

CEQA DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION

Subject: This California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination of Exemption is in compliance with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 19.04.060. An appeal to this determination must be filed in writing with the required fee within ten (10) calendar days of the City Planner's decision consistent with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 21.54.140.

City Planner Decision Date: July 11, 2023

Project Number and Title: East to West Corridor Road and Pedestrian Improvements

Project Location - Specific: Tamarack Avenue between Sunny Hill Drive and El Camino Real, and Poinsettia Lane between Carlsbad Boulevard and Avenida Encinas

Project Location - City: Carlsbad **Project Location - County:** San Diego

Description of Project: Pedestrian improvements and reconfiguration of Tamarack Avenue, between Sunny Hill Drive and El Camino Real and Poinsettia Lane, between Carlsbad Boulevard and Avenida Encinas. The roadway segments will be stripped from four through-vehicle lanes to two through-vehicle lanes, while maintaining dedicated left and right turn lanes at the intersections. In addition, the Project includes class II buffered bike lanes, identified by pavement striping and signs. Areas of potential conflict with other road users will be identified by green paint.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Carlsbad

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Carlsbad, Public Works

Name of Applicant: Eric Zielke, Senior Engineer

Applicant's Address: 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Applicant's Telephone Number: 442-339-2230

Name of Applicant/Identity of person undertaking the project (if different from the applicant above):
N/A

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption - State type and section number: Section 15301 (c): Existing Facilities (Class 1)
- Statutory Exemptions - State code number: _____
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), and its implementing regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") adopted by the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, list classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and as a result are exempt from further environmental review under CEQA. City staff completed a review of the project and potential environmental impacts associated with the project pursuant to CEQA and concluded

that the project qualified for an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities).

The CEQA Guidelines include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 is a Class 1 exemption for existing facilities, and includes (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes). The improvements to these arterial corridors involve negligible expansion of the current uses beyond existing and does not result in additional automobile lanes.

The improvements to the city's existing mobility network under this action will improve public safety and address the critical issues raised in the emergency declaration. Actions are anticipated to involve negligible expansion of the current facilities and infrastructure beyond the existing and will not result in additional automobile lanes. The actions are not expected to increase vehicular use of the roadway, will not occur within the existing public right-of-way, and will not change the overall facility use of the mobility network. No exception to the exemption as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies. Additionally, none of the limitations on using an exemption in Carlsbad Municipal Code 19.04.070 (B) applies.

For the reasons stated above, the action is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(c).

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Date