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**PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION OF 27 PRELIMINARY CENSUS TRACTS AS COUNTYWIDE
OPPORTUNITY ZONES TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Fiscal Impact: None

The County Administrative Office requests that your Board approve the proposed preliminary 27 eligible census tracts to the State of California for consideration as Opportunity Zones 2.0 designations and potential nomination to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. These recommendations are intended to position Kern County for targeted private investment in communities where federal tax incentives can support long-term economic development, job creation, business expansion, housing production, and infrastructure readiness. In developing the recommendation package, the County Administrative Office met with each incorporated city and hosted community meetings throughout Kern County to gather local input and support a coordinated countywide approach.

The census tracts, as attached, are considered preliminary as the County and its stakeholders await clarification and guidance to nominate preferred zones. The population of micro-urban jurisdictions like the City of Wasco would be best served through economic development outside of their developed grid. However, these zones are not presently recognized as eligible. Selections may change in the event additional zones are opened for eligibility or should State and Federal guidance on zone evaluation be revised.

The recommended zones are aligned with the core economic development priorities of the County and our partner Cities, including aerospace and defense, advanced energy, advanced manufacturing, housing, working lands, value-added agriculture and agtech. In eastern Kern, Opportunity Zone designation may support housing, aerospace, defense, testing, manufacturing, and supply-chain activity connected to the Mojave, Edwards, and China Lake ecosystem. In the Valley communities, designation may help attract capital for industrial development, food processing, agricultural technology, logistics, housing, and infrastructure that supports both existing employers and future business growth. Collectively, these recommendations advance the region's broader strategy to strengthen and diversify its collective economy while directing investment tools toward communities with meaningful development capacity and demonstrated need.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the proposed Opportunity Zones 2.0 recommendations for submission to the State of California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

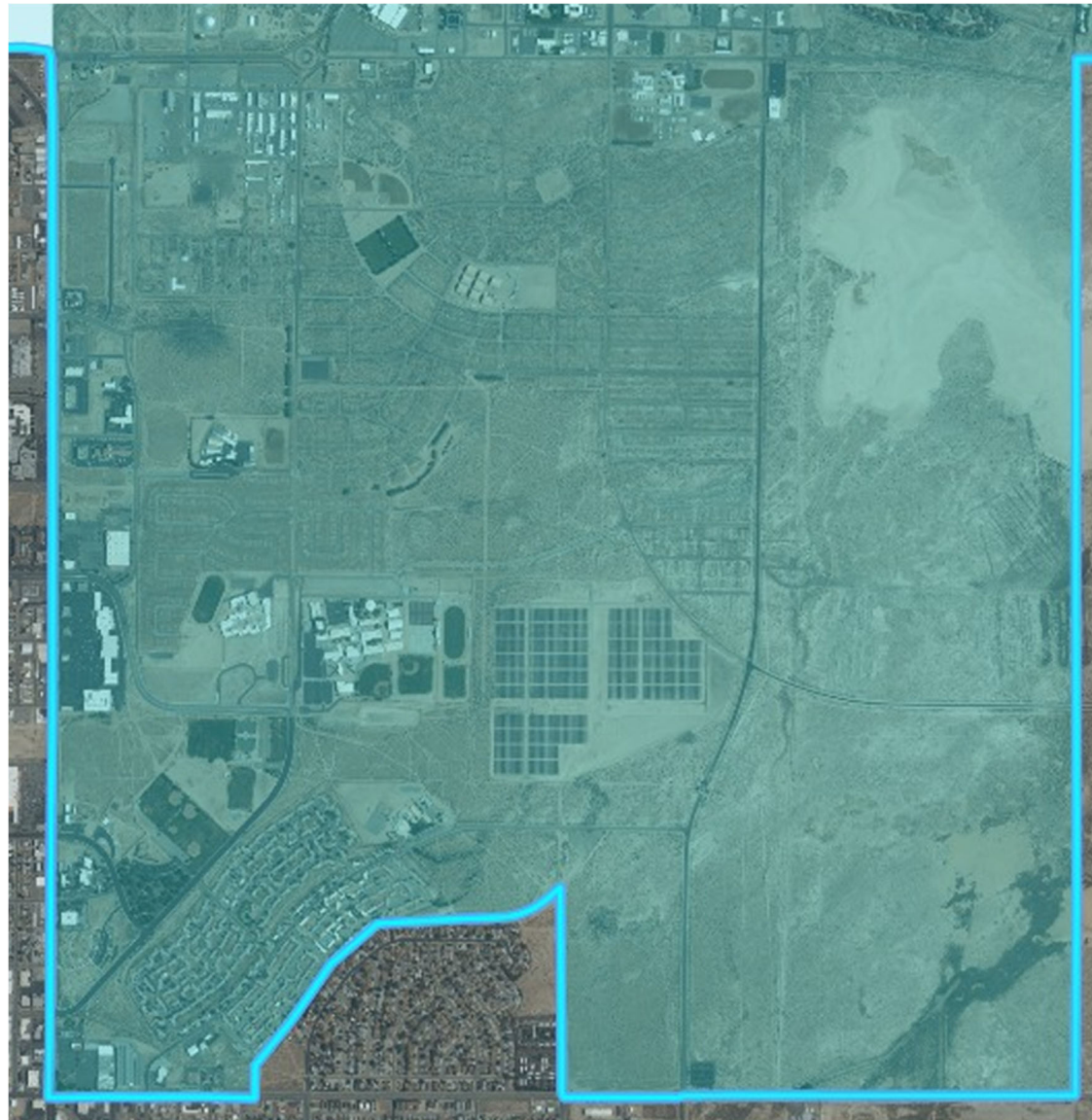
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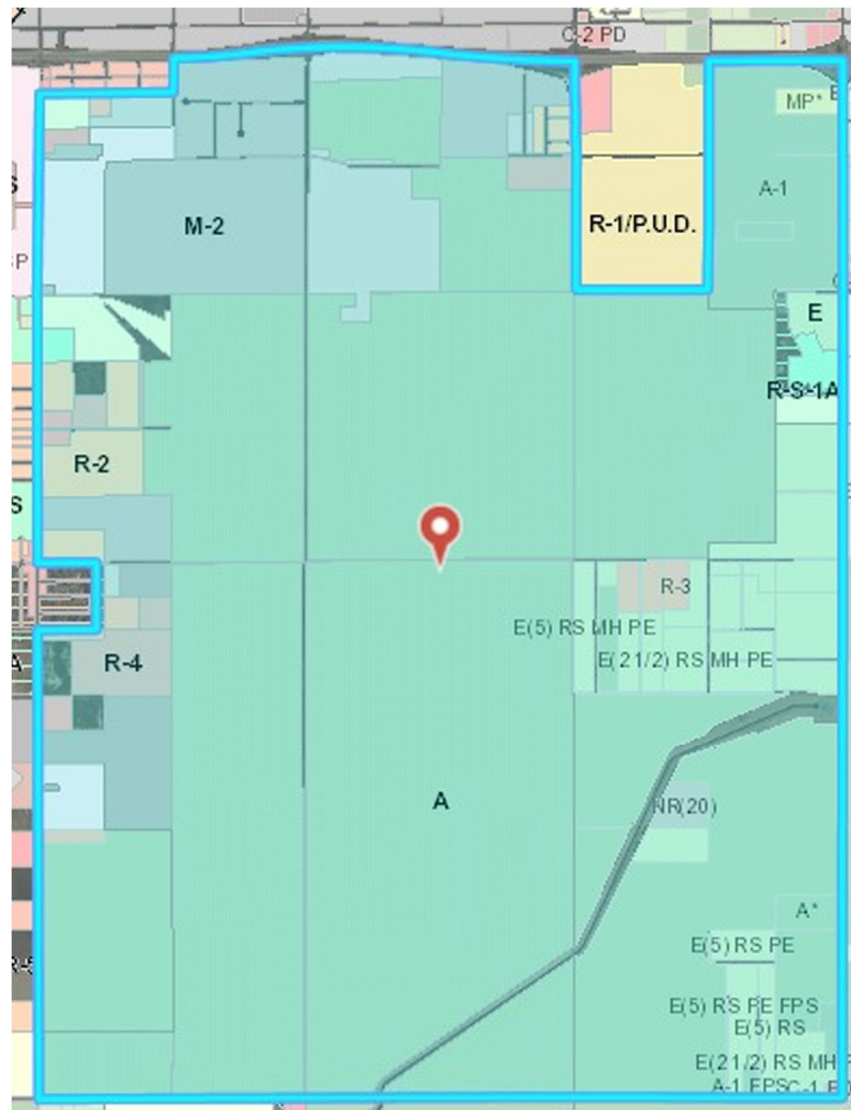
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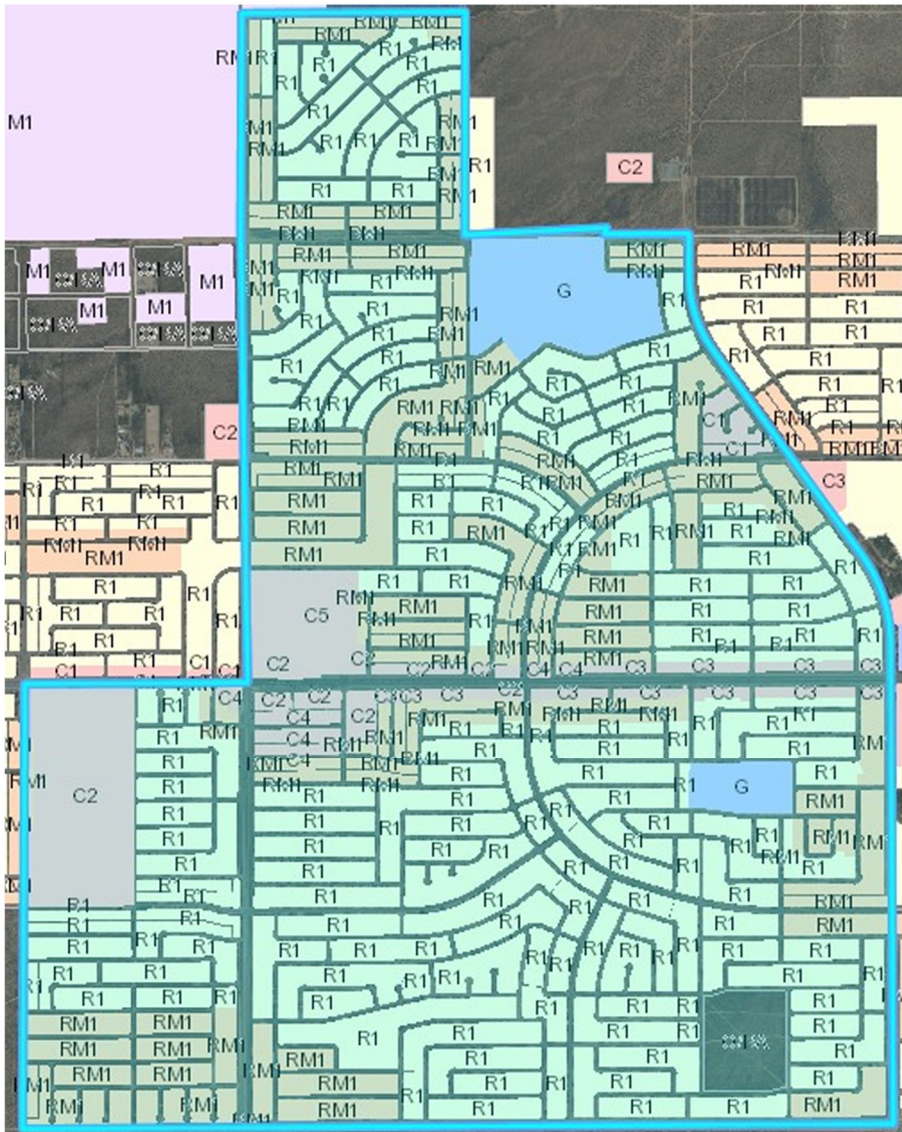
Supervisory Dist.	Area	Census Tract	Narrative Support
1	East Ridgecrest	06029005300	Strategic Sector Focus: Aerospace & Defense; Housing; Manufacturing
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Defense-adjacent commercial, light industrial, contractor-support, and workforce housing redevelopment serving the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake regional economy.	



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2 & 5	Southeast Corridor	06029002403	Strategic Sector Focus: Clean Economy; Education & Skilled Workforce; Housing; Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Transport & Logistics
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Large-parcel development for housing, retail, commercial services, industrial growth, clean economy users, logistics activity, and workforce-serving amenities near Del Oro High School and South Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.	

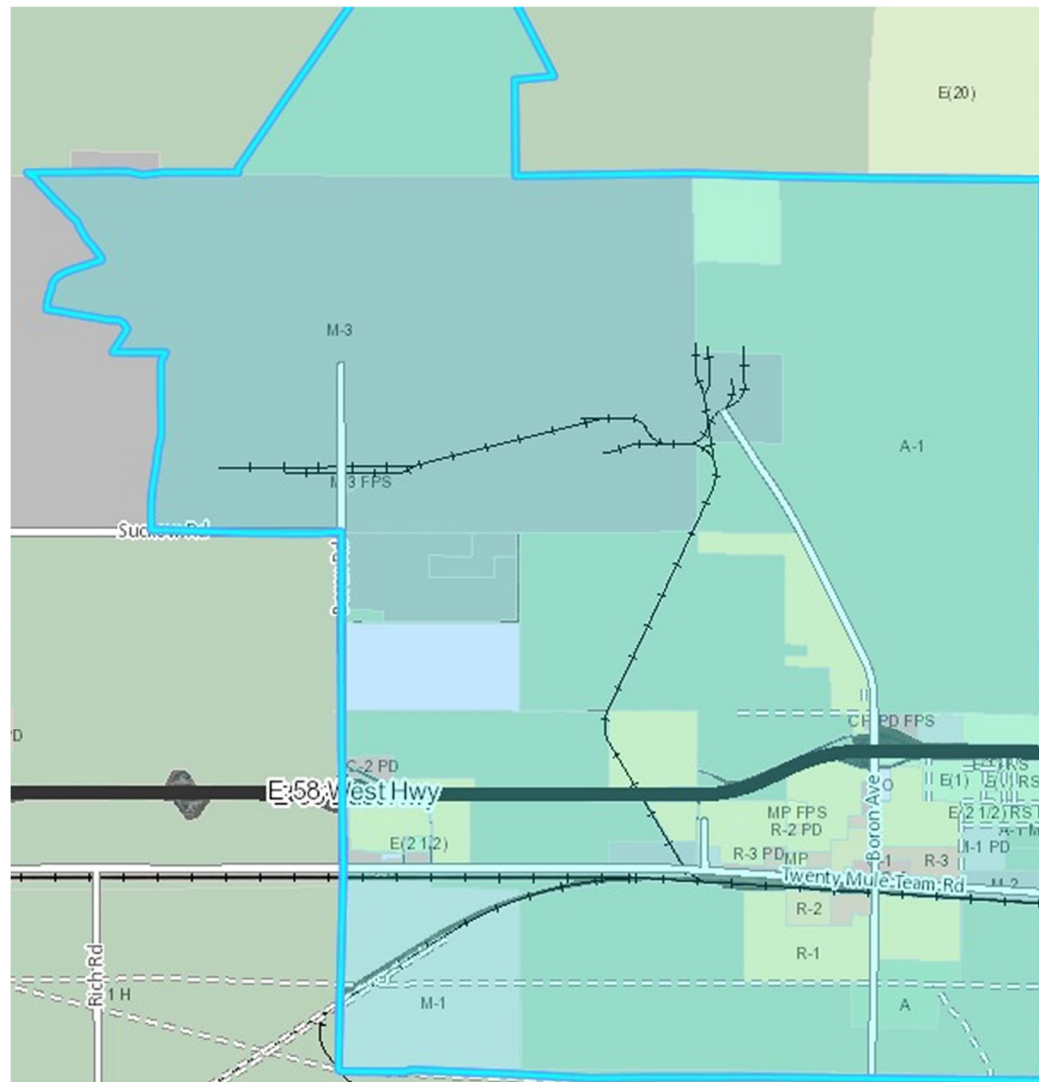


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2	West California City	06029005511	Strategic Sector Focus: Housing; Tourism & Outdoor Recreation
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Housing, mixed-use redevelopment, retail leakage recapture, workforce support for the aerospace & defense, clean economy, and manufacturing industrial sectors, tourism-serving commercial activity, and infrastructure-supported revitalization within California City's existing commercial and residential core.	

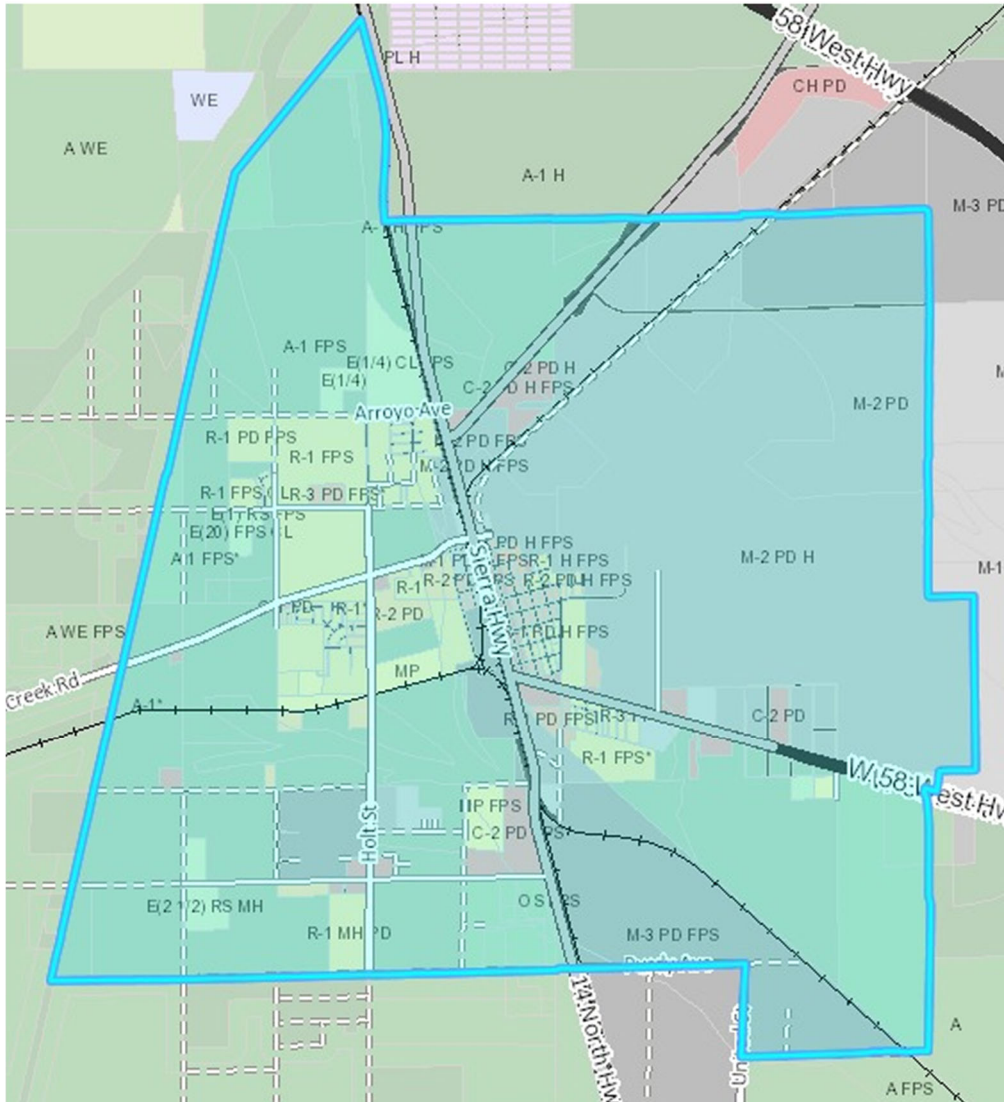


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2	West Rosamond	06029005514	Strategic Sector Focus: Aerospace & Defense; Clean Economy; Housing; Manufacturing; Working Lands & Water
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Workforce housing, clean economy supplier activity, critical minerals, light and heavy manufacturing, service commercial development, motorsports, and aerospace/defense investment serving the Rosamond, Edwards AFB, Mojave, and Antelope Valley growth corridor.	

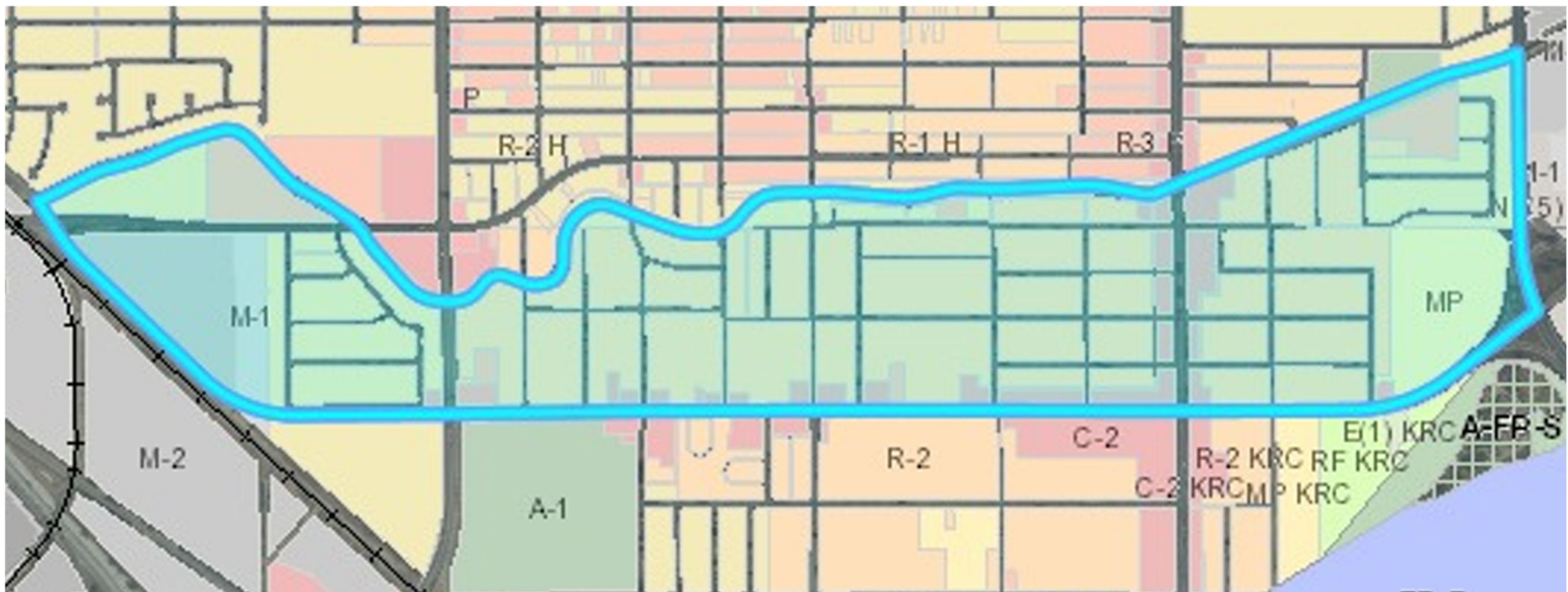
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2	Boron	06029005600	Strategic Sector Focus: Clean Economy; High-Tech; Manufacturing; Working Lands & Water
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Clean economy, critical minerals, advanced materials, industrial services, agricultural support, logistics, equipment repair, and manufacturing investment tied to Boron's mineral, renewable energy, and working lands economy.	



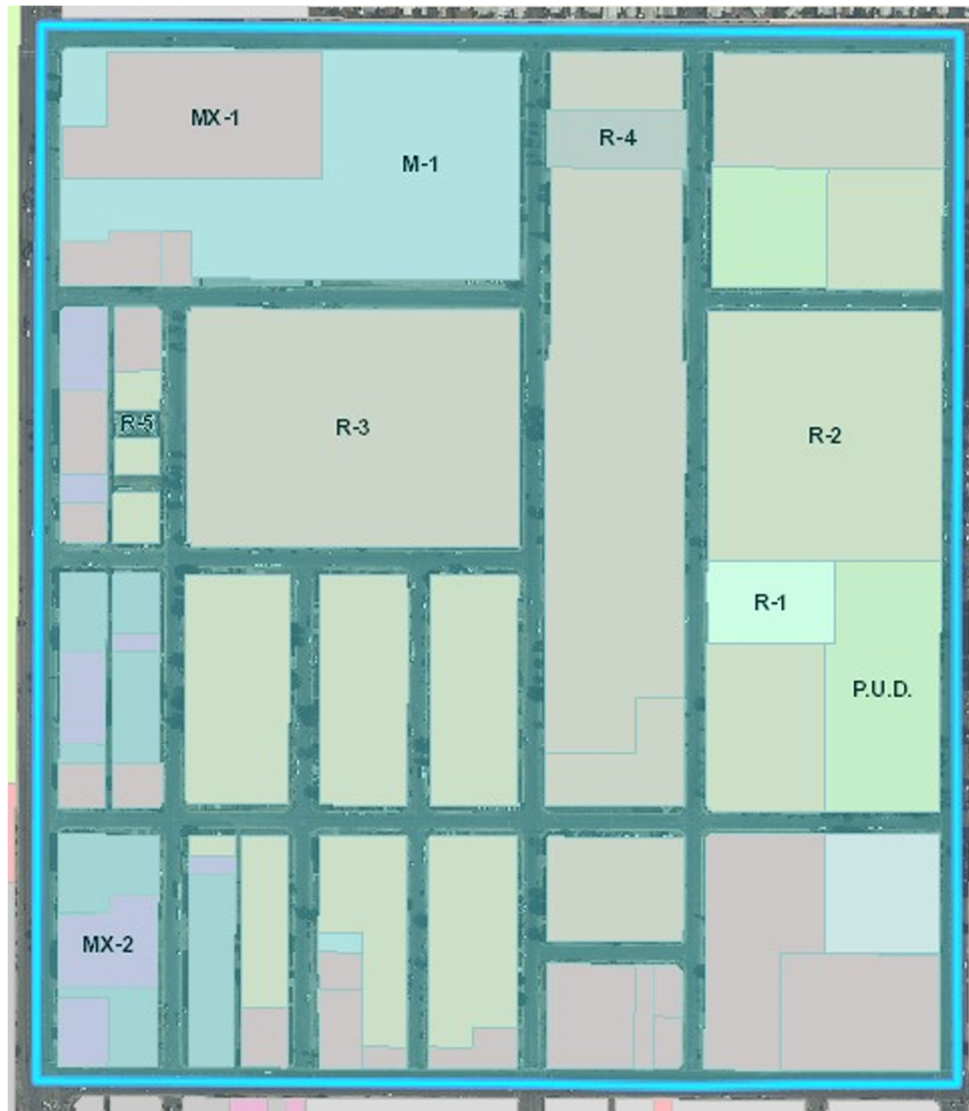
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2	Mojave	06029005900	Strategic Sector Focus: Aerospace & Defense; Clean Economy; High-Tech; Housing; Manufacturing
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Aerospace and defense manufacturing, flight-test support, clean energy, high-tech commercialization, industrial reuse, workforce housing, and business expansion connected to the Mojave Air & Space Port eco-system.	



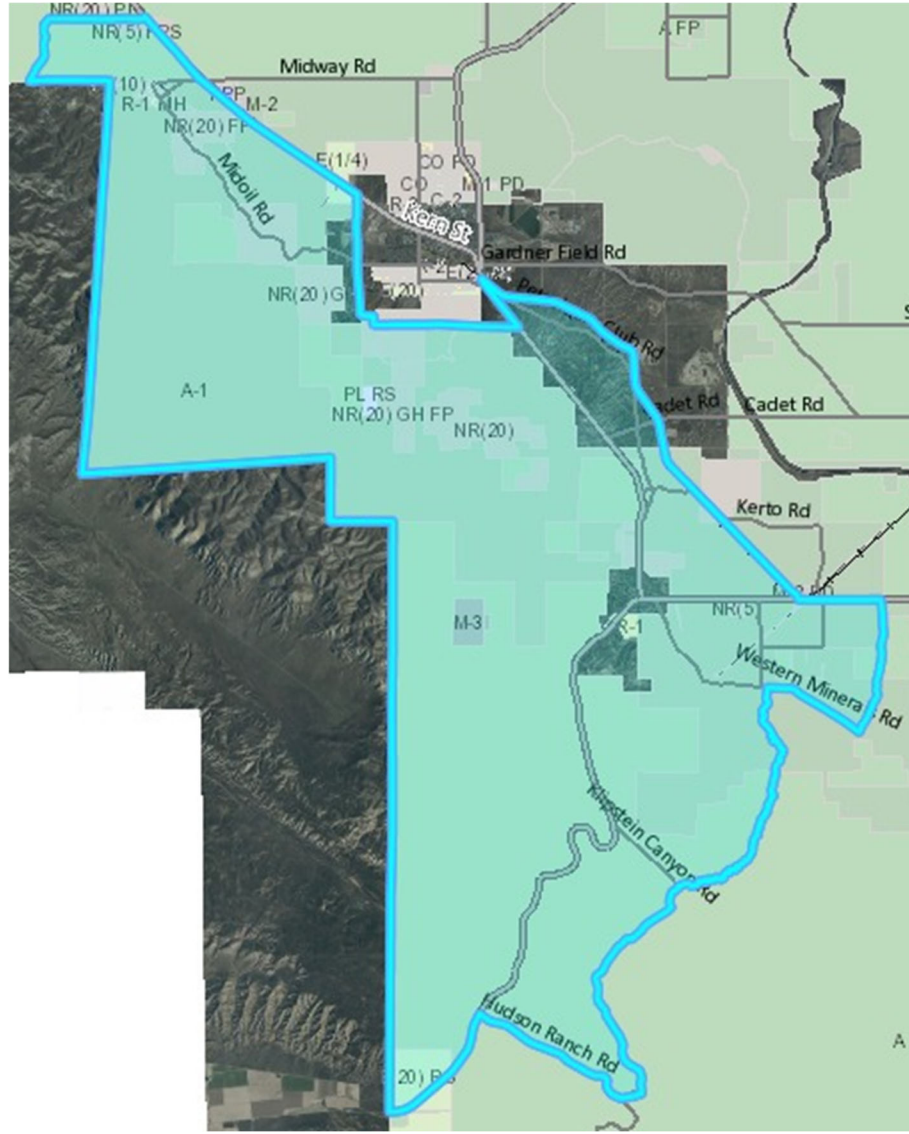
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3	Oildale	06029000300	Strategic Sector Focus: Education & Skilled Workforce; Housing; Manufacturing
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Housing infill, neighborhood stabilization, small-scale manufacturing, trades, contractor services, and commercial redevelopment along Roberts Lane and North Chester Avenue, north of Downtown Bakersfield.	



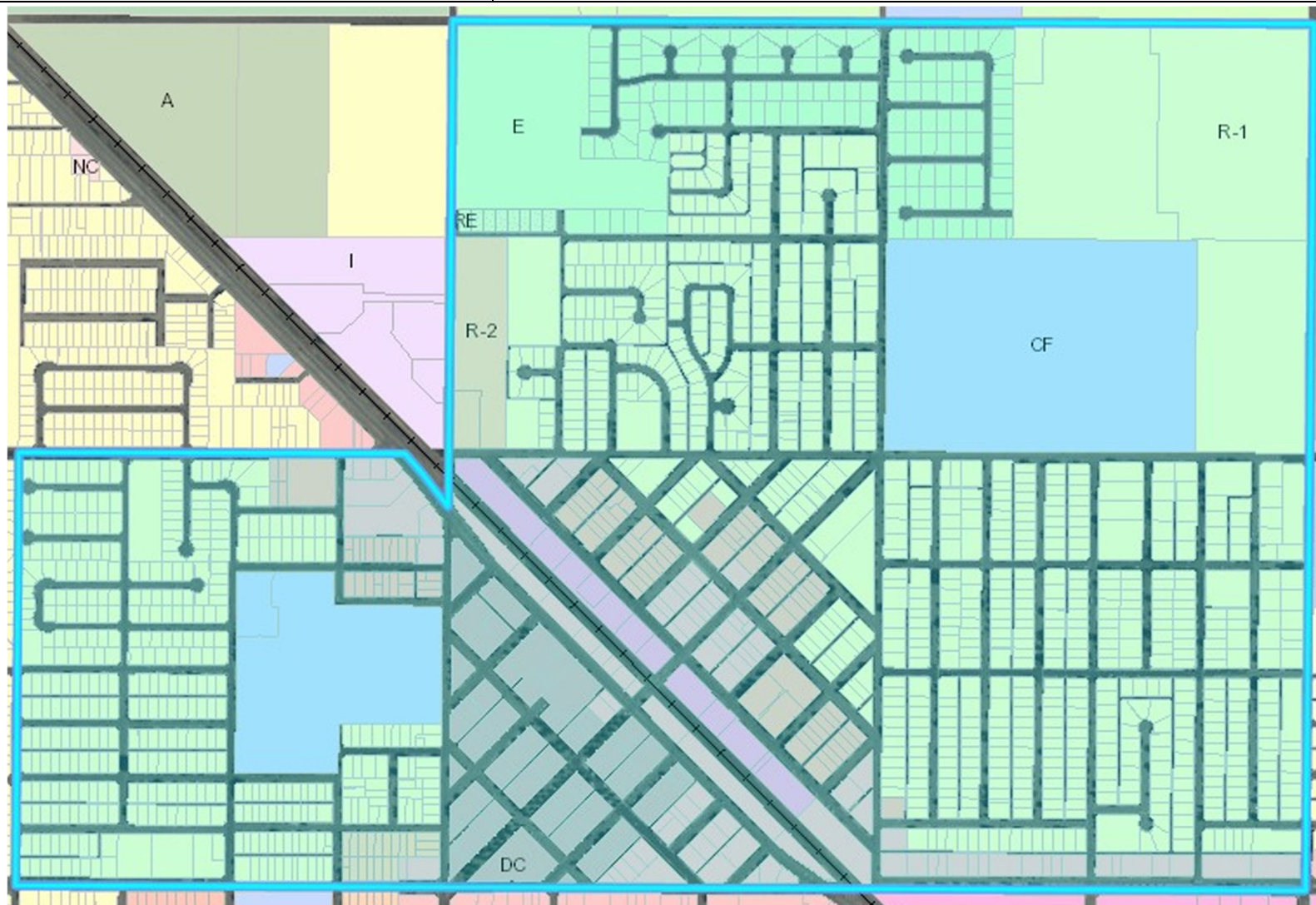
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3	Bakersfield - 34th Street / Chester Avenue	06029000602	Strategic Sector Focus: Healthcare; Housing; Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Transport & Logistics
Opportunity Zone Use Case		High-Speed Rail station-area redevelopment, 34th Street medical corridor investment, residential and mixed-use infill, industrial and warehouse reuse, employment-generating commercial development, and transit redevelopment.	



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2 & 4	Taft/Maricopa	06029003303	Strategic Sector Focus: Clean Economy; Education & Skilled Workforce; Manufacturing
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Advanced energy, manufacturing, industrial reuse, workforce training, fabrication, equipment repair, and modernization of infrastructure in west Kern.	



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4	North Shafter	06029004101	Strategic Sector Focus: Childcare; Creative Economy; Education & Skilled Workforce; Financial & Professional Services; Housing; Infrastructure; Manufacturing
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Downtown, civic, educational, residential, and neighborhood-serving reinvestment through adaptive reuse, facade rehabilitation, tenant improvements, infill and senior housing, childcare, professional services, commercial uses, and small-site business activity.	

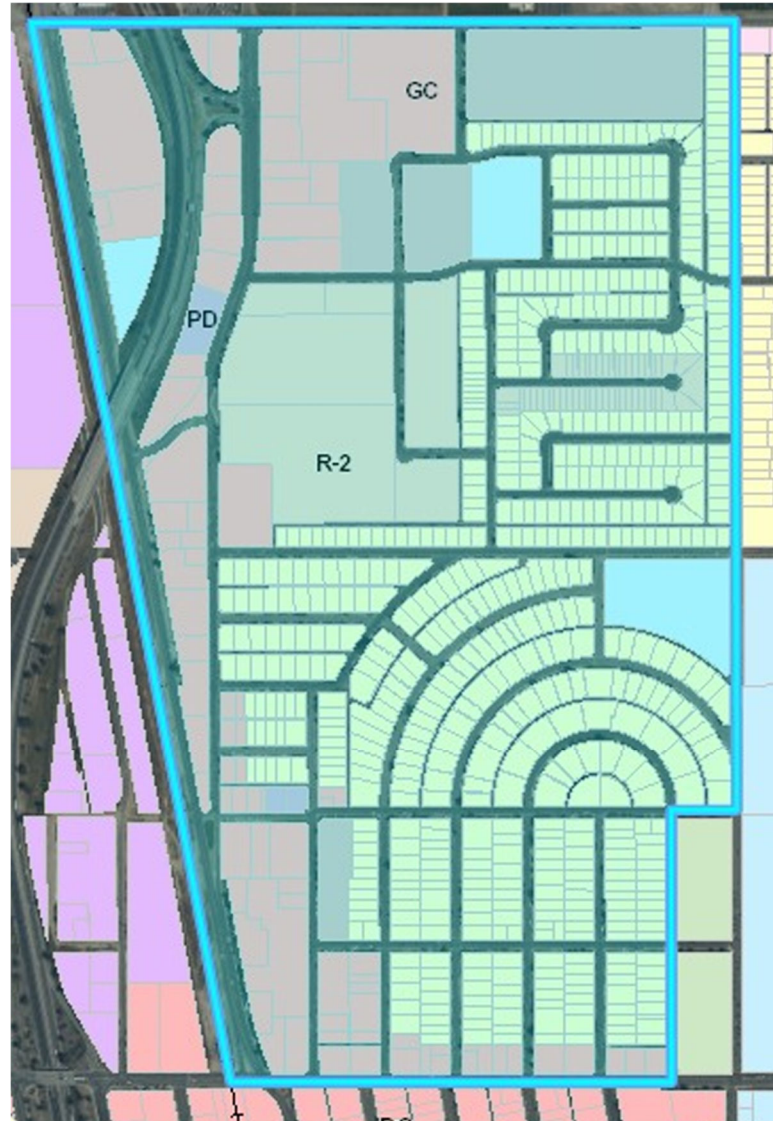


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4	East Wasco	06029004402	Strategic Sector Focus: Housing, Manufacturing, Working Lands & Water
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Infill housing development, value-added agricultural services, industrial expansion, construction-support uses, logistics-support activity, highway-serving commercial investment, and development in Wasco's fully zoned, infrastructure-served industrial area.	
			

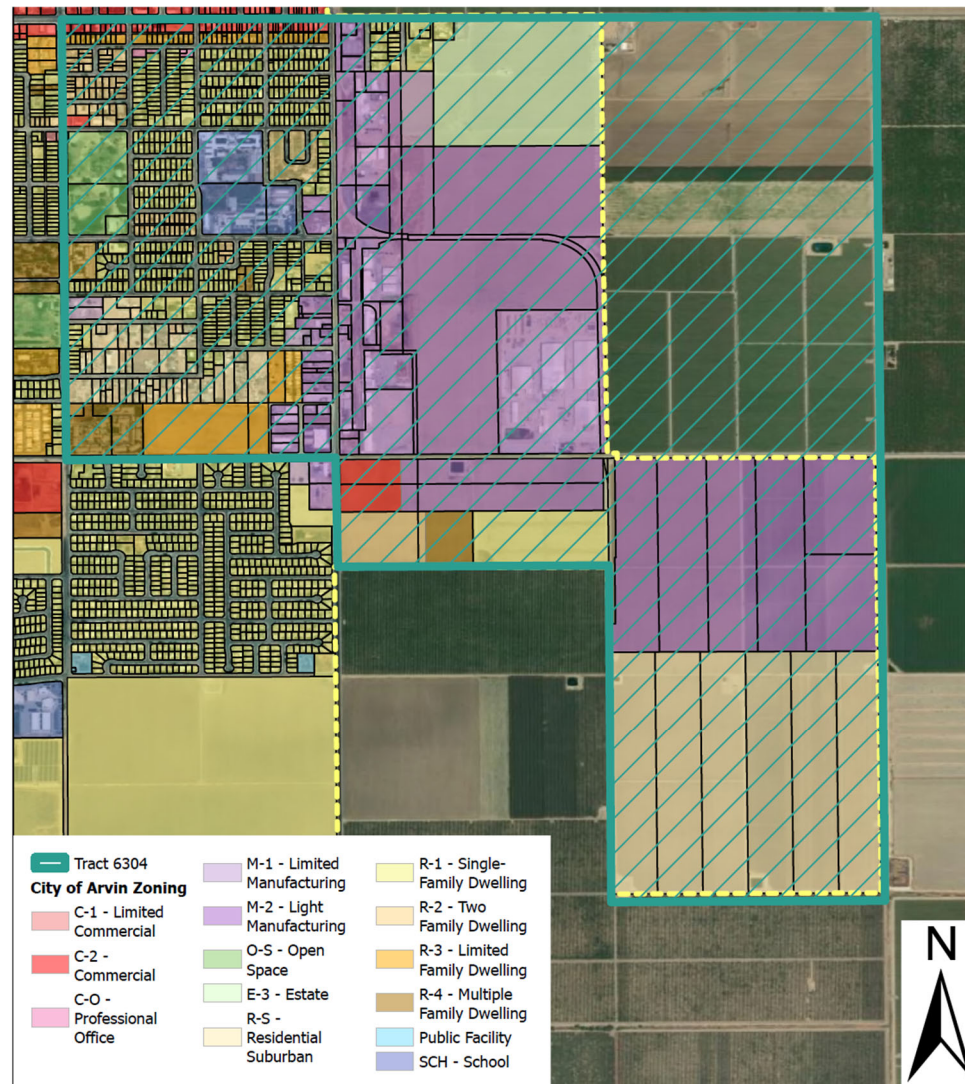
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4	East McFarland	06029004702	Strategic Sector Focus: Clean Economy; Education & Skilled Workforce; Housing; Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Transport & Logistics; Working Lands & Water
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Industrial and employment-growth corridor supporting advanced manufacturing, logistics, agtech, entrepreneurship, workforce development, infrastructure expansion, and targeted housing capacity in a rural community.	



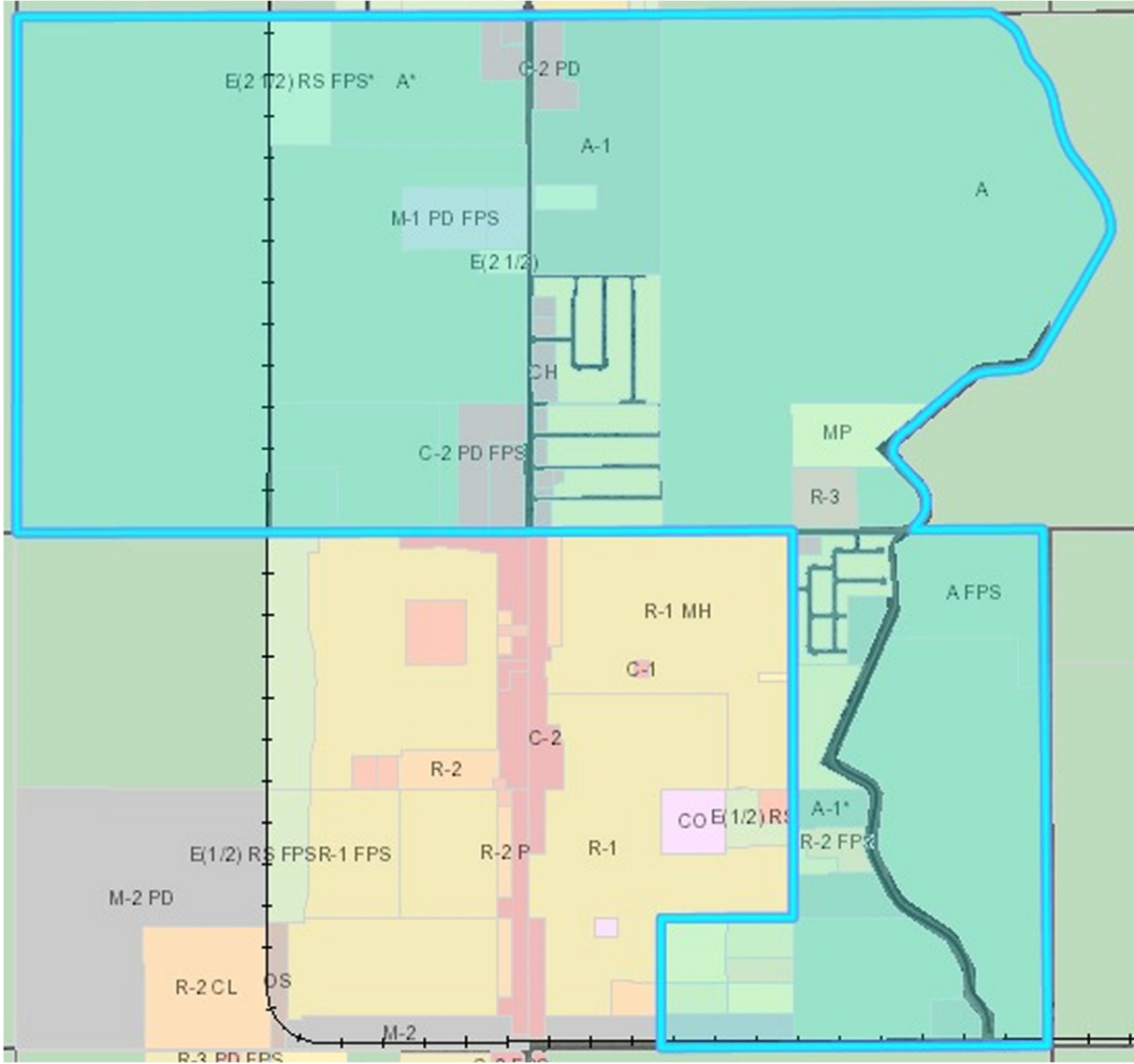
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4	North Delano	06029004901	Strategic Sector Focus: Housing
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Highway 99 corridor revitalization, infill and mixed-use development, workforce housing, neighborhood-serving retail, service-oriented commercial uses, grocery access, and redevelopment of vacant or underutilized commercial parcels.	



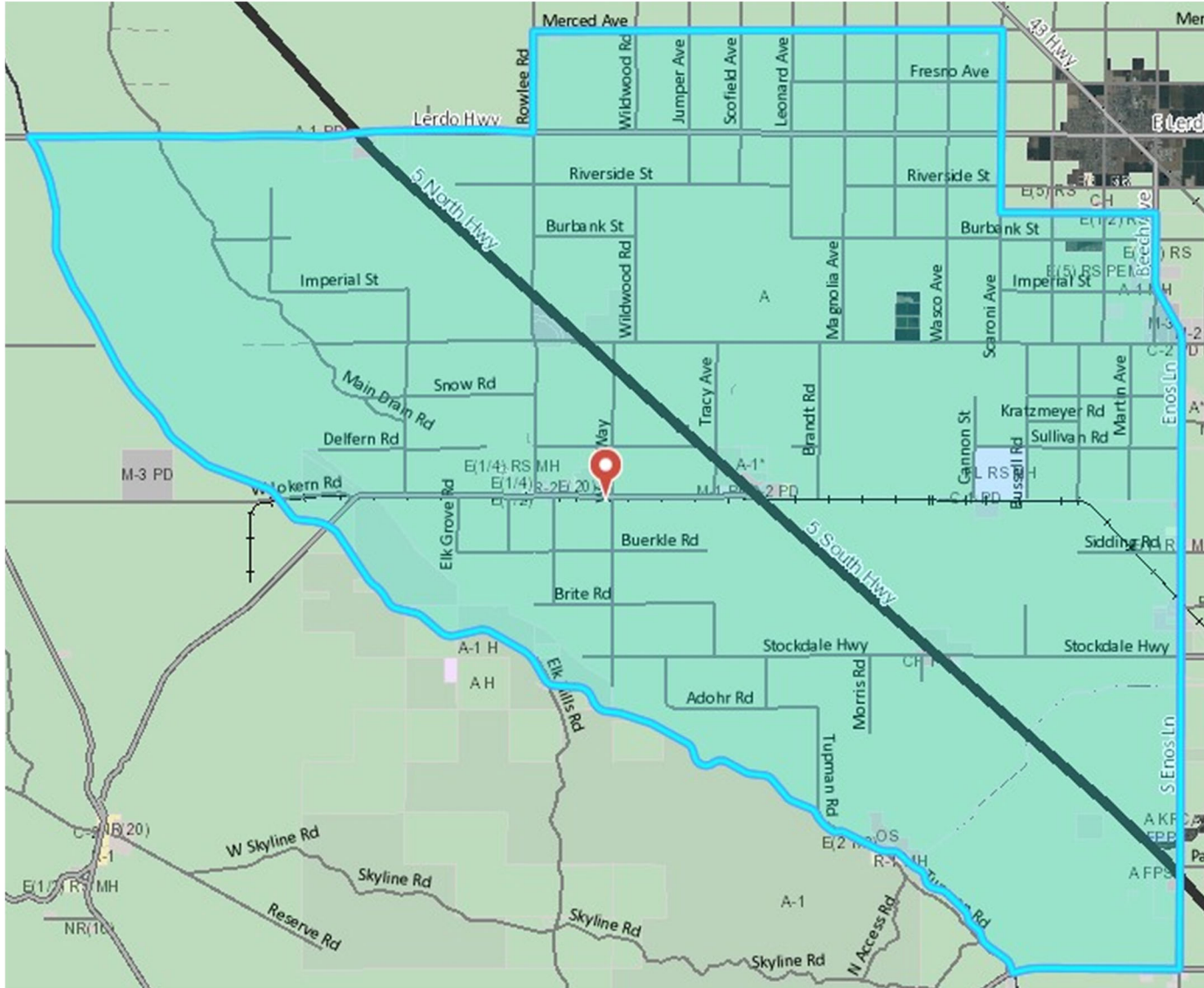
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4	Southeast Arvin	06029006304	Strategic Sector Focus: Clean Economy; Housing; Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Transport & Logistics; Working Lands & Water
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Industrial reuse, clean energy manufacturing, agribusiness, food processing, cold storage, logistics, agtech, housing, and infrastructure supported redevelopment within Arvin's primary industrial and mixed-use growth area.	



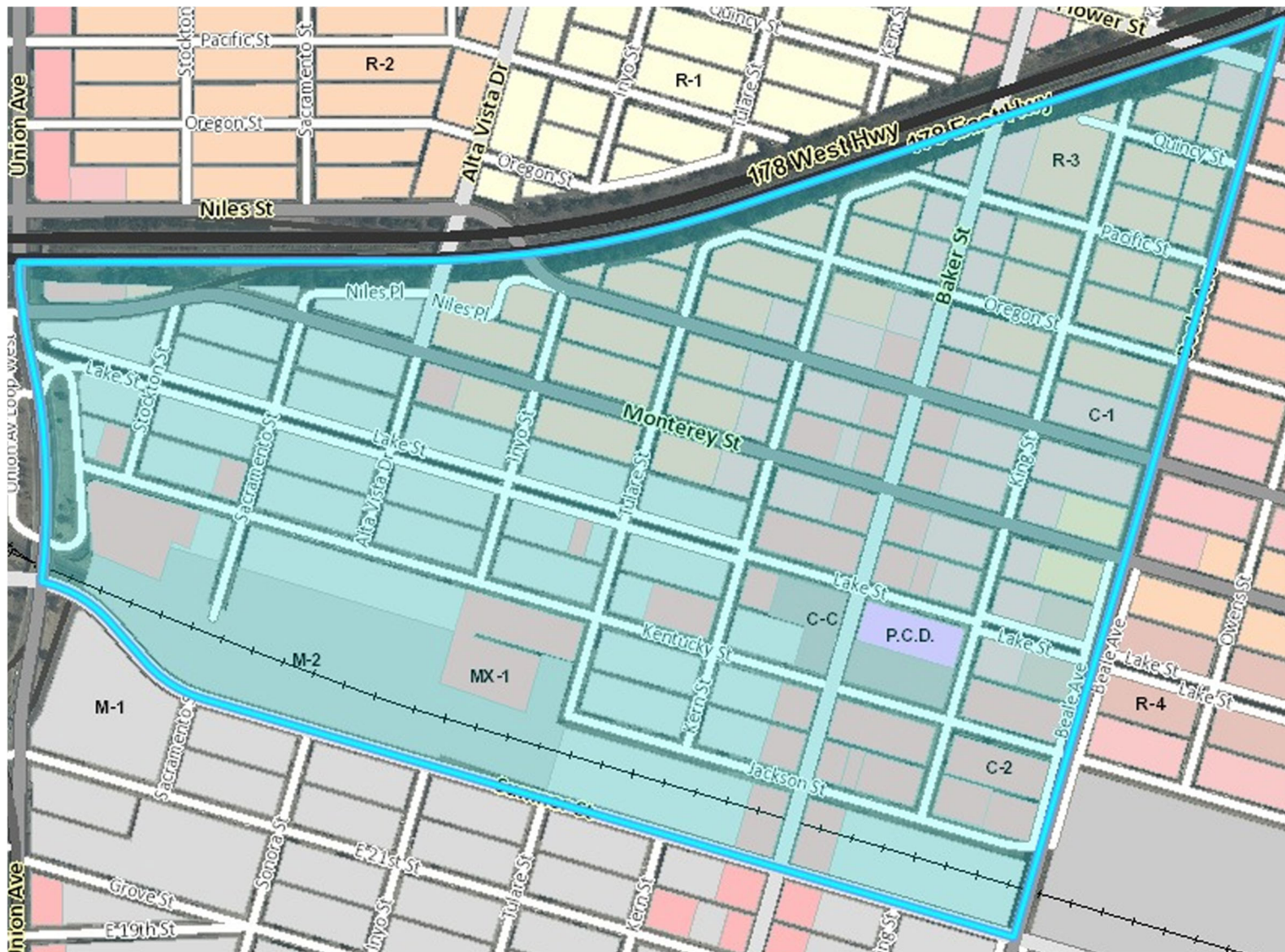
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4	North/East Lamont	06029006405	Strategic Sector Focus: Housing; Manufacturing; Working Lands & Water
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Workforce housing, food processing, cold storage, agricultural services, farm equipment, agtech, small manufacturing, commercial reuse, and neighborhood investment in a major agricultural workforce community.	



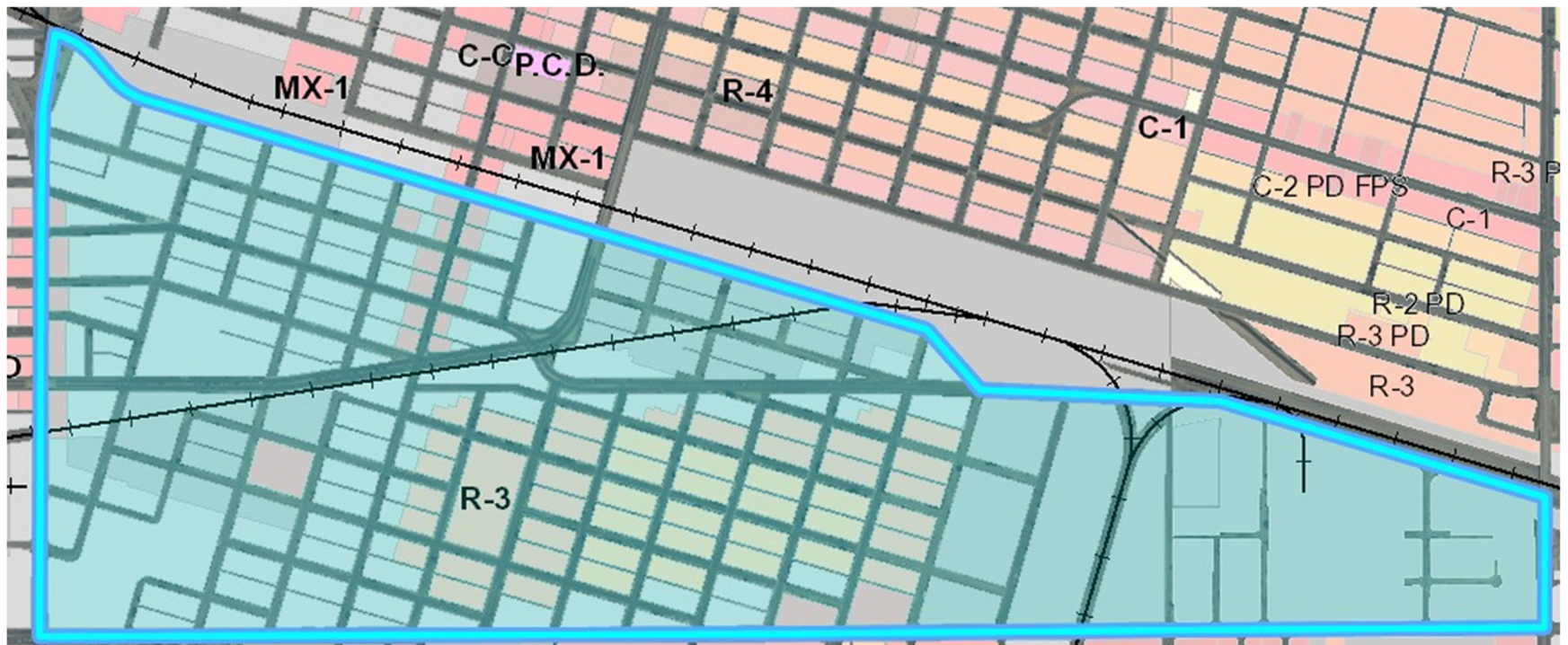
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4	Buttonwillow/Lerdo	06029006600	Strategic Sector Focus: Clean Economy; Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Transport & Logistics; Working Lands & Water; Tourism & Outdoor Recreation
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Manufacturing, fleet infrastructure, advanced energy uses, agricultural services, motorsports, commercial, logistics, warehousing, and goods-movement investment along Interstate-5 and west Kern corridors.	



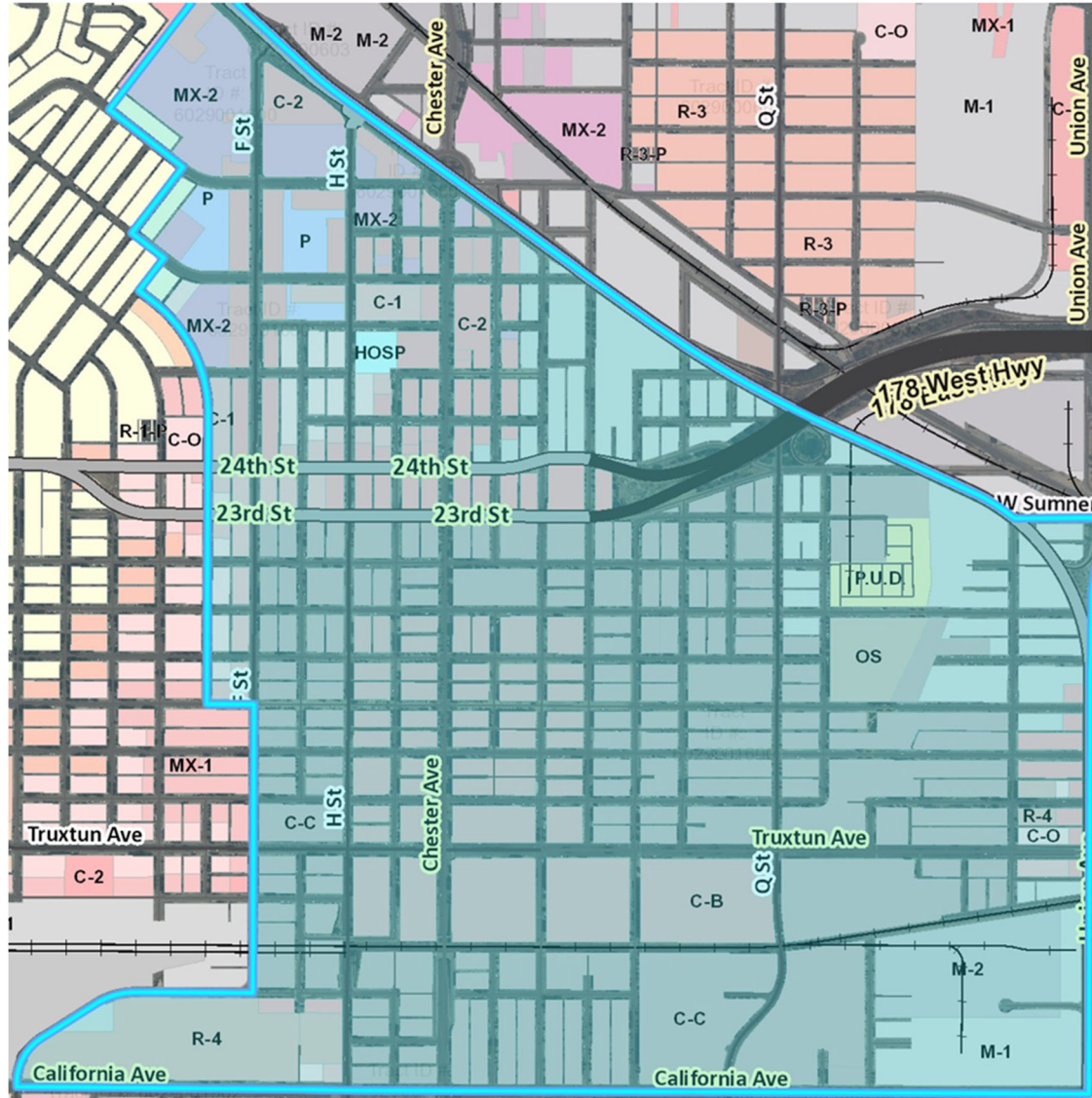
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5	Bakersfield - Old Town Kern / Baker Street	06029001302	Strategic Sector Focus: Creative Economy; Education & Skilled Workforce; Housing; Infrastructure; Tourism & Outdoor Recreation
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Historic corridor revitalization, adaptive reuse, small business investment, infill housing, mixed-use redevelopment, workforce programming, and neighborhood-serving commercial activation along Baker Street.	



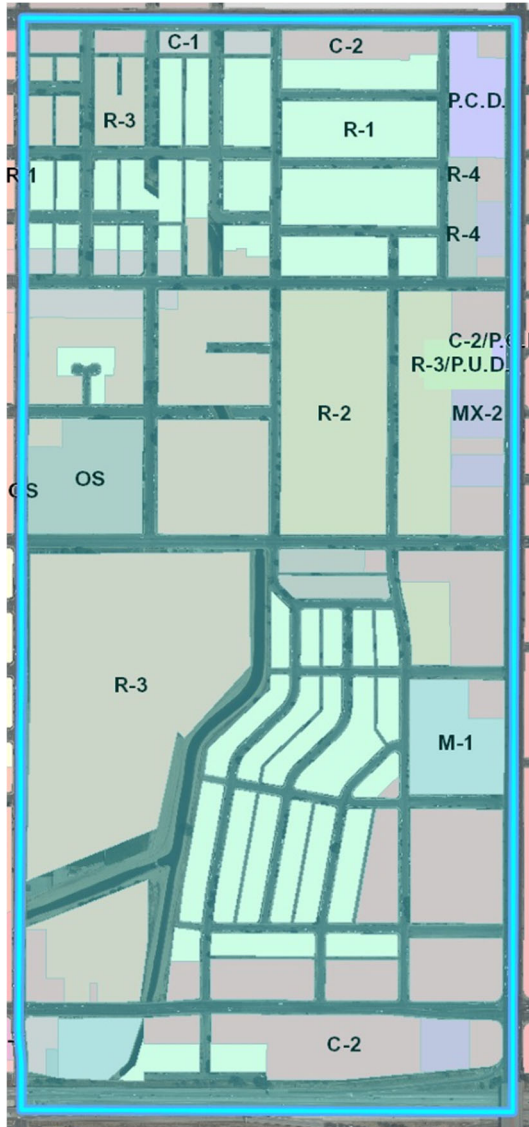
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5	Bakersfield - Old Town Kern	06029001500	Strategic Sector Focus: Creative Economy; Housing; Infrastructure; Tourism & Outdoor Recreation
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Historic commercial reinvestment, restaurant and entertainment district activation, adaptive reuse, mixed-use infill, housing rehabilitation, local entrepreneurship, and cultural tourism.	



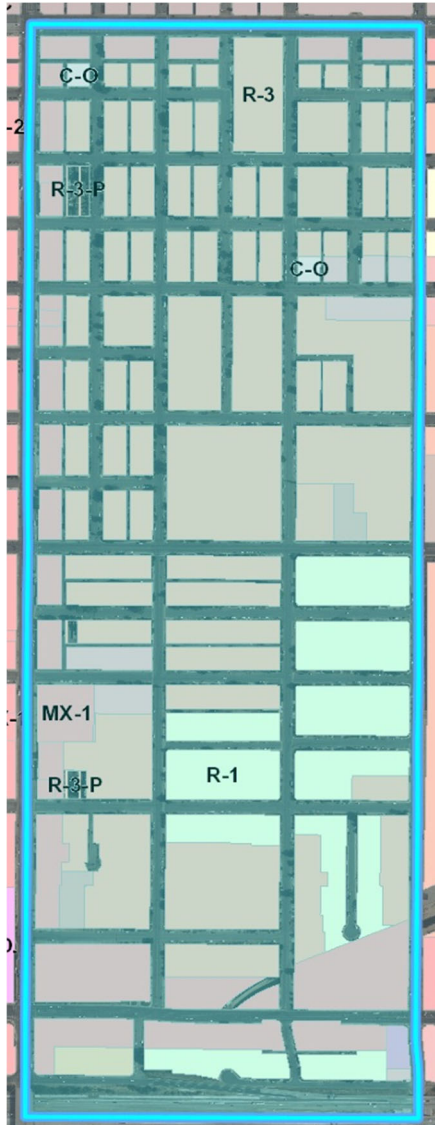
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5	Bakersfield - Downtown Bakersfield	06029001600	Strategic Sector Focus: Creative Economy; Financial & Professional Services; Housing; Infrastructure; Tourism & Outdoor Recreation; Healthcare
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Downtown mixed-use redevelopment, market-rate and affordable housing, storefront activation, office and professional services, arts and entertainment, hospitality, and adaptive reuse.	



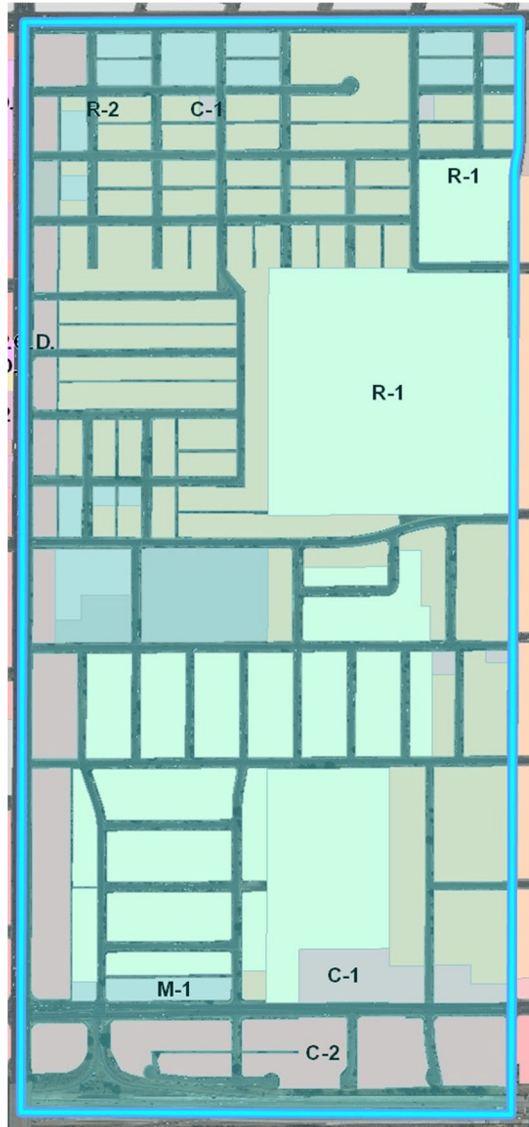
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5	Bakersfield - Union Avenue (1)	06029002001	Strategic Sector Focus: Housing; Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Transport & Logistics
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Commercial corridor revitalization, industrial development, small business expansion, mixed-use infill, housing rehabilitation, and reinvestment in aging commercial and underutilized properties.	



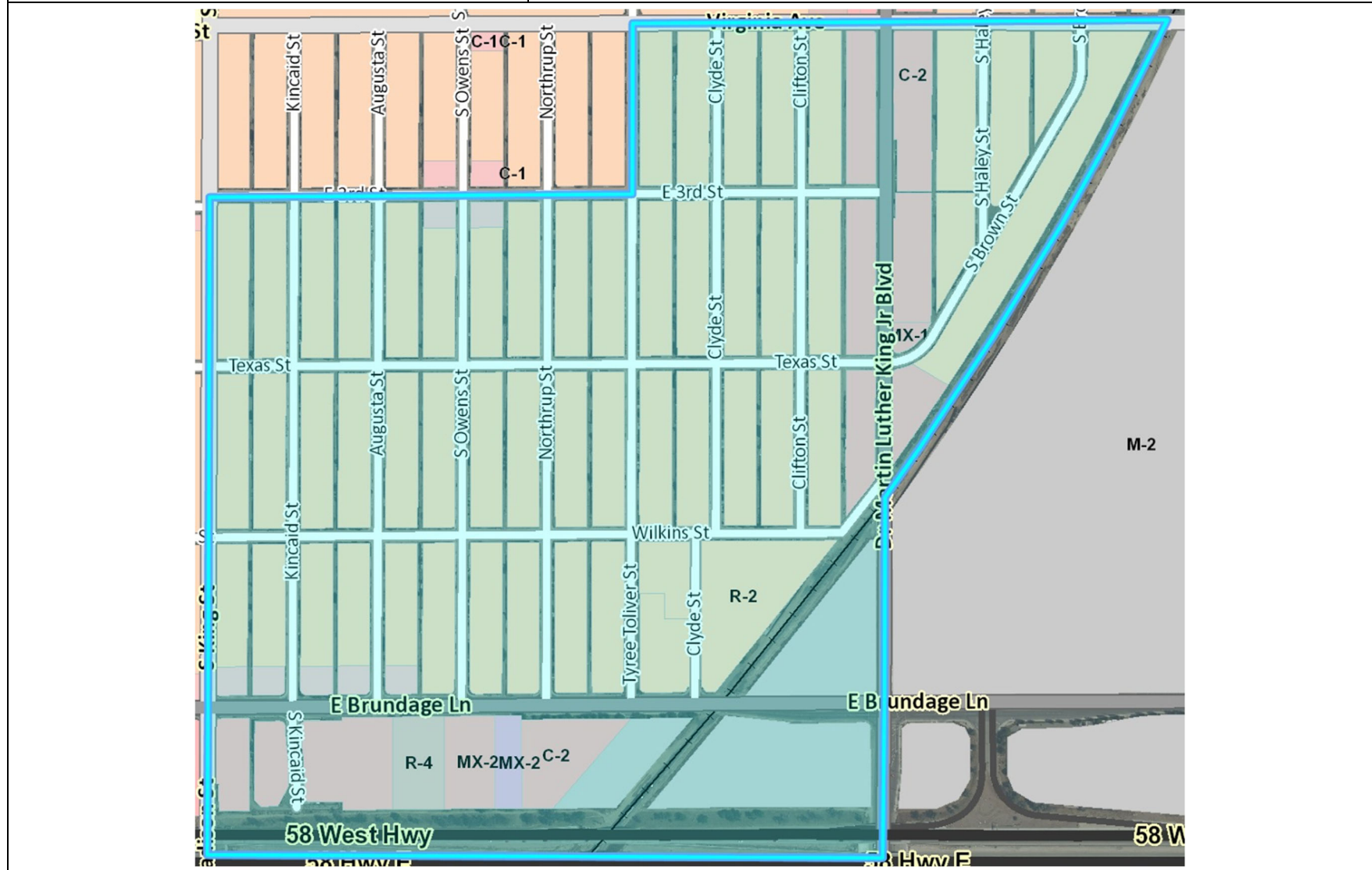
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5	Bakersfield - Chester Avenue	06029002002	Strategic Sector Focus: Education & Skilled Workforce; Housing; Infrastructure
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Affordable housing, senior-serving mixed-use development, Chester Avenue corridor revitalization, community facilities, commercial rehabilitation, infill development, and public/private reinvestment tied to Southeast Strong.	



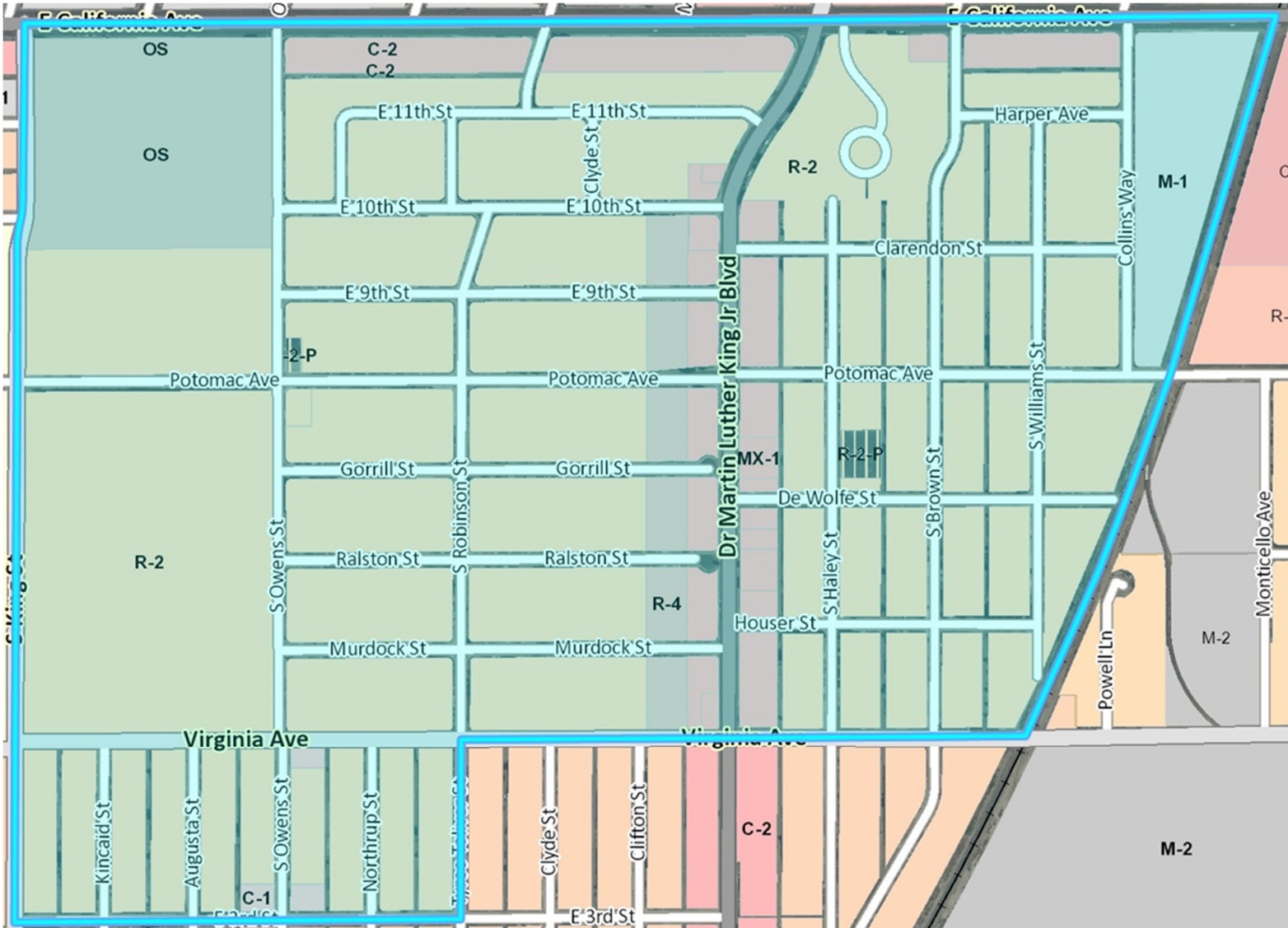
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5	Bakersfield - Union Avenue (2)	06029002100	Strategic Sector Focus: Housing; Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Tourism & Outdoor Recreation; Transport & Logistics
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Highway corridor revitalization, hospitality reuse, commercial infill, industrial services, housing rehabilitation, redevelopment of historic hotel sites, and activation of vacant or underutilized land.	



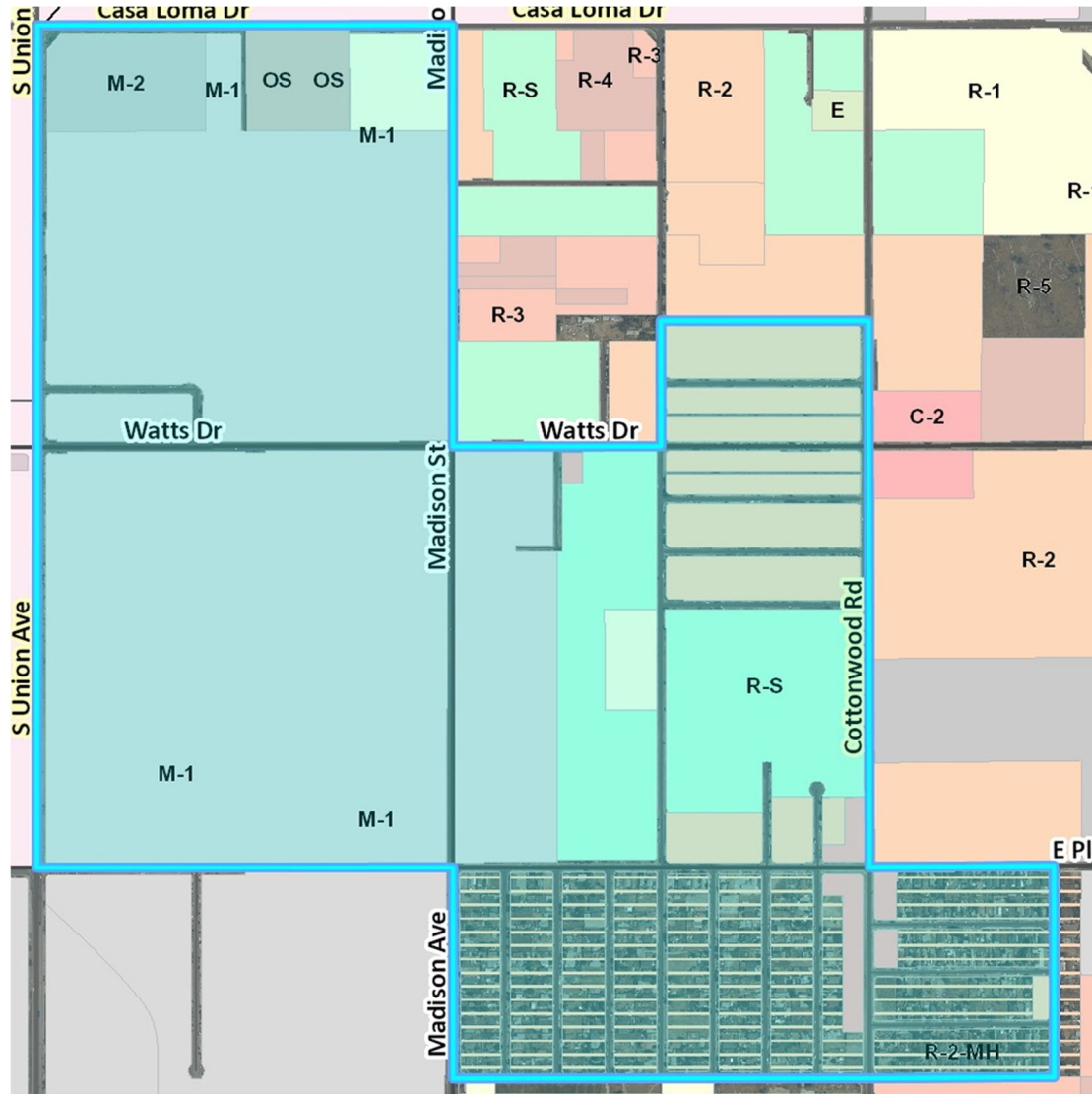
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5	Bakersfield - South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (1)	06029002201	Strategic Sector Focus: Creative Economy; Education & Skilled Workforce; Housing; Infrastructure
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Commercial corridor revitalization, mixed-use infill, missing-middle housing, small apartment development, neighborhood-serving business growth, infrastructure improvements, and community revitalization connected to Southeast Strong.	



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5	Bakersfield - South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (2)	06029002202	Strategic Sector Focus: Creative Economy; Education & Skilled Workforce; Housing; Infrastructure
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Historic corridor revitalization, neighborhood-serving commercial reuse, missing-middle housing, small apartment development, community-serving facilities, public-realm improvements, and local business reinvestment.	



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5	Bakersfield - Bakersfield Municipal Airport (1)	06029002503	Strategic Sector Focus: Aerospace & Defense; Transport & Logistics; Manufacturing; Housing
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Strategic industrial and logistics area positioned for aviation-related development, advanced manufacturing, warehousing, and business expansion opportunities.	



The map displays a grid of land use zones in Bakersfield, California. The zones are color-coded and labeled as follows:

- M-1** (Light Blue): Large industrial/manufacturing zones on the left side, bounded by S Union Ave and Madison Ave.
- M-2** (Dark Blue): Small industrial/manufacturing zones at the top left.
- OS** (Grey): Office zones at the top left.
- R-1** (Yellow): Residential single-family zones on the right side.
- R-2** (Orange): Residential single-family zones on the right side.
- R-3** (Light Green): Residential single-family zones in the center.
- R-4** (Brown): Residential single-family zones in the center.
- R-5** (Dark Grey): Residential single-family zones on the right side.
- C-2** (Pink): Commercial zones on the right side.
- R-S** (Light Green): Residential single-family zones in the center.
- R-2-MH** (Dark Green): Residential medium-density zones at the bottom right.

Major roads shown include S Union Ave, Madison Ave, Cottonwood Rd, Watts Dr, and Casa Loma Dr.

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5	Bakersfield - Bakersfield Municipal Airport (2)	06029003103	Strategic Sector Focus: Aerospace & Defense; Clean Economy; Housing; Infrastructure; Manufacturing; Transport & Logistics
Opportunity Zone Use Case		Aviation development, logistics, warehousing, distribution, advanced manufacturing, clean economy industries, industrial expansion, and workforce-accessible housing near the Bakersfield Municipal Airpark.	

