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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
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105 E. ANAPAMU STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101

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

Project Title: HSIP Cycle 11: De La Vina and Valerio Streets Safe Crossings and Intersection of De La Vina and Islay Streets Project

Project Applicant: City of Santa Barbara

PLN Number: N/A

Assessor's Parcel Number: 027-091-010, 027-092-024, 027-172-001, 027-171-008, 027-021-029, 027-022-018, 027-092-001, 027-091-004

Land Use Zone: R-4

Projection Location (Specific): Project is located in the public right-of-way (ROW) at the intersections of De La Vina and Valerio Streets and De La Vina and Islay Streets.

Project Location: City of Santa Barbara

Project Description:

The Project provides enhanced crosswalk features at one uncontrolled crossing at the intersections along De La Vina Street at Valerio and De La Vina and Islay Streets. The Project enhancements include curb extensions and signs/markings to increase pedestrian visibility and decrease crossing distances. Curb extensions improve sight lines for pedestrians and drivers around parked vehicles and reduce pedestrian exposure to moving vehicles by shortening the street crossing distance. In addition, streetlighting will be installed to improve pedestrian nighttime visibility. Pedestrian crossing signs as well as thermal crosswalk marking will be installed for this Project. All work is proposed within the right-of-way (ROW) and will not result in an increase in roadway capacity.

The Project will include constructing these improvements within the City's ROW at locations where ground disturbance has already occurred. The maximum depth of ground disturbance is expected to be four feet for the two street light foundations (at each intersection, totaling four) and 1.5 feet or less for the new ramps/curb extensions. To construct the pole foundations, a mechanical auger will be used. All proposed lights are from the City's Construction Standard Details, which have previously been approved through the design review boards. The Project is outside of the El Pueblo Viejo District therefore an octagonal pole with a slimline fixture is required. All lighting fixtures are light emitting diode (LED). These LEDs are designed to prevent any potential light intrusion by focusing luminance directly over the roadway and not onto adjacent properties. The Project will not involve the removal of any trees, nor will the proposed lighting foundations be located immediately adjacent to tree roots.

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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 Sections § 15301 (c)

Reason Why Project is Exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c), Existing Facilities. This Project meets Section 15301 Existing Facilities Class 1 (c) categorical exemption, because the minor extension of curb lines, lighting, and safety enhancements for pedestrians would not result in an expansion of use or result in an increase in roadway vehicular capacity.

Archaeology. The intersection of De La Vina and Valerio Streets is located within the Prehistoric Watercourse and the Hispanic-American Transition Period (1848-1870) buffer areas. Both Project intersections are located within the American Period (1870-1900) and Early 20th Century (1900-1925) areas. Nearby Phase I Archaeological Reports were reviewed, and the reports indicated that disturbance of any intact cultural resources is very unlikely and it is highly unlikely that there would be any direct impacts to archaeological resources in the area (D. Stone, October 2001 and Larry Wilcoxon, March 1989). All work is proposed within pre-disturbed areas of the City’s ROW, to the same depth of disturbance. Therefore, the effects to archaeological resources are considered to be less than significant.

Historic Structures. Historic structures are adjacent to Project end limits, however, the Project safety improvements will not impact historic resources and are considered to be less than significant.

Visual. The Project’s above groundwork consists of curb extensions, new sidewalk, new street lighting and ADA compliant ramps, pedestrian signage and crosswalk markings. The visual impact from this Project will be minimal as the majority of the project consists of replacing existing conditions with current standards and implementing safety enhancements consistent with the remainder of the corridor. The Project is adjacent to the El Pueblo Viejo District. Given the nature of the improvements, the effect on visual resources is considered to be less than significant.

In conclusion, the Project includes minor extension of curb lines, and safety enhancements for pedestrians, and does not result in an expansion of use or result in an increase of capacity. 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 Class 1 Categorical Exemption Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities of the CEQA Guidelines.

Kaitlin Mamulski

Environmental Analyst Signature:

Date: 7/31/2023