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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title:

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Greenway Network Implementation Plan (SGVGNIP)

Project Location:

The Cities of Baldwin Park, Big Dalton Wash and the City of Pomona, San Jose Creek.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The San Gabriel Valley Regional Greenway Network is a comprehensive effort to develop protected Class I bicycle and pedestrian trails along 150 miles of river ways, streams, and channels in the SGV. This project would develop a regional implementation plan that would provide guidance to partner agencies in the development of the Greenway Network segments in their jurisdictions. The SGVGNIP would be informed by preparing detailed designs for two prototypical segments.

The Big Dalton Wash and the San Jose Creek have been identified in the cities of Baldwin Park and Pomona for the two prototypical segments. This project would develop design plans for both segments, which will be used to secure funding and guide the development of engineering plans and environmental documents. Additional, these segments present several design challenges to be addressed in the SGVGNIP. The lessons learned from the planning efforts will be used to guide the development of design efforts for other segments of the Network.

The project will offer regional connections for trips via bicycle to destinations such as the Foothill Gold Line, Metrolink Stations, and the El Monte Transit Center. The Network will serve as a First/Last Mile connection to multiple high quality transit stops throughout the SGV.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Southern California Association of Governments

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Southern California Association of Governments

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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));
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts; CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption; CEQA Guidelines § 15301 (c) and 15301 (f) – Existing Facilities; CEQA Guidelines § 15304 (e) and 15304 (e) – Minor Alterations to Land; CEQA Guidelines § 15311 (a) and 15311 (c) – Accessory Structures; CEQA Guidelines § 15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes
- Statutory Exemptions

Reasons why project is exempt:

SCAG has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts, and CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption, and has determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA because the scope of the project activities are included in the classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

Therefore SCAG has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to following:

- The Project would involve greenway network planning in Los Angeles County, that could foster the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) - Existing Facilities;
- The Project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded, as set forth in the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15306- Information Collection
- Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes: The Project would consist of education and outreach programs in the communities of Baldwin Park and Pomona involving no physical changes in the area affected, which would fall under the exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15322 – Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes.

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Project Approval Date: SCAG's Regional Council Approved the project on June 6, 2019.
The California Transportation Commission awarded funding for this project on May 15, 2019.

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