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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

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

From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Appian Way at Fran Way Pedestrian Crossing Safety Enhancements, WO# 1025, CP# 21-44

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553
Contact: Shraavan Sundaram, (925)-313-2366

Project Location: Appian Way and Fran Way Intersection, El Sobrante, CA 94803

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Contact: Telma B. Moreira (925) 655-2863

Project Description: Contra Costa County Public Works Department (County) proposes pedestrian crosswalk safety enhancements to improve pedestrian safety and increase driver awareness at an existing uncontrolled crosswalk. Uncontrolled pedestrian crossings are a safety concern because drivers tend to be traveling at a higher rate of speed versus a stop or signal-controlled crosswalk. This particular crosswalk was chosen due to close proximity to schools, safety data, and limited line of sight for pedestrians and drivers. The County proposes the following safety enhancements: double-sided rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFBs) with pedestrian actuated buttons at both ends of the uncontrolled crosswalk, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces where feasible, a pedestrian refuge island in the center of the crossing, and curb extensions/bulb-outs to reduce crossing distance for pedestrians. Existing signage and striping that may be in conflict with new improvements may be removed and replaced. The addition of new advanced warning signs and striping including yield bars is anticipated. These safety enhancements will increase driver awareness and reduce pedestrian exposure to limited line of sight of oncoming traffic. Drainage facilities will be adjusted to the new improvements; one new inlet is proposed. Ground disturbance and excavation to a maximum depth of approximately 8 feet is anticipated for the new drainage inlet. Real estate transactions, utility relocations, and vegetation trimming/removal may be necessary. Construction is anticipated to occur in 2024, take approximately 30 working days to complete, and occur during the summer to minimize impacts to the surrounding school zone. Temporary traffic controls will be implemented during construction activities; emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Appropriate best management practices for stormwater control (i.e. storm drain inlet protection) will be in place during construction.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301(c))
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269(a))
- General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c])
- Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will improve pedestrian safety at an existing crosswalk without expansion of use, pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

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: *Telma B. Moreira* Date: 1/12/2022 Title: Principal Planner

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on FEB 16 2022 I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.


Signature

Deputy Clerk
Title

Applicant

Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Shravan Sundaram *cg*
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2366

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

- De Minimis Finding - \$0
- County Clerk - \$50
- Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75 Receipt #: _____