

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency) California Department of Transportation
855 M. Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721

Project Title: Union Avenue High Intensity Activated Crosswalk

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

This project is located on State Route (SR) 204, at Post Mile 2.81, in Kern County, in the City of Bakersfield, at the intersection of SR 204 and 8th Street..

Project Location - City: Bakersfield Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to upgrade three curb ramps to comply with the current Americans with Disabilities Act standards, and install a beacon to assist pedestrians crossing SR 204 at this location.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

Exempt status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1(c); Section 15301: Existing Facilities
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

This project was subject to standard Caltrans environmental review which concluded that the project would not result in significant environmental impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Richard Putler Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 445-5286

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? YES NO

Signature: Richard Putler Date: 10-17-19 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Cc

Date Received for filing at OPR

OCT 14 2019

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

06-KER-204-P.M. 2.81	06-0W990	0617000297
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

The California Department of Transportation proposes to make improvements to the intersection of State Route (SR) 204 and 8th Street in Bakersfield, Kern County, California by completing the following:

- **Reconstructing curb ramps to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.**
- **Installing a beacon system that will serve to assist pedestrians crossing SR 204 at the intersection.**

The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the facilities to comply with the ADA standards and improve safety for pedestrians at the intersection. The project is needed because the curb ramps do not comply with current ADA standards, and the severity and number of vehicles versus pedestrian collisions at the intersection needs to be addressed.

This project will require the acquisition of a minor amount of right-of-way and a temporary construction easement as listed below:

- **The curb ramp at the northwest corner of SR 204 and 8th will require about 225 square feet of new right-of-way to be reconstructed.**
- **The beacon system on the east side of SR 204 will require about 4.5 square feet of new right-of-way to be constructed.**
- **The curb ramp at the southwest corner of SR 204 and 8th Street will require a temporary construction easement to be reconstructed.**

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency** **Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA**

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

- Common Sense Exemption.** [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061 [b][3].)]

Richard Putler

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Minerva Rodriguez

Print Name: Project Manager

 9-20-19
Signature Date

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Continuation Sheet

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The following specifications and measures will be implemented to avoid or minimize potential project impacts.

Hazardous Waste

- SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) - *Lead Compliance Plan*
- SSP 14-11.14 - *Treated Wood Waste*
- SSP 14-11.12 - *Removal of Yellow Traffic Stripe and Pavement Marking with Hazardous Waste Residue*

Biology

- All food-related trash items should be disposed of in securely closed containers and removed daily from the project site.
- All vehicle operators will check under vehicles prior to use.
- Any excavation site will be inspected by construction personnel thoroughly before the excavation is backfilled.
- Excavations deeper than 2 feet will be covered with plywood or similar material at the end of each workday, or escape ramps put in place to prevent any entrapment.