

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:

Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044 Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From:

Planning Division/City of Culver City
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, CA. 90232

Project Title: Move Culver City Tactical Mobility Lane Pilot Project

Project Location: The project is in the City of Culver City, Los Angeles County on Culver Blvd between Duquesne Ave and South Canfield Ave and Washington Blvd Between Culver Blvd and La Cienega Ave

Project Description: The City of Culver City proposes to install approximately 1.3 miles of a tactical mobility lane, providing a high-capacity transportation connection between the downtown core, the Metro E-Line station, and the Arts District neighborhood. The mobility lane consists of a combined bus and bike lane separated from vehicle traffic, or a separated bike lane and separated bus lane, dependent on available street space and conditions. The mobility lane is a tactical pilot project that will be installed for up to 24 months. This pilot project prioritizes moving people over cars through a holistic multimodal roadway design. Bus riders, cyclists, scooter users, pedestrians, and emergency vehicles will all benefit from enhanced safety, increased speeds, reduced transit travel time, ease of travel, and reliability of sustainable connections to key destinations and regional transit network. Improvements include new signing and striping to support the mobility lane, painted separated bus and bike lane, painted separated bike lane on certain blocks, bus boarding platforms, transit priority signals, curb extensions with delineator protection, and expanded pedestrian space. The Project also includes asphalt art over crosswalks and at curb extensions.

Name of Public Agency

Approving Project: City of Culver City

**Name of Person or
Agency Carrying Out**

Project: City of Culver City, Transportation Planning

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption. Class 15301 Existing Facilities; (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).**
- ☒ **Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: PRC Section 21080.25**

Reason(s) why project is exempt: The Project has been environmentally reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000, et seq. ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000, et seq.), and the City's Local CEQA Guidelines. The Project's scope of work consists of the installation of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the installation of a transit prioritization project. The Project meets the criteria under a Categorical Exemption 15301 (c), as it consists of improvements on existing highways and streets where there is negligible or no expansion of use and the addition of bicycle facilities, including bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossing, street trees and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes.

Further, the Project qualifies for a statutory exemption under PRC Section 21080.25, as it includes (1) the installation of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, which includes bike lanes, either as separated bike lanes or shared bus/bike lanes; (2) the installation of a transit prioritization project, which involves the installation of dedicated transit or very high occupancy vehicle lanes, and shared turning lanes; and (3) the conversion of one general purpose lane to a bus lane. The Project also meets the additional criteria required to assert the exemption under PRC Section 21080.25, as it is located in an urbanized area, is located within existing public right-of-way, does not add physical infrastructure that increases automobile capacity, does not require demolition of affordable housing units, and will be carried out by a skilled and trained workforce. There are other requirements for projects greater than \$100,000,000 which do not apply in this case because the cost of the Project does not exceed that threshold.

Lead Agency
Contact Person:

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Date: April 6th, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA: (1) CERTIFYING THE MOVE CULVER CITY –DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR PROJECT (PROJECT) WILL BE COMPLETED BY A SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKFORCE; AND (2) GRANTING THE PROJECT EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALIFY ACT (CEQA).

WHEREAS, the MOVE Culver City – Downtown Corridor Project (“Project”) consists of the construction of mobility lanes in the 1.3-mile stretch of Culver Boulevard and Washington Boulevard between Culver Boulevard at Duquesne Avenue and Washington Boulevard at La Cienega Avenue. This corridor will connect Downtown Culver City with the Culver City Arts District and the Metro E Line Culver City Station, supporting major commercial and job centers. The Project will also fold in the following efforts to enhance the mobility infrastructure and services within the Project corridor: 1) bus stop improvements and the creation of three gateway mobility stops; and 2) implementation of a circulator service; and

WHEREAS, the Project qualifies for a Class 1 – Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (14 CCR § 15301), as it consists of improvements on existing highways and streets where there is negligible or no expansion of use and the addition of bicycle facilities, including bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossing, street trees and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Project qualifies for statutory exemption from CEQA, pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.25, as it includes (1) the installation of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, which includes bike lanes, either as separated

1 bike lanes or shared bus/bike lanes; (2) the installation of a transit prioritization project, which
2 involves the installation of dedicated transit or very high occupancy vehicle lanes, and shared
3 turning lanes; and (3) the conversion of one general purpose lane to a bus lane. The Project
4 also meets the additional criteria required to assert the exemption under PRC Section
5 21080.25, as it is located in an urbanized area, is located within existing public right-of-way,
6 does not add physical infrastructure that increases automobile capacity, does not require
7 demolition of affordable housing units, and will be carried out by a skilled and trained
8 workforce. There are other requirements for projects greater than \$100,000,000 which do not
9 apply in this case because the Project does not exceed that threshold.
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12 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, DOES
13 HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

14 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are a substantive
15 part of this Resolution.
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17 **SECTION 2.** In accordance with California Public Resources Code (PRC)
18 Section 21080.25(d)(1), the City Council hereby certifies the Project will be completed by a
19 skilled and trained workforce, as defined in PRC Section 21080.25(a)(5).
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21 **SECTION 3.** Based on the foregoing recitals, and in accordance with CEQA
22 Guidelines Section 15301 (14 CCR§ 15301), the City Council hereby adopts a Class 1 –
23 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption for the Project.

24 **SECTION 4.** Based on the foregoing recitals, and Section 2 of this Resolution,
25 the City Council hereby grants the Project a statutory exemption from CEQA, pursuant to
26 PRC Section 21080.25.
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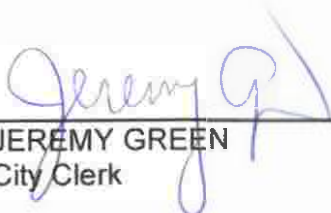
1 **SECTION 5.** The City Council hereby authorizes staff to prepare a Notice of
2 Exemption for the Project, consistent with this Resolution, and file it with the Office of
3 Planning and Research and the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office.
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5 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 22 day of March, 2021
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9 ALEX FISCH, Mayor
10 City of Culver City, California

11 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 JEREMY GREEN
15 City Clerk

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18 CAROL A. SCHWAB
19 City Attorney
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY OF CULVER CITY

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Certification of Resolution No. 2021-R021

I, Jeremy Green, City Clerk of the City of Culver City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council, which was held on the 22nd day of March 2021, at the Mike Balkman Council Chambers by the following vote:

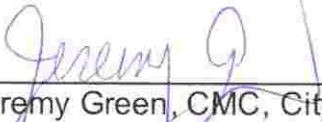
AYES: Eriksson, McMorris, Vera, Lee, Fisch

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Certified on this 22nd day of March 2021, at the City of Culver City.



Jeremy Green, CMC, City Clerk
Ex-Officio Clerk of the City Council
City of Culver City, State of California