



**City of Grover Beach
Notice of Exemption**

TO:

- Clerk-Recorder
County of San Luis Obispo
1055 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
- Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Project File

FROM: City of Grover Beach, 154 S. 8th Street, Grover Beach, CA 93433

PROJECT TITLE: West Grand Avenue Street Improvement Project

PROJECT ADDRESS: 500 to 800 block of West Grand Avenue

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: City Right-of-Way

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Grover Beach

COUNTY OF: San Luis Obispo

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project involves implementation of some elements from the West Grand Avenue Master Plan. Improvements include median enhancements, lighting, tree planting and landscaping, irrigation and pavement rehabilitation from 4th to west of 8th including a new pedestrian lighted crossing at 6th and West Grand.

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: City of Grover Beach

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of Grover Beach

EXEMPT STATUS: (check one)

- Ministerial Project (Section 2180(b)(1); 15268)
- Categorical Exemption (Section 15301)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exemption (Code / Section _____)
- The project clearly will not have a significant effect on the environment (15061(b)(3))

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: CEQA provides several "categorical exemptions" which are applicable to categories of projects and activities that the Lead Agency (the City of Grover Beach) has determined generally do not pose a risk of significant impacts on the environment. The proposed project



involves implementation of some elements from the West Grand Avenue Master Plan. These improvements include median enhancements, lighting, tree planting and landscaping, irrigation and pavement rehabilitation of West Grand Avenue, which is an existing street from 4th Street to west of 8th Street. The proposed project does not widen, nor increase the capacity of traffic volume.

The project is exempt under Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Class 1, Existing Facilities). The project meets the conditions for existing facilities exemption described in section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines as the proposed project includes rehabilitation of either 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.

The City further considered whether the project is subject to any of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption found at CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. This section prohibits the use of a categorical exemption under the following circumstances:

- a) *Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*
- b) *Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*
- c) *Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*
- d) *Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which 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. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.*
- e) *Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*
- f) *Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*

The proposed project does not effect items a through f, therefore, it is exempt from CEQA.



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SIGNATURE:  _____

Date: 5/23/2023 _____

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Signed by Lead Agency



Project Location

