

Notice of Exemption

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From: University of California, Berkeley
Physical & Environmental Planning
300 A&E Building
Berkeley, California 94720-1382

Project Title: Centennial Bridge Improvement Project

Project Location – Centennial Drive

Project Location – City: City of Oakland

Project Location – County: Alameda County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): A 55-year old bridge along Centennial Drive on the UC Berkeley campus is structurally unsound and located in an area prone to earthquakes and landslides. The project would replace this bridge by relocating Centennial Drive and constructing a new bridge structure to a parallel alignment offset 40 feet to the south of the existing roadway. Centennial Drive would cross the existing Lawrence Road over a new 250-foot long viaduct structure. The new structure would be designed for seismic loads and to accommodate possible landslide movement and mitigate the effect of landslide around the support elements. Construction would utilize a cast-in-place concrete box girder post-tensioned in place. Additionally, the project would slightly realign Centennial Drive to improve its profile grade from the existing condition on the west upslope side of the road to meet AASHTO roadway design standards. Upon completion of the structure, Centennial Drive would consist of two 12-foot wide lanes each with a 4-foot shoulder. The project may be relocate or protect in place an existing 12-inch water line and an existing 36-inch storm drain pipe.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California; Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Exempt Status:

- 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: Class 1 and Class 2
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

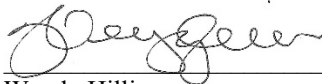
Reason Why Project is Exempt:

The project is categorically exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities and Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction. The project would be exempt under Class 1 as operational maintenance to ensure that the bridge meets current standards of public health and safety. The project is exempt under Class 2 as it involves reconstruction of an existing bridge with a new structure located in the same site and having substantially the same purpose and capacity of the structure replaced. The project is also exempt under Class 2(c), as it involves the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems involving negligible expansion. There are not unusual circumstances creating the possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to CEQA Section 15300.2.

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Title:

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Date:

June 22, 2021

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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