

Are Military Pipelines Safe?

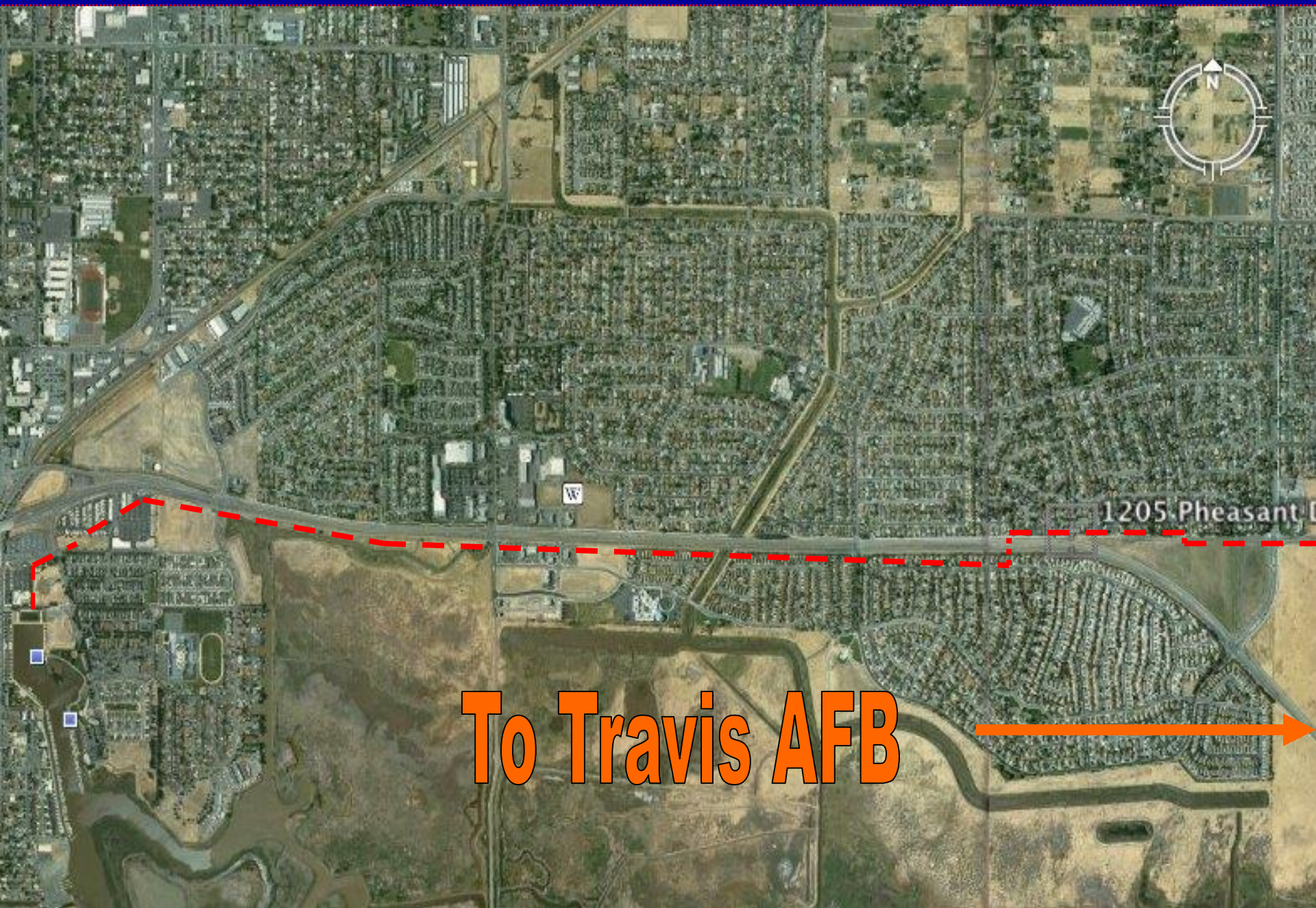
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What Happens without Regulation!

A small history of our pipeline corridor

- In the 1940's Travis Air Force Base was created in a rural area in Northern California.
- In the late 1950's the Base's fuel tanks leaked into the soil creating a clean-up zone.
- In the late 1960's the Army Corps of Engineers took on the project of running pipelines to the Base through farm land. They ran the pipelines parallel to the 2 lane highway running to and by the Base. They then followed the Base's access road into the Base.
- 1970 the project is completed.
- 1976 the City of Suisun City starts expanding and building housing following the pipeline corridor.
- In 1992 the Department of Transportation replaces and relocates a mile of pipeline for highway widening.

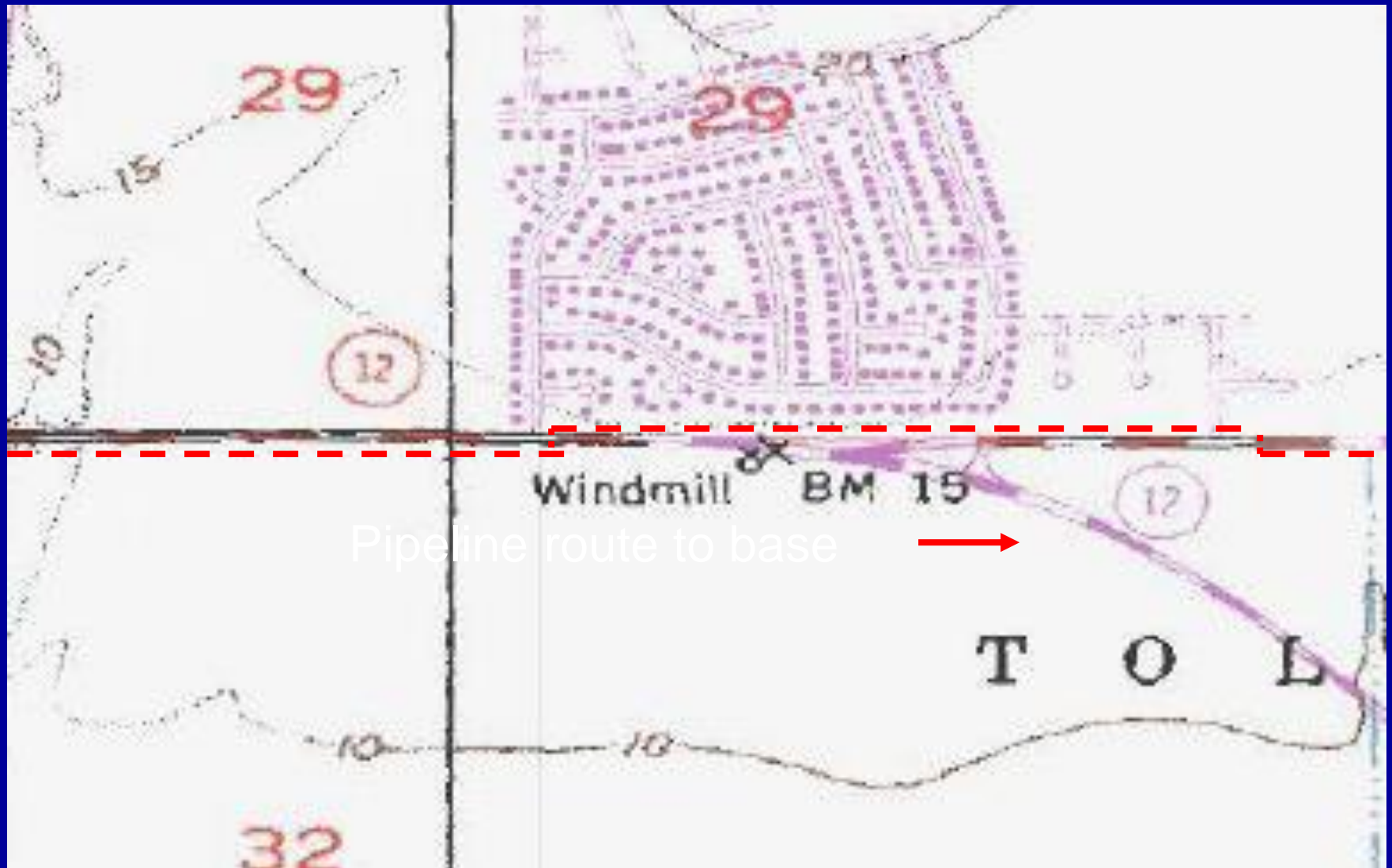
Jet fuel line route in 2004



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To Travis AFB

In 1978 this was a rural area with a small housing track. This track was built 6 years after the Jet fuel pipeline was Installed.



My adventure into the world of Military pipelines started as a concern over a Wal-Mart Super Center being built in a perceived pipeline corridor. The location of the two high-pressure natural gas pipelines were always known about and marked.

I knew about a Military jet fuel pipeline easement that ran through my property's back yard because it was on the Deed. Parallel to my back yard fence and a little over 200 yards east was the Wal-Mart project area





Jet fuel pipelines

32" and 16" High-pressure natural gas pipelines

Travis Air Force Base

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I knew the natural gas pipelines and the jet fuel pipelines ran East towards and into Travis Air Force Base. The Wal-Mart project was being built on the southern side of the old Travis AFB access road. I was given information that a retired Air Force worker had said the Jet fuel pipelines were on that side of the road.

I read the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project and there was not any mention of the jet fuel pipelines. The only comment about the Wal-Mart project from Travis AFB was a 'NO COMMENT'.

I started to research the County records for all the easements in the area for the Air Force Base and the Army Corps of Engineers. Most of easements were 20-30 foot wide with no buildings or trees on it.

My next step was to find out who was the operator of the pipelines. Finally Kinder-Morgan told me that Travis AFB operates its own pipelines.

On November 8, 2007 the City was made aware of the jet fuel pipelines. By Monday, the next week, signs appeared marking the area that they thought the pipelines were.

I contacted Travis AFB and asked them if they knew if the Wal-Mart project was going to be built over their pipelines. This started a chain of events which showed me that:

1. The AFB did not know where the pipelines were in that area. They had to send a request to the Army Corps for maps. Weeks later they got the wrong maps.
2. They told me that they trusted the city to do the right engineering on the project.
3. I contacted the Fire Department of the City and talked to the Fire Chief. There were not any plans in place in case of a pipeline leak or fire. This was to be handled by the AFB only.

I kept researching for the location of the pipelines and I finally found a map in December showing the AFB access road on microfilm. It showed all the pipelines in 1973. One of the County workers told me that people had come in looking for records on that road all last week. I was the only one to find one.

Travis AFB and the City did not appear to be concerned about addressing the jet fuel pipelines.

I called the Department Of Pipeline Safety and got my answer to why?

The Military is exempt from pipeline safety laws!

This means the City does not have to follow procedure.

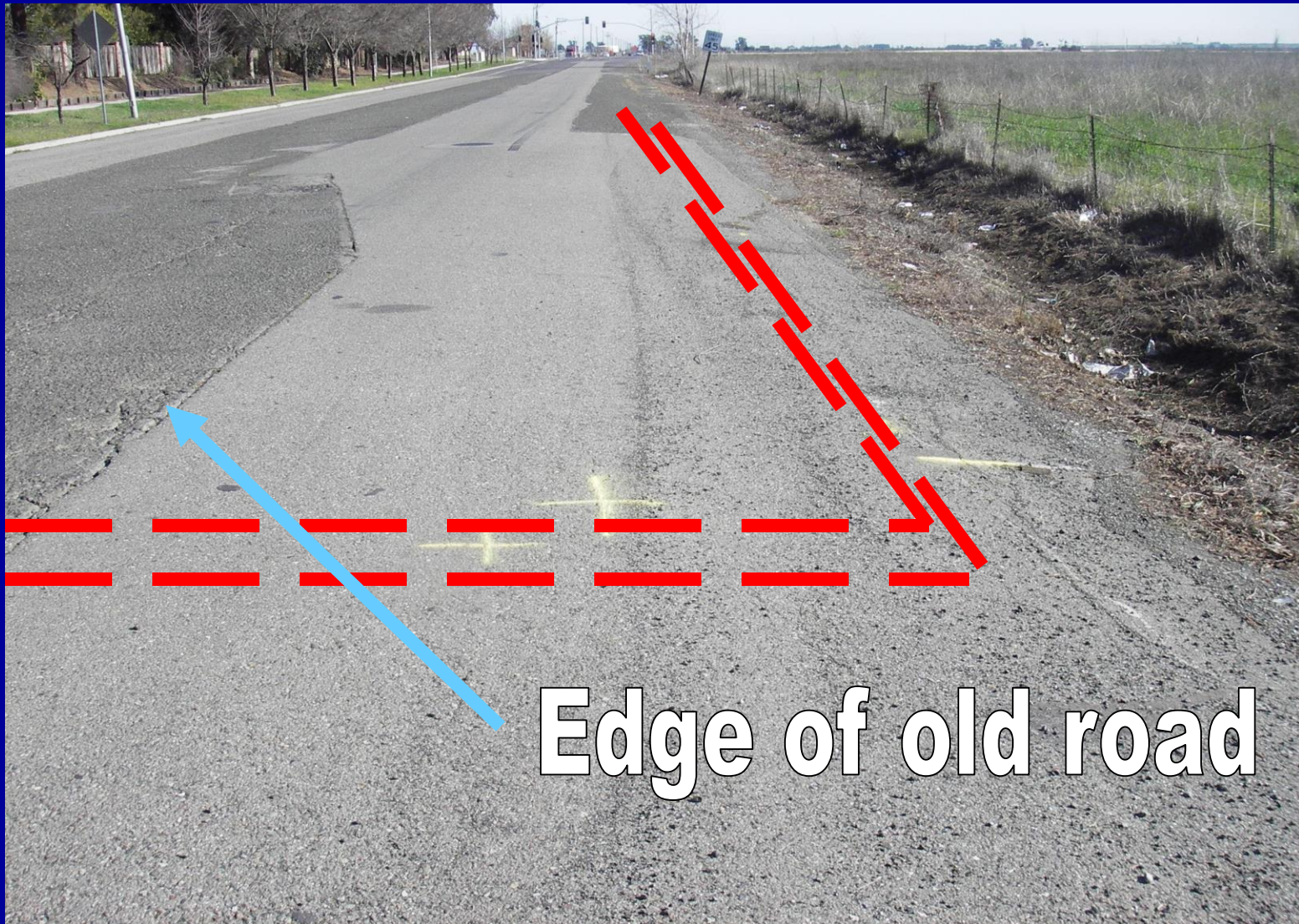
I called the Pipeline Safety Trust in December and talked to Carl Weimer about my issues about the pipeline. He said he would study the DEIR of the project and see if he could help get someone to take responsibility.

Just plain 'CYA'!

OR

Make silent agreements!

After the first Pipeline Safety Trust letter, Travis AFB sent personnel to find and mark jet fuel pipelines



Edge of old road

The gentleman was scanning for the pipelines and marking the locations. He was asked if the AFB would have wanted the pipelines paved over? His answer was 'No'!



End of Right of Way

My discussions with the Community Planner from Travis AFB brought out that the Base and the City were quietly working out an agreement. This agreement appeared to be to notify the Base two weeks ahead of doing construction over the pipelines.

Our concern was about the load rating of the road and the original engineering that was intended for the pipelines. The new use of the road was to be for 40-ton trucks to drive over and park. This was access to the loading docks.

Our soil is highly expansive and it was found that liquefaction during earthquakes was more likely than not. The answer we got was that they would reinforce the road to take the added load. This was without any timelines, guarantees, engineering, or ways to fund for the Improvement project.

The Jet fuel pipelines are now part of a pending lawsuit!

To end this presentation I would add that they are still using the AFB's lack of concern and safety responsibility. They approved a four story hotel in the Downtown Harbor Area with the jet fuel pipelines running through the parking lot. There were not any mention of them in the Environmental Impact Report. I contacted the Base and they told me that they were notified by the City to mark the location of the pipelines. This area is ranked as one of the top liquefaction prone areas in the San Francisco Bay. It is thirty yards from the harbor water. Here are a few pictures.



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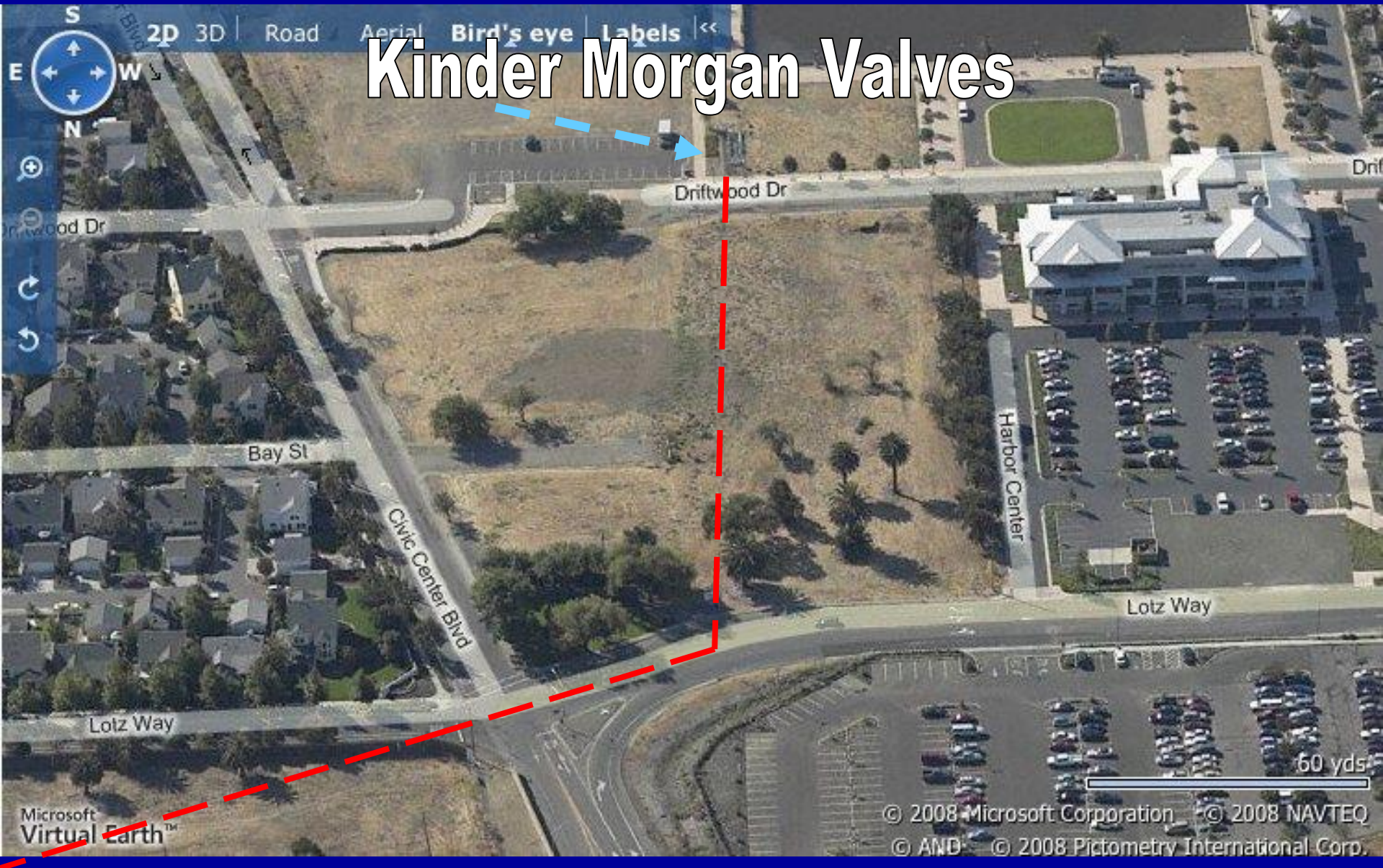
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