

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: Zach Bosch Date: _____ Title: _____

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: _____

CEQA Exemption Information Form

City of Folsom East Bidwell and Iron Point US 50 On-Ramp Improvements

Project Location

The East Bidwell and Iron Point US 50 On-Ramp Improvements Project (Project) is located in the City of Folsom (City) at the intersection of East Bidwell Street and Iron Point Road and along the westbound US 50 on-ramp from East Bidwell Street. The City is proposing the project to remove existing road striping and install new road striping and pavement markings at an existing intersection and on-ramp, as well as removal and installation of Caltrans standard road signage.

The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the list of classes of projects that have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions). Specifically, the project is exempt under Section 15301, Existing Facilities, also known as a Class 1 exemption, which encompasses the minor alteration of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

As specified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, a Class 1 exemption may be negated by an exception under any of the following circumstances:

- a) The project and successive projects of the same type in the same place will result in cumulative impacts.
- b) There are unusual circumstances creating the reasonable possibility of significant effects.
- c) The project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
- d) The project is located on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
- e) The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource.

Proposed Improvements/Description

The purpose of the project is consistent with the City's efforts to improve the intersection listed above. The project would remove and replace the existing road striping and roadway signs and posts with new striping and signage. The proposed project does not include any roadway improvements such as additional lanes or alignment changes. The proposed improvements would not require removals of existing hardscape or soil removal as all improvements would occur above ground.

Project Site Access

Primary access to the project site is via the existing listed roadways above.

Land Uses

The proposed project would occur entirely within existing roadways and sidewalks with existing signalization and traffic control devices. No improvements would occur within previously undisturbed areas or sites with native vegetation. The City of Folsom General Plan (City of Folsom 2018) land use map shows the project areas as existing roadway corridors.

Findings and Conclusions

The project site is in developed right-of-way, including asphalt roads, ornamental vegetation (shade trees, shrubs, and groundcover), and cement sidewalk. All work shall be done in accordance with the current City Standard Construction Specifications and Plans, and the latest editions of the State of California, Department of Transportation Specifications and Standard Plans.

The project would not contribute to or result in any cumulative impacts, because there are no successive projects of the same type in the same place. The project is not located on an officially designated state scenic highway (Caltrans 2023), and there are no scenic resources, rock outcroppings, or similar resources that would be affected by implementation of the project. The project site was reviewed in GeoTracker on February 16, 2023 (State Water Resources Control Board 2023). Based on the GeoTracker results, the project is not located on a site included on the Cortese List and there are no open hazardous waste sites within or directly adjacent to the project site. A site visit to the project location was conducted on February 14, 2023, and concluded that there are no historical resources that would be affected by implementation of the project. Additionally, there are no unusual circumstances that would create the reasonable possibility of a significant effect. Therefore, there are no exceptions related to the project and the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions, Section 15301, Existing Facilities.

References

- California Department of Transportation. 2023. California State Scenic Highway System Map. <https://caltrans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=465dfd3d807c46cc8e8057116f1aaca>
- City of Folsom. 2018. Folsom General Plan 2035. <https://www.folsom.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=12958&t=638100643766099105>
- State Water Resources Control Board. 2023. Geotracker. <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>