

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: San Bernardino

From: (Public Agency): City of Colton
650 North La Cadena Drive
Colton, California 92324
(Address)

Project Title: Mount Vernon Avenue Grade Separation Project

Project Applicant: City of Colton

Project Location - Specific:
Mount Vernon Avenue at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing (along Mount Vernon Ave

Project Location - City: Colton Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The City of Colton, in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing a full bridge replacement to widen the existing two-lane Mount Vernon Avenue bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to a four-lane bridge. The proposed project is needed to ensure safety of the bridge facility, which has been determined to be structurally deficient, and ensure roadway consistency with the City's General Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Colton

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Colton

- 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. State type and section number:
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.13

Reasons why project is exempt:
The CEQA Statute (California Public Resources Code, Division 13, Environmental Quality) states under subsection 21080.13 that railroad grade separation projects which eliminate an existing grade crossing or which reconstruct an existing grade separation qualify for a statutory exemption. The proposed project would reconstruct the existing Mount Vernon Avenue/UPRR grade separation and would thus qualify for a statutory exemption.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Victor Ortiz Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (909) 370-5065

- 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: [Signature] Date: 9/21/20 Title: City Engineer
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.