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Project Title

Pedestrian Improvements at Selected Crosswalks in Beverly Hills

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- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
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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

From: (Public Agency): City of Beverly Hills
345 Foothill Road
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
(Address)

Project Title: Pedestrian Improvements at Selected Crosswalks in Beverly Hills

Project Applicant: City of Beverly Hills

Project Location - Specific:

Wilshire/S Palm, 400 block N Bedford, 400 block N Camden, and 200 block S Beverly

Project Location - City: Beverly Hills Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will improve walkability on commercial corridors and access to the future Wilshire/Rodeo Metro Purple Line station through construction of a new midblock crossing with curb extensions and pedestrian traffic signal on the 400 block of North Bedford Drive, a new midblock crossing with curb extensions and flashing beacons on the 400 block of North Camden Drive, curb extensions at the existing midblock crossing on the 200 block of South Beverly Drive, and a new pedestrian traffic signal at the existing crosswalk on Wilshire Boulevard at South Palm Drive.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Beverly Hills

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Beverly Hills

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));
[checked] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (Existing Facilities; addition and modification of pedestrian crossings on existing streets)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it involves construction of new, and modification of existing, pedestrian crossings on existing streets, which do not involve any additional automobile lanes.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jessie Holzer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 310-285-1171

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: [Signature] Date: 3-9-22 Title: Transportation Planner

[checked] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Daren Grilley, Assistant Director/City Engineer
FROM: Jessie Holzer, Transportation Planner
CC: File
DATE: March 9, 2022
SUBJECT: Approval of Pedestrian Improvements at Selected Crosswalks in Beverly Hills; CEQA Exemption Determination

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2015 Metro Call for Projects cycle, Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering staff submitted an application for pedestrian/sidewalk improvements throughout the city to improve walkability on commercial corridors and access to the future Wilshire/Rodeo Purple Line station, including a new midblock crossing with curb extensions and pedestrian traffic signal on the 400 block of North Bedford Drive, a new midblock crossing with curb extensions and flashing beacons on the 400 block of North Camden Drive, curb extensions at the existing midblock crossing on the 200 block of South Beverly Drive, and a new pedestrian traffic signal at the existing crosswalk on Wilshire Boulevard at South Palm Drive.

Metro's Countywide Planning and Development staff completed the evaluation of 178 total project applications and recommended the City's application for funding. At their September 24, 2015 meeting, the Metro Board approved adoption of the proposed funding for the 2015 Call for Projects.

In August 2020, City staff reviewed the proposed pedestrian improvement projects and conceptual designs with the Traffic and Parking Commission. Staff accepted feedback received from both the Commission and public and incorporated comments into the final designs, which were approved by the City Engineer in March 2022.

CEQA ANALYSIS

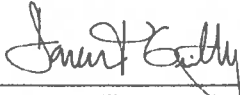
Staff has reviewed this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and preliminarily concluded that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA per section 15301 (Existing Facilities: addition and modification of pedestrian crossings on existing streets) because it involves new and modification of existing pedestrian crossings on existing streets, which does not involve any additional automobile lanes.

Therefore, staff recommends that, as part of the formal approval of the project and authorizing implementation of the project, the project be deemed exempt from CEQA for the reasons set forth above.

Attached to this memorandum is a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE). Filing and posting of an NOE starts a 35-day statute of limitations period on legal challenges to the decision that the project is exempt. If an NOE is not filed, a 180-day statute of limitations applies.

EXEMPTION DETERMINATION

Based on the analysis provided herein, I hereby find that Pedestrian Improvements at Selected Crosswalks in Beverly Hills are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 and direct staff to file a notice of exemption upon approval of the Project.



Daren Grilley, Assistant Director/City Engineer

3/10/2022

Date

Enclosure – Notice of Exemption