



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94039

Project Title: El Camino Real Streetscape Improvements

Project Location: El Camino Real in Mountain View, between Crestview Drive and Del Medio Avenue.

Project Location – City: Mountain View, CA 94039 **Project Location – County:** Santa Clara County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Mountain View

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

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Description of Project: The City of Mountain View proposes to make various streetscape improvements throughout the City's four-mile El Camino Real corridor. The proposed improvements include adding Class IV protected bikeway facilities via parking removal between Castro Street and Sylvan Avenue; installing lane striping northwest of Castro Street consistent with future installation of Class IV protected bikeways; adding curb extension and/or other pedestrian crossing enhancements at up to 32 intersections; providing other pedestrian crossing enhancements such as high-visibility crosswalk markings, advanced stop bars, and bicycle detection at intersections; and installing new conduit across El Camino Real and constructing three new signalized crossing installations at Pettis Avenue, Bonita Avenue, and Crestview Drive. All improvements would occur within the existing right-of-way. Minor curb line modifications may be required to create consistent curb lines for the proposed bicycle facilities. The proposed streetscape improvements would be incorporated into Caltrans' El Camino Real repaving and ADA ramp installation project. The project would be overseen and implemented by Caltrans.

Exempt Status: One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed El Camino Real Streetscape Improvements Project:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alterations to existing public and private facilities involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

Class 3 - Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of small structures from one use to another where only small modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project would make various streetscape improvements, including installation of bicycle facilities and pedestrian crossing enhancements, within the four-mile El Camino Real corridor in Mountain View. The project would not require right-of-way acquisition and would not substantially alter existing circulation patterns. The project would not introduce a new use to the El Camino Real corridor and would result in negligible to no expansion of existing uses along the roadway.

Per section 15300.2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, it has been determined that the project is not located on a hazardous waste site, does not contain environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern, would not result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect a historic resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons and those stated above, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

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Lead Agency Representative: Helen Kim, Transportation Planner

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