNDERCROSSING
PROJECT NO.106076
ROAD RENAMING

DR. BY:	CARDOSO
DATE:	5/29/12
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SCALE:	No Scale

ATTACHMENT B