

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From:** Town of Los Gatos  
110 E. Main Street  
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**Project Title:** Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing

**Project Applicant:** Town of Los Altos

**Project Location:** Intersection of Blossom Hill Road and Highway 17

**Project Location - Specific:** Los Gatos

**Project Location - County:** Santa Clara

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Town of Los Gatos

**Description of Project:** The Town of Los Gatos proposes to construct a bicycle and pedestrian path and bridge over Highway 17. The bicycle and pedestrian path and bridge would be located just south of the existing Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing, beginning at approximately Roberts Road (West), and ending at approximately Roberts Road (East). Along the project alignment, the project would also close the existing westbound bicycle lane gap on the bridge and complete other bicycle and pedestrian improvements (e.g., crosswalks, protected intersections, curb ramps, signing, and striping). All improvements would be located within existing public right-of-way.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Town of Los Gatos

**Exempt Status:** The project meets all of the requirements for a Statutory Exemption under Public Resources Code Section 21080.25; therefore, the project is statutorily exempt from environmental review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Additionally, one or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed project:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alterations to a public facility involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

Class 3 - Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of small structures from one use to another where only small modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The project would construct a bicycle and pedestrian path and bridge over Highway 17 just south of the existing Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing within existing public right-of-way. The existing facilities in the project area would have the same purpose and capacity upon project completion. The project meets all of the requirements for a Statutory Exemption under Public Resources Code Section 21080.25. Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined that the project is not located on a hazardous waste site, would not result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources within a designated scenic highway, affect an historic resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons, the project is statutorily exempt from environmental review under CEQA and categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities or Class 3 - Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

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