

PARKS, RECREATION, & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Planning & Design

Notice of Exemption

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County of Riverside
2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507
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From: (Public Agency)

City of Riverside
Parks, Recreation, & Community
Services Dept., Planning & Design
6927 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92506
(909) 826-2000

Project Title: Gage Canal Multipurpose Recreational Trail

Project Applicant: City of Riverside Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Dept., Planning & Design Division

Project Location - Specific: Palmyrita Avenue to Blaine Street along the Gage Canal right-of-way

Project Location - City: Riverside

Project Location - County: Riverside County

Description of Project:

This project would convert a two-mile segment of the Gage Canal right-of-way into a Class I multi-use paved asphalt bicycle trail with a parallel pedestrian decomposed granite trail. The trail would be sited along and adjacent to existing roadways and trails adjacent to the Gage Canal within an existing city-managed irrigation water conveyance facility. The trail would be 20 feet wide, split equally between the paved asphalt and decomposed granite trails and would include a 15 foot landscaping buffer on either side of the trails (30 feet of landscaping total). Plantings would total approximately 700 trees and 300 plants. Additional infrastructure would include approximately 15 benches, five drinking fountains, five exercise stations, eight entry gates, five interpretive signs, two funding acknowledgement signs, and several trash and recycling bins. There would also be solar-powered lighting and a weather-smart bubbler irrigation system. The trail would traverse multiple land use types, including industrial, commercial, open space, residential, and public facilities.

The entire project collectively spans roughly two of the twenty miles of the Gage Canal and is within the northeastern portion of the City of Riverside. The project extends from Palmyrita Avenue at the northern-most extent of the trail, to Blaine Street at the southern-most extent, where it terminates at the Riverside Sports Complex in the City of Riverside, California. The project would be adjacent to the Riverside Hunter Park-University of California Metrolink station, providing public transportation accessibility. It would provide access for local residents to the Box Springs Reserve. Regionally, the project is located approximately four miles to the east of Interstate 215/CA 60 freeway at an approximate elevation of 1,000 feet above mean sea level.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Riverside

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Dept.

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: **PRC Sec. 21080.25**

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:

PRC §21080.25

SB 288 adds CEQA statutory exemptions under PRC §21080.25, for the following project types: pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit prioritization, conversion of roadways to bus-only lanes, expansion of bus or light rail service, charging stations for zero-emission transit buses, or any project that reduces minimum parking requirements. Bicycle facilities include any bicycle parking, sharing facilities, bikeways, and other bicycle infrastructure. This project would involve the construction of a two-mile bikeway and pedestrian trail and is therefore exempt from CEQA requirements in accordance with §21080.25.

The project would also meet the other stipulations under PRC §21080.25:

1. A public agency, the City of Riverside, is carrying out the project and is the lead agency for the project.
2. The project is located in an urbanized area, the City of Riverside.
3. The project is located on or with an existing public right-of-way, the Gage Canal right-of-way, which is owned by Riverside Public Utilities.
4. The project would not add any physical infrastructure that increases new automobile capacity, considering it adds only bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
5. No affordable housing units would be demolished to construct the project.
6. The project would have a budget of approximately \$3.1 million, which does not exceed the \$100 million threshold.
7. The project would be completed by a skilled and trained workforce.

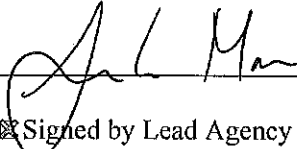
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jordan Maus

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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:  Date: 9-28-2021 Title: Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____


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PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT

(Certificate of Determination
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. **Name or description of action:** Myra Linn Prop68 Improvements
2. **Location:** City and County of Riverside
3. **Entity or person undertaking action:** City of Riverside
4. **Staff Determination:** The City's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this activity in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City's Local CEQA Guidelines, has concluded that this action does not require further environmental assessment because it is exempt from CEQA, as described below:
 - (a) Ministerial project.
 - (b) Emergency Project.
 - (c) Categorical Exemption.
 - (d) Declared Emergency.
 - (e) Statutory Exemption (PRC Sec. 21080.25)
 - (f) Other.

Signature



Date: 10-4-2021

City of Riverside
Lead Agency