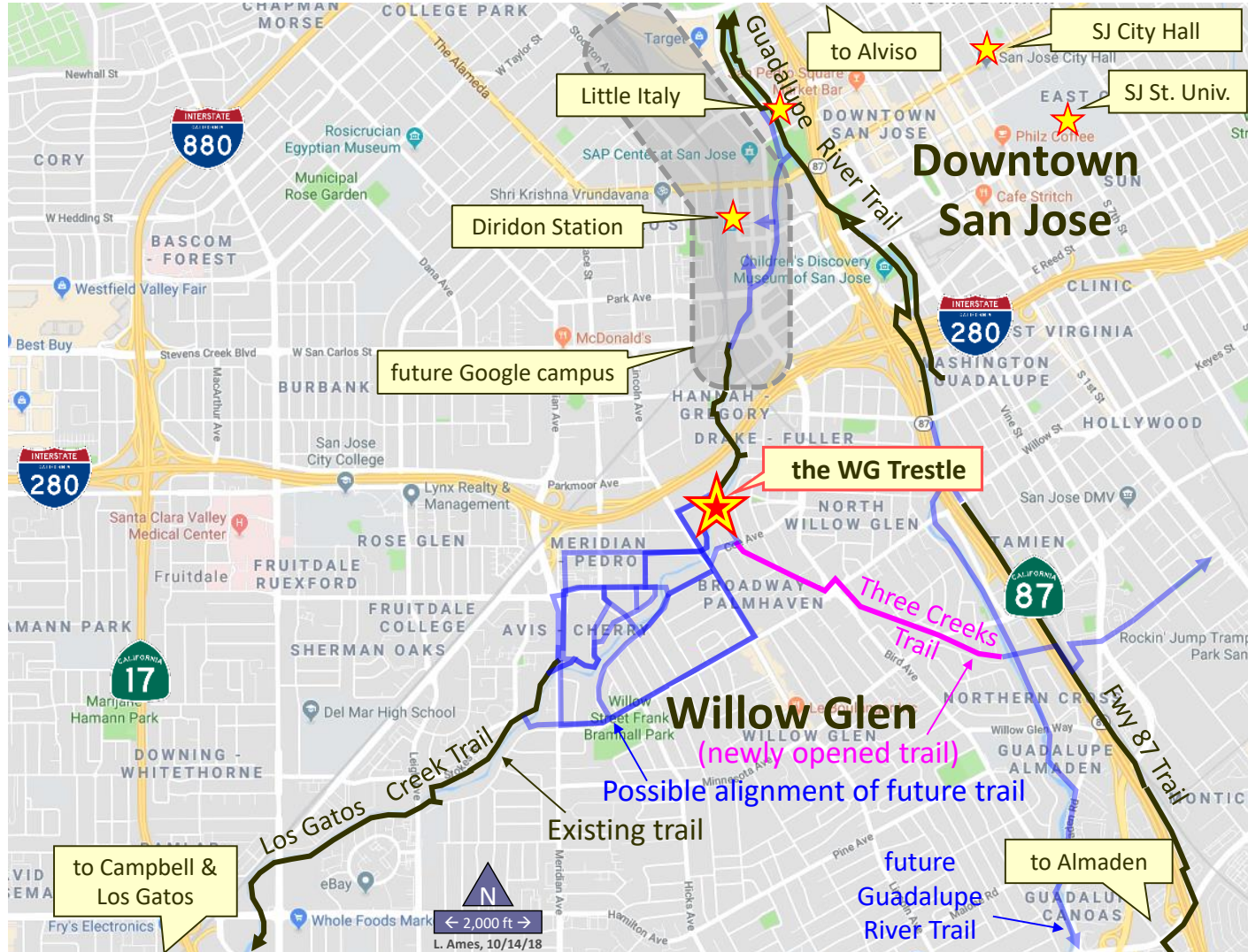


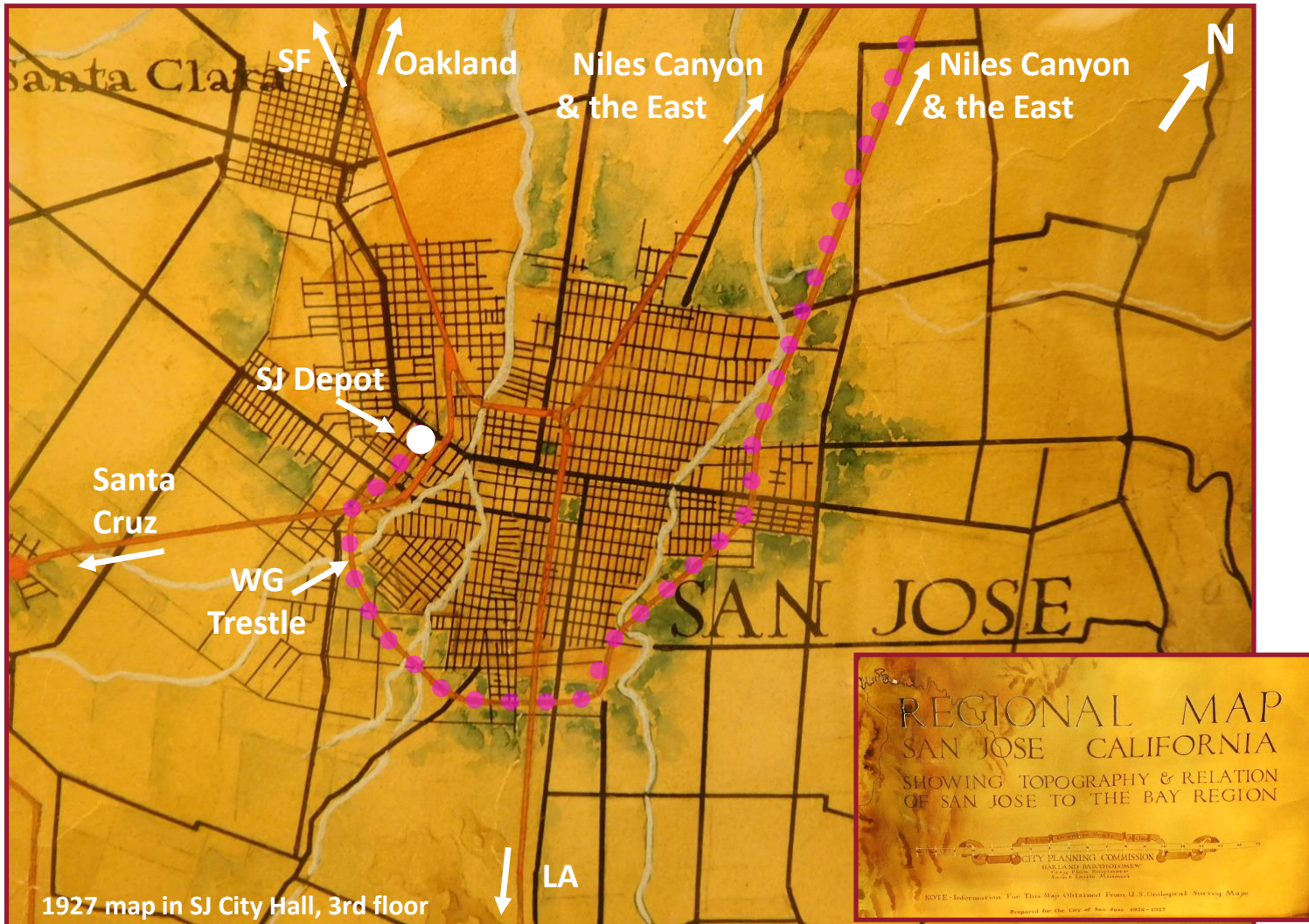
APPENDIX C2: MAPS



The project, “Researching and Documenting the History of the Willow Glen Trestle”, is to write a book about the Willow Glen Trestle, which is indicated by the red & yellow star at the center of the map. It is at the junction of the Los Gatos and Three Creeks Trails, at the northern edge of Willow Glen and about 1.5 miles southwest of downtown San José.



The Trestle is a little more than a block east of Lincoln Avenue (Willow Glen's main street), and it is north of Coe Avenue. The Trestle is at the junction of the Three Creeks Trail and the future extension of the Los Gatos Creek Trail.



This is a photo of a portion of the 1926-27 map on display in City Hall. Note how the WP line (highlighted in pink) looped around San José with minimal impact to the city in a big “J-hook” to reach the main San José depot via the Willow Glen Trestle. Also note that Southern Pacific’s tracks went right through the middle of town along 4th St.: the City used WP as leverage to get SP to eventually move its tracks out of downtown.



The view of the trestle from the street: from Coe Avenue at the intersection with Leona Court, looking north. The trestle is “hidden in plain sight”, and can barely be seen between the fence in the foreground and the freeway bridge towards the back. The railroad crossed this level expanse to the Depot on The Alameda; the trestle was built to cross the channel cut by the Los Gatos Creek, and is virtually invisible from the street.



As with many bridges, the trestle is best viewed from the side. This is the view from the northeastern side, showing the trail-users' view as they follow the future Los Gatos Creek Trail from downtown San José towards Willow Glen.