

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** Highway 9 Safety Improvement Project Gap Closure through Monte Sereno

**Project Location:** Northbound side of Highway 9 from Greenwood Road to approximately 450-foot south of Grandview Drive and various intersections within the City of Monte Sereno.

**Project Location – City:** Monte Sereno

**Project Location – County:** Santa Clara

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Monte Sereno

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Monte Sereno

**Description of Project:** The project proposes to construct a 5-foot wide pedestrian path along northbound Highway 9 from Greenwood Road to approximately 450-foot south of Grandview Drive. As part of the pedestrian path improvements, the proposed project includes the following:

- 1) constructing minor curb and gutter improvements, hot mix asphalt dikes, and wood retaining walls;
- 2) replacing/removing existing medians, sidewalks and pavement;
- 3) installing signing and roadway striping;
- 4) adjustment of utility valves, boxes, and manholes; and
- 5) replacing damaged detectable warning surfaces.

The proposed pedestrian path, safety improvements, and ADA enhancements will close an existing gap in the pedestrian network along this segment of Highway 9.

**Exempt Status:** Article 19, Categorical Exemptions, Sections 15300 to 15333 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines lists classes of projects determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, are exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

The proposed project is exempt under Class 1(c), Existing Facilities (Section 15301), which consists of repair, maintenance, and minor alterations to 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).

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project consists of repair, maintenance, and minor alterations to an existing highway and would not create additional automobile lanes. Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined that the project is not located on a hazardous waste site and would not result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect an 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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**Signature**

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