

A wide-angle photograph of a beach at low tide. The foreground is a sandy beach with some footprints. A line of dark, wet sand and pebbles runs diagonally from the left towards the center. The water is shallow and reflects the sky. In the background, there is a line of trees and a building. The sky is clear and blue.

# ALAMEDA CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCY PLAN

JULY 16, 2019





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- 06 Implementing the CARP



An aerial photograph of a large steel truss bridge spanning a wide river. The bridge is filled with cars, and its reflection is visible in the water. On the left bank, there are residential houses and a walkway. On the right bank, there are large industrial buildings. In the background, a city skyline and hills are visible under a hazy sky. The overall tone is dark and moody.

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# CHALLENGES OF AN EVOLVING CLIMATE



# Alameda's Changing Climate



Sea level rise and  
storm surge



Extreme heat



Inland flooding



Wildfires



Drought



Liquefaction/  
earthquakes

## An Uncertain Future



Transportation



Water and  
Food Supply



Air and  
Water Quality



Public Utilities



Public and  
Ecosystem Health



Public and  
Personal Property





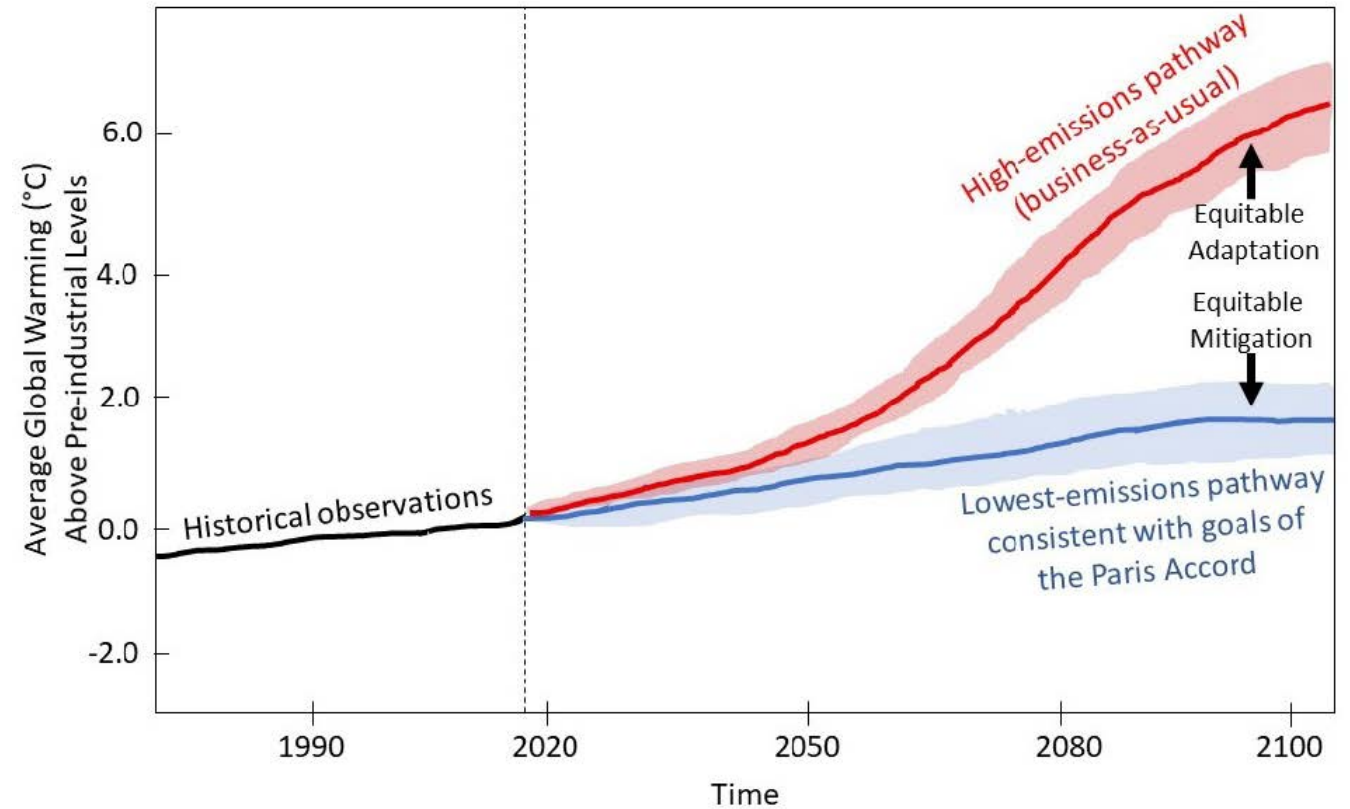
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# DEVELOPING THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PLAN



# Alameda's Climate Safe Path

*The combination of mitigation and adaptation into a single, actionable plan identifies significant co-benefits for Alameda.*



**Greenhouse Gas Emission  
Reduction Goals**

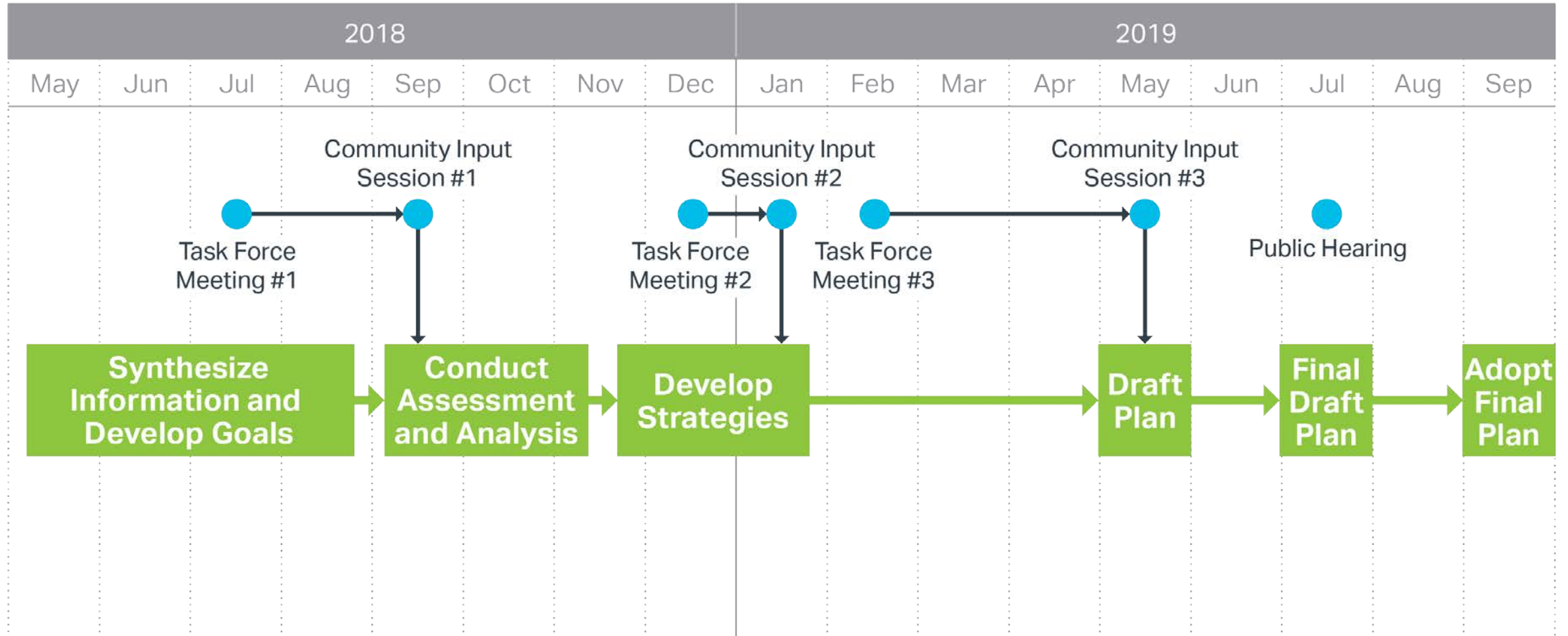
**Climate  
Adaptation Goals**

**CARP**

**Climate-Resilient  
Alameda**



# CARP Development Process





# A Proactive Response

- Local Action Plan for Climate Protection (2008)
- Developed Alameda Point Master Infrastructure Plan (2014) and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2016)
- With more recycling and composting, achieved 79% landfill diversion (2017)
- Won \$40 million in transportation grants for mode-shifting projects (2017)
- Council referral to update Local Action Plan (2017)
- Ban on plastic straws (2018)
- Won funding for two Climate Fellows and grant for climate planning (2018)
- City Council Climate Emergency Declaration (2019)
- GHG emissions inventory and Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (2019)
- In 2020, GHG emissions reduced by 23% since 2008



## LOCAL ACTION PLAN FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION

PREPARED BY THE CITY OF ALAMEDA  
CLIMATE PROTECTION TASK FORCE AND THE  
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

As Part of the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Alameda on  
February 5, 2008



City of Alameda Planning and Building Department  
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# A Community Response

- Climate change action originated from the community, CASA, and City Council
- CARP reflects input from hundreds of public comments and suggestions
- Youth engagement of middle and high school students. Watch their [video](#)!



Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network  
Bike Walk Alameda  
Building Decarbonization Coalition  
Building Industry Association of the Bay Area  
Climate Readiness Institute  
Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda  
Earth Justice  
Rocky Mountain Institute  
San Francisco Estuary Institute  
Sierra Club  
StopWaste



# Stakeholder Engagement

- Green Working Team
- Task Force
- Community Input Sessions
- Online Input
- City-Led Stakeholder Engagement





# CARP Vision and Goals

“Alameda will be an **innovative leader** in achieving **net zero carbon emissions** and **community resilience** as soon as possible, and serve as an example that inspires similarly impacted cities to do the same. Our community members will be a vital part of this ongoing process.”

## Eight Targeted Goals:

- GHG reduction
- SLR and storm surges
- Inland flooding
- Drought
- Extreme heat
- Wildfires
- Earthquakes/liquefaction
- Effective implementation and capacity building



# ALAMEDA

**Climate Action and  
Resiliency Plan (CARP)**



# CARP Guiding Principles

## Aligning with State Goals



- CARP aligns with state policies
- Develop plan to address mitigation and adaptation
- Reduce reliance on fossil fuels

## Building on Regional Planning



- Expands work of BCDC's ART Program
- Draws upon latest climate projections
- Identifies opportunities for collaboration with City and neighboring jurisdictions

## Committing to Equity



- Considered society and equity, economy, environment, and governance
- Conducted social vulnerability assessment
- Identified equitable mitigation and adaptation strategies





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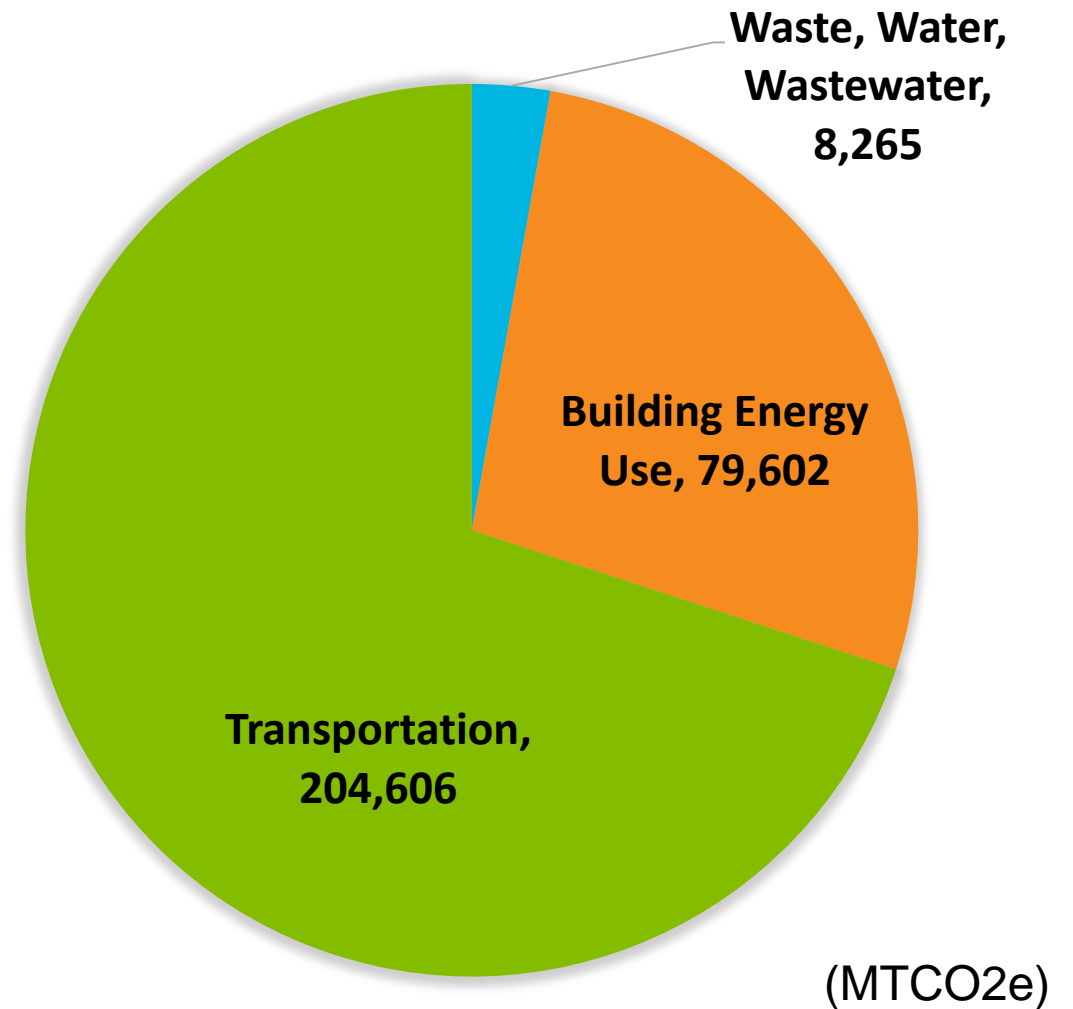
# REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS



# Greenhouse Gas Emissions

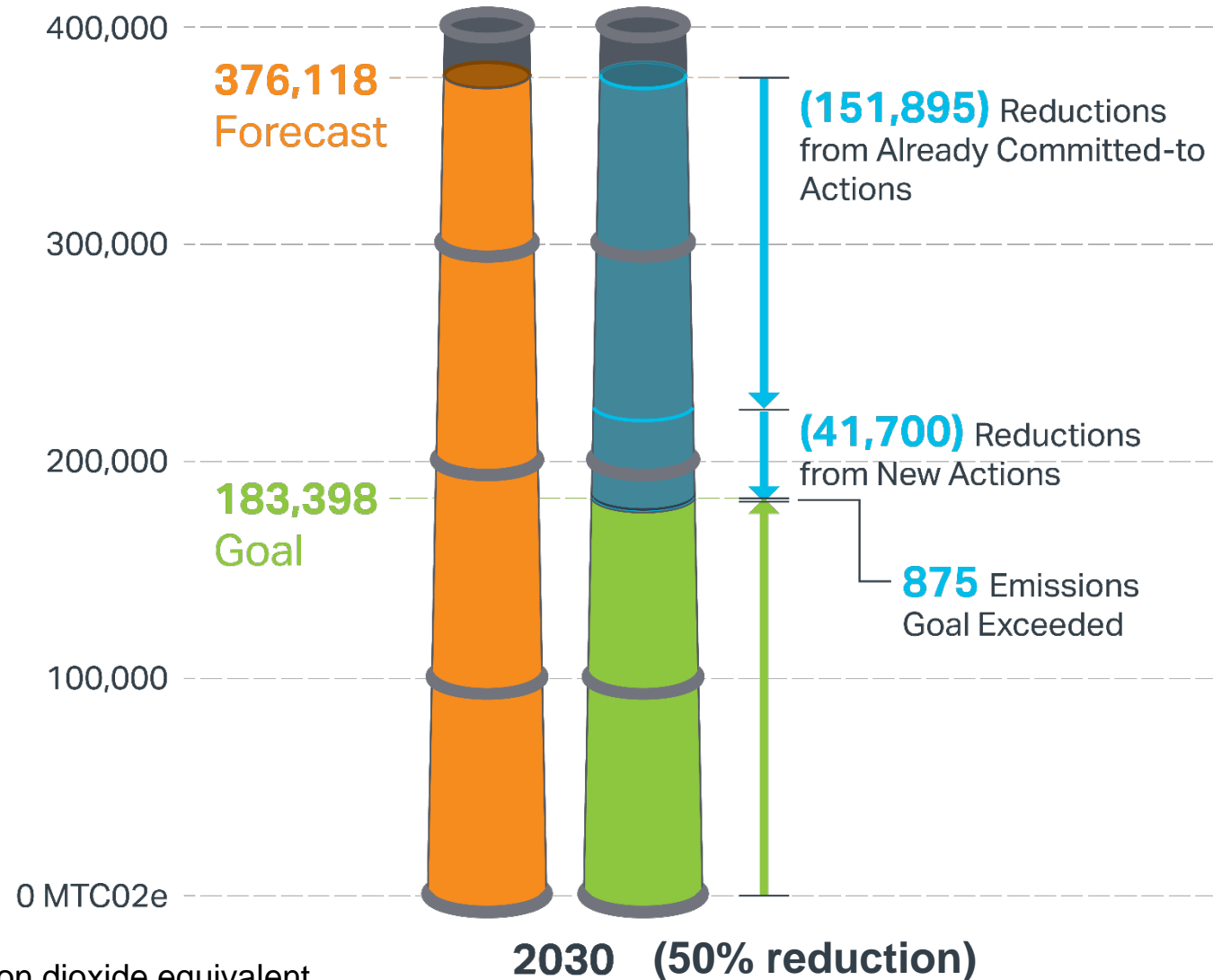
- City has worked to reduce GHG emissions since 2008
- City will achieve a 23 percent reduction relative to 2005 by 2020
- GHG reductions to date primarily from:
  - AMP's shift to 100 percent clean electricity
  - Zero Waste Implementation Plan (ZWIP)
  - Transportation Choices Plan (TCP)
  - Reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- Future GHG reductions will come from transportation sector and natural gas consumption

## Alameda's 2020 GHG Projections



# Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals

The City aims to reduce GHG emissions to **50% below 2005 levels by 2030** and reach **carbon neutrality as soon as possible**.





# GHG Emissions Reduction Actions

## Transportation

- Encourage mode shift
- Encourage electric vehicle use

## Buildings

- Reduce natural gas use
- All-electric new residential development
- Replace gas appliances in existing buildings

## Sequestration

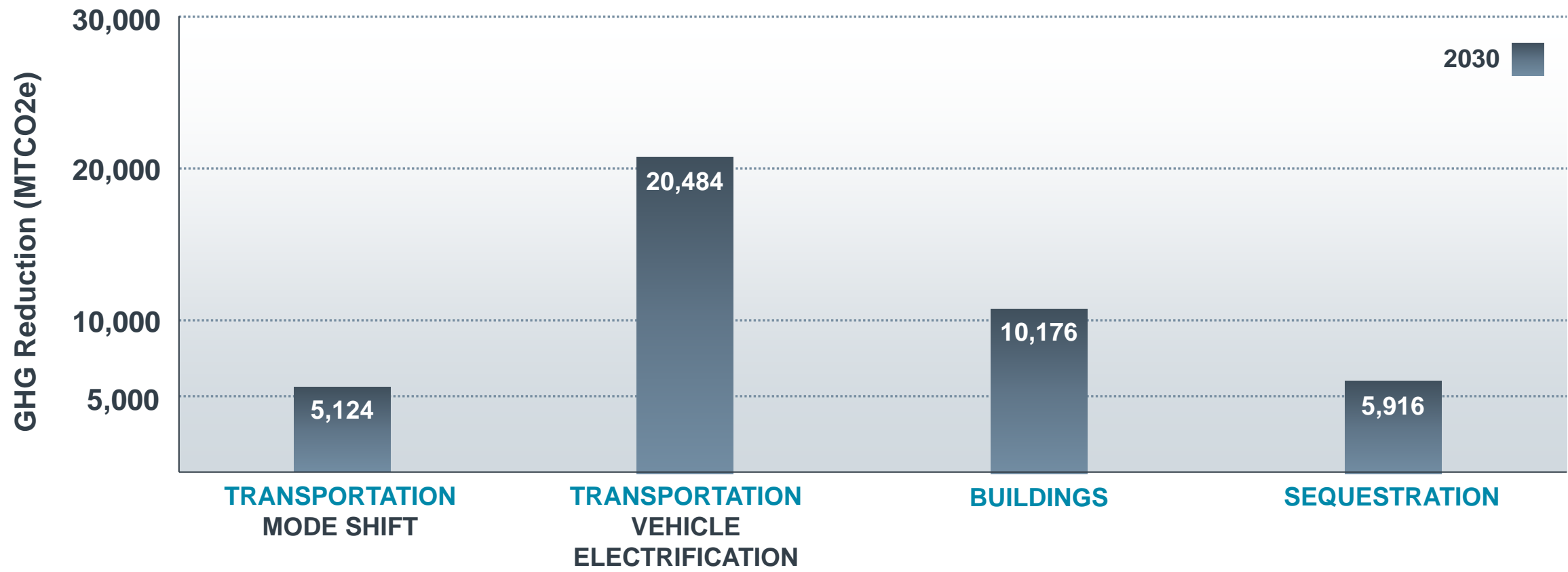
- Draw down carbon from atmosphere
- Plant trees

## Already Committed to:

- 100% clean energy
- Implement the TCP
- Implement the ZWIP
- Plant new trees

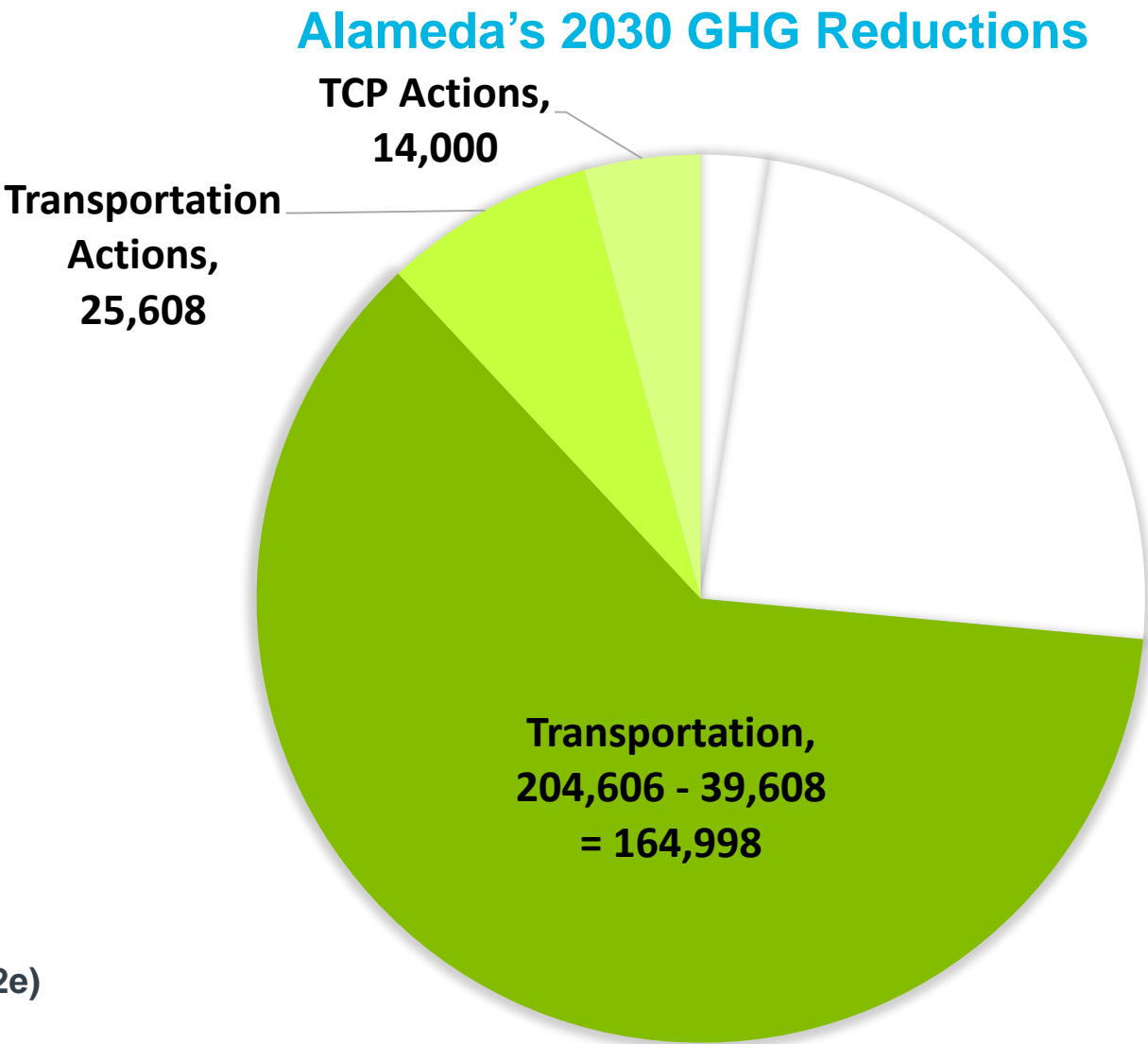
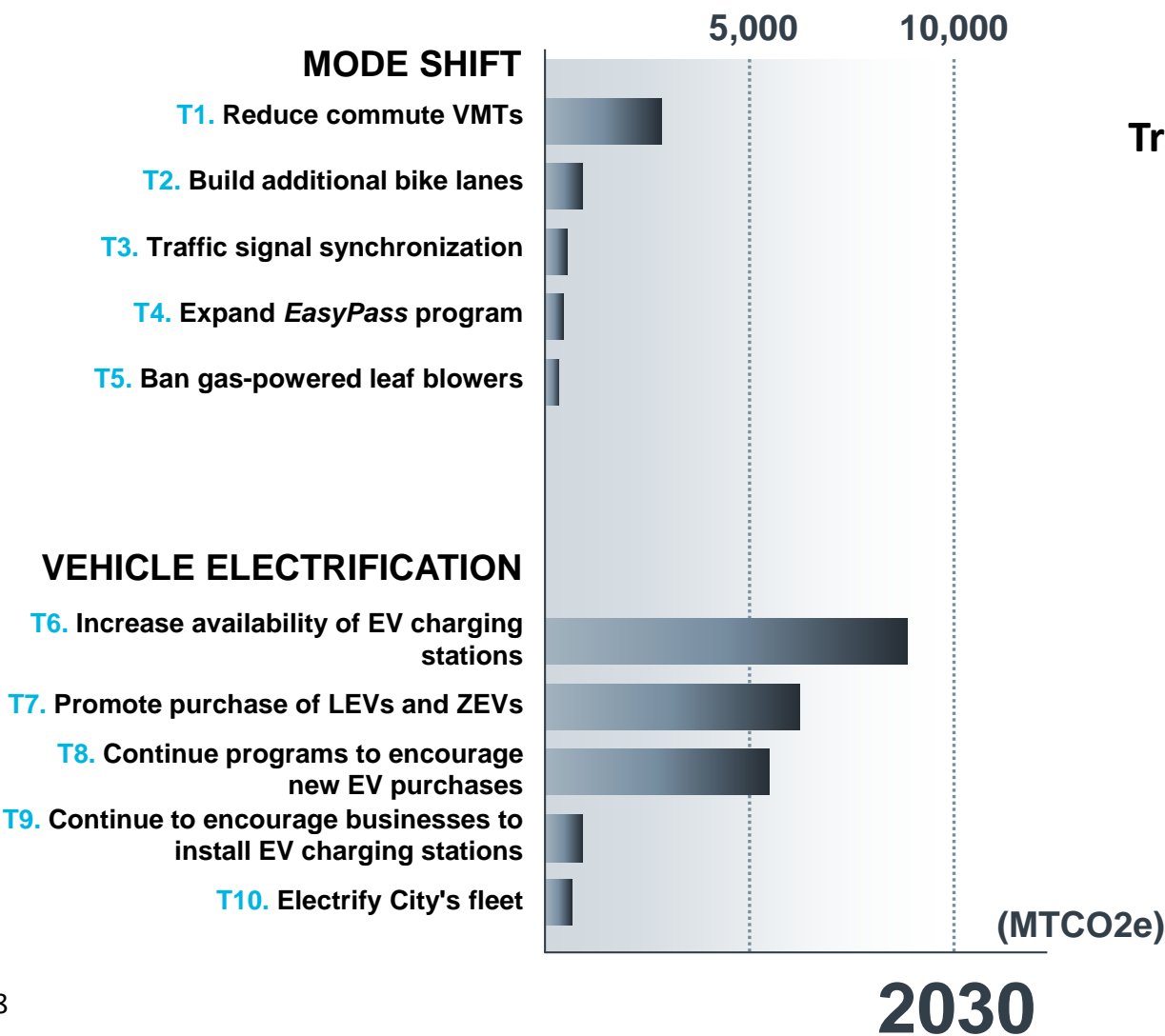


# GHG Emissions Reductions Actions

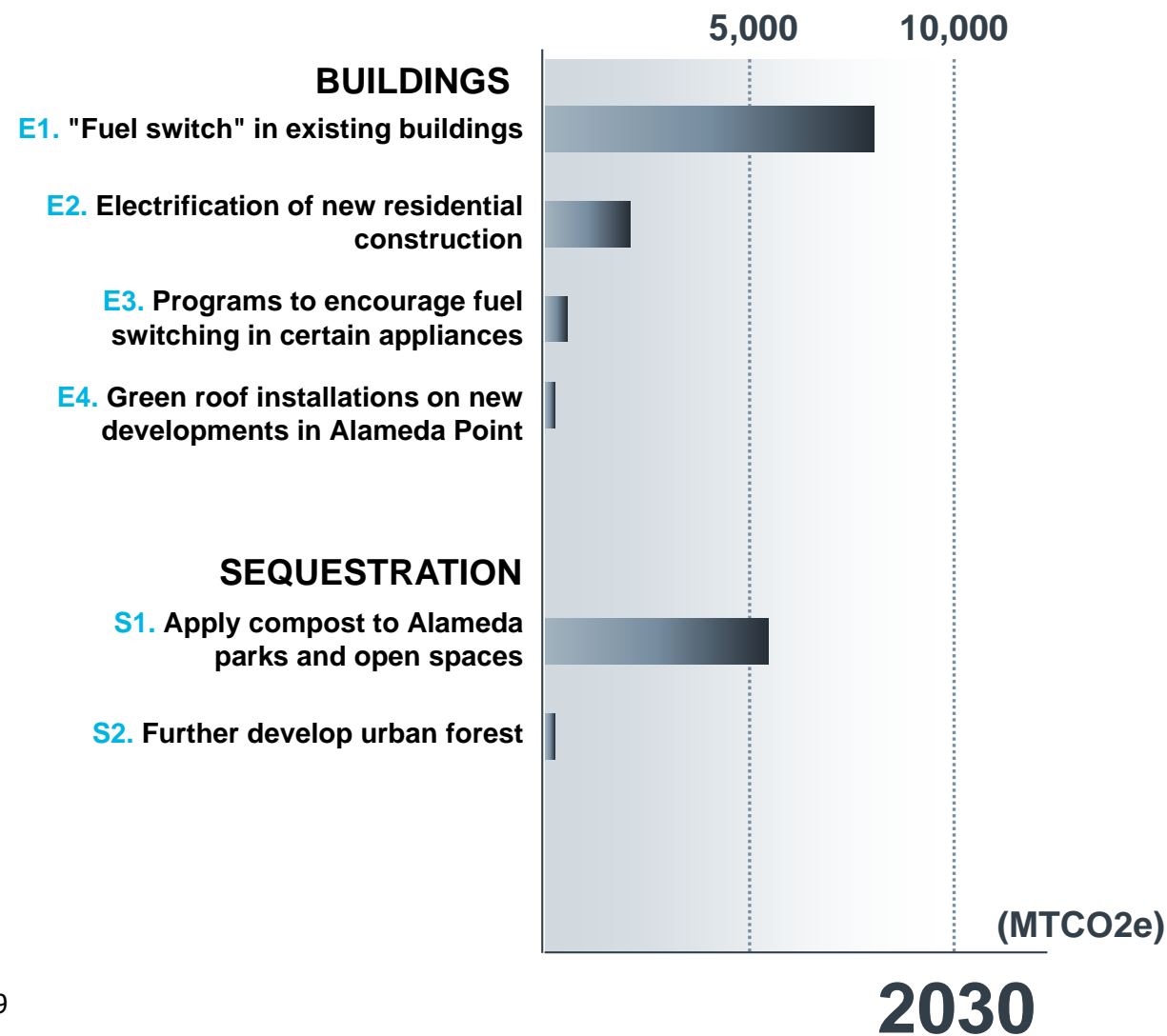




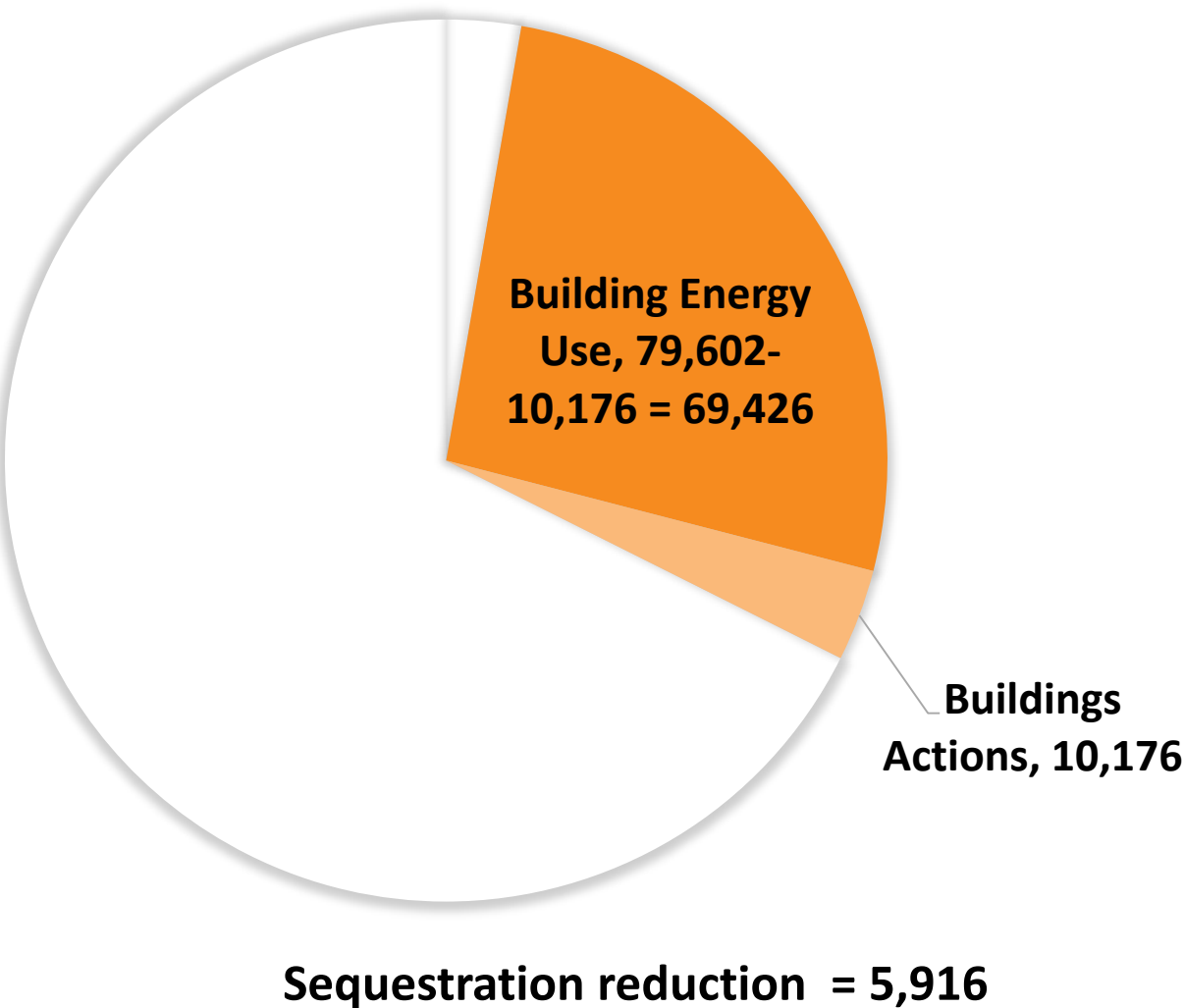
# GHG Emissions Reductions Actions: Transportation



# GHG Emissions Reductions Actions: Buildings and Sequestration



Alameda's 2030 GHG Reductions







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ADAPTING TO  
CLIMATE CHANGE



# Climate Hazard-Specific Goals



Sea level rise and storm surge

Protect assets from SLR and storm surge, plan future land use to avoid impacts, and enhance natural shoreline habitat to mitigate impacts.



Drought

Reduce water consumption and increase drought-resistant landscaping.



Inland flooding

Increase resiliency and capacity of the stormwater system to prevent flooding of assets during extreme precipitation events



Extreme heat

Reduce heat island effect and protect vulnerable populations from heat impacts during heat waves



Liquefaction/earthquakes

Ensure building and infrastructure retrofit and new design standards in areas at high risk of liquefaction consider both seismic risk and SLR impacts.



Wildfires

Protect public health from smoke impacts during wildfire events, especially among vulnerable populations.



# Alameda's Adaptation Planning Process

Existing and Future Conditions

- Define baseline and future climate conditions based on best available science

Vulnerability Assessment

- Identify key vulnerabilities and impacts to infrastructure, residents, economy, and environment

Adaptation Strategies

- Develop strategies and actions at asset and citywide scale

## Climate Hazard-Specific Goal Areas



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Drought

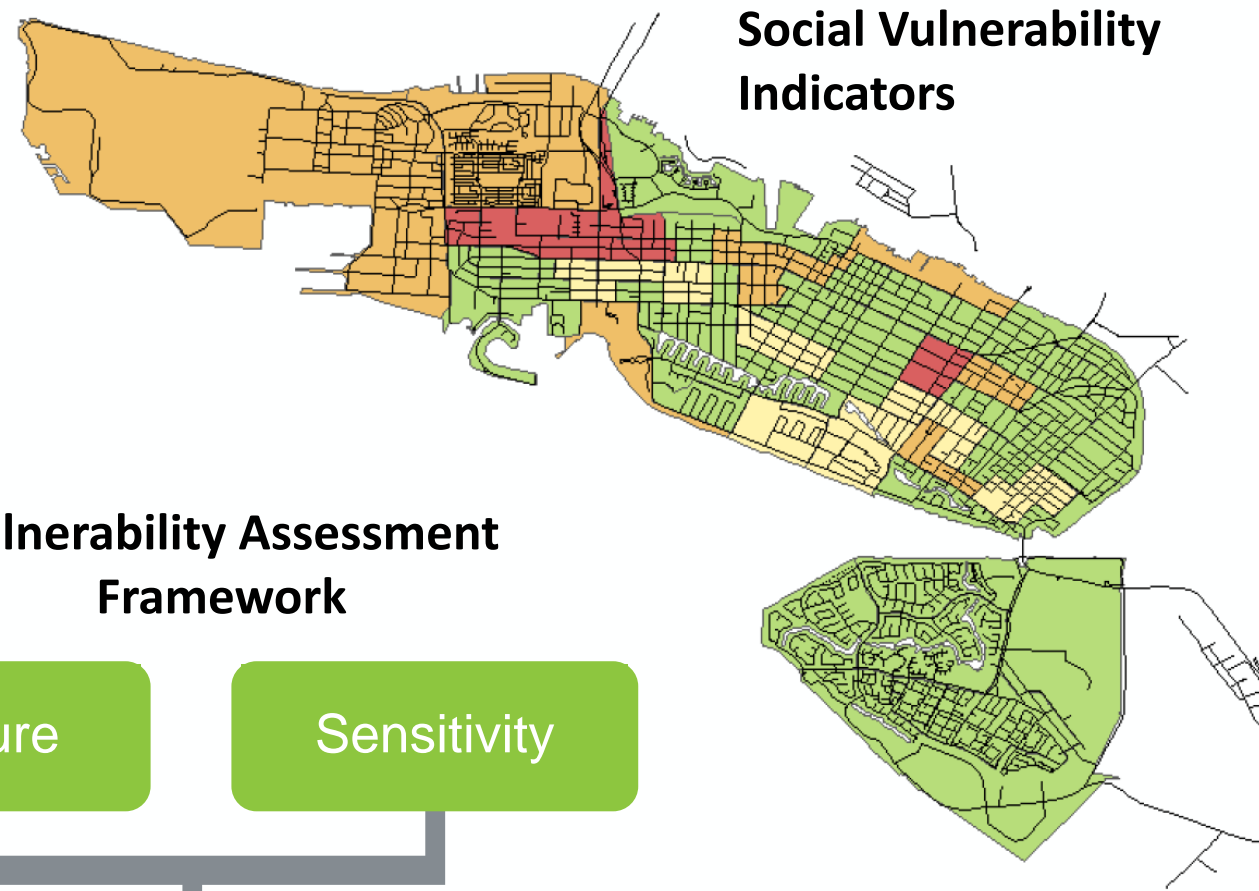
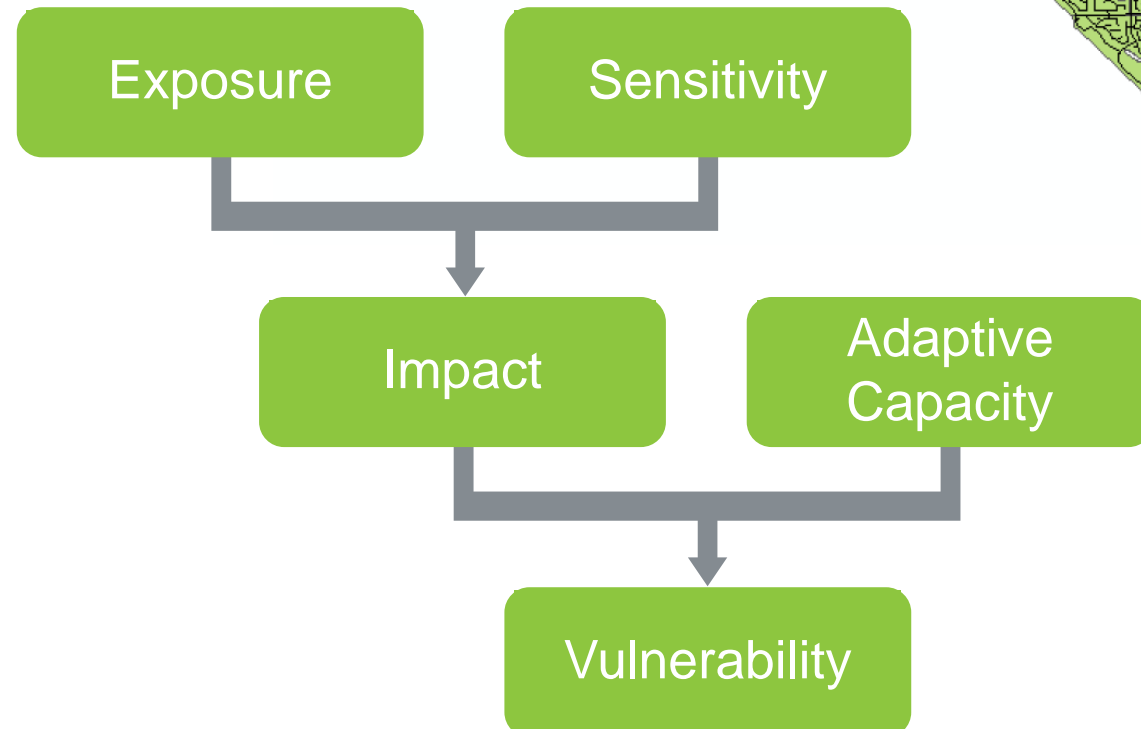


Liquefaction/earthquakes

# Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

- Social vulnerability assessment
  - Social factors affect population sensitivity
  - Considered factors such as age, income, transit-dependence, education, language, etc.
  - Identified portions of Alameda with high social vulnerability
- **Location-based** priority flooding areas (exposed soonest with greatest consequence)
- **Citywide** sectors evaluated

## Vulnerability Assessment Framework





# Increasing Resiliency by Sector

- Buildings
- Critical services
- Land use
- Shoreline and natural areas
- Transportation
- Contaminated lands and waste
- Utilities
- Public health and welfare

CARP includes list of potential strategies, relative cost, responsible entity, and timeline for each sector.

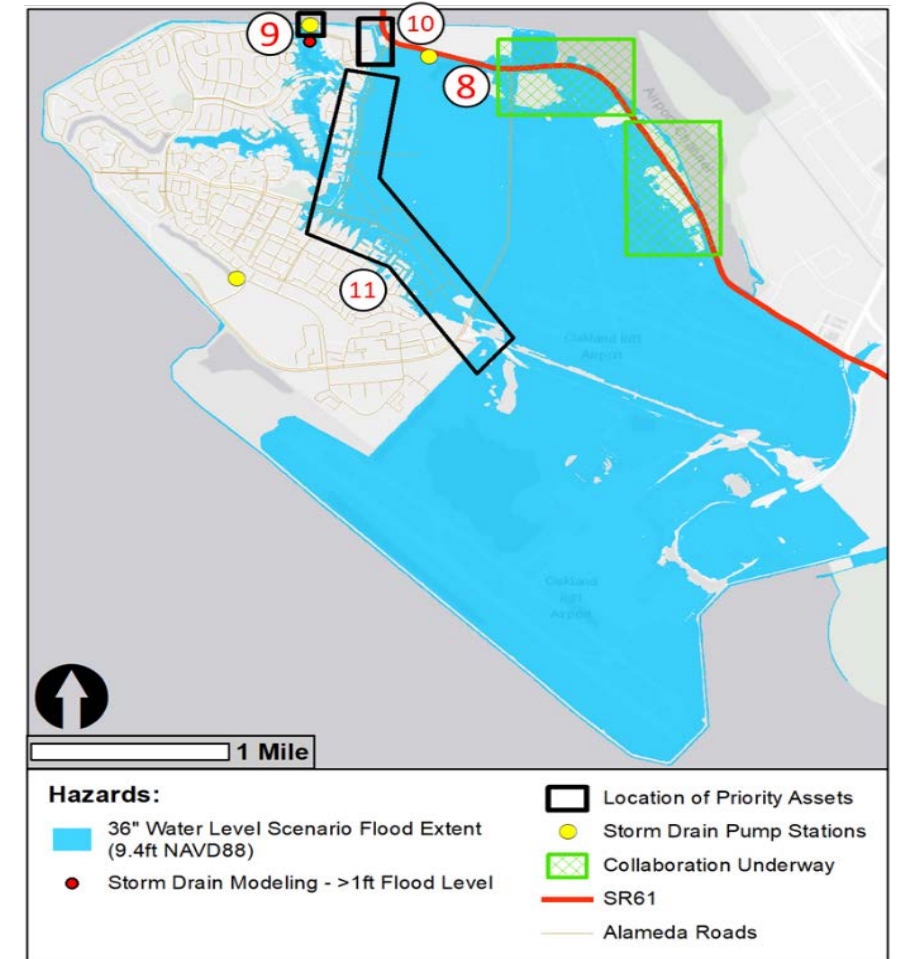
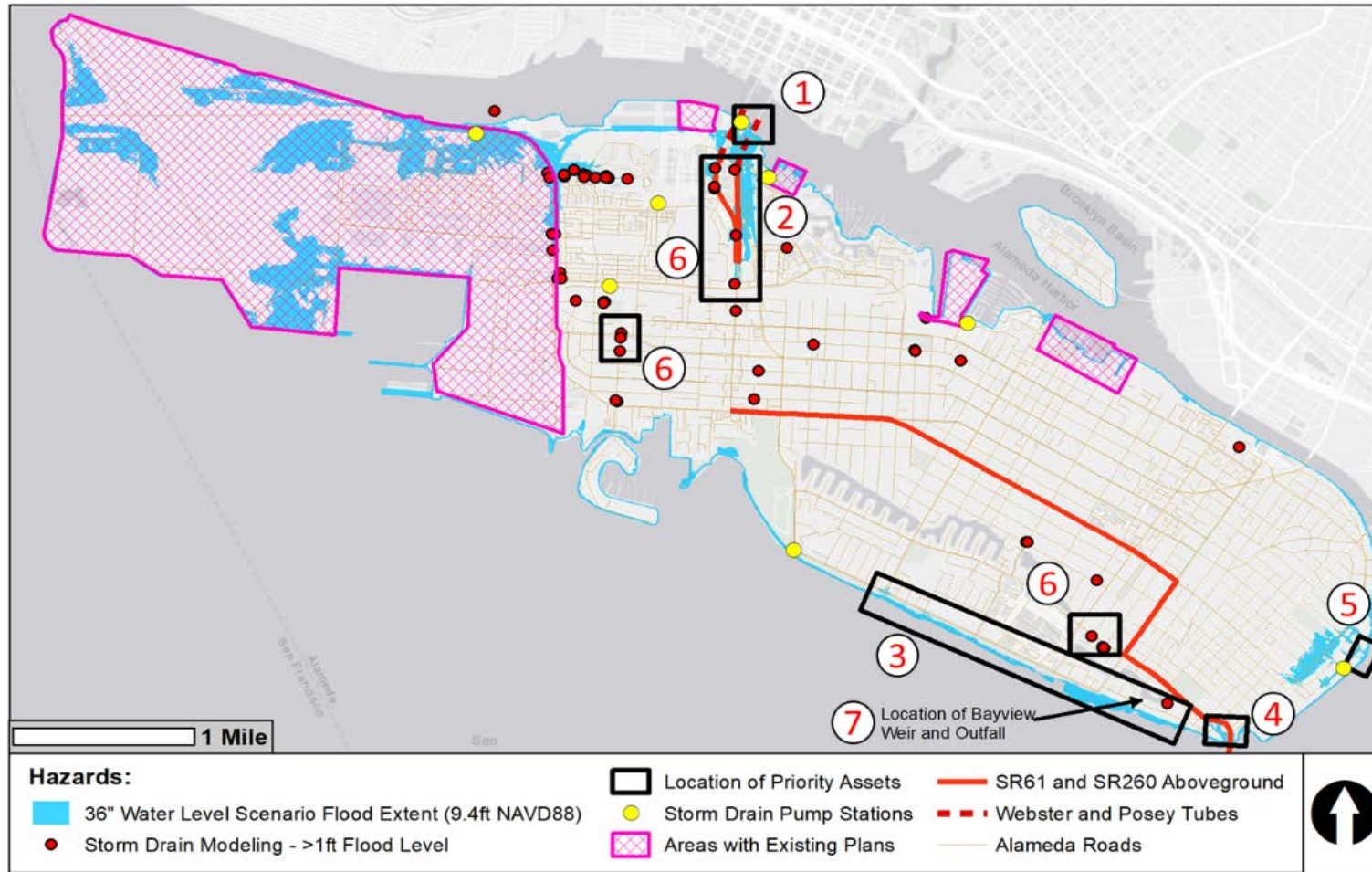
Case studies are also included.





# Location-based Priority Flooding Areas

## Shoreline and Natural Areas | Utilities | Transportation



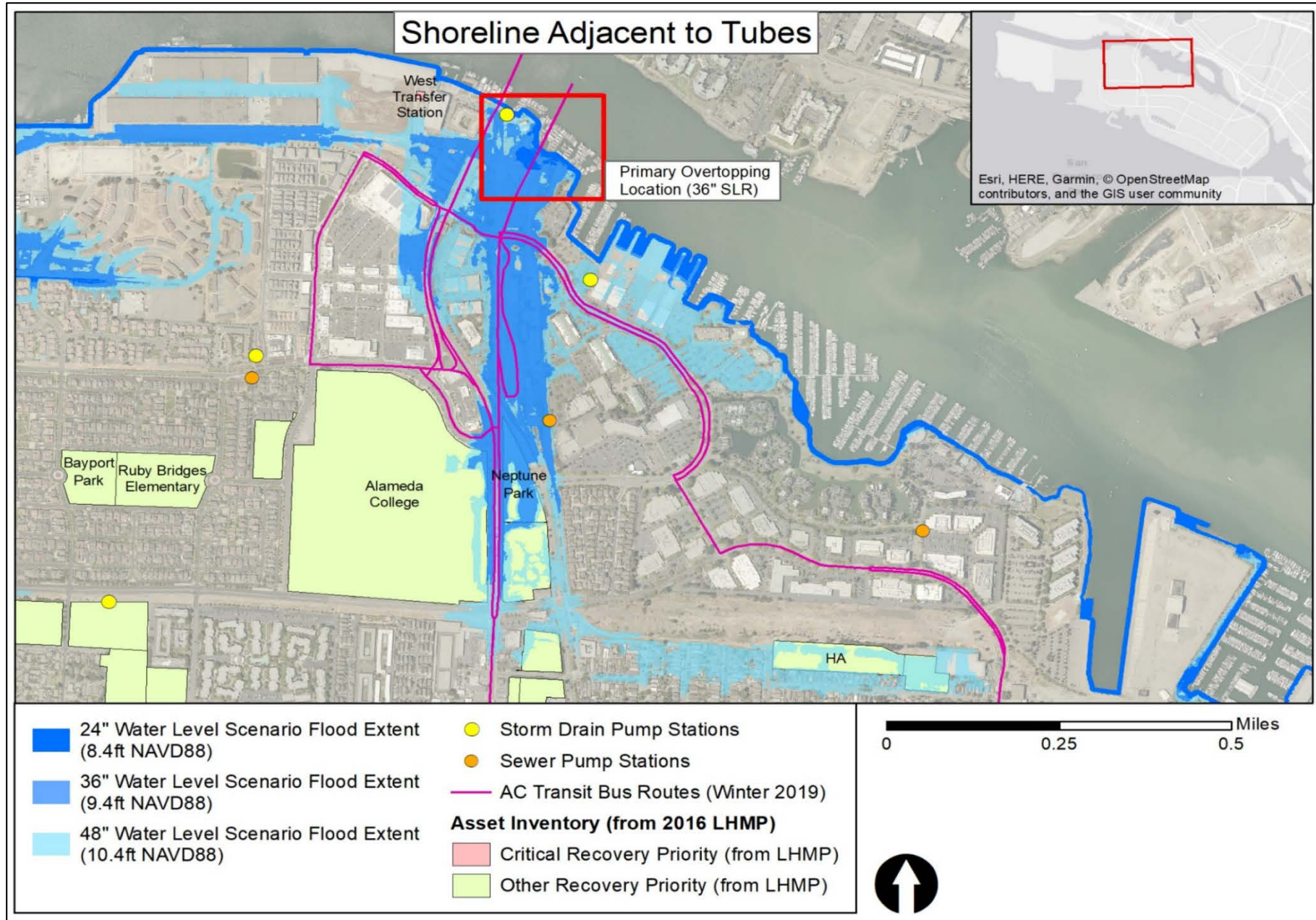
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- 2 – SR 260 and Posey/Webster Tubes
- 3 – Crown Beach and Bird Sanctuary
- 4 – Bay Farm Island Bridge Touchdown Area

- 5 – Eastshore Drive
- 6 – Critical and High-Use Roadways
- 7 – Bayview Weir and Outfall

- 8 – SR 61/Doolittle Drive
- 9 – Bay Farm Island Lagoon System 1 Outlet
- 10 – Veteran's Court Seawall
- 11 – Stormdrain System (Citywide)

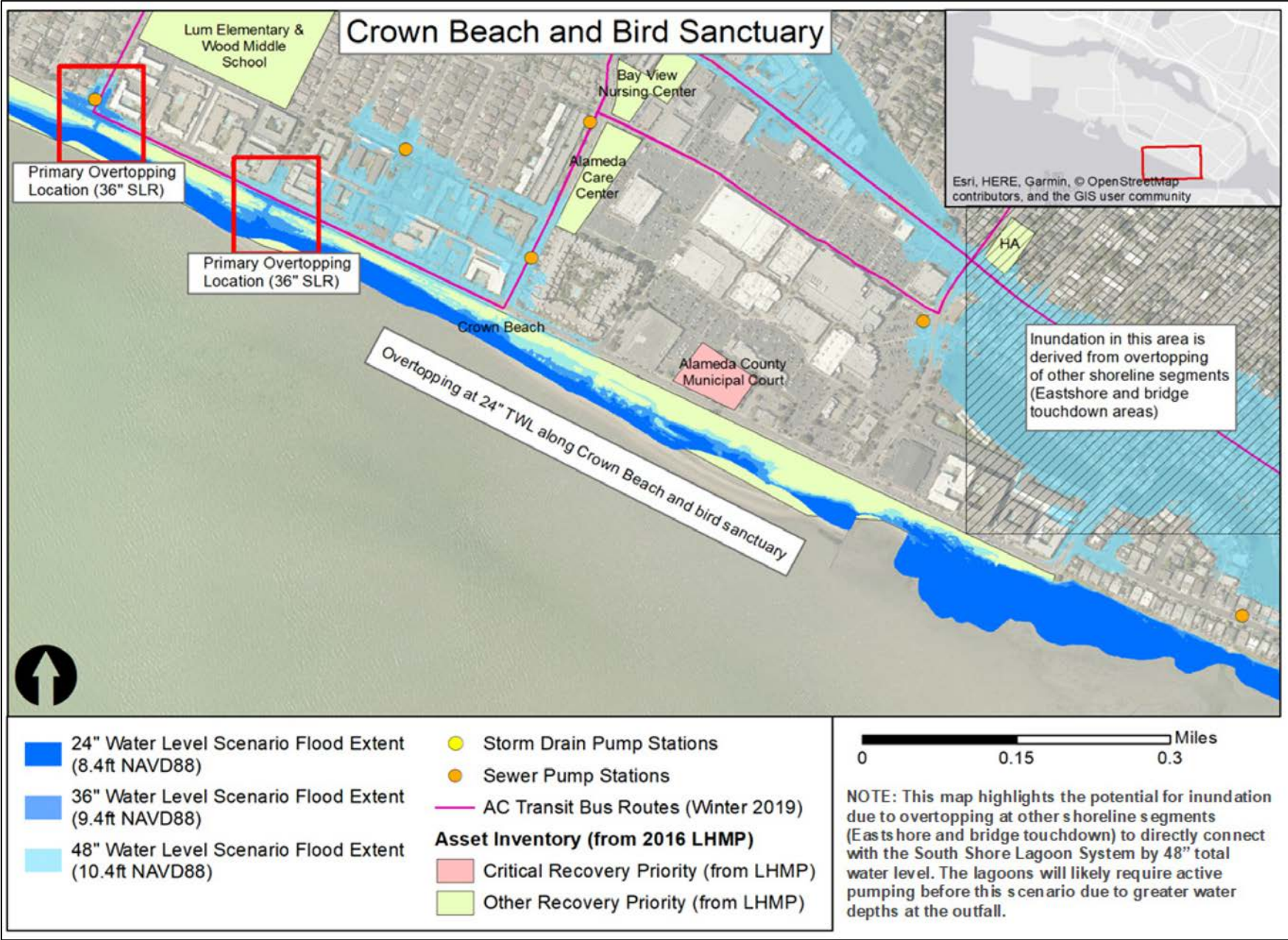


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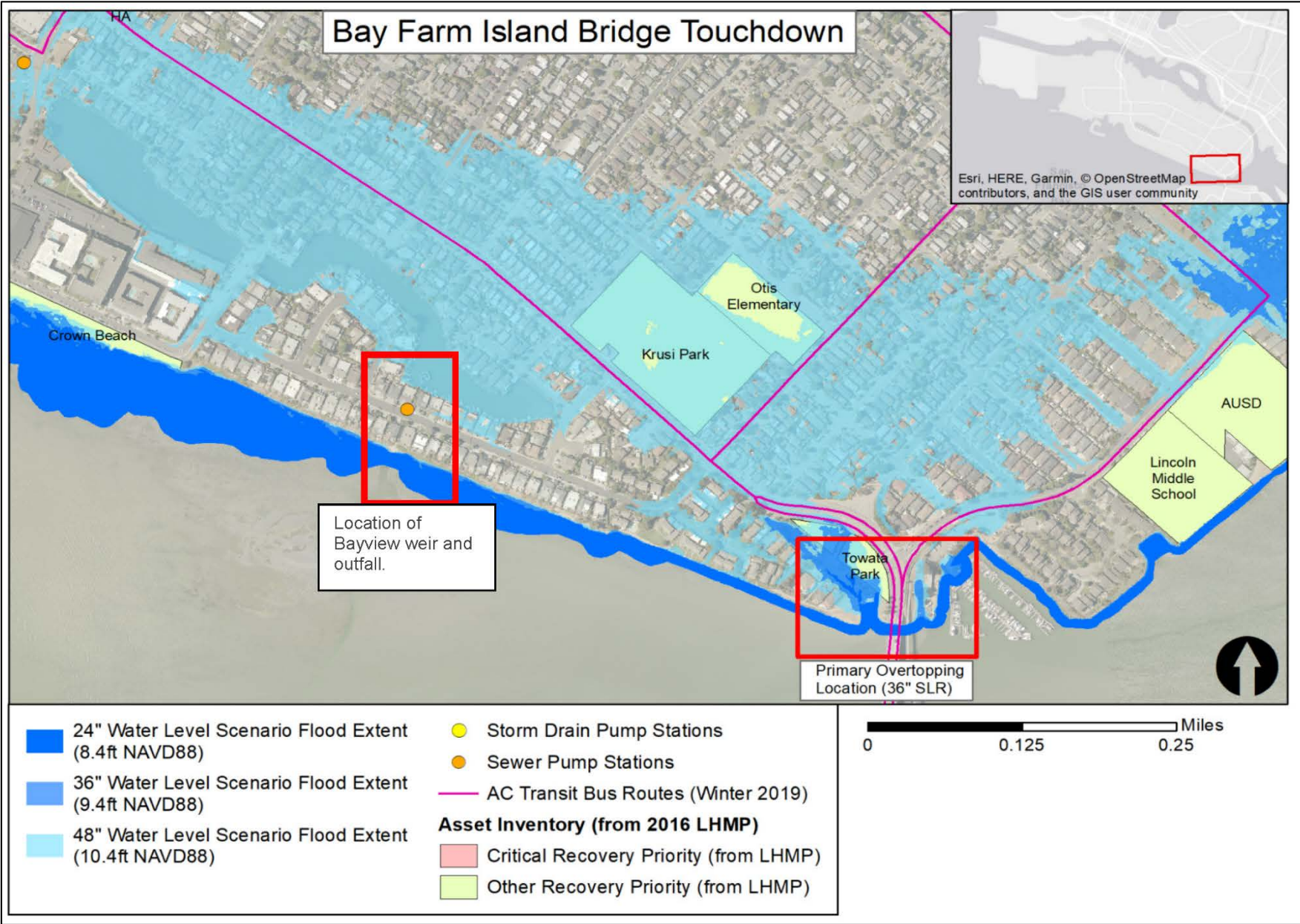


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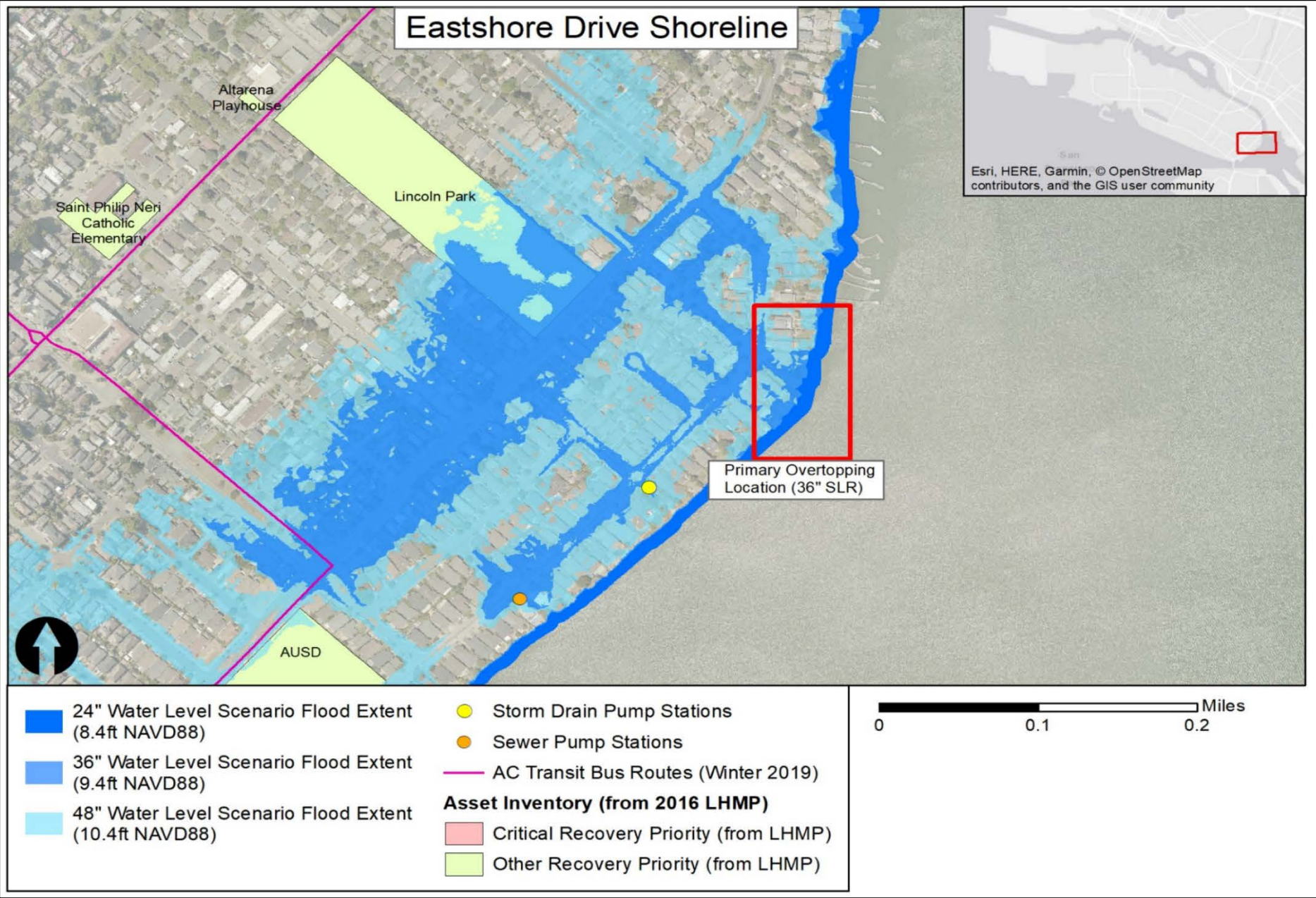


# 4 – Bay Farm Island Bridge Touchdown Area



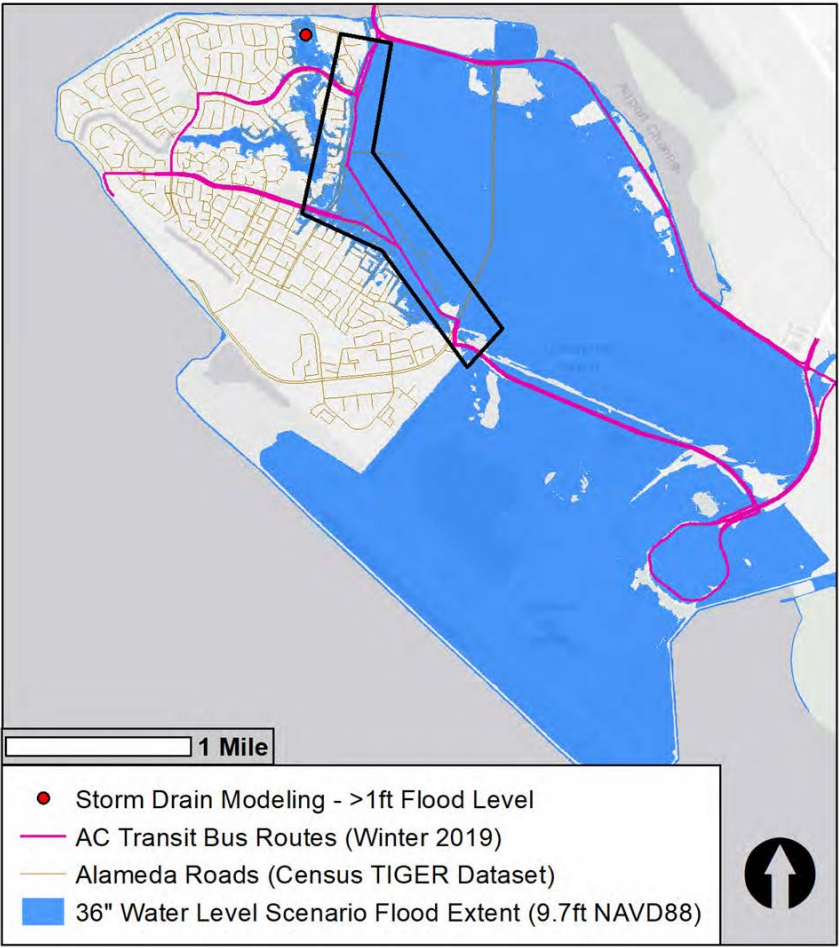
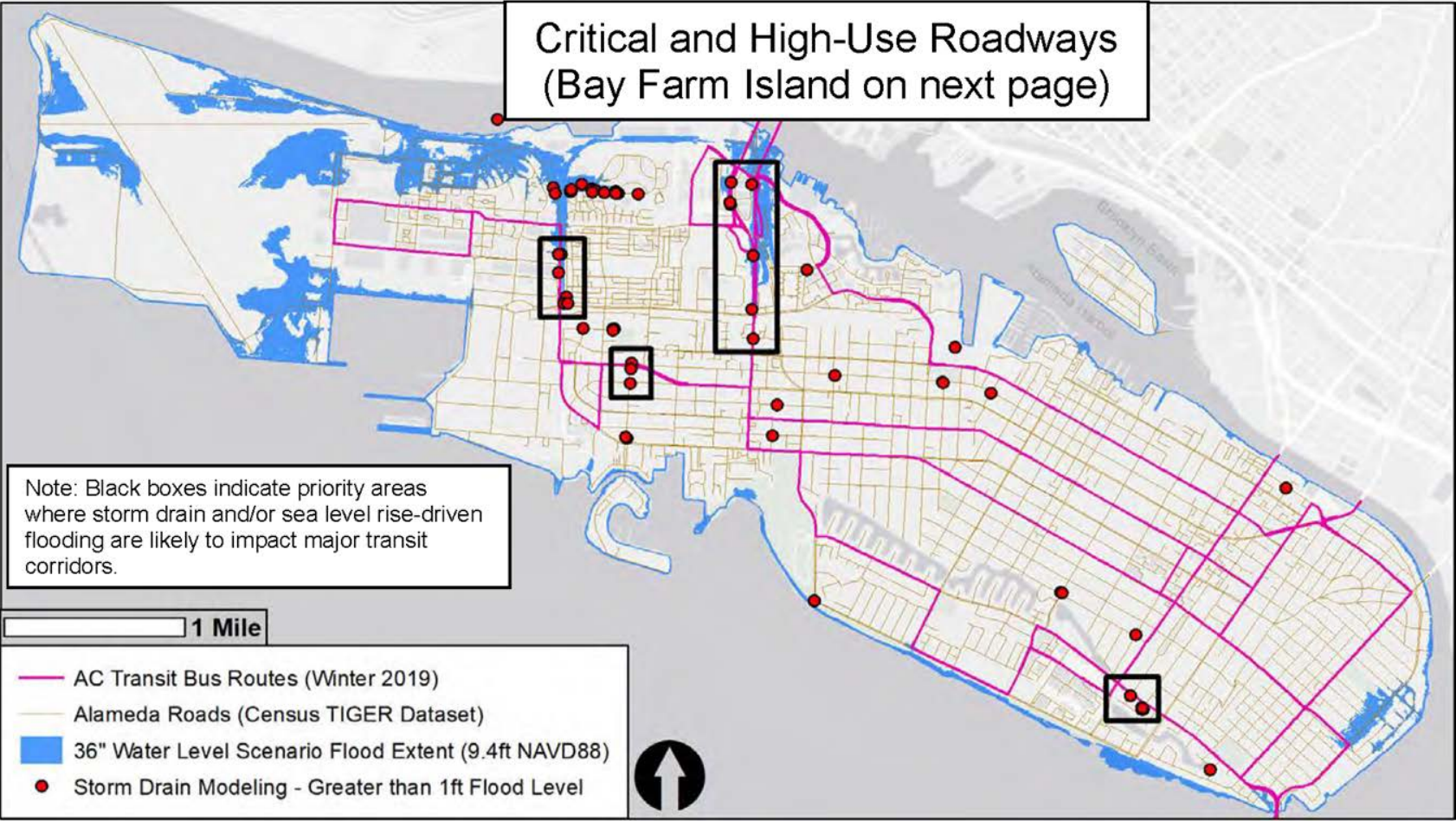


# 5 – Eastshore Drive Shoreline





# 6 – Critical and High Use Roadways



## 7 – Bayview Weir and Outfall



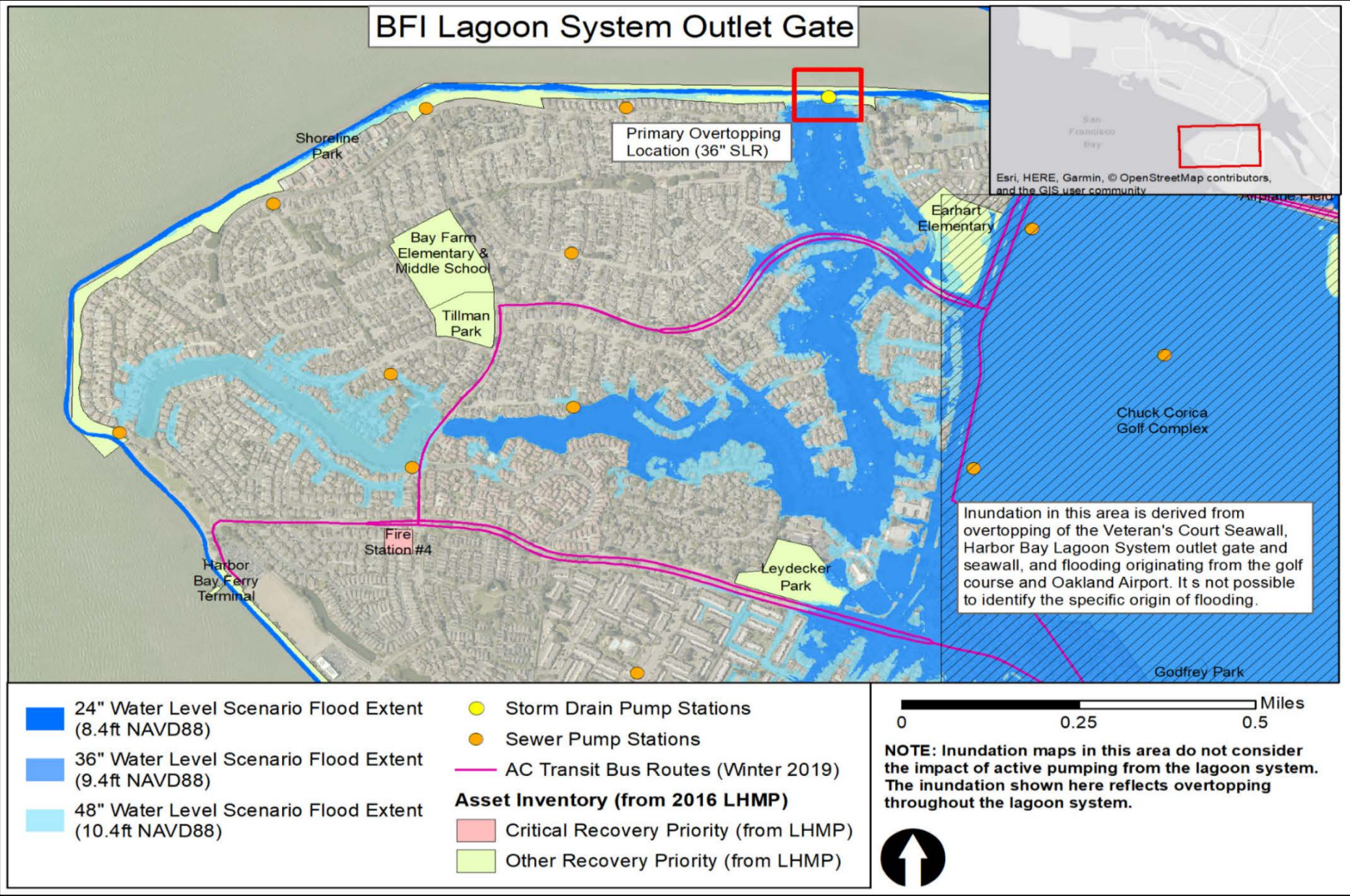


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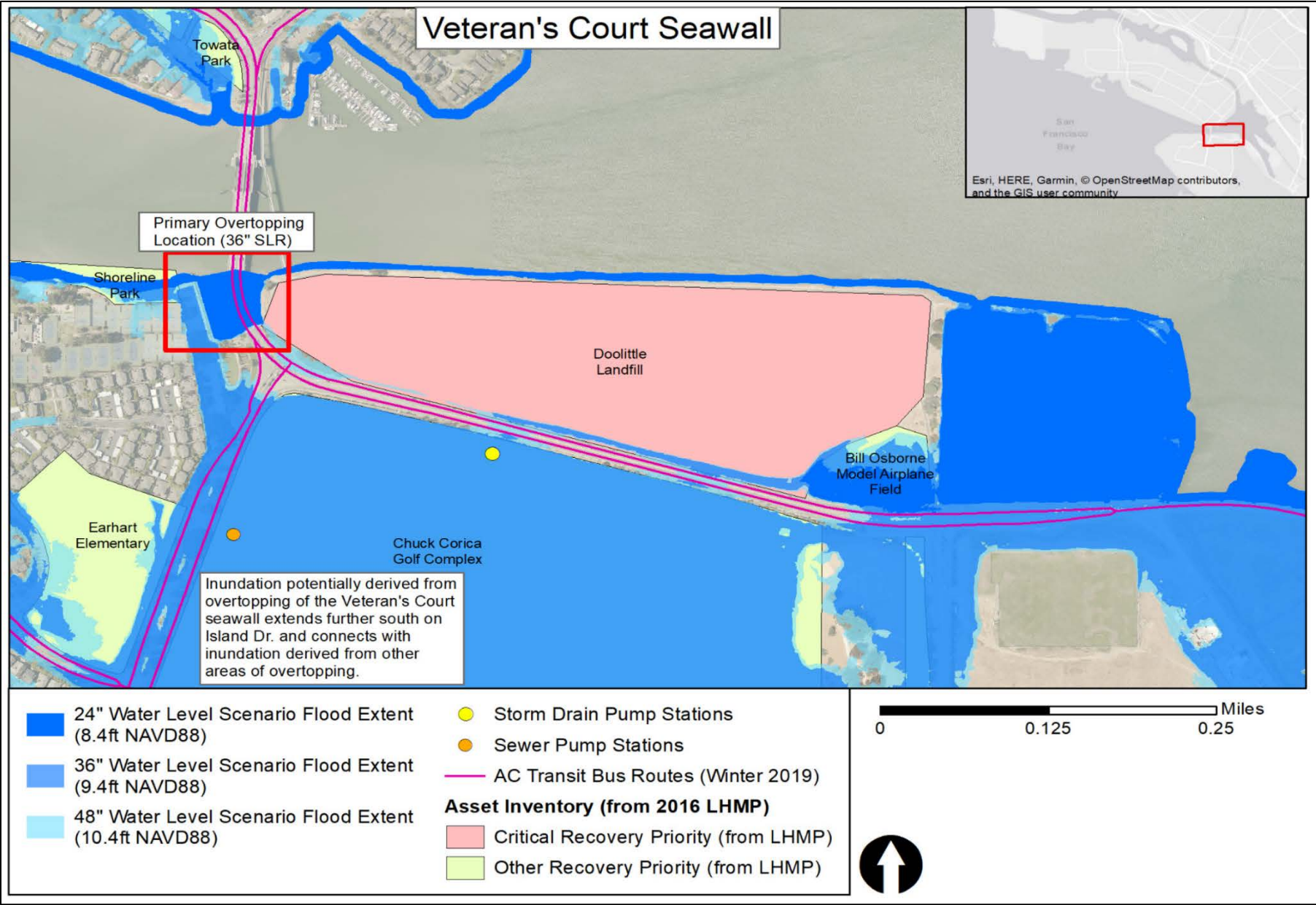


# 9 – Bay Farm Island Lagoon Outlet





# 10 – Veteran's Court Seawall



# Alameda's Adaptation Strategy Approach

- **Asset-specific** strategies for 11 location-based priority flooding assets
- **Sector-based** citywide strategies
- Focus on assets impacted soonest and with greatest consequence
- Identify **short-term** (< 5 years), **mid-term** (5-10 years), and **long-term** (>10 years) actions
- Develop **adaptation pathways** that accommodate end-of-century conditions
- Monitor changing conditions and climate projections to **adaptively manage** adaptation response
- Consider broad range of **evaluation criteria** and **co-benefits**





# Example Strategies for Priority Flooding Areas

## Physical / Infrastructure

- Dune beach nourishment
- Mudflat sediment augmentation
- Remove existing impervious surfaces to aid drainage
- Install flood-proofing
- Upgrade existing pump station
- Heighten existing seawalls and levees

## Governance

- Coordinate with EBRPD on site masterplan
- Coordinate with homeowners on protection strategy
- Coordinate with Oakland on Bay Farm Island flood protection
- Develop ordinance to require flood retrofits to homes
- Consider future water levels in stormwater design

## Informational

- Study marsh resilience to SLR
- Compile land ownership inventory along shoreline
- Conduct geotechnical investigation of shoreline
- Evaluate structural characteristics of weir and outfall



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COST OF  
CLIMATE  
CHANGE



# Making Economically Informed Climate Change Decisions

The CARP evaluates the following:

- Cost of inaction
- Cost and benefits of taking action to address SLR and storm surge
- Costs of GHG reduction actions
- Funding and financing for the CARP

*“We must demonstrate that investments will achieve maximum benefits and are implemented most cost-effectively.”*



# The Cost of Inaction and Action

Cost of inaction and action considered:

- 2030, 2050, and 2100 scenarios
- Permanent inundation and temporary flooding (100-year storm surge)
- Economic impacts (building damage, land and infrastructure loss) and protective costs

Scenario	High-End Cost (\$M)	Avoided Loss (\$M)
2030	\$285	\$1,490
2050	\$559	\$2,018
2100	\$1,056	\$8,061

With conservative assumptions and incomplete calculation of benefits, in all scenarios, for every dollar spent on adapting, at least \$3.50 in loss is avoided.







# Costs of GHG Reduction Actions

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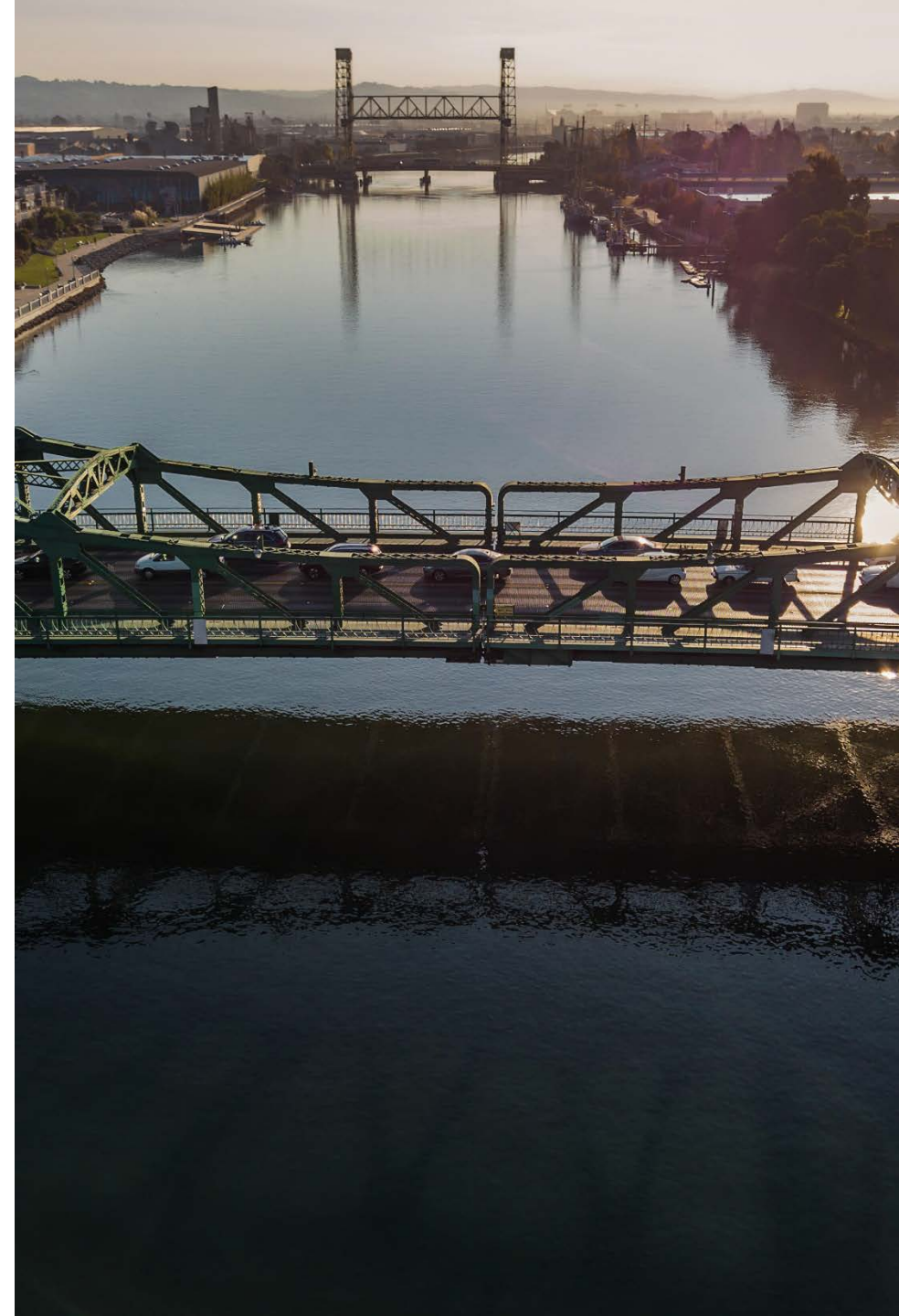
- Capital and ongoing costs for implementation of GHG reduction measures
- Costs presented in terms of “\$/MTCO<sub>2</sub>e reduced” for **transportation** (mode shift and vehicle electrification), **buildings**, and **sequestration** actions

Relative Cost	Cost (\$/MTCO <sub>2</sub> e Reduced)	Example Actions
Low	<\$100	Bike lanes, EasyPass program, peak hour congestion pricing, EV charging stations
Medium	<\$1000	Traffic signal synchronization, fuel switching programs, electrification of new construction
High	>\$1000	Ban gas-powered leaf blowers, Green roof installations at Alameda Point, new BART station



# Funding and Financing the CARP

- The CARP recommends creating a new **Climate Fund** for GHG emissions reduction and climate change adaptation
- Funding may also come from **state** and **federal** dollars and grants
- Other **local** funding mechanisms include:
  - Infrastructure bonds
  - Flood assessments
  - Special districts
  - Stormwater fees
  - Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts







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## IMPLEMENTING THE CARP

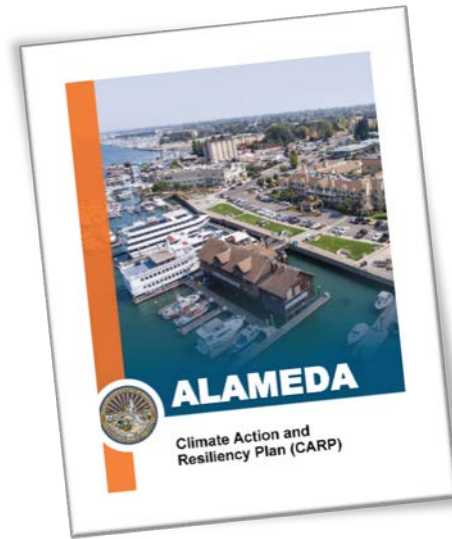


# From Plan to Action

The CARP presents an implementation framework that charts the City's course going forward.

To start, the City will:

- Continue meetings of the Green Team, Adaptation/Sequestration Working Group, and Fuel Switching Working Group
- Establish progress metrics and tracking on public-facing dashboard
- Initiate annual reporting on progress
- Continue work on regional governance and collaboration
- Hire a Sustainability Coordinator





# CARP Phase 1 Milestones (Years 1-2)



## OPERATIONAL

- Reassess City's organization and staffing
- Implement "Climate Impacts" section in staff reports
- Hire Sustainability Coordinator
- Reconvene Green Working Group
- Reconvene Climate Task Force
- Submit first annual report



## GHG REDUCTION



Continue implementing TCP, ZWIP Update, and AMP's Strategic Plan and EV Plan

### Mode Shift

- T1:** Encourage telecommuting
- T3:** Improve traffic signal synchronization
- T5:** Ban gas-powered leaf blowers



### Vehicle Electrification

- T7:** Promote purchase of LEVs and ZEVs
- T8:** Continue programs to encourage EV purchases
- T9:** Encourage businesses to install EV charging stations
- T10:** Electrify City's fleet



### Buildings

- E1:** Fuel switch in existing buildings
- E2:** Require new residential construction to be all-electric
- E3:** Programs to encourage appliance full switching charging stations



### Sequestration

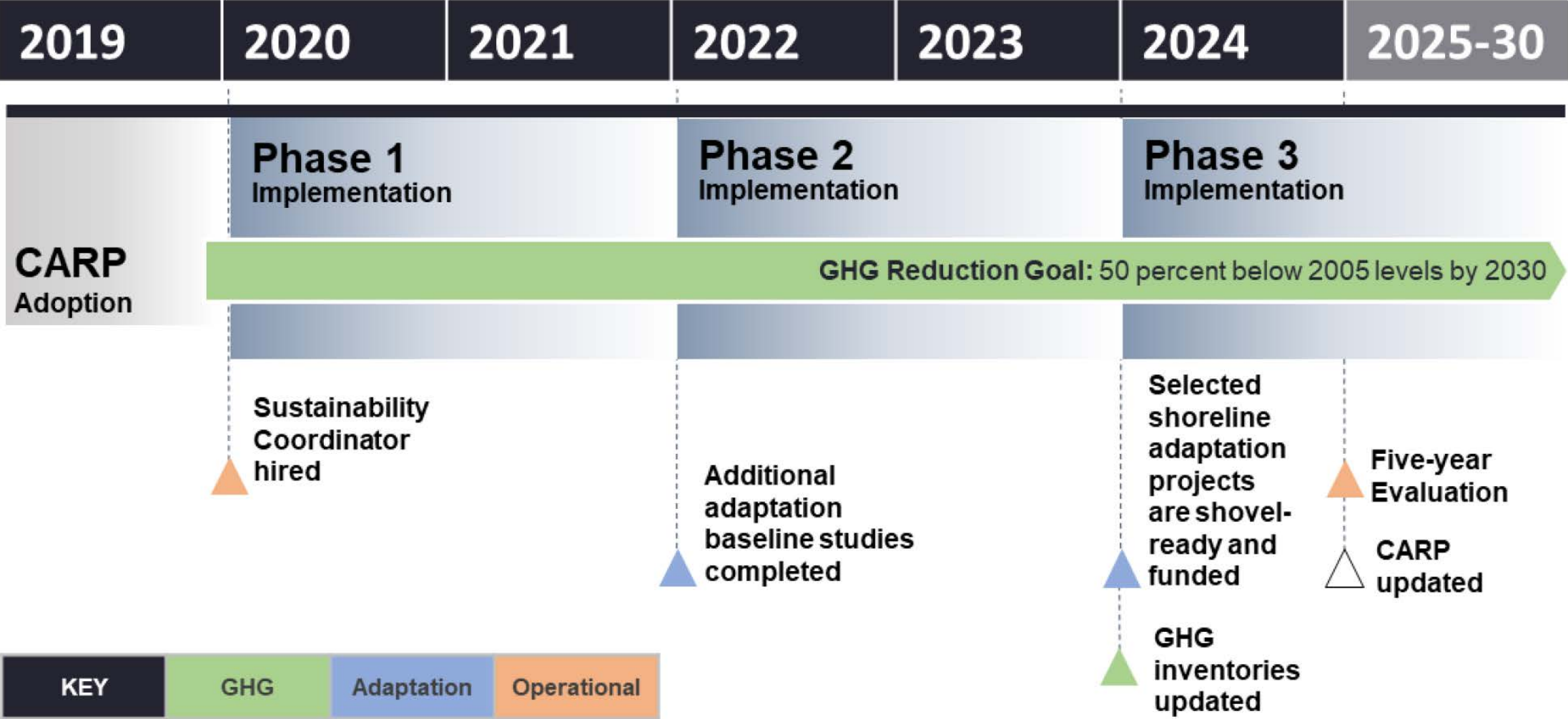
- S1:** Complete composting feasibility study
- S2:** Develop urban forest and update Master Street Tree Plan



## ADAPTATION

- Update Alameda Point MIP for CARP consistency
- Develop Veteran's Court seawall adaptation project
- Study SLR impacts on groundwater rise
- Coordinate with County on outreach during weather emergencies
- Raise stormwater fees to implement Storm Drain Master Plan
- Finalize, approve, and begin implementing Green Infrastructure Plan
- Continue water conservation and drought-resistant landscaping programs
- Consider infrastructure bond for adaptation and mitigation projects

# CARP Timeline and Milestones





# Q&A

