

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): City of Lynwood, Department of Public Works
11330 Bullis Road
Lynwood, CA 90262

(Address)

Project Title: Imperial Highway and Wright Road Intersection Improvement Project

Project Applicant: City of Lynwood

Project Location - Specific:

Imperial Highway at Wright Road

Project Location - City: Lynwood / South Gate Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Lynwood proposes the Imperial Highway and Wright Road Intersection Improvement Project to provide congestion relief during peak hours. Proposed intersection improvements would include shifting the southbound through-lane to be combined with the southbound right turn lane, allowing southbound dual left turn lanes. Upgrade of existing signage on the existing gantry are proposed to accommodate the reconfiguration of southbound lanes. Continental crosswalks composed of thick vertical striping are proposed to increase visibility for pedestrians. The intersection improvements will include various areas of pavement rehabilitation within the limits of the pavement striping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Lynwood

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Thomas Thornton, Director of Public Works

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: Title 14 CCR § 15301. Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed intersection project would not result in a significant effect on the environment. The proposed project is considered to be exempt from CEQA, per title 14, Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Thomas Thornton Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (310) 602-0220, ext. 275

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: Thomas W. Thornton Date: 12/1/21 Title: PW DIRECTOR

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Lynwood is proposing improvements at the intersection of Wright Road and Imperial Highway in the City of South Gate and City of Lynwood. This improvement is part of the Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor Improvement Project Early Action Program. In 2008, Measure R was passed for transportation improvements in Los Angeles County. As a part of this measure, \$590 million was set aside for I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects of which \$160 million was allocated to non-freeway improvements. In order to establish and prioritize projects using this funding source, Metro has worked closely with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (Gateway COG), the City of Lynwood, and the City of South Gate, with Metro as the acting administrative lead agency. The I-710 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has approved the Project and requested Metro to program funding to cover the engineering and environmental phases.

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

Proposed intersection improvements would include shifting the southbound through-lane to be combined with the southbound right turn lane, allowing southbound dual left turn lanes. Upgrade of existing signage on the existing gantry are proposed to accommodate the reconfiguration of southbound lanes. Continental crosswalks composed of thick vertical striping are proposed to increase visibility for pedestrians. The intersection improvements will include various areas of pavement rehabilitation within the limits of the pavement striping. The project would synchronize traffic signals along the Imperial Highway Corridor.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Lynwood is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). GPA Consulting (GPA), on behalf of the City of Lynwood, conducted a review of environmental resource databases and background documents to characterize the project area, identify potential environmental resources, and determine the level of environmental review required under CEQA. Based on the review, the City of Lynwood determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. The CEQA Guidelines lists classes of projects determined by the State of California to be exempt from the requirements of CEQA because they have no significant effect on the environment. A project is categorically exempt from CEQA if it fits into one or more of these exemption classes and no unusual circumstances exist that would cause the project to have a significant effect on the environment. Based on analysis of the Project, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions, Section 15301, Existing Facilities (Class 1).

RESOLUTION NO. 2021.127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNWOOD APPROVING THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE- FOCUSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS WITH SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION ON IMPERIAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN STATE STREET AND WRIGHT ROAD, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTIONS IN SUPPORT OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA, AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST OF MEASURE R FUNDS AT THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS I-710 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES AND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$45,000 FROM PROPOSITION C FUND TO COVER PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS ON THIS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City received funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) in the amount of \$865,000 for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED); and Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the Imperial Highway Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, the City Council approved to proceed with the "Intersection Improvements Alternative" for the Imperial Highway Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project; and

WHEREAS, Metro has refined the traffic operations analysis and recommends selection of the preferred alternative which is the focused intersection improvements with signal synchronization on Imperial Highway between State Street and Wright Road; and

WHEREAS, GPA Consulting (GPA), on behalf of the City of Lynwood, conducted a review of environmental resource databases and background documents to characterize the project area, identify potential environmental resources, and determine the level of environmental review required under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA, Title 14 CCR § 15301. Existing Facilities, provide that minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA and thereby will not result in a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the grant provided does not cover the costs for City's staff or consultant's time managing this Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, PROCLAIM, ORDER, AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Council approve the preferred alternative-focused intersection improvements with signal synchronization on Imperial Highway between State Street and Wright Road.

Section 2. That in compliance with CEQA, the City Council finds that the activity, improvements at the following intersections at Imperial Highway: 1) State Street, 2) Long Beach Boulevard and California Avenue, 3) Bullis Road, 4) Atlantic Avenue, and 5) Wright Road, is exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Title 14 CCR § 15301. Existing Facilities.

Section 3. The City Manager or his authorized designee, is hereby directed to file the attached Notices of Exemption with the County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

Section 4. That The City Council authorize the request of Measure R Funds at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments I-710 Technical Advisory Committee for final design and construction phases.


Section 5. That The City Council approve the following appropriation:

APPROPRIATION					
Fund	Dept	Div	Object	Description	Amount
Budgetary Transfer Out					
2351	95	991	68020	Prop "C" Fund to Capital Projects Fund	\$45,000
				Budgetary Fund Balance	(\$45,000)
Budgetary Transfer In					
4011	95		38195	Capital Projects Fund from Prop "C" Fund	\$45,000
4011	68	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	Imperial Highway Corridor Capacity Enhancements	\$45,000


Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 7. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this City Council Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of November 2021.

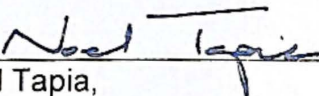

Mariela Santana, Mayor

ATTEST:

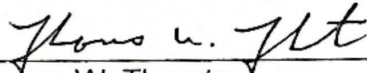

María Quiñónez,
City Clerk


Ernie Hernandez,
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Noel Tapia,
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


Thomas W. Thornton,
Public Works Director

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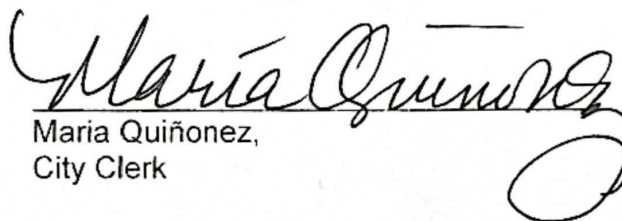
I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Lynwood, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of said City at its regular meeting thereof held in the City Hall of the City on the 2nd day of **November, 2021** and passed by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS FLORES, SOLACHE, SOTO, MAYOR PRO TEM CASANOVA AND MAYOR SANTANA

NOES: NONE

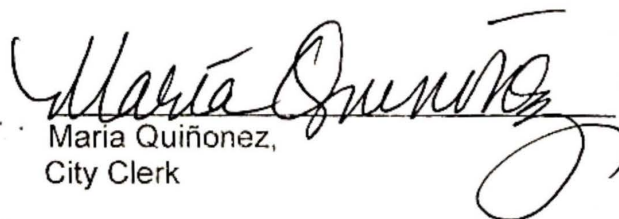
ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE


Maria Quiñonez,
City Clerk

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I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Lynwood, and Clerk of the City Council of said City, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 2021.127** on file in my office and that said resolution was adopted on the date and by the vote therein stated. Dated this 2nd day of **November, 2021.**


Maria Quiñonez,
City Clerk