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Project Title

Lone Pine Sidewalk Project

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- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

21-00018



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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE: Lone Pine Sidewalks Project

PROJECT APPLICANT: Inyo County

PROJECT LOCATION: Lone Pine, CA, 93545

Project activities will take place at the following locations within Lone Pine, please see Figure 1:

- N Jackson St:
 - From E Mountain View St to the intersection of E Bush St
 - E Bush St to E Willow St
 - E Willow St to Locust St
 - E Locust St: From the intersection of N Jackson St to N Mount Whitney Dr.
- E Bush St: From N Main St to N Jackson St

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Upgrade and construct ADA compliant sidewalks at:

- East and west sides of N Jackson St from E Mountain View St to E Locust St
- North side of E Locust St from N Jackson St to N Mt Whitney Dr.
- North and south sides of E Bush St between N Jackson St and Main St

NAME OF AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Inyo County

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Inyo County

EXEMPT STATUS: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- Categorical (Class 1: 14 CCR § 15301. Existing Facilities.)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project is covered by Categorical Exemption Class 1. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, including existing sidewalks.

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT (continued): If the project is determined to be categorically exempt, the Lead Agency must consider whether the exemption is negated by an exception pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2, and Public Resources Code, Section 21084. Such exceptions are evaluated below and determined to not be applicable.

Exceptions (§ 15300.2):

Location. This project is not subject to the location exception. However, the project is not located in or near a sensitive environment.

Cumulative impacts. No cumulative impacts are associated with this project as it is a replacement of existing facilities.

Significant effect. There is no reasonable possibility that project activities will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Scenic highways. Hwy 395 is officially designated as a scenic highway by the California Department of Transportation from Fort Independence to Fort Springs Road in Inyo County. Project activities will not result in damage to scenic resources.

Hazardous Waste sites. DTSC's EnviroStor data management system lists the following hazardous waste sites within half-a-mile of the project area. None of the sites listed are within the project footprint or listed on the Cortese List pursuant to Section 65962.5 of Government Code:

- Lone Pine Airport (80001063)
- Manzanar Retention Center (14970001)

Historic Resources. The project does not have the potential to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Additional Considerations: All project areas have been previously graded and are within an urban built-environment. The project footprint is not within or adjacent to sensitive environmental resources (i.e. biological, cultural) and there is no potential for the project to result in significant or potentially significant environmental impact, warranting additional analysis for CEQA compliance.

RECOMMENDATIONS & AVOIDANCE MEASURES:

Bio-1: If tree removal is to occur between February 1st to September 30th, a registered biologist is to perform bird nesting surveys no more than seven days, and no less than two days, prior to tree removal.

Bio-2: If you find an injured or dead bird or discover migratory or nongame bird nests that may be adversely affected by construction activities, immediately: 1. Stop all work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery 2. Notify the Project Engineer.

Landscape-1: Contractor shall consult a landscape architect for placement of ornamental trees within the project footprint

LEAD AGENCY: Inyo County

CONTACT PERSON: Michael Errante, Director of Public Works

AREA CODE/TELEPHONE/EXTENSION: 760.878.0201

Signature: 

Date: 3/29/21

FIGURE 1. PROJECT FOOTPRINT MAP



Data provided by Inyo County & ESRI

**LONE PINE SIDEWALKS PROJECT
FIGURE 1 - PROJECT FOOTPRINT**

- Priority Rank 9
- Priority Rank 7
- Priority Rank 6
- Priority Rank 4
- Priority Rank 3
- Priority Rank 1
- Park
- School

