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| LEAD AGENCY CITY OF NATIONAL CITY | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL | DATE 04/07/2023 |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO | DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2023-0227 | |

PROJECT TITLE
 CENTRAL COMMUNITY MOBILITY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT

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| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF NATIONAL CITY | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER 619-336-4380 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1243 NATIONAL CITY BLVD. | CITY NATIONAL CITY | STATE CA |
| | | ZIP CODE 91950 |

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND) | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | 0.00 |

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

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| SIGNATURE X | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, JULIE ANN SAN JUAN, Deputy |
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**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

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Project Title

CENTRAL COMMUNITY MOBILITY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

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COUNTY CLERK ON** April 7, 2023
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Print Form

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: San Diego County
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92101

From: (Public Agency): City of National City
1243 National City Blvd.
National City, CA 91950
(Address)

Project Title: Central Community Mobility Enhancements Project

Project Applicant: City of National City

Project Location - Specific:
Within City right-of-way from M Avenue and 4th Street to L Avenue and 30th Street.

Project Location - City: National City Project Location - County: San Diego County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project would implement traffic control for bicycle facilities, including the development of a 1.74-mile north to south bicycle boulevard. The project would begin on M Avenue at 4th Street, continuing south on N Avenue and then L Avenue before ending at L Avenue and 30th Street. The project would include lane striping for bicycle lanes and the connection of an existing road gap along a portion of N Avenue. Implementation of the project would improve mobility and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of National City

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of National City

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project would require minor alterations to existing facilities and minor land alterations. The project would include the striping of bicycle lanes and the connection of an existing road gap along an approximately 1.74-mile north to south corridor within the City's right-of-way. Implementation of the project would connect existing travel lanes and would not add additional travel lanes. The project would enhance traffic control and safety for existing users.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Roberto Yano, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (619) 336-4380

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 4/6/23 Title: PLANNING MANAGER
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.





Statement of Exemption

FILE NO.

CIP 19-23

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

City of National City

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes a 1.74-mile (9,170-linear foot) north to south bicycle boulevard within the City's right-of-way along a corridor extending from M Avenue and 4th Street to L Avenue and 30th Street. The project would include lane striping and the connection of an existing road gap on a portion of N Avenue between Plaza Boulevard and 9th Street.

CERTIFICATION

Under the provisions of Sections 15301 and 15304 of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code 21000–21189) as stated below, this proposed project is found to be exempt from the environmental review requirements of Section 18.12.040 of the National City Municipal Code, implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

15301. Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- (a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances;
- (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services;
- (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations

such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes);

- (d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood;
- (e) Additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than:
 - (1) 50 percent of the floor area of the structures before the addition, or 2,500 square feet, whichever is less; or
 - (2) 10,000 square feet if:
 - (A) The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and
 - (B) The area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.
- (f) Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices;
- (g) New copy on existing on and off-premise signs;
- (h) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code);
- (i) Maintenance of fish screens, fish ladders, wildlife habitat areas, artificial wildlife waterway devices, streamflows, springs and waterholes, and stream channels (clearing of debris) to protect fish and wildlife resources;
- (j) Fish stocking by the California Department of Fish and Game;
- (k) Division of existing multiple family or single-family residences into common-interest ownership and subdivision of existing commercial or industrial buildings, where no physical changes occur which are not otherwise exempt;
- (l) Demolition and removal of individual small structures listed in this subdivision:
 - (1) One single-family residence. In urbanized areas, up to three single-family residences may be demolished under this exemption.
 - (2) A duplex or similar multifamily residential structure. In urbanized areas, this exemption applies to duplexes and similar structures where not more than six dwelling units will be demolished.
 - (3) A store, motel, office, restaurant, or similar small commercial structure if designed for an occupant load of 30 persons or less. In urbanized areas, the exemption also applies to the demolition of up to three such commercial buildings on sites zoned for such use.

- (4) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.
- (m) Minor repairs and alterations to existing dams and appurtenant structures under the supervision of the Department of Water Resources.
- (n) Conversion of a single family residence to office use.
- (o) Installation, in an existing facility occupied by a medical waste generator, of a steam sterilization unit for the treatment of medical waste generated by that facility provided that the unit is installed and operated in accordance with the Medical Waste Management Act (Section 117600, et seq., of the Health and Safety Code) and accepts no offsite waste.
- (p) Use of a single-family residence as a small family day care home, as defined in Section 1596.78 of the Health and Safety Code

15304. Minor Alterations to Land

Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the conditions of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include but are not limited to:

- (a) Grading on new land with a slope less than 10 percent, except that grading shall not be exempt in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard such as an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone, or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone, as delineated by the State Geologist;
- (b) New grading or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water resistant or fire resistant landscaping;
- (c) Filling of Earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site
- (d) Minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas or fish reproduction facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production;
- (e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, including carnivals, sales of Christmas trees, etc.;
- (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored;
- (g) Maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies;
- (h) The creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-ways
- (i) Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species of significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility of the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

ANALYSIS

The project proposes an approximately 1.74-mile (9,170-linear foot) north to south bicycle boulevard and connection of an existing road gap. The proposed bicycle lanes would be approximately six feet in width and would be located along portions of a corridor extending from M Avenue and 4th Street to L Avenue and 30th Street. The project would also include lane striping and the connection of an existing road gap on a portion of N Avenue between Plaza Boulevard and 9th Street. The proposed alignment would be within the City's right-of-way and would not include the removal of any healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Implementation of the project would enhance traffic control and safety for bicycle facilities within the City.

The proposed road gap design along N Avenue would be approximately 150 feet and would require an approximately 4'-6" retaining wall and other minimal ground disturbing activities, including grading and paving, along the unpaved portion of N Avenue. The project would connect existing travel lanes and would not add additional travel lanes. The connection of the road gap on N Avenue would provide for traffic control and safety improvements along the unpaved portion of N Avenue.

Construction and operation of the project would result in minimal air quality impacts. Construction activities would include lane striping along existing development within the City and the construction of a retaining wall, grading, and paving along the unpaved portion of N Avenue. Upon completion of construction, operation of the project would include the use of the proposed bicycle lane enhancements by cyclists and pedestrians and the use of the connected portion of N Avenue by motorists. The bicycle facility enhancements and the connection of the N Avenue road gap would provide for traffic control and safety enhancements for existing users. As such, the project would result in less than significant impacts to air quality.

Noise impacts associated with the project would occur during construction. Construction would occur in accordance with Section 12.10.160 of the City of National City's Municipal Code. Project construction would require minimal ground-disturbing activities and would occur for approximately three to four months. Upon completion of construction, the project would provide for traffic control and safety improvements for existing users. Therefore, the use of the proposed bicycle lane enhancements and connection of N Avenue by existing cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists would not result in significant noise impacts. Noise impacts associated with the project would be less than significant.

15301. EXISTING FACILITIES

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

- (c) *Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).*

15304. Minor Alterations to Land

(h) The creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.

The project would include the construction of the proposed 1.74-mile north to south bicycle boulevard and the connection of an existing road gap on a portion of N Avenue between Plaza Boulevard and 9th Street. Construction of the proposed project would include lane striping along portions of M Avenue, 8th Street, N Avenue, Plaza Avenue, L Avenue, 24th Street, and 30th Street along with the connection of an existing road gap on a portion of N Avenue between Plaza Boulevard and 9th Street. Based on the above analysis, the project would not result in a significant environmental impact and qualifies for an exemption to further review under Section 15301 and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 provides exceptions to the use of Categorical Exemptions where the use of a Categorical Exemption is prohibited under certain circumstances. The City has considered the project's applicability to all of the exceptions under Section 15300.2. An analysis of each of these exceptions in reference to this specific project is provided below:

- (a) **Location:** The project is not located in an area known to federal, State or local agencies to be an area of hazardous or critical concern.
- (b) **Cumulative Impact:** The project proposes to construct a 1.74-mile north to south bicycle lane and road gap design. The project would be located within existing roadways. Construction of the project would have temporary impacts on the environment. Operation of the project would have no impact on the environment. The project's contribution to the cumulative impact on the environment would be less than significant.
- (c) **Significant Effect.** The project would not result in any significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The project would provide enhancements to bicycle facilities within the City. The project does not have any unusual circumstances that would negatively impact the environment.
- (d) **Scenic Highways.** There are no State or County designated scenic highways in the vicinity of the project site. The nearest designated state scenic highway is State Route (SR) 75, located approximately 3.7 miles to the west. Views of the project site from SR 75 are obstructed by intervening topography and development.¹ As such, the project would not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** The project site is not a hazardous waste facility or hazardous waste cleanup site.^{2,3} In addition, no hazardous waste facility or hazardous waste cleanup site is located within the project vicinity. There is no environmental concern for the site.

¹ Caltrans. 2023. California State Scenic Highway System Map. <https://caltrans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=465dfd3d807c46cc8e8057116f1aaca>. Accessed March 2023.

² Department of Toxic Substance Control. 2023. Envirostor. https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?global_id=60003205. Accessed March 2023.;

³ State Water Resources Control Board. 2023. Geotracker, https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/map/?myaddress=California&from=header&cgid=5618207633&_cf_ch_l_tk=H2.kx_3keRryuY4ROpTIM3vJmEqY00iECxXM9p0NWBa-1679416346-0-gaNycGzNDRA. Accessed March 2023.

(f) **Historical Resources.** The project would be located within existing development within the City's right-of-way. No historical resources have been identified on the proposed project site. The project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Roberto Yano
Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: 4/6/2023


