



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: The Board of Trustees of the California State University  
401 Golden Shore  
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**Project Title:** California State University, Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) – Maritime Academy Drive Walkway & Bikeway Project

### **Project Location-Specific:**

Address: Cal Maritime campus located at 200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo, California 94590

Cross Streets: Located on and adjacent to Maritime Academy Drive, between Faculty Drive and the main campus parking lot (Parking Lot A).

Latitude/Longitude: 38.074° N, 122.230° E

**Project Location-City:** Vallejo **Project Location-County:** Solano

### **Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Maritime Academy Drive Walkway & Bikeway Project (Project) would replace and extend an existing walkway adjacent to Maritime Academy Drive, as well as provide bicycle safety improvements on Maritime Academy Drive. The Project would include: approximately 1,500-linear feet of 6-foot-wide, at-grade pedestrian walkway; approximately 90-feet of curb and gutter at roadway crossings and for new landscape medians; approximately 600-linear feet of retaining wall along the northern portion of the new walkway; streetlights; bench and trash receptacles; emergency call boxes; and bike safety improvements along Maritime Academy Drive, including speed bumps and bike sharrows. No new parking and no change in vehicle access or circulation is proposed; therefore, no change in vehicle trips to the campus is expected due to the Project.

The Project would also include new landscape features including street trees, various shrubs and groundcovers, and areas of cobble hardscape. The project would remove a total of twenty-one (21) non-native trees and replace them with thirty-nine (39) street trees as part of the overall landscaping for the Project. The Project also incorporates applicable mitigation measures included in the 2018 Facility Master Plan EIR Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees in July 2018.

Construction of the Project would occur from July 2021 to October 2021. Project completion and operation is anticipated in 2022.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The Board of Trustees of the California State University

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** California State University, Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime)

**The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:**

X Categorical Exemption. CEQA Guidelines §15301, State class number: Class 1

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The Project is categorically exempt under Class 1 (Existing Facilities), as the improvement of the Maritime Academy Drive would replace an existing walkway and extend it, as well as provide sharrows and speed bumps to improve safety conditions for bicyclist on the existing Maritime Academy Drive. The Project would not create additional automobile lanes or otherwise expand capacity for vehicles. Therefore, the Project is consistent with Categorical Exemption Class 1.

Additionally, the Project does not meet any of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2. Specifically, the Project would not: (1) be located in a particularly sensitive environment; (2) have a significant cumulative impact; (3) have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; (4) result in damage to scenic resources; (5) be located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to state law; or (6) cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Tom Van Pelt **Area Code/Telephone:** (707) 654-1127

**Lead Agency Signature:** Anne Collins-Dolme **Date:** July 13, 2021

**Title:** Principal Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_