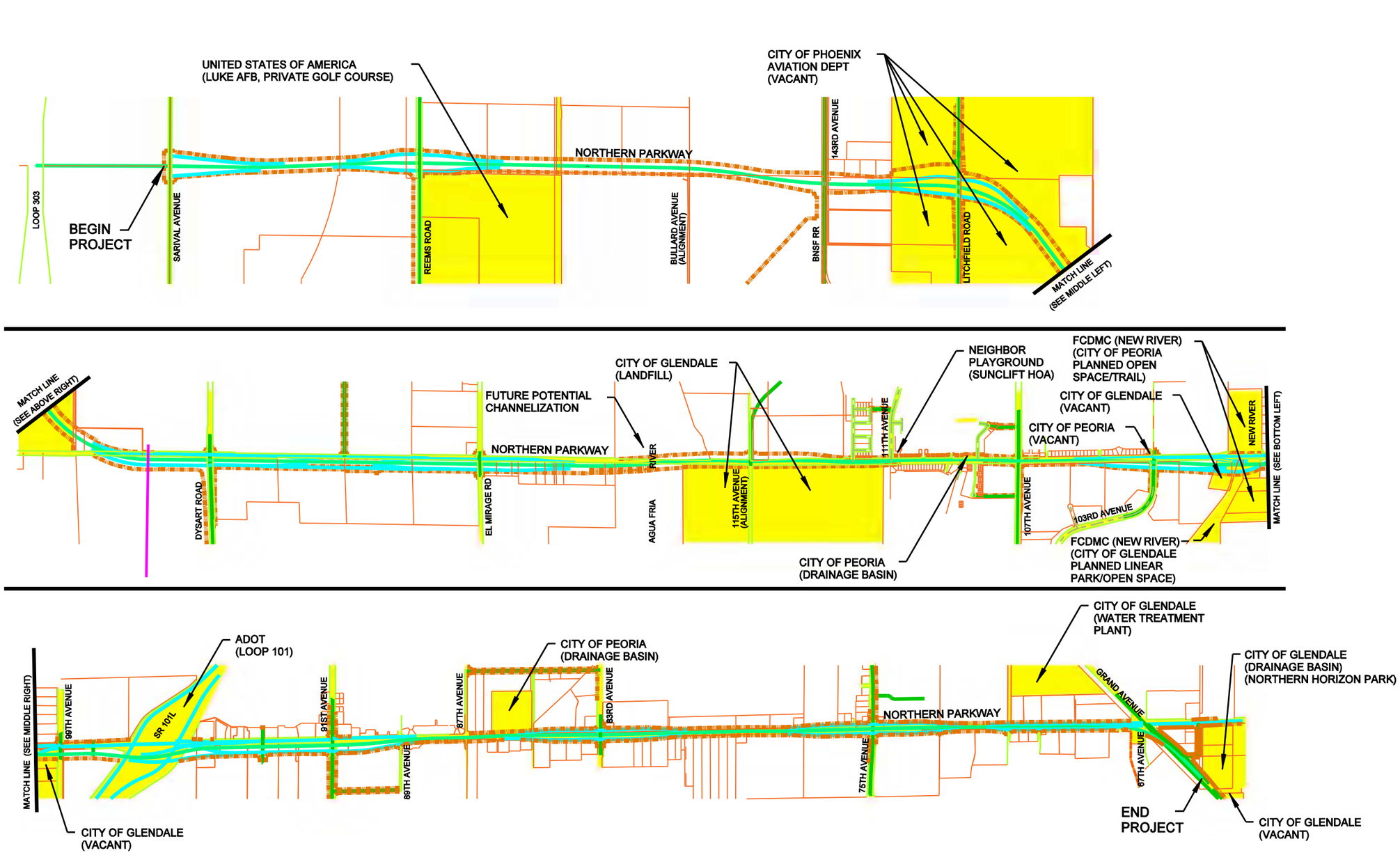
APPENDIX J

SECTION 4(f) INFORMATION



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Public Lands Along Alternatives 1 & 2

Figure J-1

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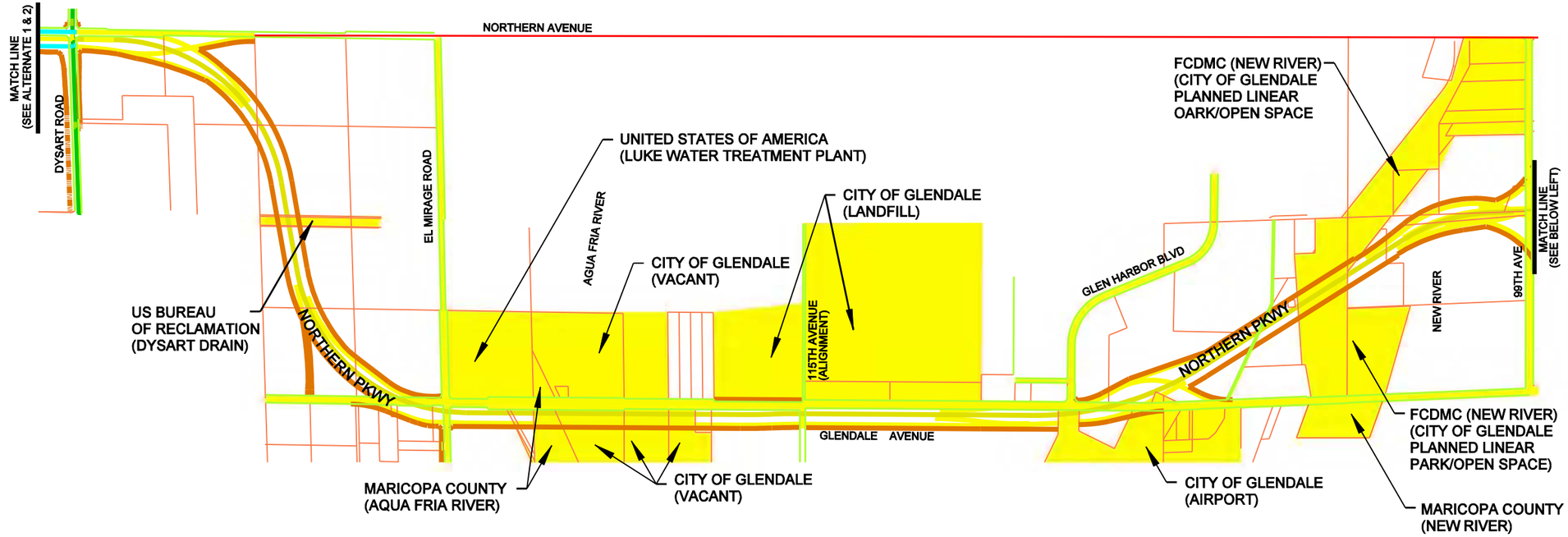

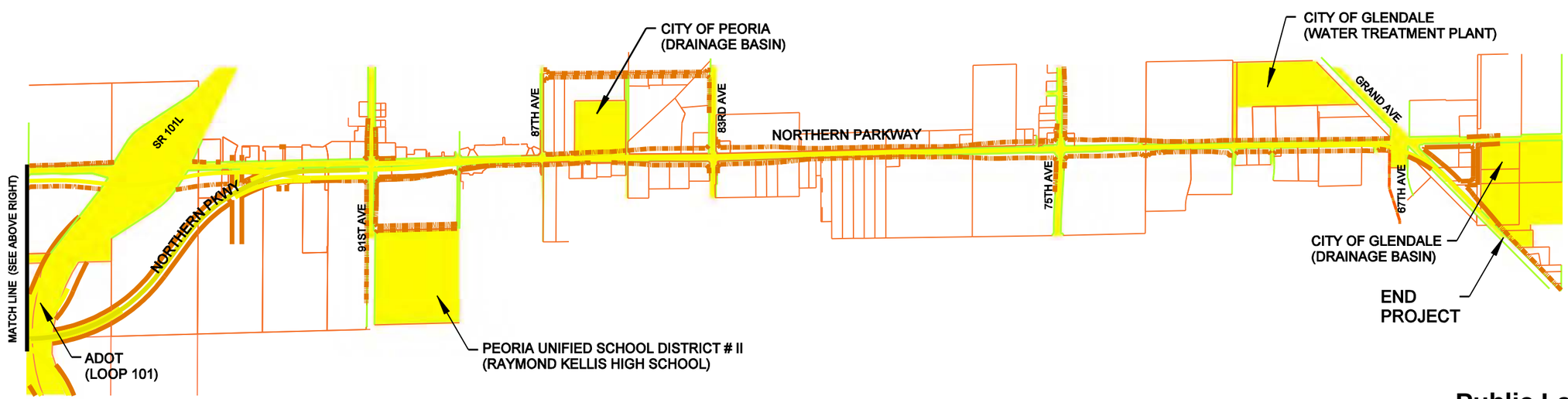

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Public Lands Along Alternative 3

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Appendix J - Section 4(f) Information

The following table describes recreational resources within the Northern Parkway study area that were excluded from Section 4(f) consideration.

Table J-1. Recreational resources excluded from Section 4(f) consideration

Potential Section 4(f) property	Location	Reason for exclusion	Reference
Alternative 1 & 2 Concept			
Falcon Dunes Golf Course	Southeast corner of Northern Parkway and Reems Road (see Figure J-1)	Publicly owned, but use restricted to military personnel	Personal communication with Rusty Mitchell, Luke AFB, Director of Community Initiatives Team
Neighborhood Playground	Northeast corner of Northern Parkway and 111th Avenue	Privately owned by Suncliff HOA, not for public use	Maricopa County Assessor's web site and field visit
Agua Fria River	At Northern Avenue between El Mirage Road and 115th Avenue	Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC) channelization plan could include recreational facilities, however implementation may be by private channelization district, not public property	Personal communication with John Hathaway, Greg Jones, and Chuck Williams of FCDMC
Alternative 3 Concept			
Maricopa County (Agua Fria River)	North and south of Northern Parkway east of El Mirage Road	Publicly owned, but may be channelized by a private channelization district	Personal communication with John Hathaway, Greg Jones, and Chuck Williams of FCDMC

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Meeting Notes
Glendale Parks and Recreation Department Coordination Meeting – December 18, 2008

ATTENDEES:

William Schwind, CPM, Deputy Director, City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department
Terry Johnson, AICP, Deputy Director, City of Glendale Transportation Department
Bob Darr, PE, Transportation Planning Manager, City of Glendale Transportation Department
Timothy Quinn, ASLA, Landscape Architect, City of Glendale Engineering Department
Greg Rodzenko, PE, City of Glendale Engineering Department
Roger Miles, PE, Project Manager, URS

MEETING NOTES:

Northern Parkway Overview: Roger Miles explained that Northern Parkway is a major transportation project extending from Loop 303 to US 60 (Grand Avenue). Construction of Northern Parkway is planned to be phased beginning in 2010 and ending in the year 2025. The project includes elevated roadway sections at major intersections and bridges over the Agua Fria River, the New River, Loop 101, and 67th Avenue/Grand Avenue.

Funding of Northern Parkway includes federal STP funds. Federal funding requires an environmental assessment conforming to federal standards. Included in the environmental assessment is an evaluation of public lands planned to be used to construct the roadway improvements. More particularly, an evaluation was made of publicly owned sites used for recreational purposes. The potential impacts of Northern Parkway improvements to three such sites were discussed with City staff as follows.

Northern Horizon Park: This is a relatively new park located near 63rd Avenue and Northern Avenue. The land (approximately 35.6 acres) bounded by Northern Avenue to the north, 63rd Avenue to the east, and the BNSF railroad spur to the west is owned by the City of Glendale and is within a regional drainage basin. The eastern half of the park along 63rd Avenue is currently developed while the west half of the park land along the BNSF spur tracks and Grand Avenue is not developed. The developed area, which is open to the general public, includes facilities for a dog park, playground, picnic areas, a youth bike safety course, and a paved parking area.

Future development of the western portion of the park area is limited. The development concept includes a trail along the perimeter of the park forming a loop. Desert landscaping and pedestrian lighting would be installed adjacent to the trail and be located between the park boundary and the top of bank of the drainage basin. The interior of the undeveloped park land would be seeded with native grasses. These conceptual improvements are not currently funded

or in the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and are not likely to be construction within the next 10-15 years.

Northern Parkway improvements along Grand Avenue and along Northern Avenue would require approximately 0.9 acres of the undeveloped portion of the City park land. The roadway improvements including pavement, curb and gutter, offset sidewalk and landscaping would require reconstruction of a portion of the drainage basin banks and relocation of headwalls for drainage pipes. The offset sidewalk and landscaping could be incorporated into the park trail loop.

New River Trail and Linear Park: The New River is a channelized watercourse that crosses Northern Avenue between 103rd and 99th avenues. The property is owned by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCD). The City of Glendale Transportation Department has completed a design concept report (DCR) to construct a multiuse path along the New River terminating at Northern Avenue, which is the northern city limit of Glendale. The pathway would intersect Northern Avenue at grade and go under the future Northern Parkway (bypass). The multi-use path is in the City of Glendale Transportation Plan and programmed for construction in FY 2010-11. In addition, The City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Master Plan designates the New River channel as a future "Linear Park/Open Space". No linear park improvements are funded or in the Glendale CIP.

Northern Parkway improvements would require approximately 2.7 acres of the New River Channel to construct roadway improvements including new pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter, Northern Parkway bridge, and eastbound Northern Avenue bridge.

Raymond Kellis High School: Raymond Kellis High School is a relatively new high school in the Peoria Unified School District located on 91st Avenue about 1000 feet south of Northern Avenue. The City of Glendale has recently entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the school district to allow the City Parks and Recreation Department use of lighted fields, parking lots, and other facilities for recreational purposes. The City will install lighting in exchange for use of the facilities.

Northern Parkway improvements would not require any right-of-way from the school. However, the Northern Parkway project would include construction of Hayward Avenue immediately north of the school from 91st Avenue to 89th Avenue and require 450 sq ft of right-of-way from the school to install the city standard sight distance triangle at the intersection of Hayward and 91st Avenue. The street construction would provide alternative access to the Rovey Farm Estates to help mitigate reduced access along Northern Parkway.

cc: Attendees

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Meeting Notes
Peoria Parks and Recreation Department Coordination Meeting – December 30, 2008

ATTENDEES:

Kirk Haines, City of Peoria Parks and Recreation Department
Ben Wilson, City of Peoria Engineering Department
Dave Moody, City of Peoria
Roger Miles, PE, Project Manager, URS

MEETING NOTES:

Northern Parkway Overview: Roger Miles explained that Northern Parkway is a major transportation project extending from Loop 303 to US 60 (Grand Avenue). Construction of Northern Parkway is planned to be phased beginning in 2010 and ending in the year 2025. The project includes elevated roadway sections at major intersections and bridges over the Agua Fria River, the New River, Loop 101, and 67th Avenue/Grand Avenue.

Funding of Northern Parkway includes federal STP funds. Federal funding requires an environmental assessment conforming to federal standards. Included in the environmental assessment is an evaluation of public lands planned to be used to construct the roadway improvements. More particularly, an evaluation was made of publicly owned sites used for recreational purposes.

New River Trail and Linear Park: The New River is a channelized watercourse that crosses Northern Avenue between 103rd and 99th avenues. The property is owned by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCD). The City of Peoria is proposing to construct a multiuse path along both sides of the New River terminating at Northern Avenue, which is the southern city limit of Peoria. The multi-use path is in the City of Peoria CIP and programmed for construction in FY 2010-11. In addition, The City of Peoria Parks and Recreation Master Plan designates the New River channel as a future "Linear Park/Open Space". No linear park improvements are funded or in the Peoria CIP.

Northern Parkway improvements would require approximately 2.7 acres of the New River Channel to construct roadway improvements including new pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter, Northern Parkway bridge, and eastbound Northern Avenue bridge.

Mr. Haines said that ideally the multi-use pathway would be continuous under the existing bridge and under the 2 additional new bridges with connections to the Northern Avenue street, which could provide uninterrupted pedestrian and bicycle flow. There would be no at-grade

crossings of eastbound or westbound Northern Avenue or Northern Parkway bypass, which would optimize safety. Based on experience at other locations, this option could cost in the range of $1.5 million. However, a less desirable solution of signalized at-grade crossings of the eastbound and westbound Northern Avenue roadways could work if the signals were interconnected with adjacent signals and since separate signals would be installed for each direction.

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