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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING DIVISION
P.O. BOX 1990
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93102-1990

Project Title: HSIP Cliff Drive and Alan Road Pedestrian Crossing Improvements
Project Applicant: City of Santa Barbara
PLN Number: N/A
Assessor's Parcel Number: N/A
Land Use Zone: A-1/SD-3 and P-R/SD-3
Projection Location (Specific): Project is located at the intersection of Cliff Drive and Alan Road in the right-of-way (ROW) and a small piece of County property.

Project Location: City of Santa Barbara

Project Description:

The Project includes the installation of two pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) systems to actively warn drivers of the presence of pedestrians. One of the RRFB systems will be installed on an existing street light pole and one will be installed on a newly proposed RRFB pole foundation. Approximately 340 feet of new sidewalk infill will be installed to connect the existing sidewalk near Arroyo Burro Beach and the recently constructed bike path at the Cliff Drive & Las Positas intersection. The south side curb will be realigned to improve eastbound sight distance and to reduce pedestrian exposure in the roadway. The Project will also include the installation of two City standard Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access ramps.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Barbara
Lead Agency Contact: Kaitlin Mamulski Telephone: (805) 897-2685

Exempt Status: Exempt under CEQA Section § 15301 (c)

Reason Why Project is Exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c), Existing Facilities. This Project meets the Section 15301 Existing Facilities Class 1 (c) categorical exemption, because the Project includes minor construction work to add or replace safety enhancements for

both drivers and pedestrians. Minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use, as pedestrian activated RRFB systems. The sidewalk infill to improve and connect existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities will not result in an expansion of vehicular use. Similarly, the realignment of the curb line to improve sightlines does not increase capacity nor is it considered an expansion of use. The installation of two ADA access ramps are minor alterations to existing non-compliant ramps.

All proposed work will occur within the previously disturbed ROW with low potential for prehistoric resources.

The Project is located within 200 feet of a biological sensitive area, however, to avoid potential impacts of noise levels for wildlife, a pre-construction nesting bird survey will be conducted, if necessary. Although the Project is located adjacent to the Arroyo Burro Creek, all proposed work will occur within the existing ROW, therefore, there should be no impact on the adjacent creek and additional steps will be taken to ensure no construction debris or runoff will reach the creek.

Though the project is located in a high fire hazard area, proposed work should have no impact on the high fire hazard area as no increase in habitation is proposed. A portion of the Project is located within the floodway, however, proposed work should not create major changes in elevation, therefore there should be no impact on the adjacent floodway. The visual impact from this project will be minimal as most of the project will consist of replacing existing right-of-way improvements. In conclusion, the Project is not anticipated to result in any significant impacts towards the environmental resources, therefore, the Public Works Department recommends that the Case Planner consider this Project as exempt, as defined in the CEQA review process classified under the repair and maintenance Exemption per Section 15301 Existing Facilities Class I (c) for minor alterations of existing public facilities per the State CEQA Guidelines.

Kaitlin Mamulski

Environmental Analyst Signature:

Date: 7/12/2023