



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research

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From: California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona)

3801 W. Temple Avenue
Pomona, California 91768

Project Title: University Drive Roads and Walkways Renewal Project

Project Applicant: California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Project Location-Specific:

The project site is located on the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona campus, along the University Drive between Temple Avenue and Kellogg Drive, and along Red Gum Lane, between University Drive and Kellogg Drive/Eucalyptus Lane.

Project Location – City: Pomona **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

University Drive is the main campus roadway from Temple Avenue to Kellogg Drive, and Red Gum Lane is an access road connecting to parking lots and other internal roadways in the campus core. The project will rehabilitate and re-surface both roadways and provide a number of features intended to make travel safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, including provide new or upgraded pavement markings; traffic signs and traffic calming features; bicycle facilities including shared bicycle lanes; transit improvements such as bus lanes; ADA ramp upgrades, pedestrian crossings, new sidewalks, and pedestrian malls; the removal of on-street parking; associated minor storm drain improvements; and lighting and landscape/irrigation relocation. No additional automobile lanes will be created. The project is also intended to improve the reliability and on-time performance of shuttle services on campus. The project will be constructed in three phases: 1) University Drive between Camphor Lane and Red Gum Lane, 2) University Drive between Temple Avenue and Camphor Lane and also University Drive between Red Gum Lane and Kellogg Drive, and 3) Red Gum Lane between University Drive and Kellogg Drive/Eucalyptus Lane.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona)

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301 Class 1,
Existing Facilities)

Statutory Exemption. State type and section number: PRC Section 21080.25


Reasons why project is exempt:

The project meets the criteria for a Section 15301 (Class 1) categorical exemption, which is applicable to projects that consist 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". The roadway segments to be improved are highways under the statutory meaning and are existing, and the project will not add roadway capacity or otherwise expand an existing use. The project will not result in any significant effects and is not qualified by any of the exceptions to the use of a Class 1 categorical exemption set forth in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, including the potential for cumulative impacts, significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances, impacts on scenic resources within a scenic highway corridor, location within a hazardous waste site, or impacts on historic resources.

In addition, the project meets the criteria for a statutory exemption under PRC Section 21080.25, which is applicable to, among others, projects that institute or increase public mass transit, transit prioritization projects, and projects that improve customer information and wayfinding for transit riders, bicyclists, or pedestrians. The project qualifies for this statutory exemption as it will be carried out by a public agency that is the lead agency under CEQA; is located in an urbanized area and within existing public right-of-way; does not add physical infrastructure that increases automobile capacity; and does not require demolition of affordable housing units, and will be carried out by a skilled and trained workforce. Requirements for projects greater than \$100,000,000 do not apply to this project.

Lead Agency

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Signature:  **Date:** 11/09/2021

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Signed by Lead Agency