

Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening

Cultural Resources Tribal Consultation



May 2024



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Letter returned to sender. No comment.

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2/1/2022 2:50 Left message with project information and request their interest as a report is coming out for review and comment, no historic properties. No response.

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1/31/2022 2:10 No comment at this time.

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2/2/2022 2:00pm Left message regarding project, no Historic Properties in the APE, request

comments, provided contact information. No response.

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2/1/2022 4:30 Phone Message. Cultural resources report negative findings. No historic properties. Report coming out for review. We welcome comments.

Kanyon responded with email requesting monitoring during construction.

4/17/2022. Acknowledged letter request for monitoring during construction. No historic properties identified at this time, however offered meeting to discuss project potential affects.

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2/1/2022 2:10 pm Left message. Reported negative findings in APE. Requested comments and provided call back info. No response

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2/1/2022 4:10 Outside the project area. Some interest in final report.

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2/1/2022 2:10pm. Left message no Historic Properties, call back info. No Response.

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2/3/2022 4:15 pm. No Comment at this time.

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2/3/2022 5:05 Left message, no historic properties in the APE. We welcome their comments, provided contact information. No response.

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This list is only applicable for consultation with Native American tribes under Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 for the proposed Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Navigation Study Project, Alameda County.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102-3404

September 16, 2020

SUBJECT: National Environmental Policy Act Participating Tribe Request for the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Study, Alameda and San Francisco Counties, California.

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The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), San Francisco District, and the Port of Oakland are currently studying the feasibility of a project to improve navigation safety and efficiency at the Oakland Harbor turning basins in Alameda County (see enclosed map). Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4321), USACE will prepare a NEPA document as part of the study. The Port of Oakland is the non-federal sponsor for the study and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (14 C.C.R. § 21000 et seq.) lead agency.

The Oakland Inner and Outer Harbor Turning Basins are currently too shallow to allow safe and timely turnaround by larger deep-draft vessels that frequent the Port of Oakland. These turning basins are crucial to commerce and transportation both regionally and nationally. With no action to improve current basin conditions there is potential for adverse risks to the economic character of the area and the physical environment.

The USACE and the Port of Oakland are in the preliminary stages of the planning process for the study. We are currently identifying problems, opportunities, constraints, and considerations, as well as formulating preliminary potential measures and alternatives to improve the safety and efficiency of deep-draft navigation at the turning basins in Oakland Harbor, Alameda County.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR §1500-1508) encourage agency cooperation in the NEPA process. Specifically, 40 CFR §1501.6 provides for the lead agency to request involvement in the NEPA process from other agencies with jurisdiction and/or special environmental expertise related to the study. Moreover, Executive Orders 13766 (January 30, 2018) and 13807 (August 24, 2017), are intended to expedite the environmental review process for such major infrastructure projects through agency

involvement. Specifically, Executive Order 13807 requires that federal agencies process environmental reviews and authorizations for major infrastructure projects using "One Federal Decision." It sets a goal for lead, cooperating, and participating agencies to complete all permit approvals and the NEPA process within 2 years of issuing a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. As part of the One Federal Decision process, the lead agency, and cooperating and participating agencies shall develop and agree to a permitting timetable that includes the expected completion dates for the Record of Decision and the federally required authorizations.

The study includes both aquatic areas and upland areas along the East Bay shoreline. These study areas may include resources that may be of significance to your tribe. Therefore, we respectfully request your tribe's participation in the NEPA process for the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Study, pursuant to 40 CFR §1501.6. Please respond to this letter in writing by October 2, 2020 indicating whether your tribe intends to be a participating tribe on this project.

The USACE and Port of Oakland will hold a resource agency and tribal working group kick-off meeting for the study in early October 2020. The purpose of the meeting is to provide further detail on the study scope and planning process as well as obtain your initial input on the study, including potentially affected resources and necessary compliance. The meeting will be held virtually. You will receive an email invitation with an availability poll to help us schedule an exact meeting date and time that is convenient for most. We would greatly appreciate your tribe's engagement in this meeting.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to collaborating with your tribe on this study!

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Kathleen Ungvarsky of the USACE at (415) 503-6842 or Kathleen.Ungvarsky@usace.army.mil. If you have any questions related to the CEQA process for the study, please contact Jan Novak at (510) 627-1176 or jnovak@portoakland.com.

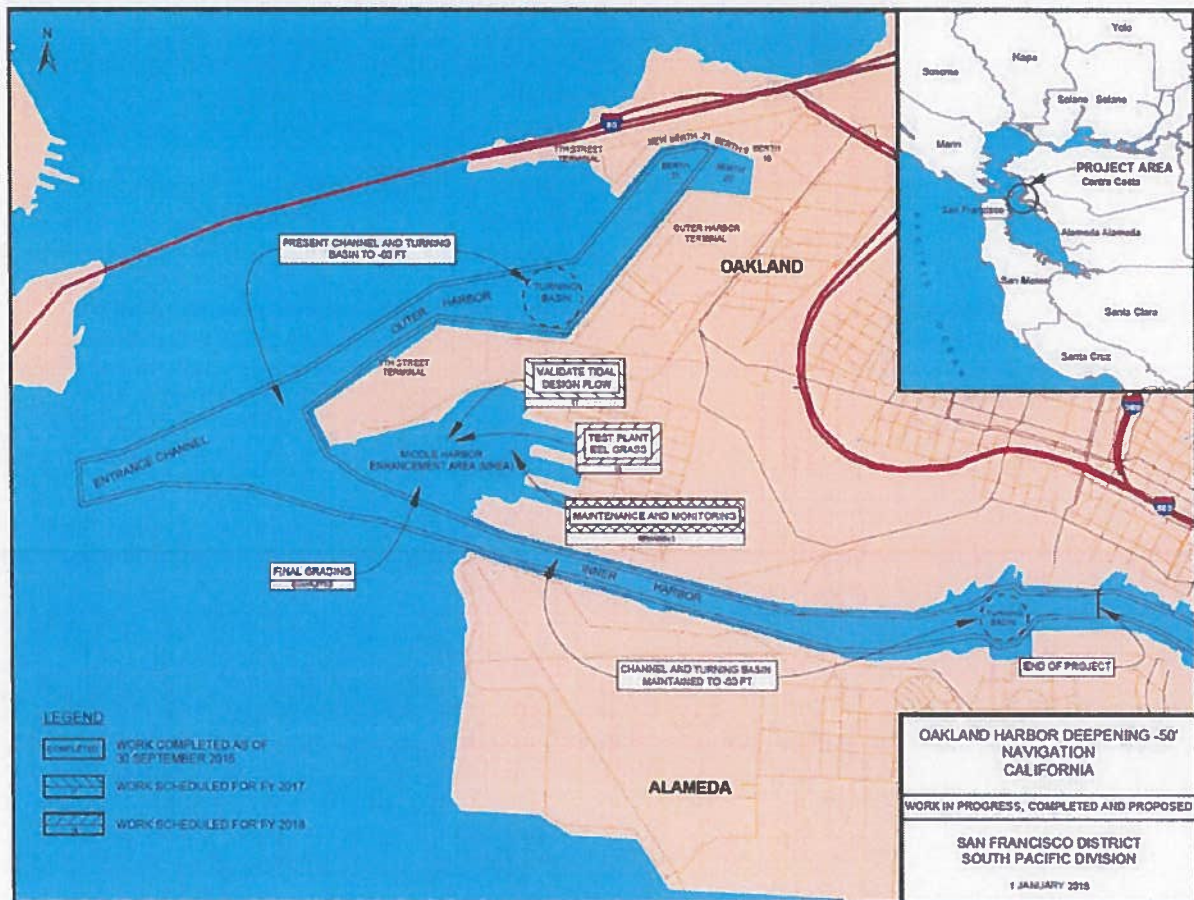
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Tessa E. Beach, Ph.D.
Chief, Environmental Sections

Enclosure





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September 23, 2021

SUBJECT: Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Navigation Study, Oakland and Alameda, Alameda County, California.

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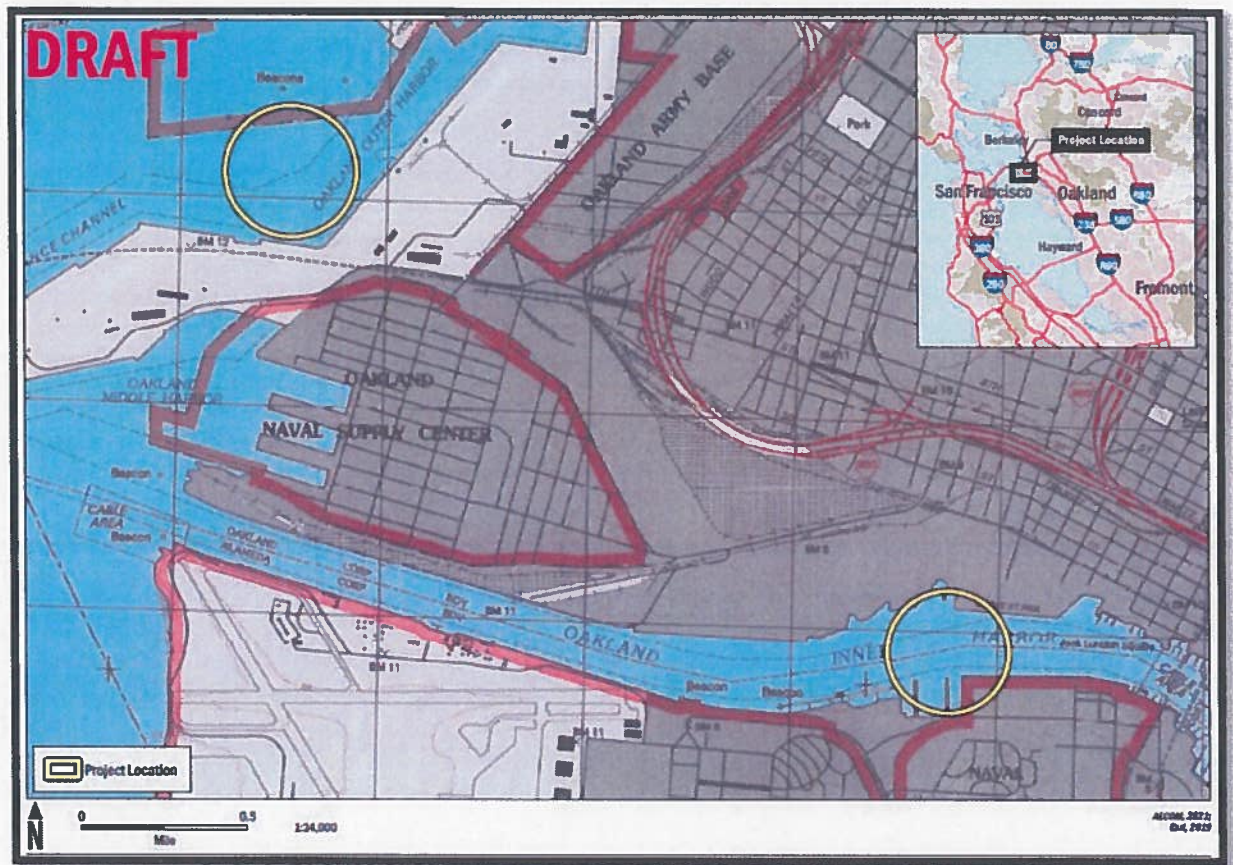


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The purpose of the study is to determine if there is a technically feasible, economically justifiable, and environmentally acceptable recommendation for federal participation in a navigation improvement project to the constructed 50-foot Oakland Harbor Navigation Project. Currently under consideration are the following scenarios for increasing the size of the turning basins:

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This project alternative would consist of widening the existing IHTB from 1,500 feet to 1,830 feet, and to a depth of -50 feet MLLW consistent with the existing IHTB. In addition to in-water work to widen the IHTB, land would be impacted in three locations, as shown in Figure 2. These are: Schnitzer Steel, Howard Terminal, and Alameda.

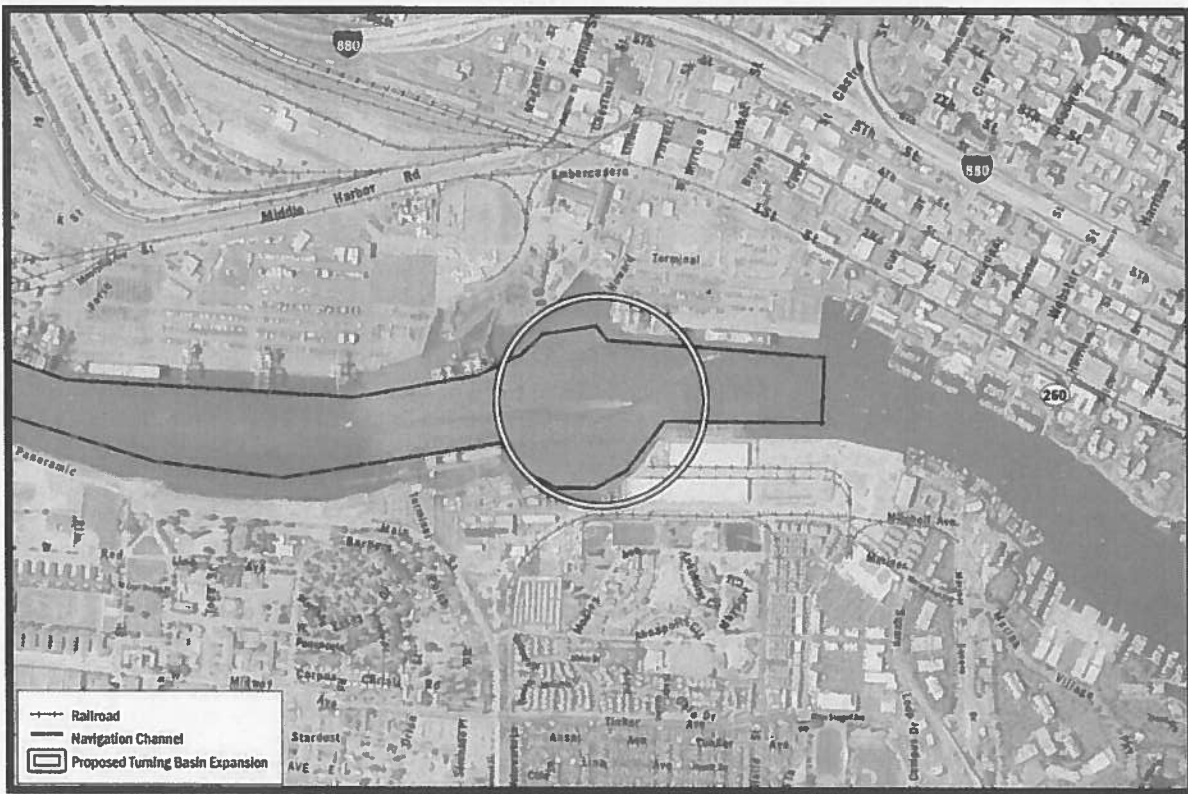


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Monica Arellano, Vice Chairperson
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Dear Vice Chairperson Arellano,

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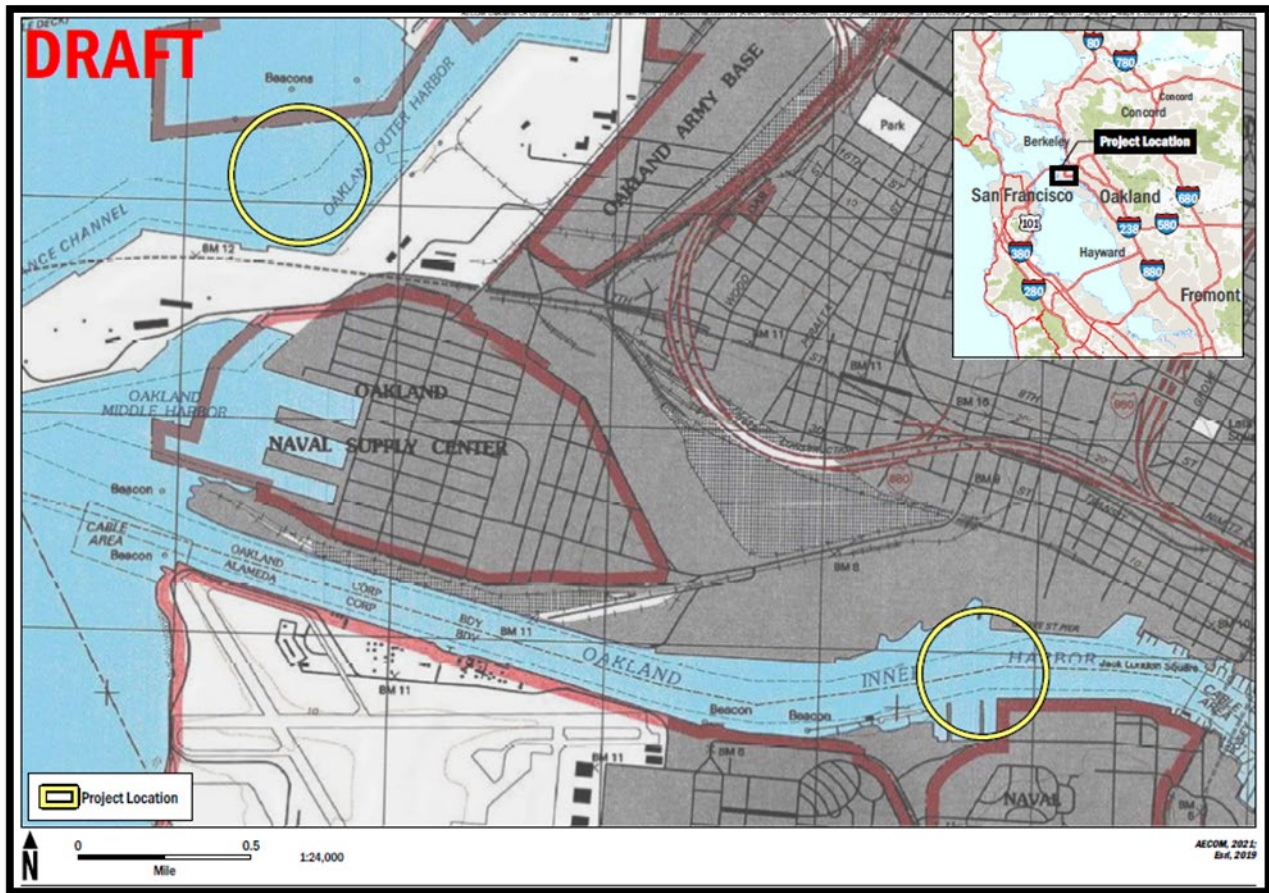


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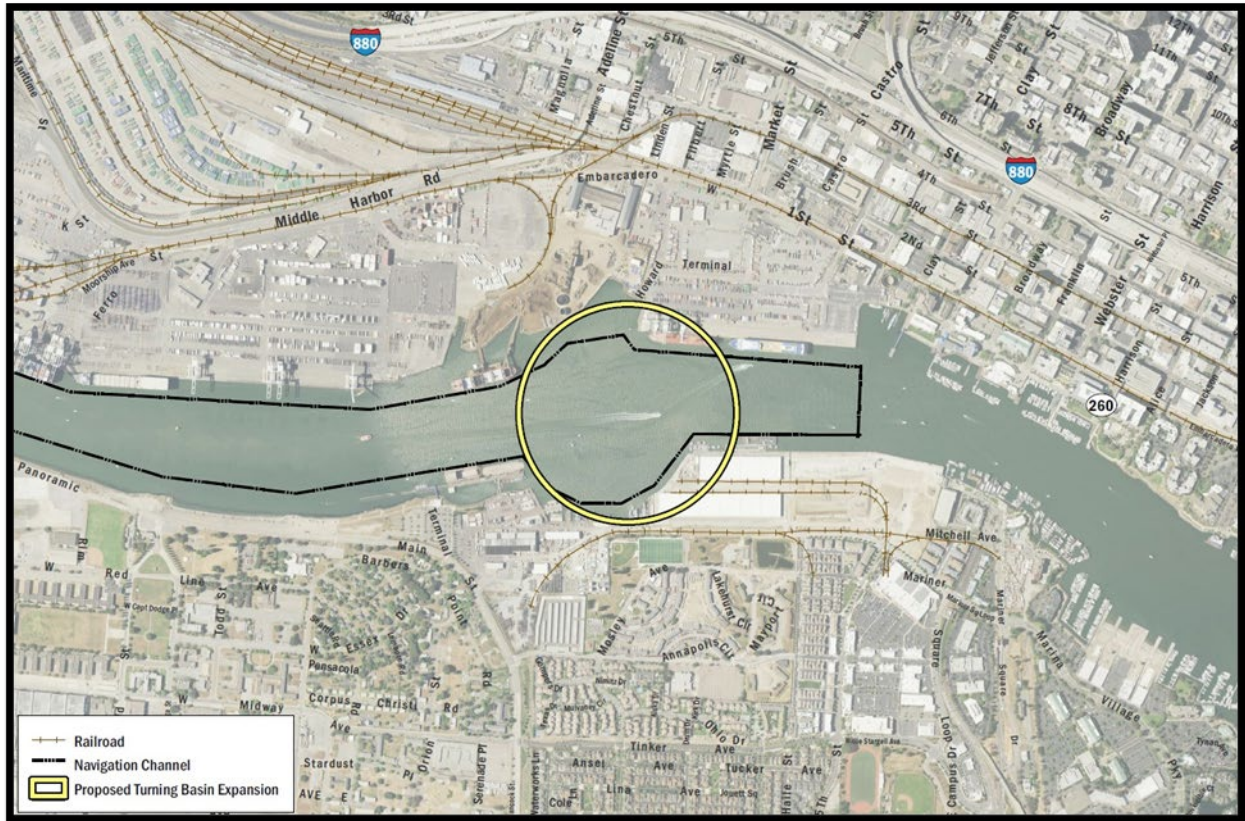


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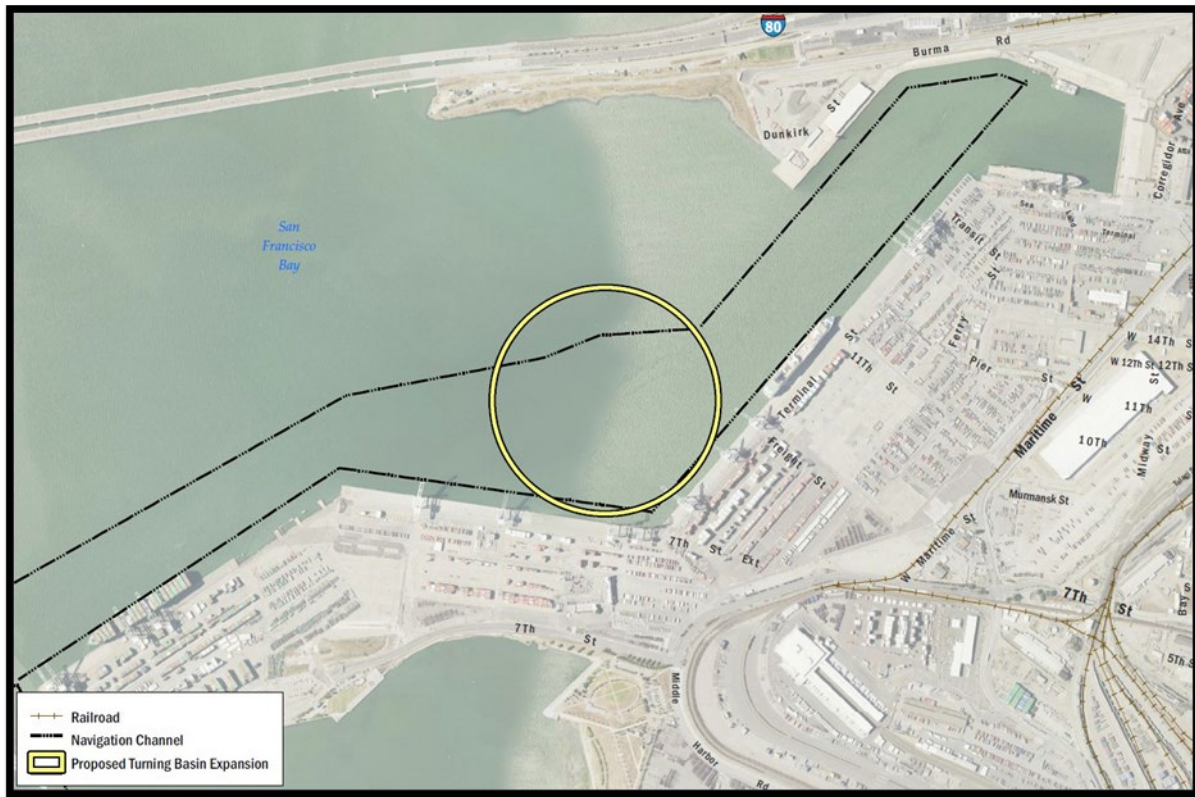


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The final project may ultimately widen only the IHTB, widen only the OHTB, widen both the IHTB and OHTB, or not widen either. Expansion of one or both turning basins would improve the efficiency of vessels entering and exiting the Port; however, the project would not change overall volumes of freight that would come into the Port from current projected volumes.

As part of this effort, the USACE, in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, is to identify and record all cultural resources within the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) and, if needed, develop mitigation measures for their proper management. As part of the project, the USACE is requesting any information you may have regarding sacred lands, traditional cultural properties, features, or materials within the project area and immediate vicinity that may be of concern to your tribe or the local Native American community. Any comments you may have regarding this area would be confidential and greatly appreciated.

Figure 1 of this request is a portion of the Oakland West, Calif. USGS 7.5' topographic quadrangle delineating the current project area within the confines of the Port of Oakland. The OHTB and IHTB are delineated by the yellow circles which conform to the circles seen in Figures 2 and 3 of the IHTB and OHTB, respectively.

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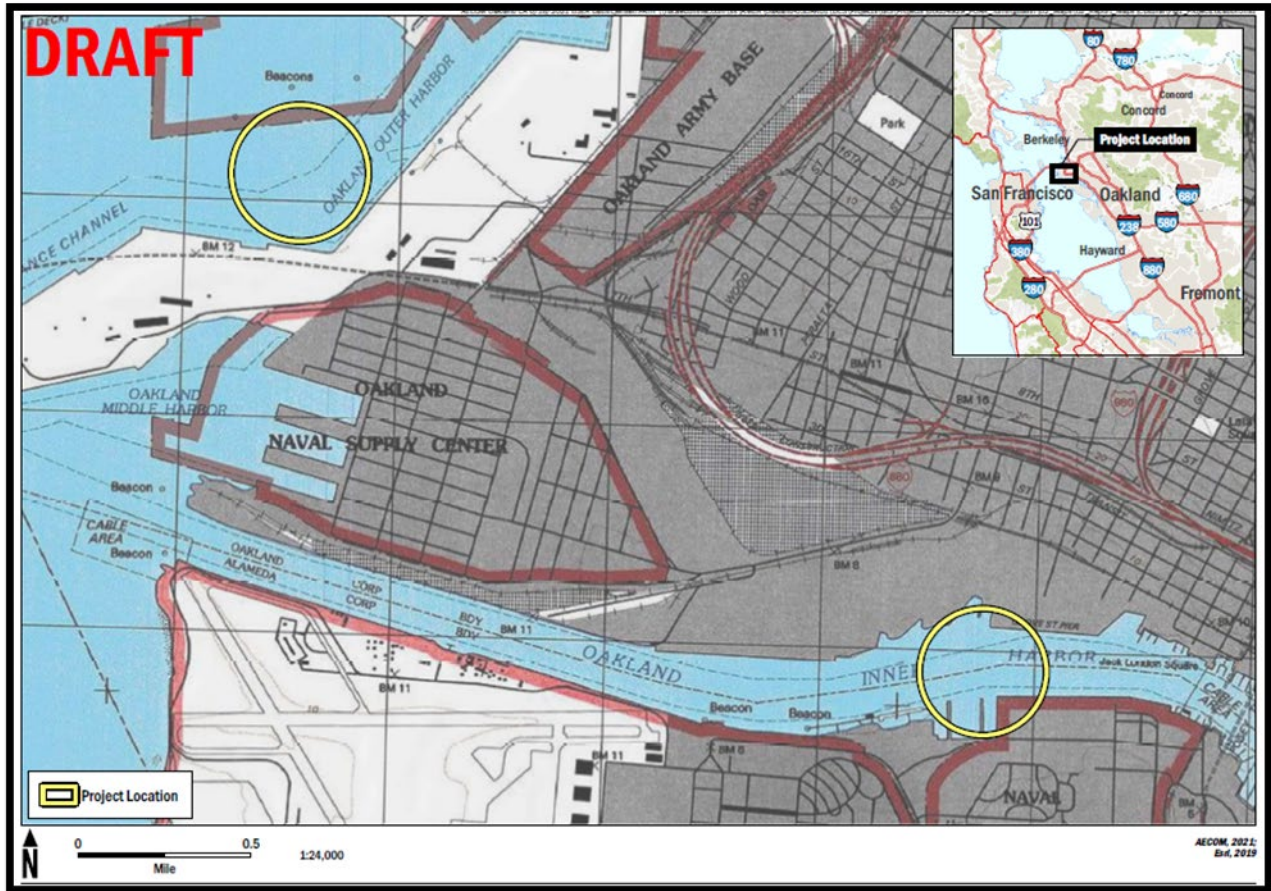


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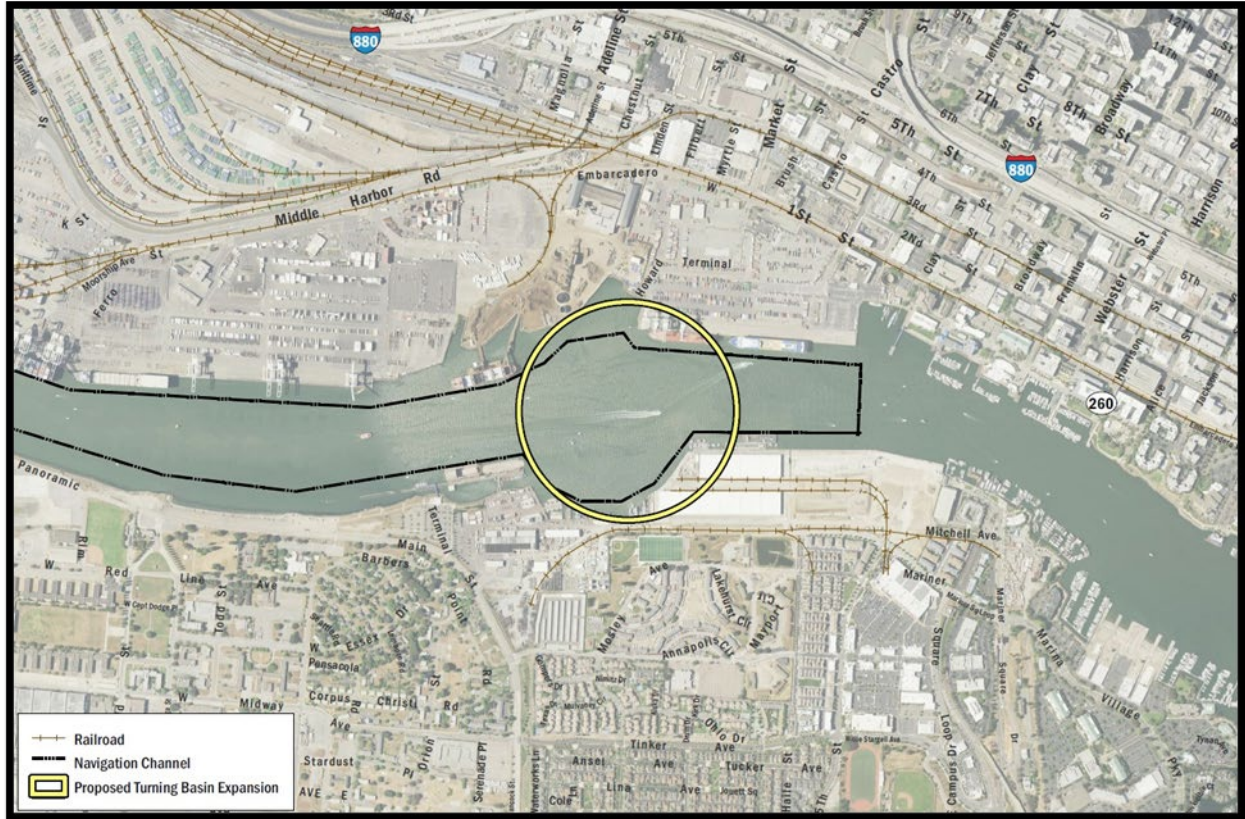


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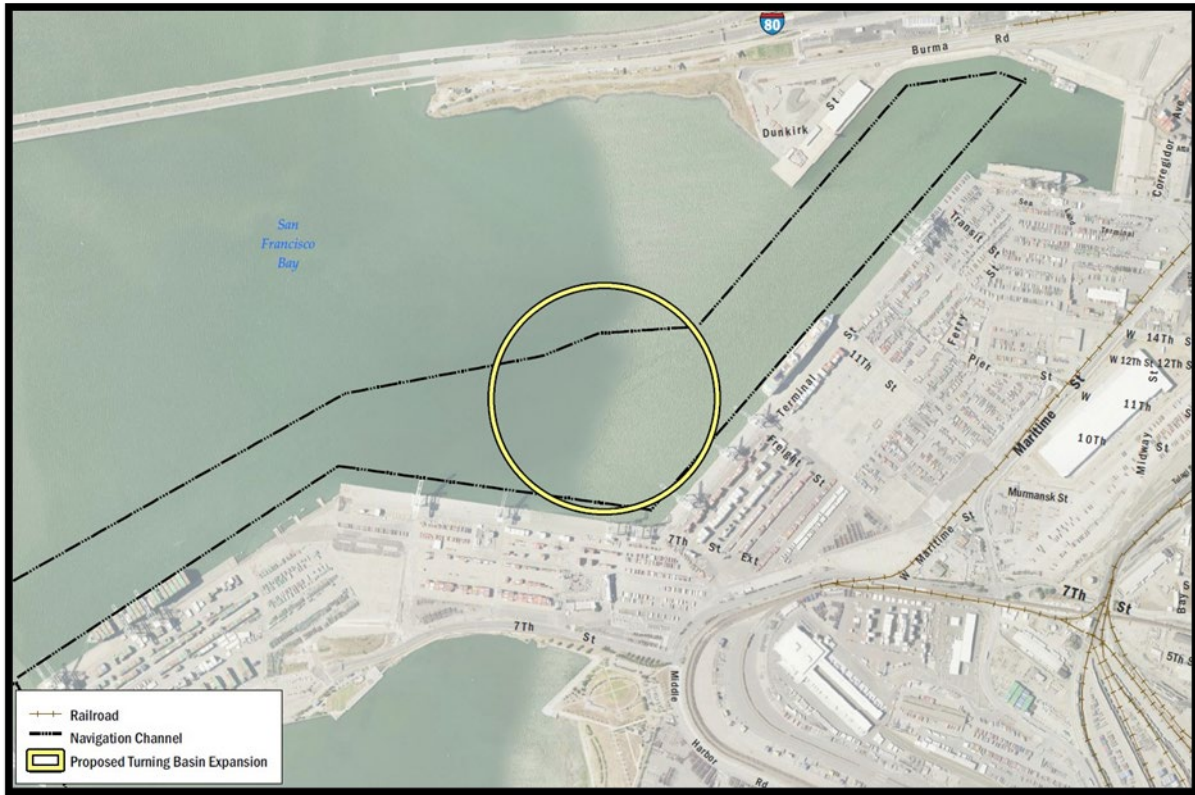


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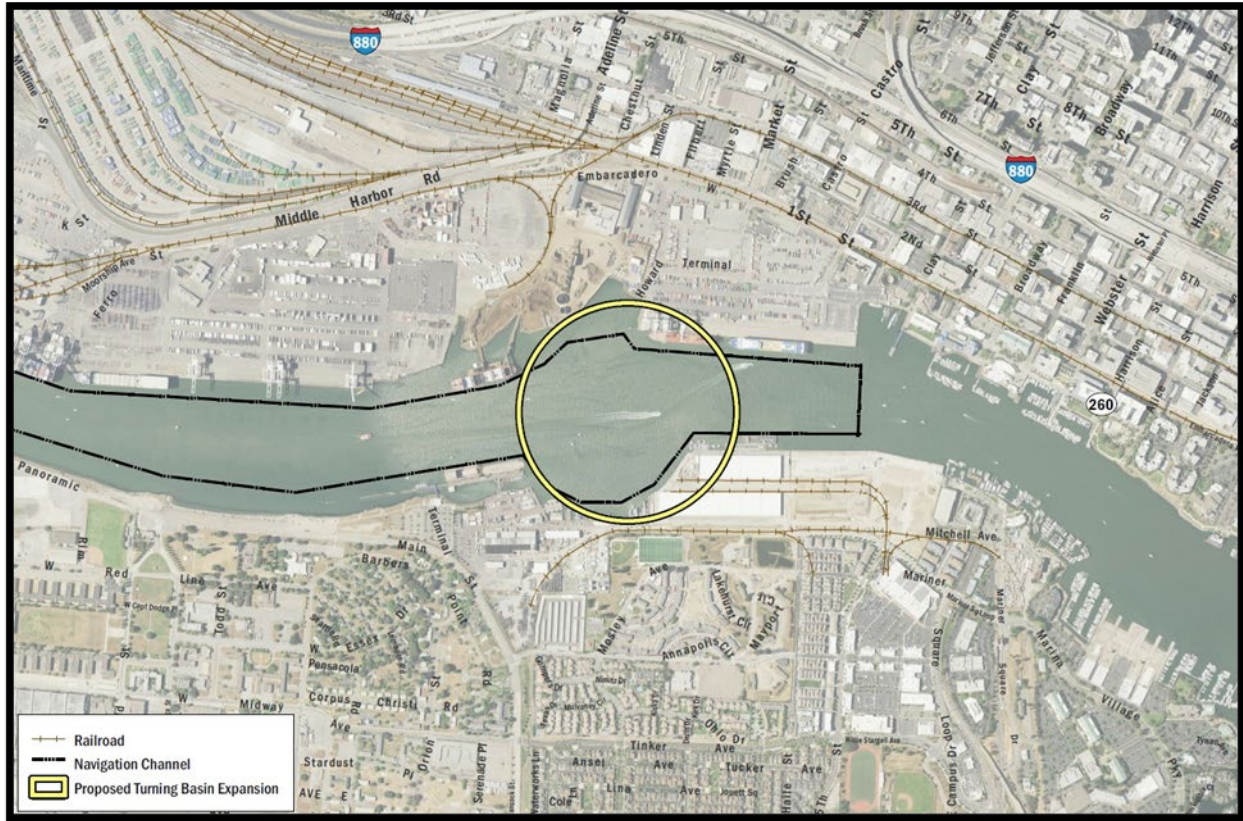


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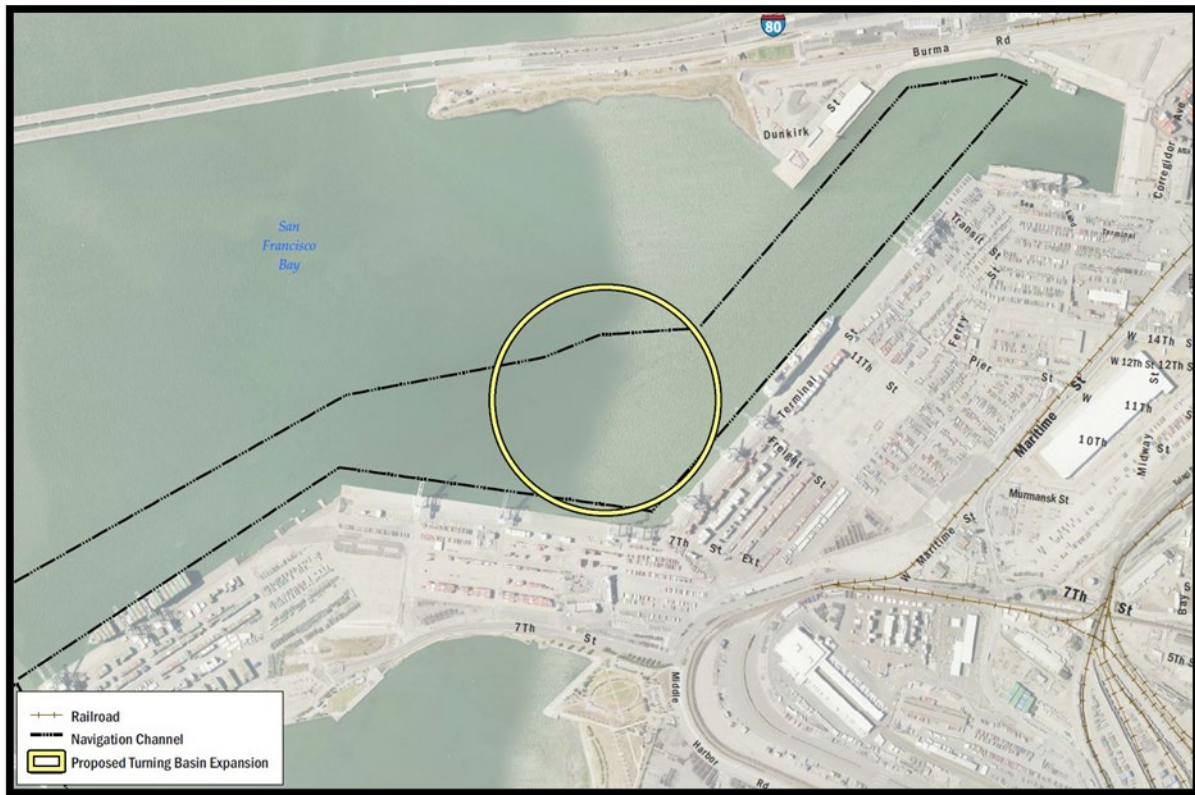


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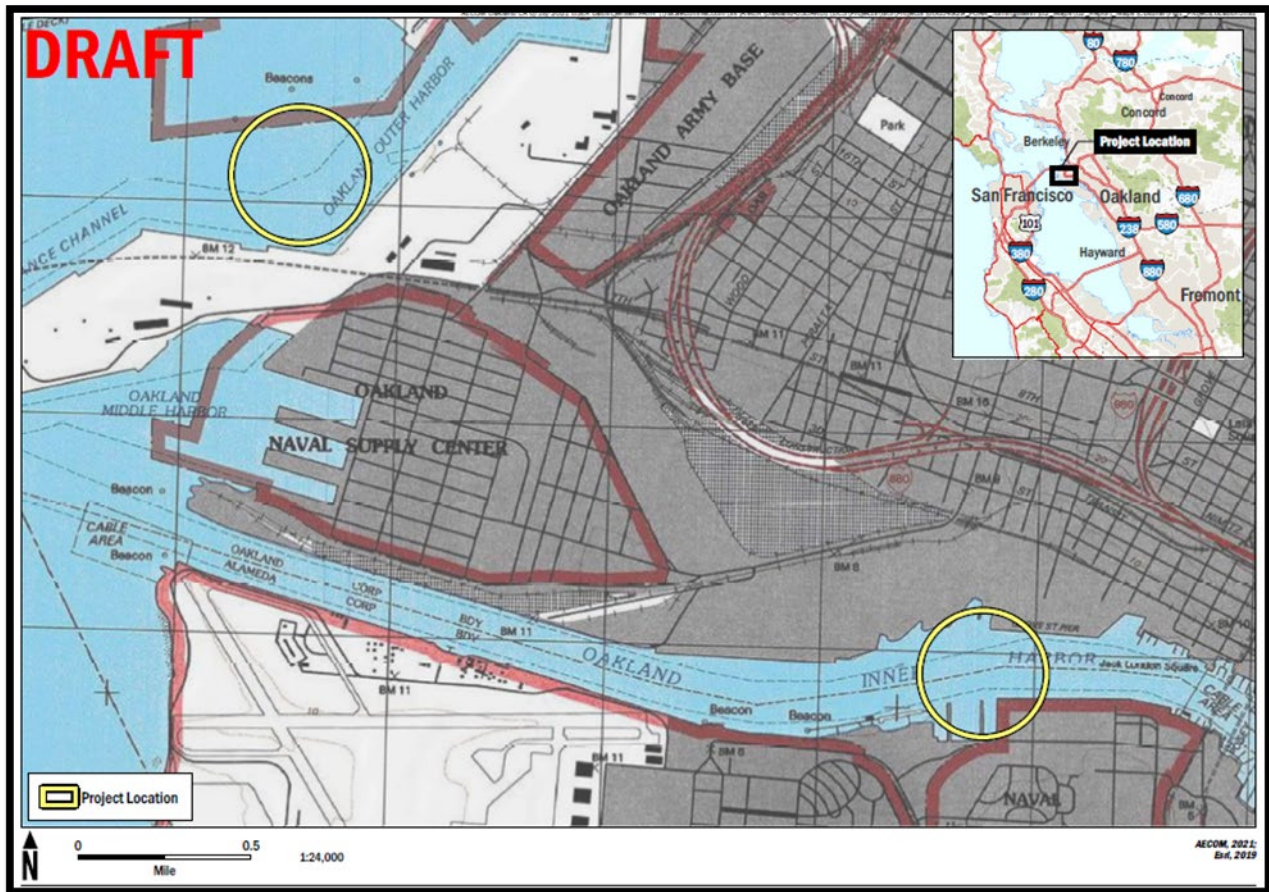


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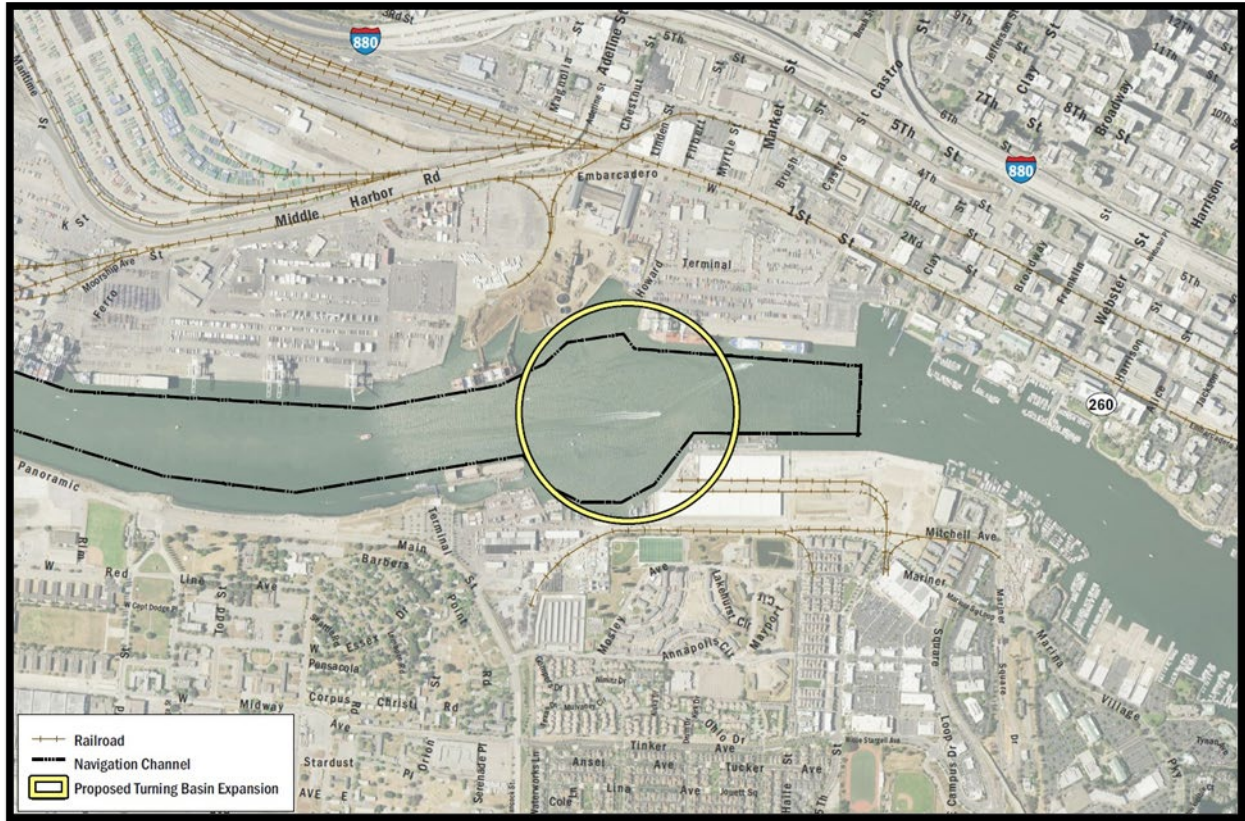


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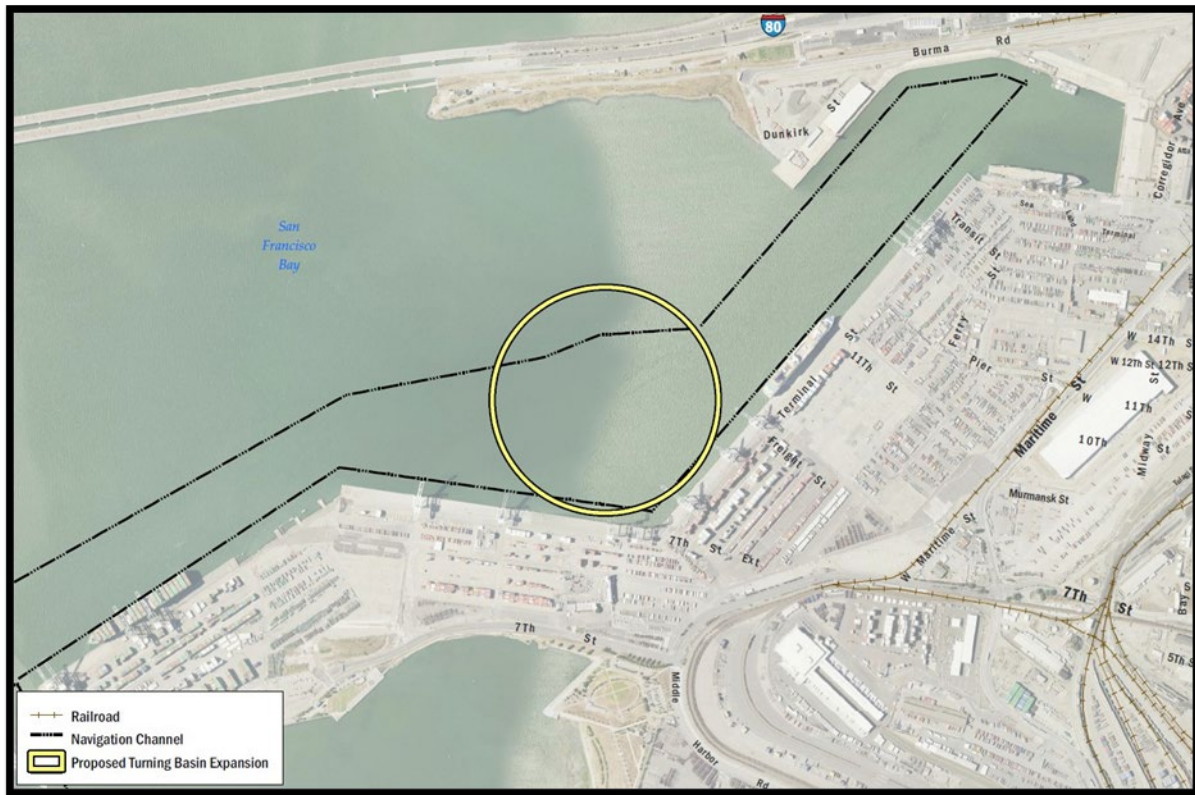


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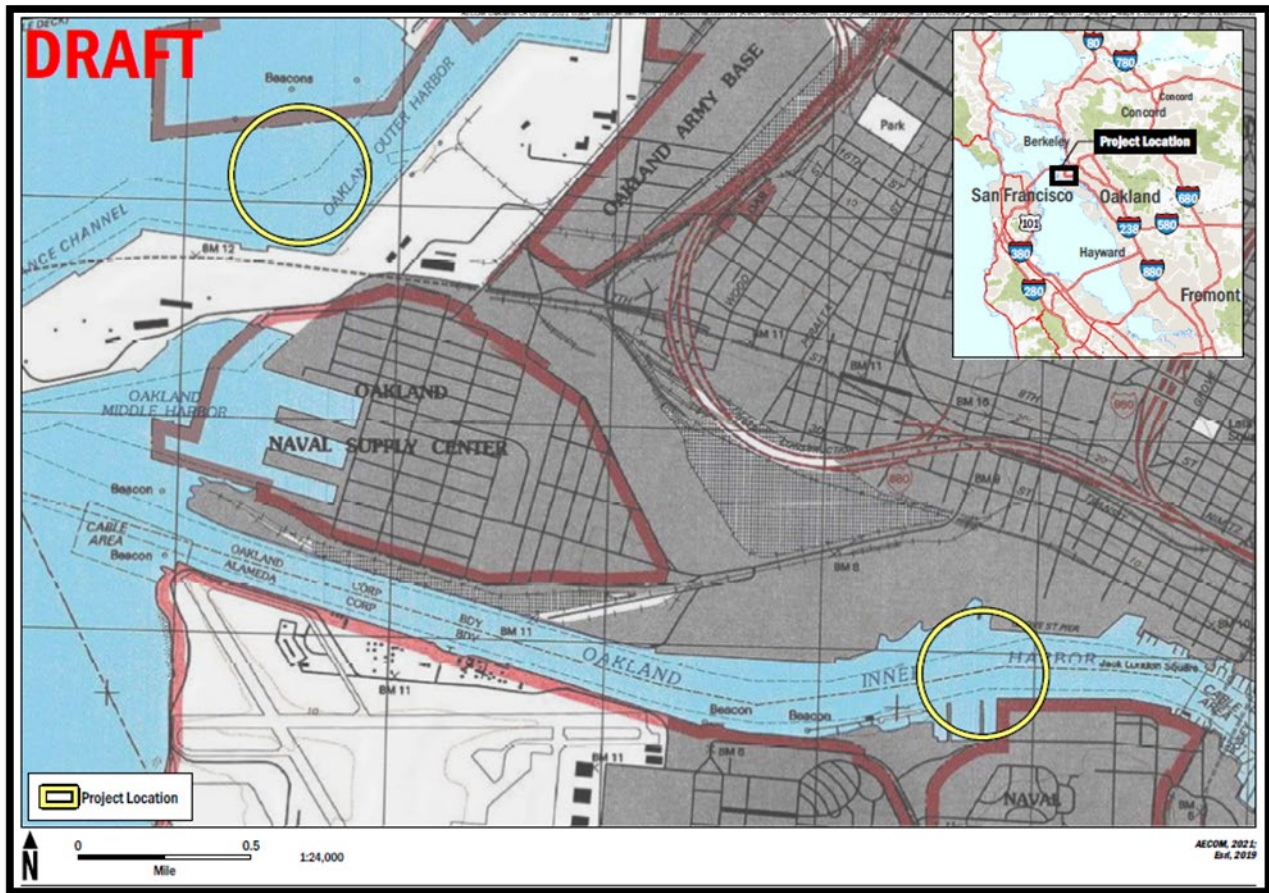


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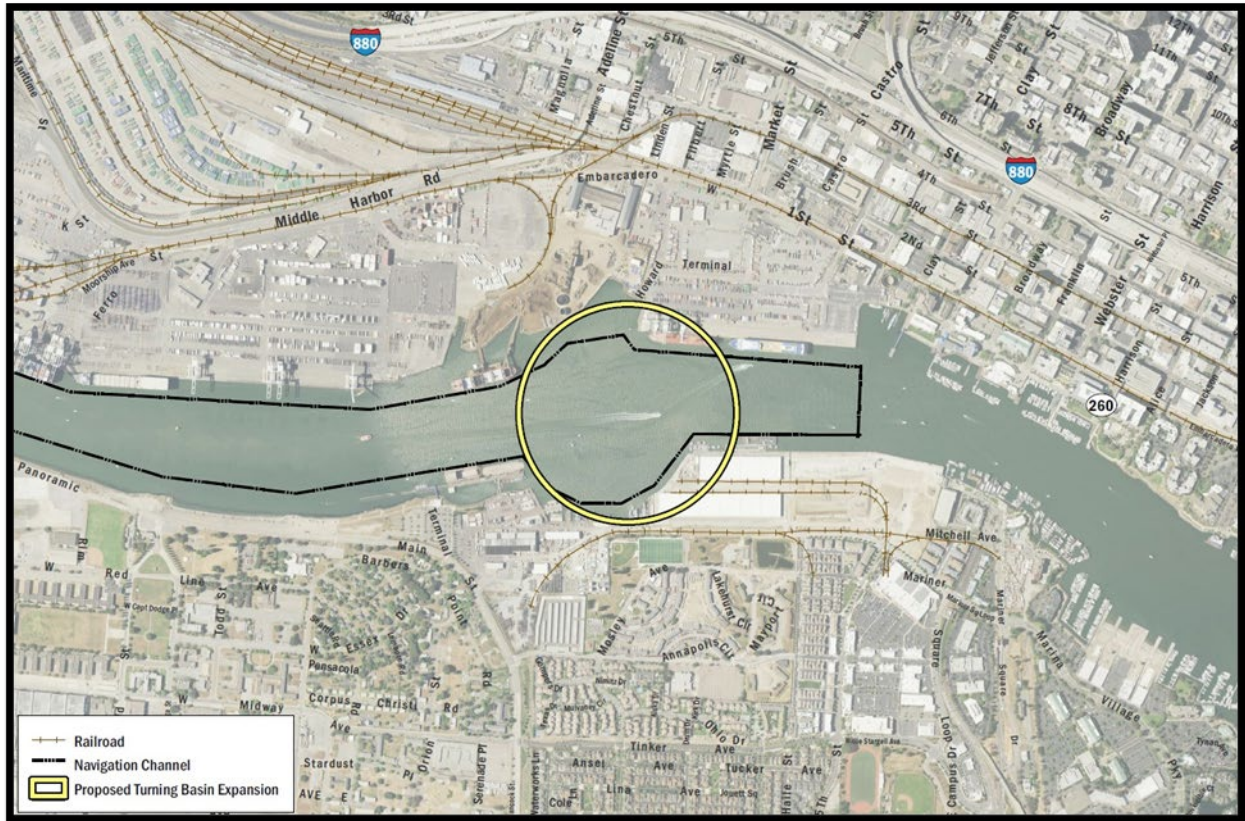


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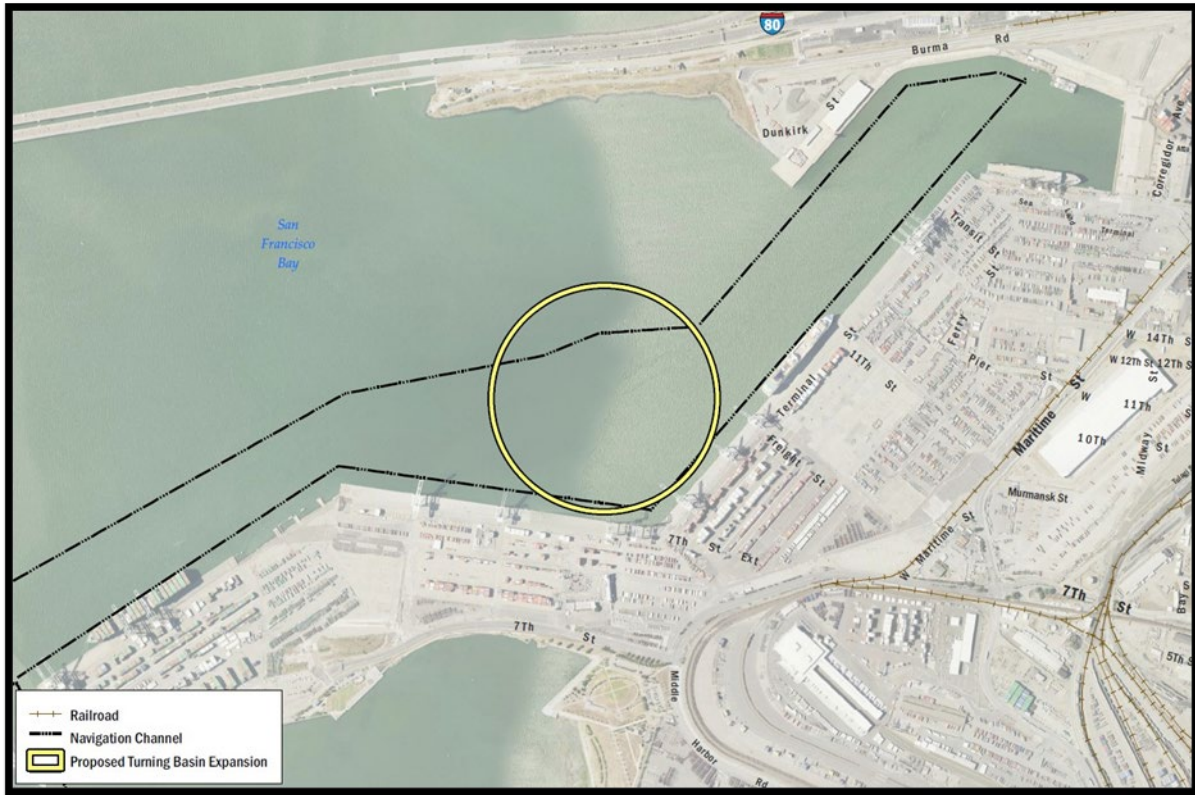


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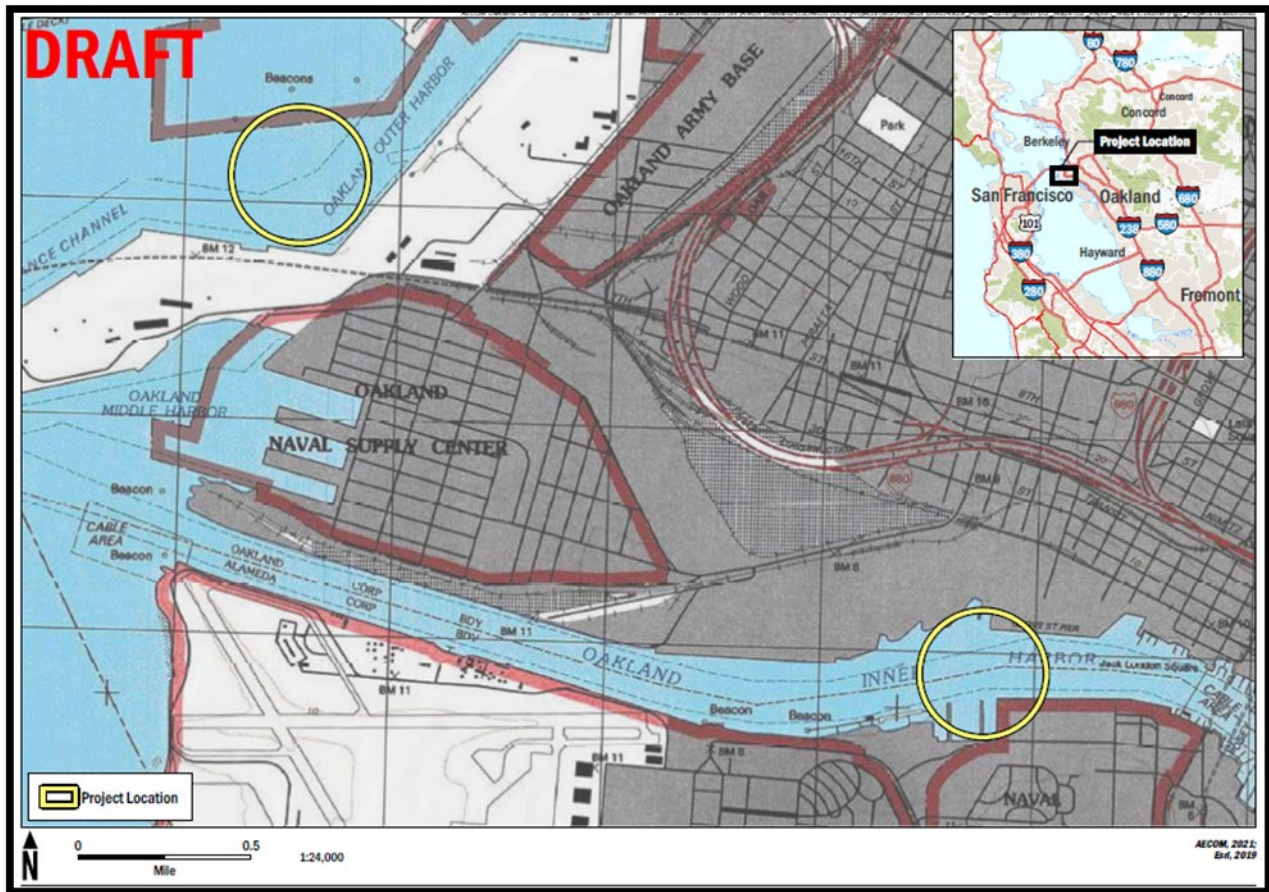


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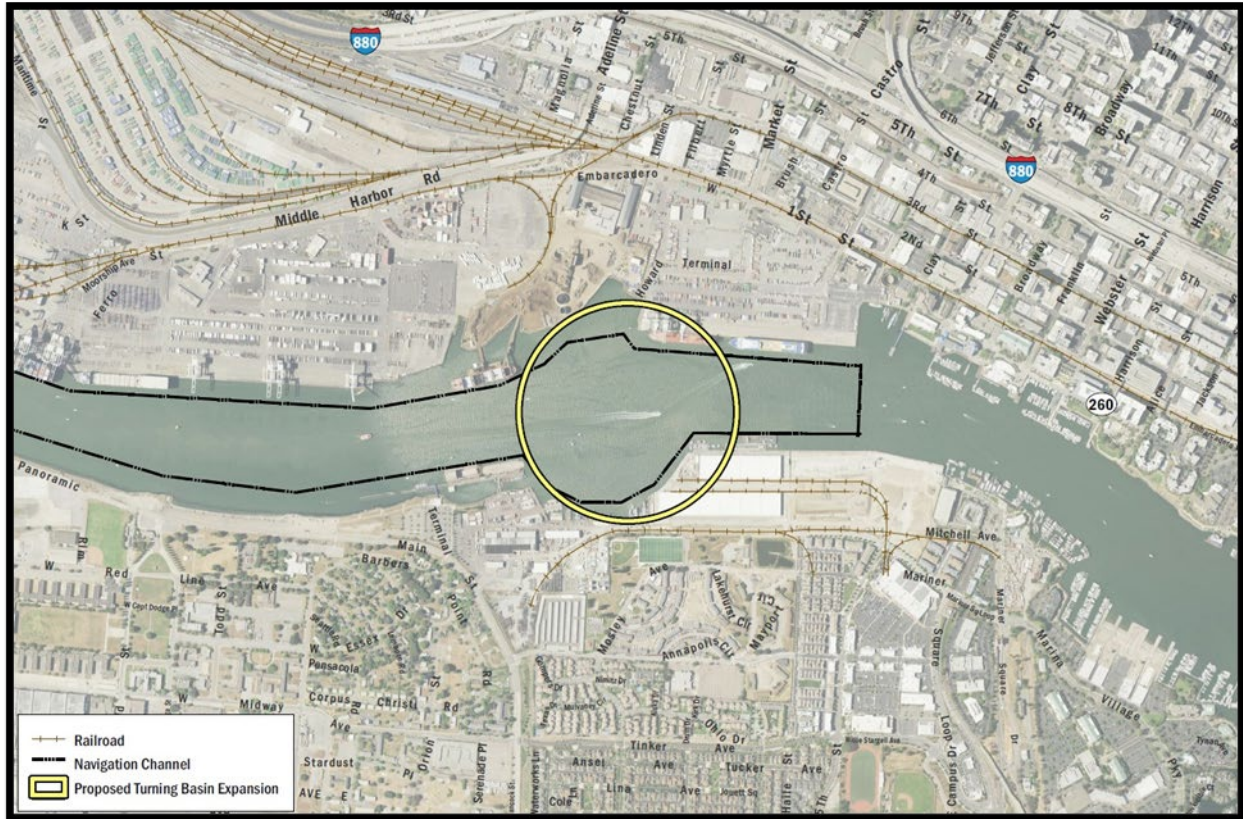


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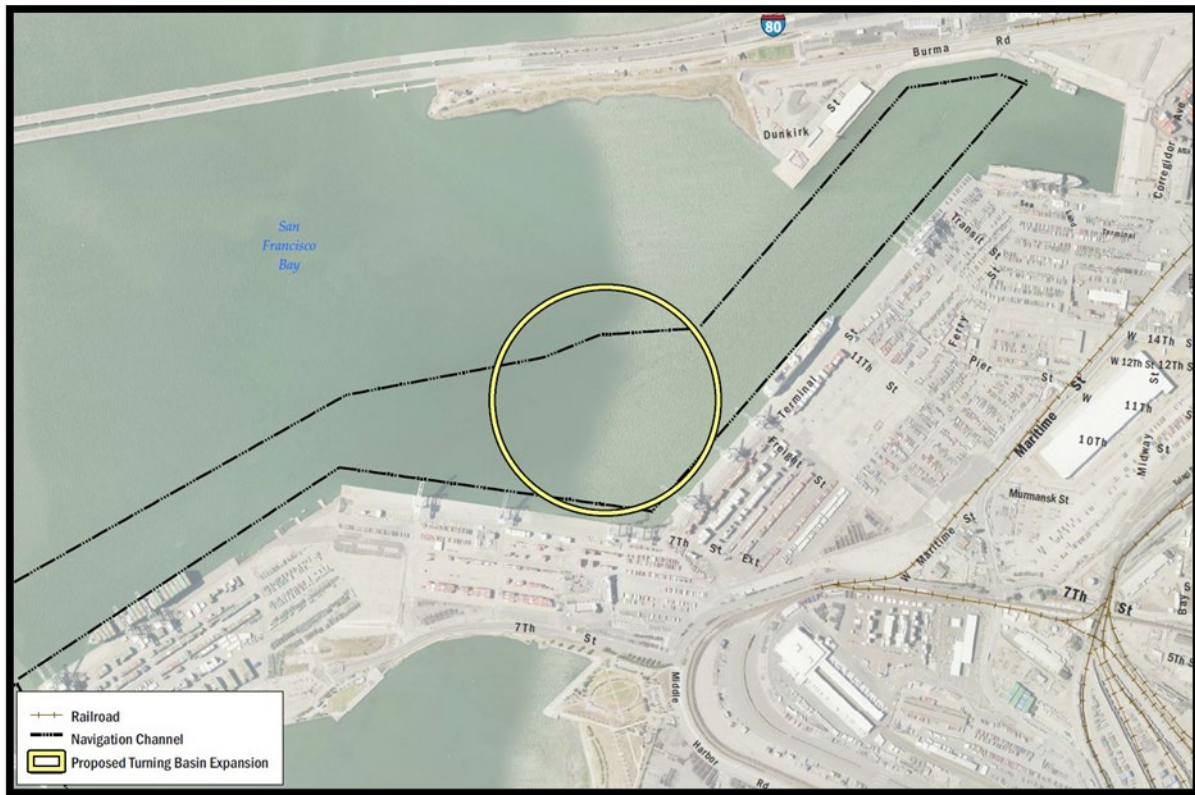


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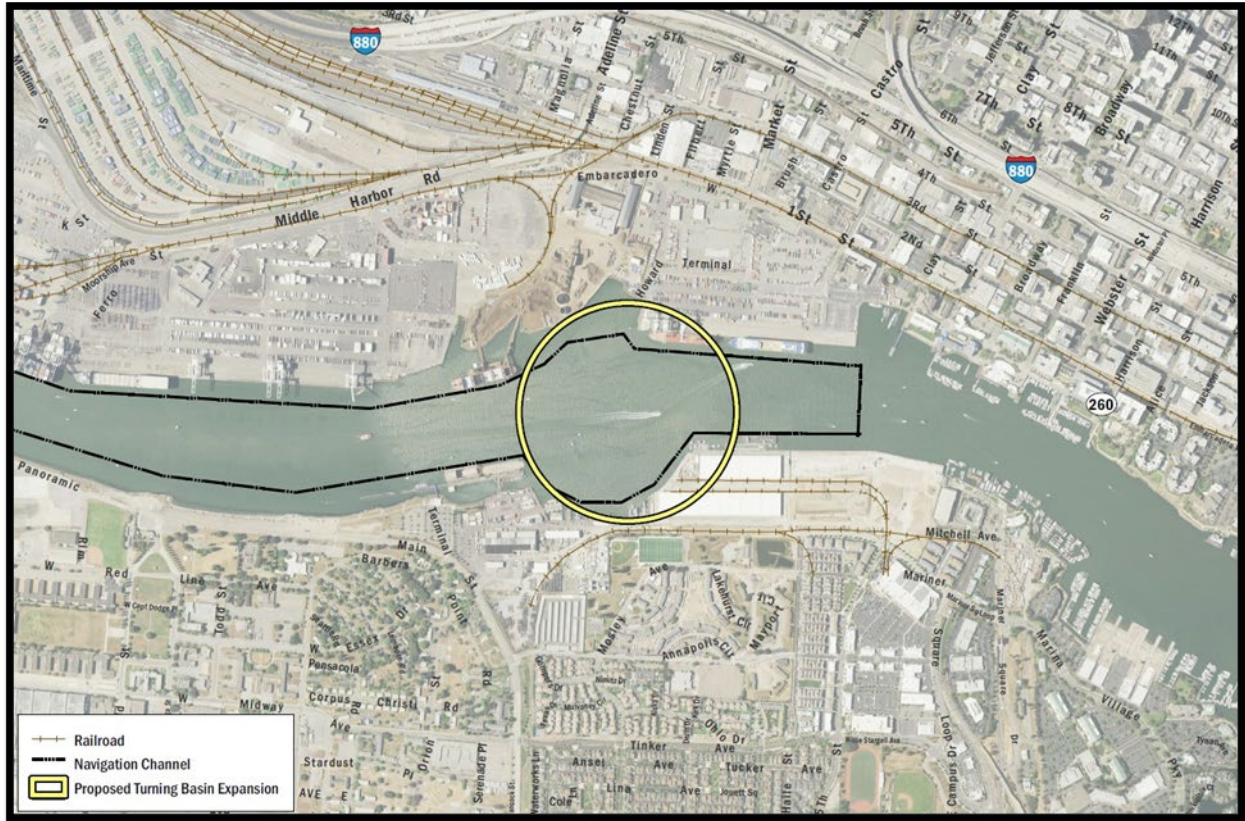


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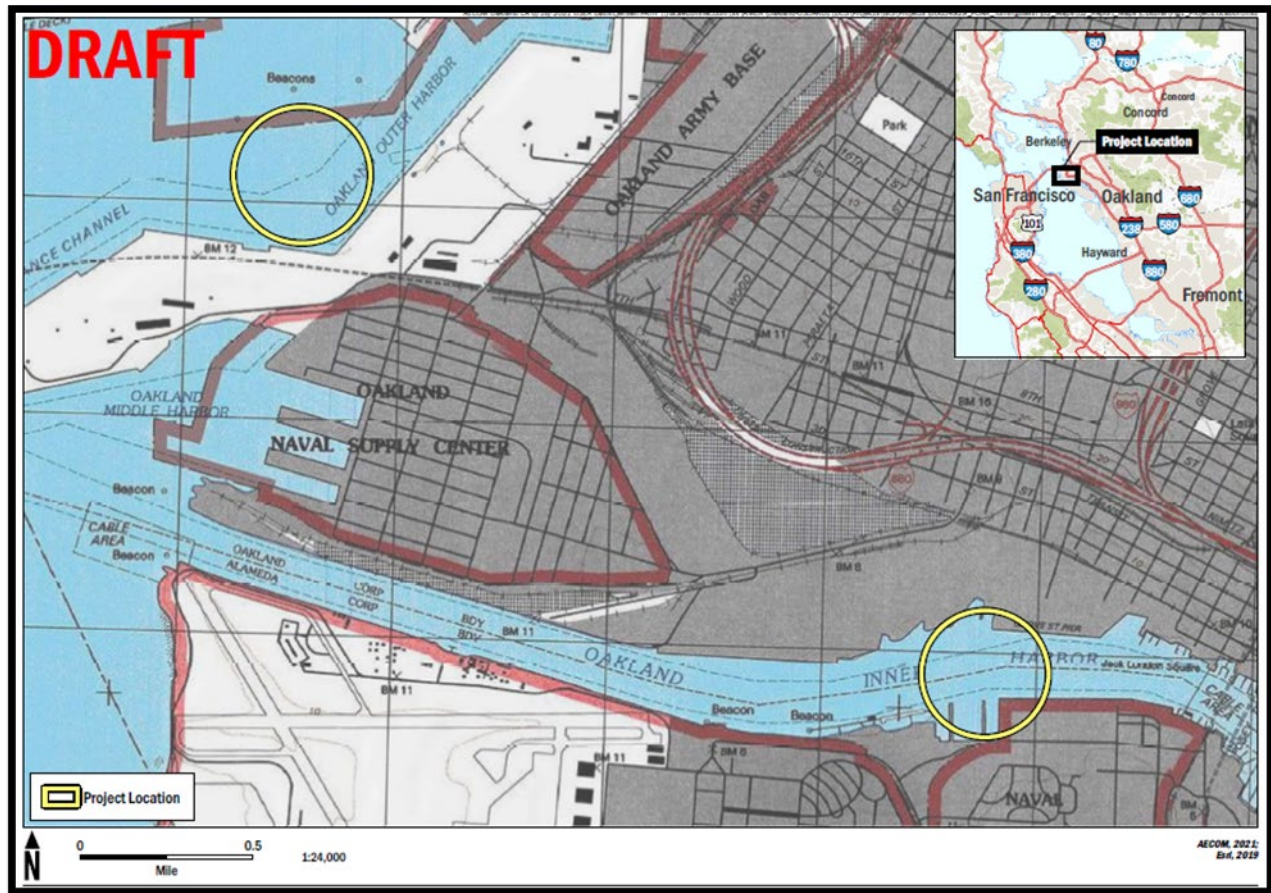


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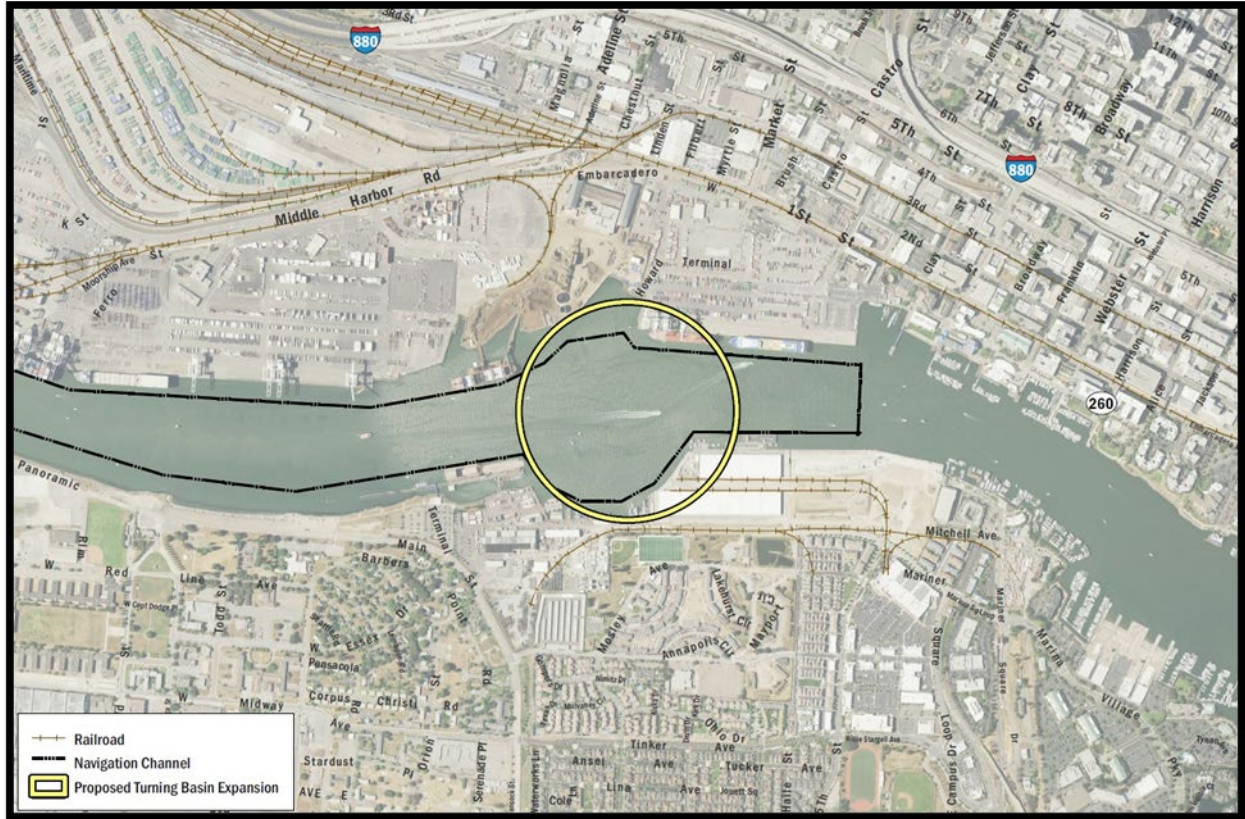


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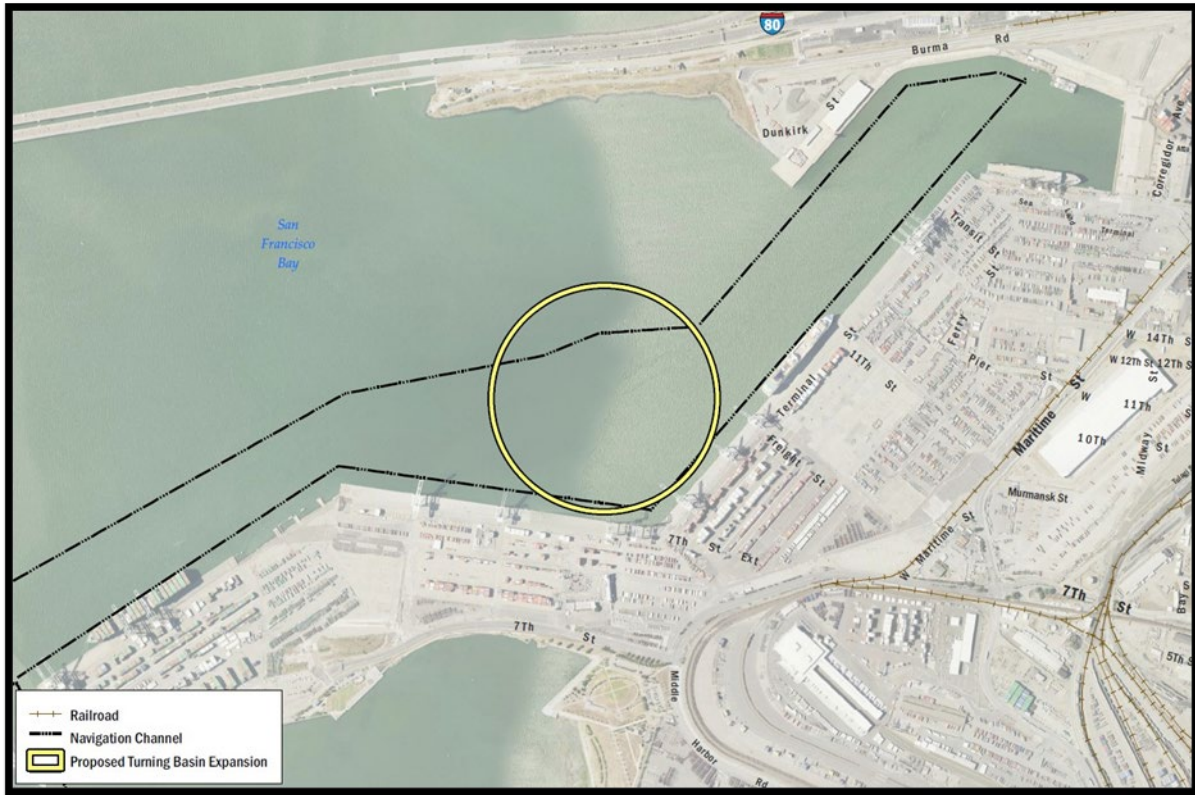


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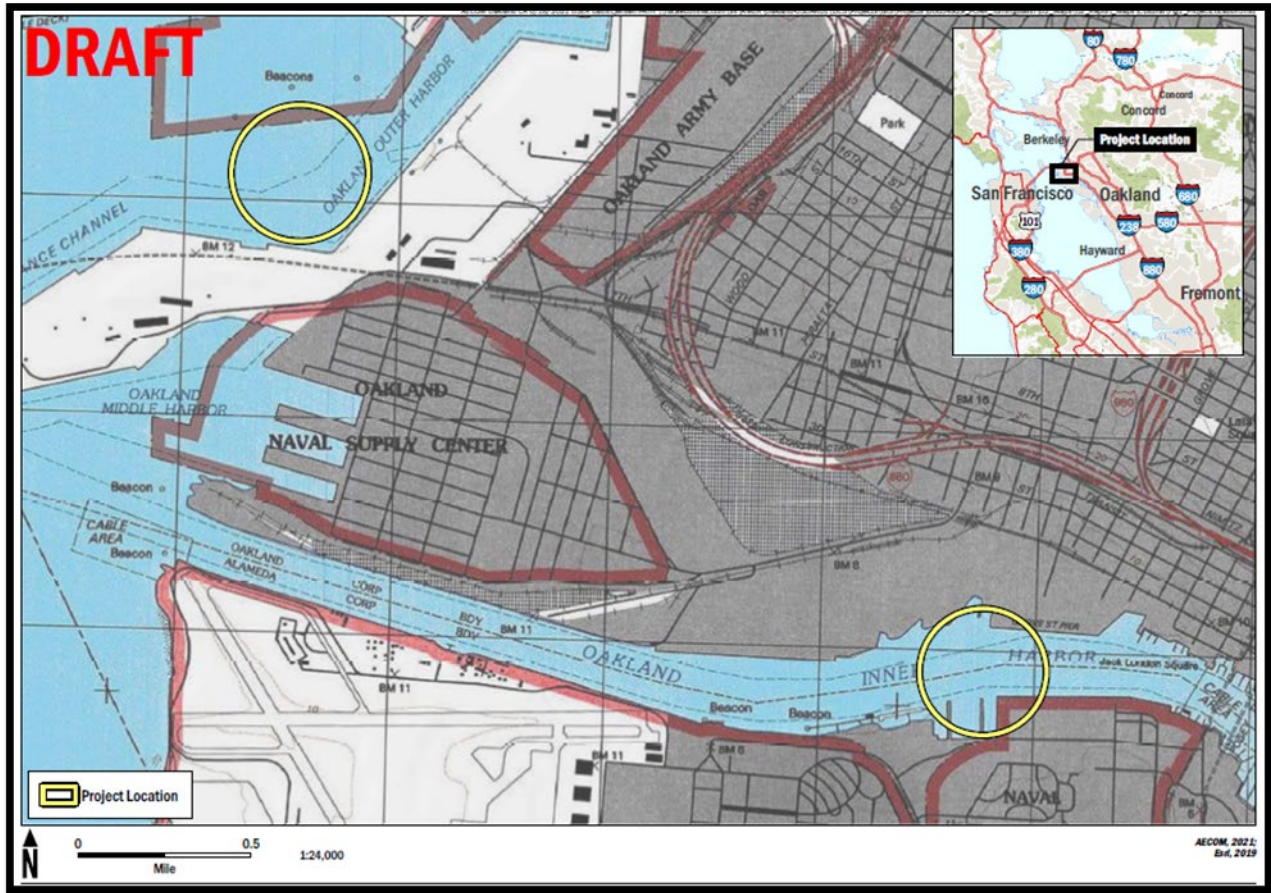


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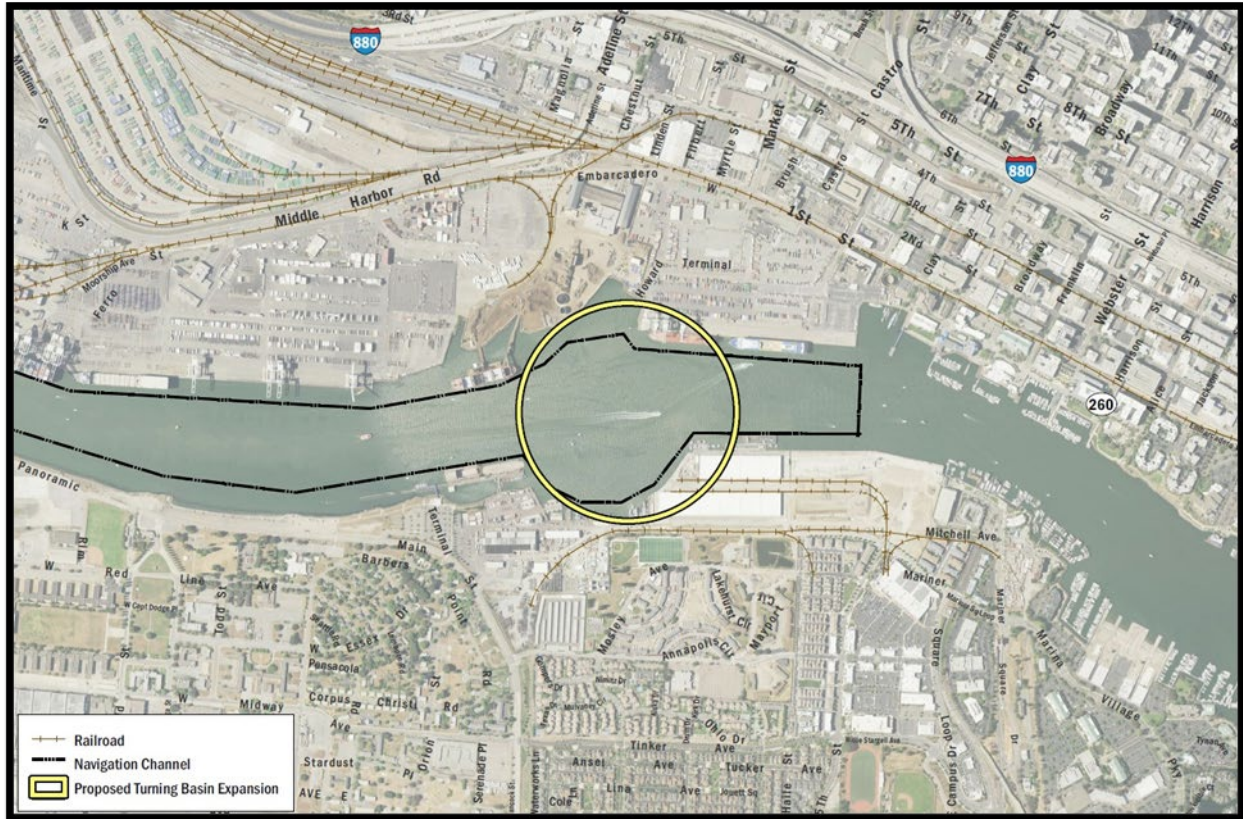


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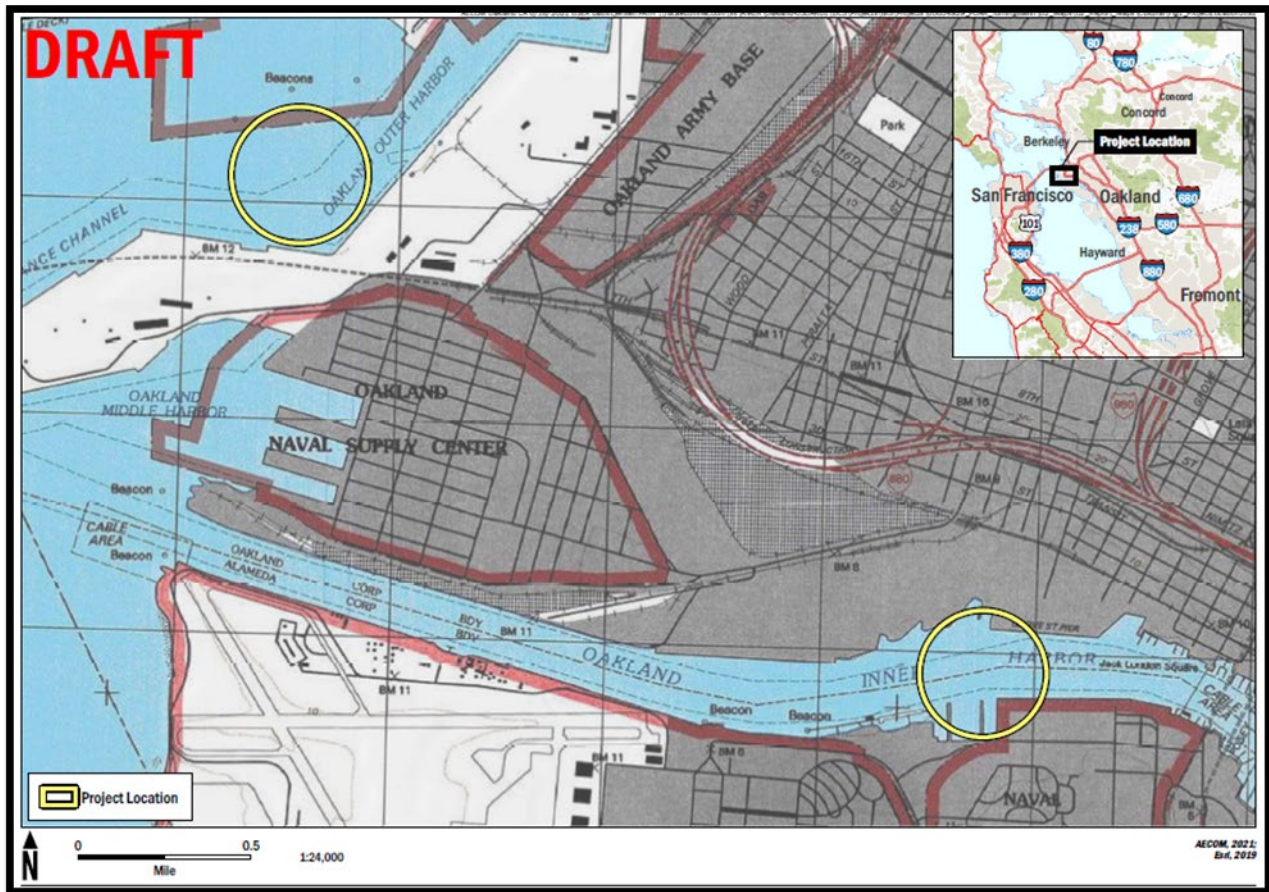


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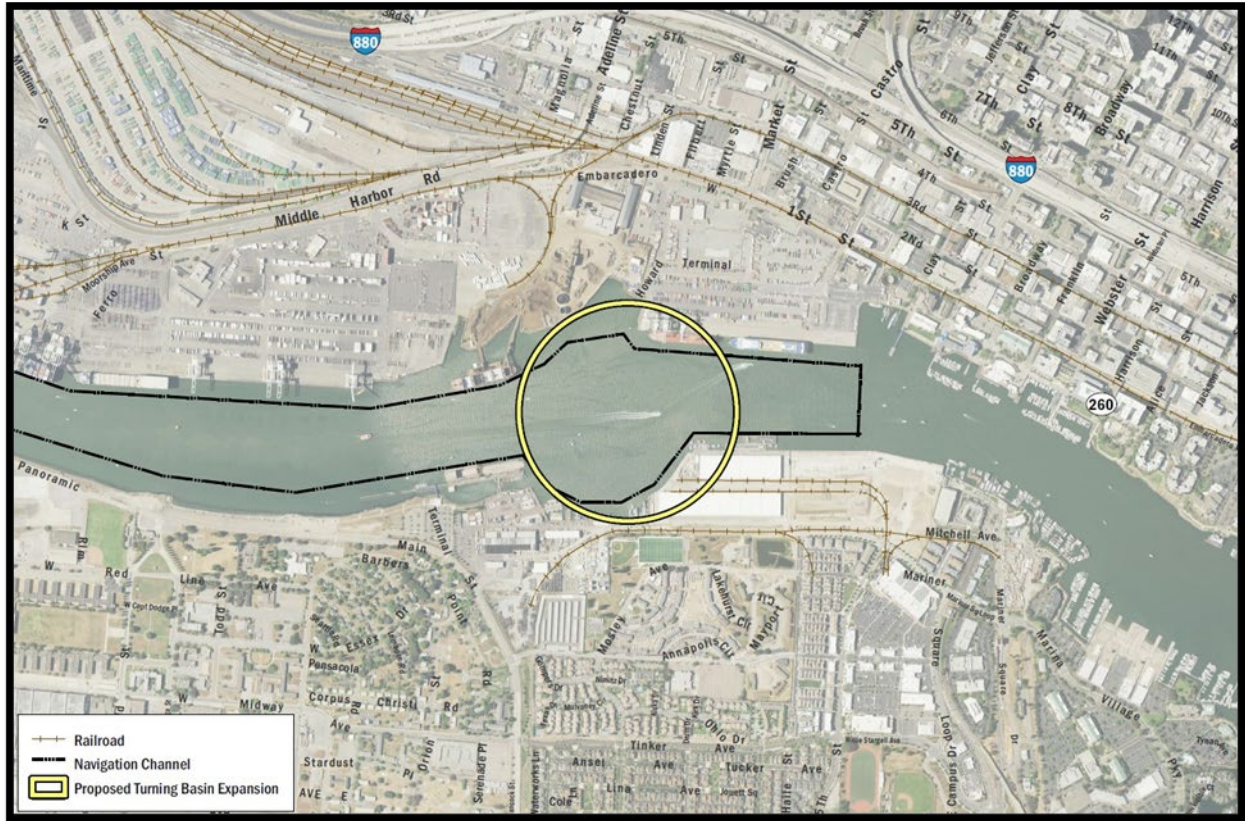


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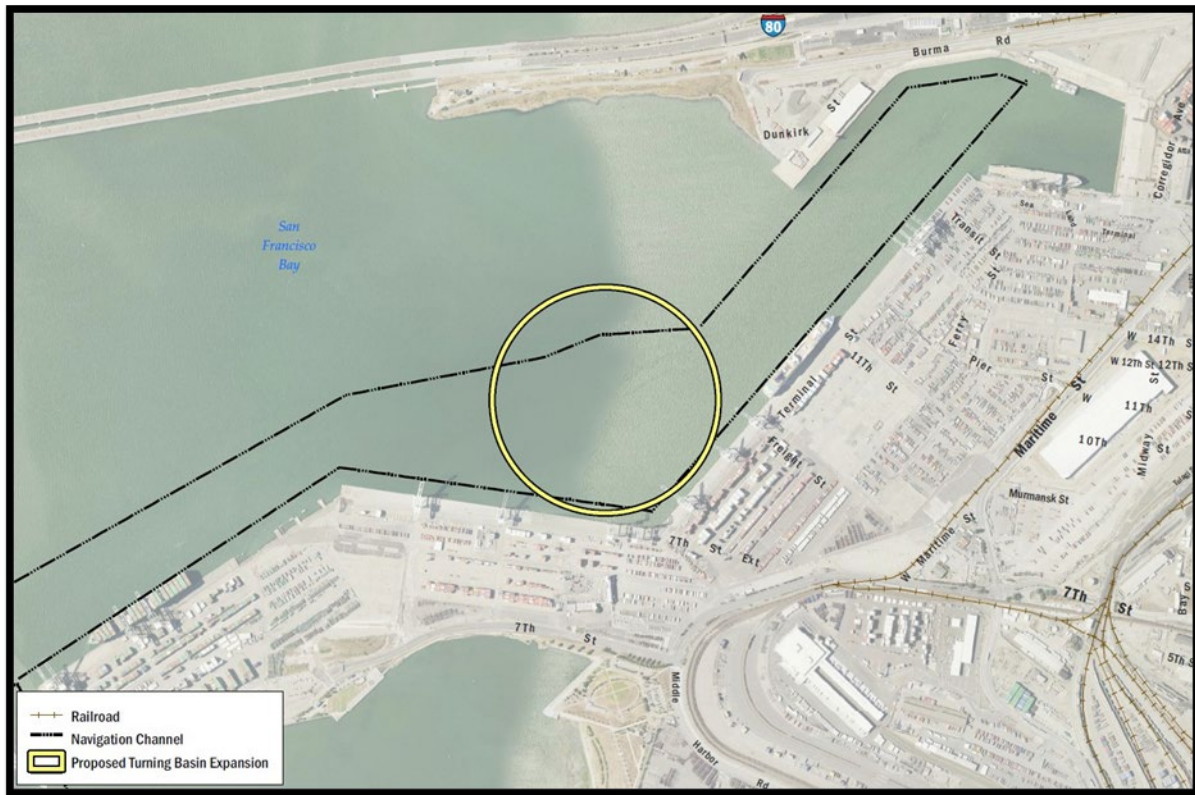


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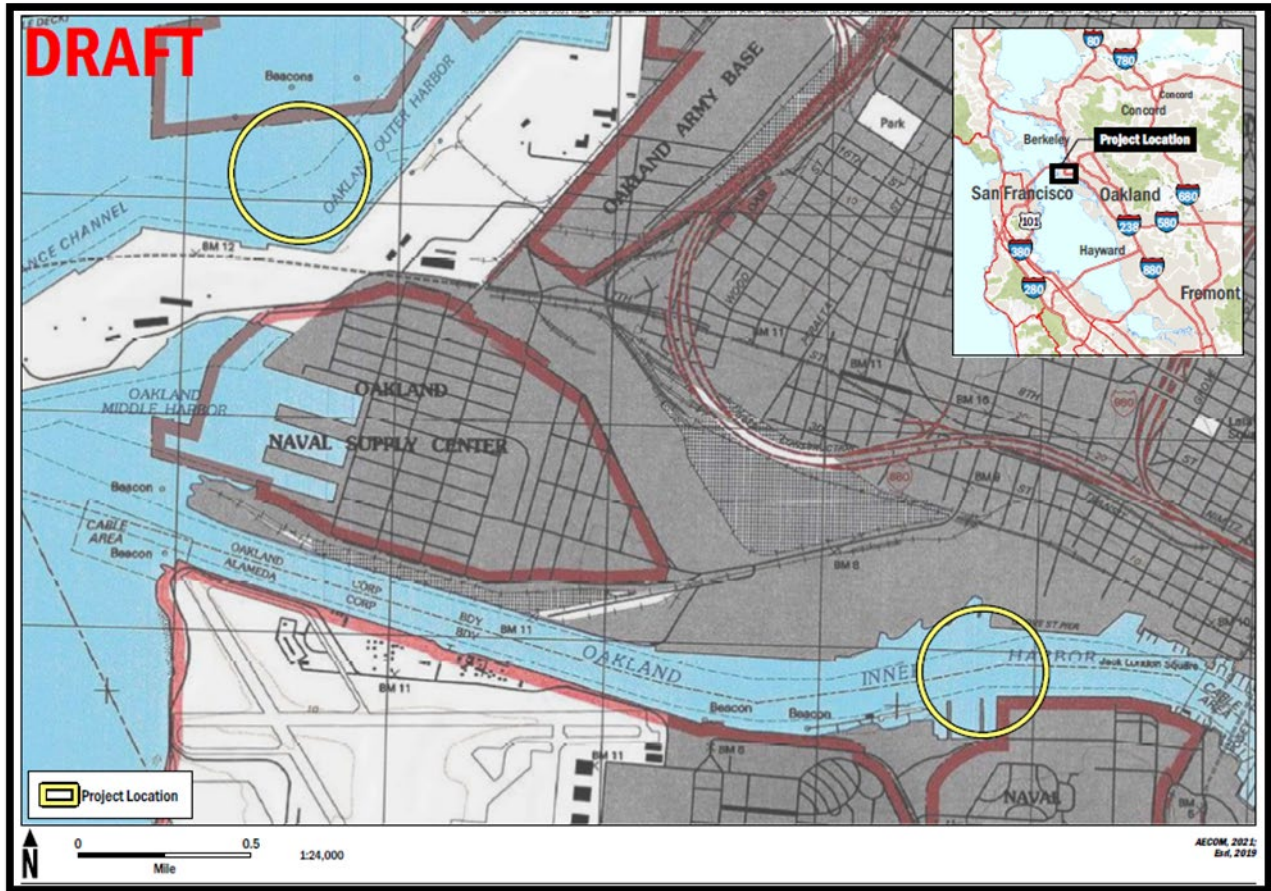


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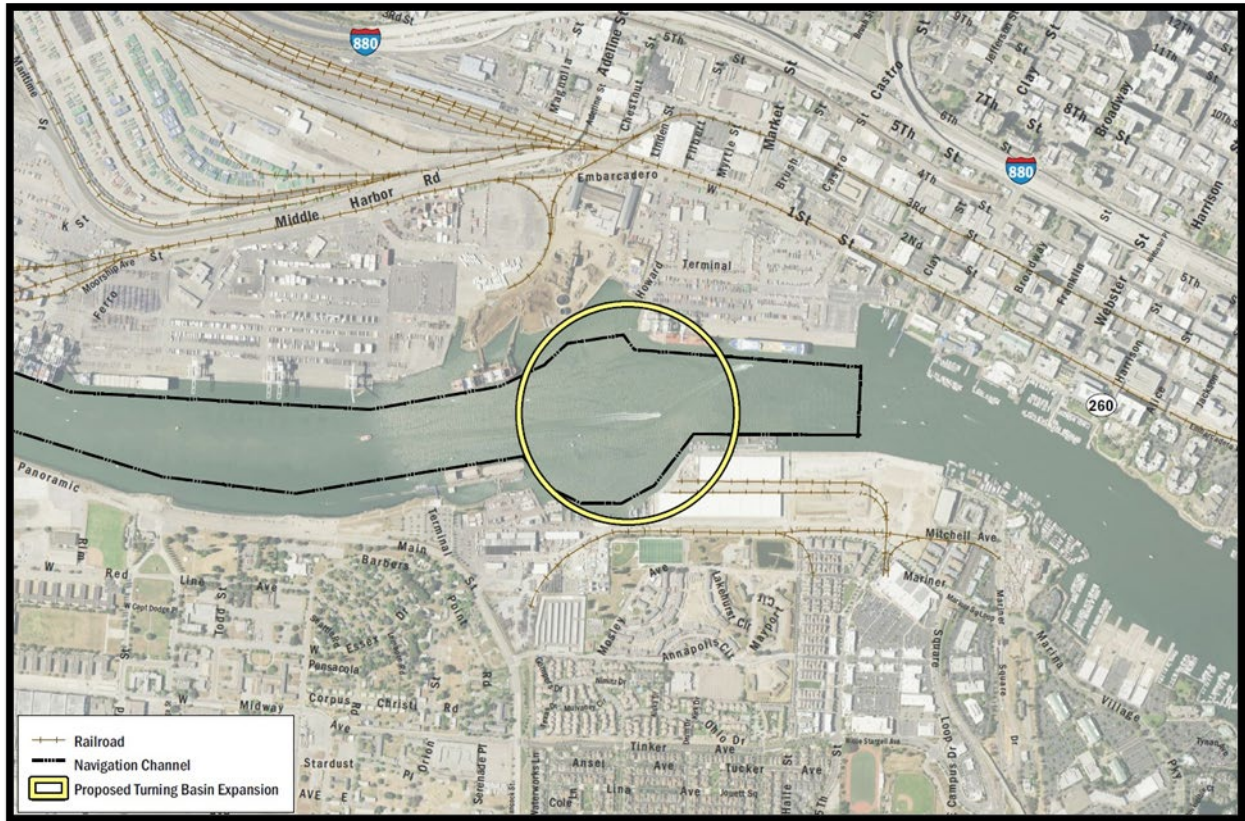


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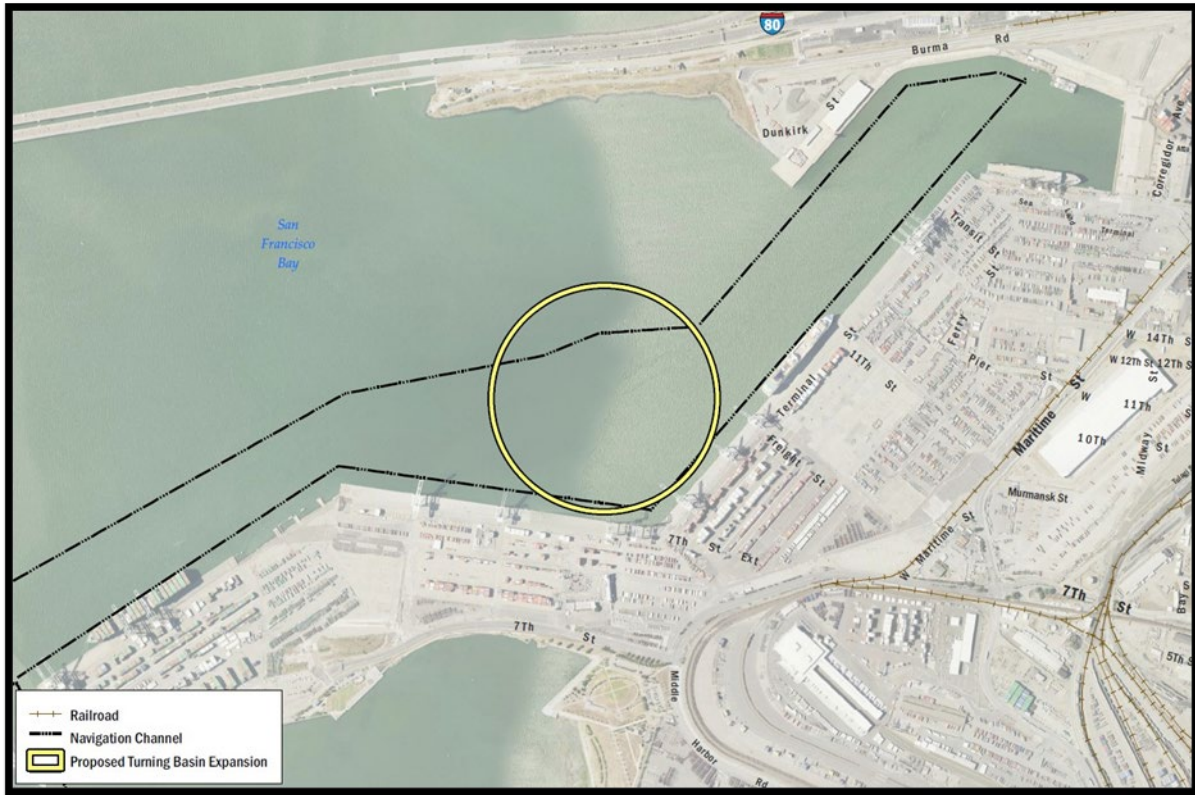


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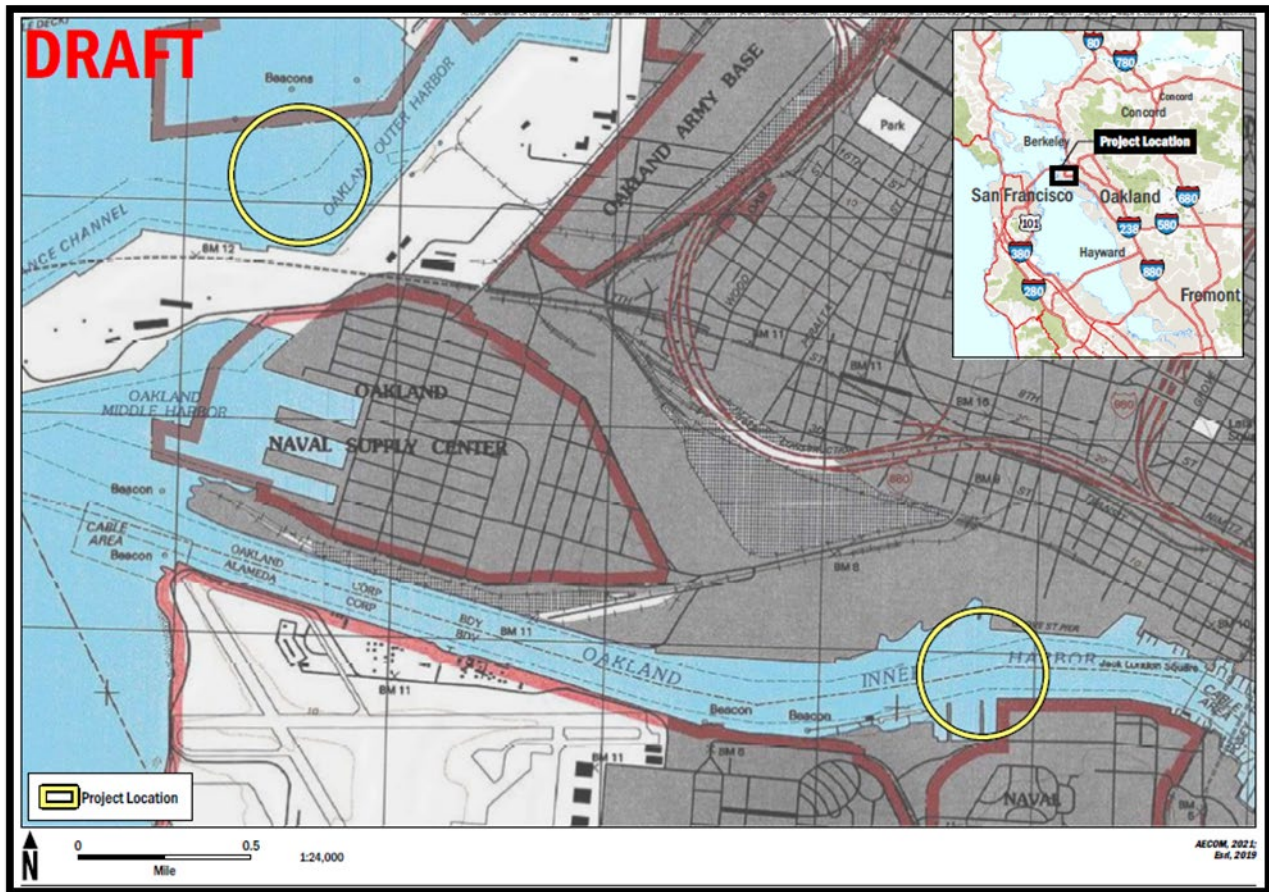


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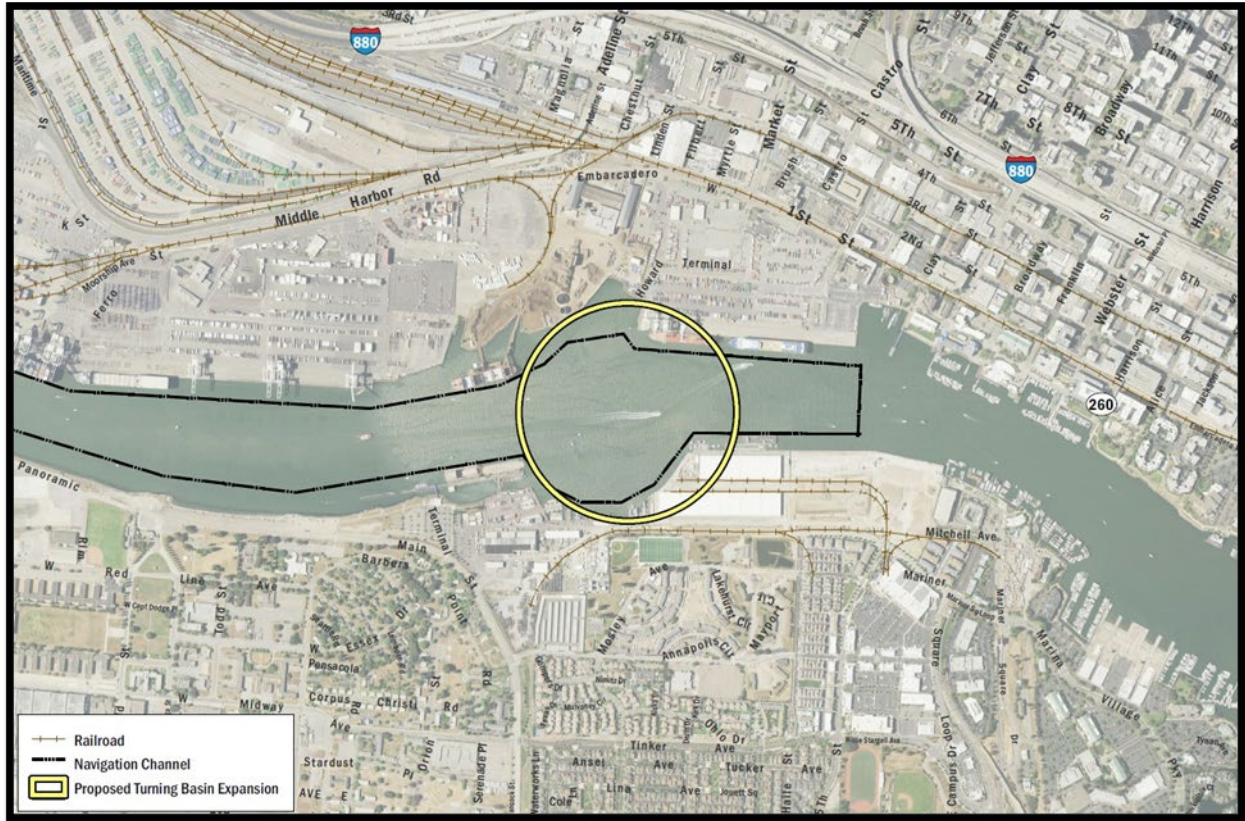


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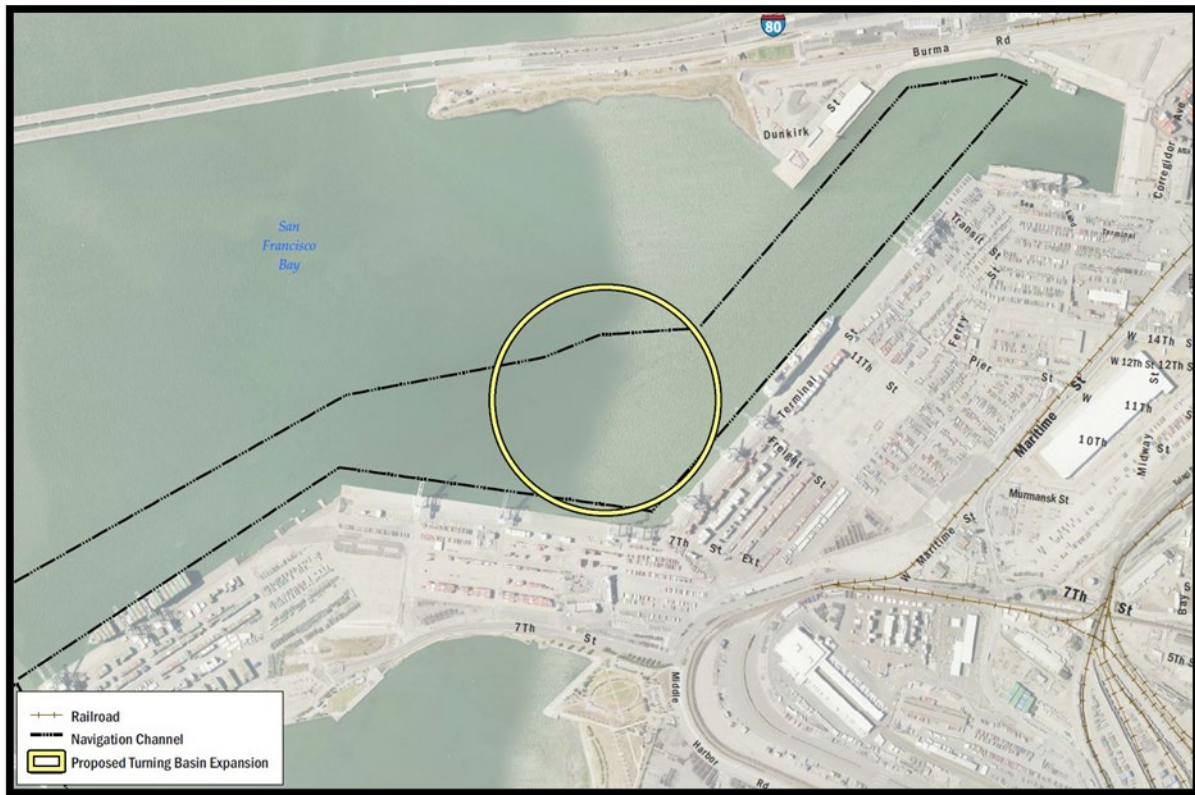


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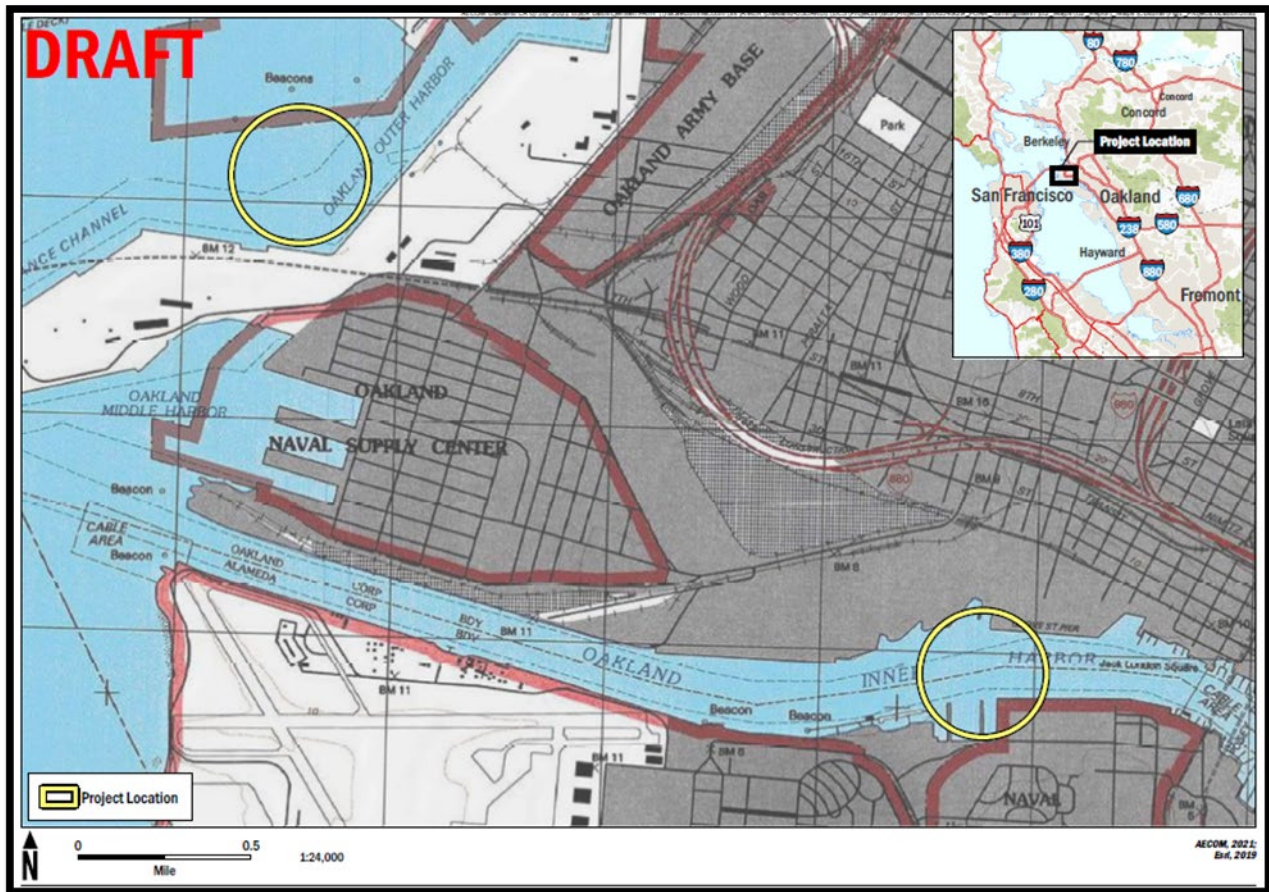


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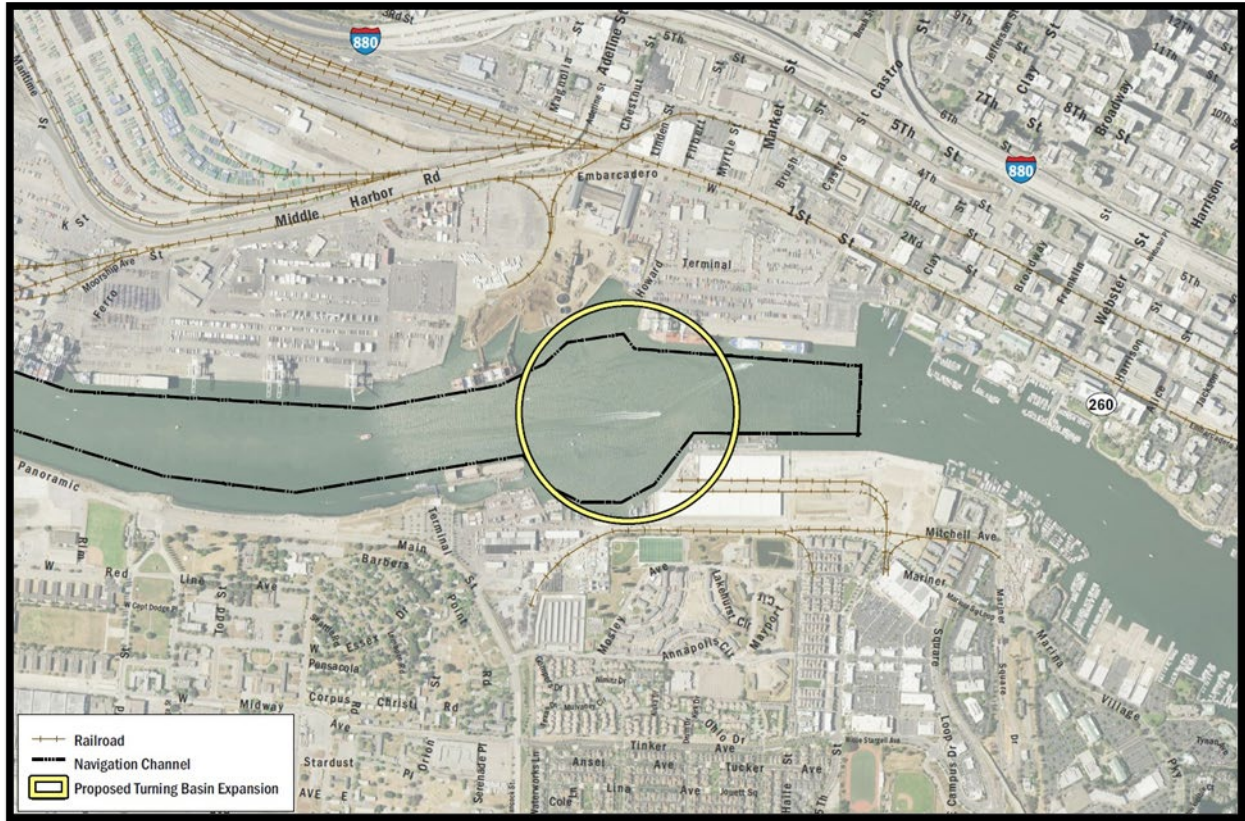


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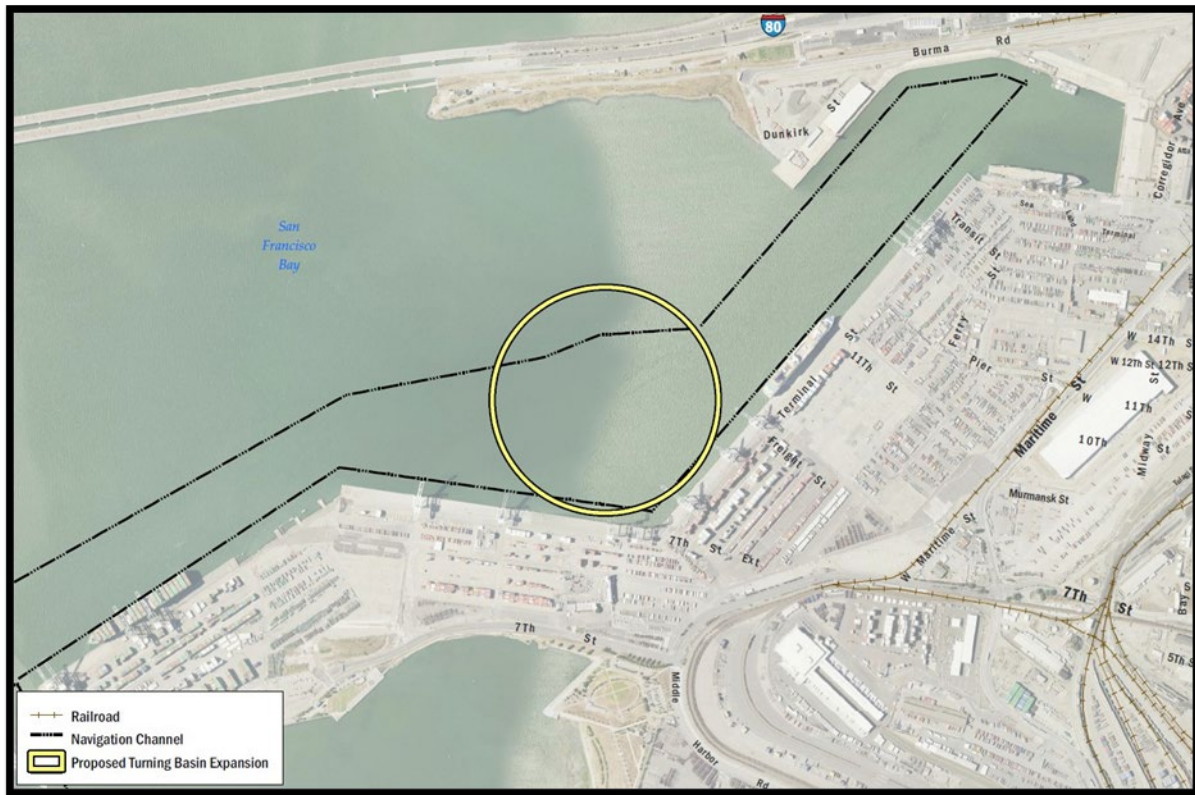


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Dear Kanyon,

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