

**TO:** Public Works Department  
**FROM:** Sijifredo Fernandez, Associate Planner  
**DATE:** August 23, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Fritz Burns Park Improvements CEQA Exemption

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Fritz Burns Park Improvements, CIP # 2021-02

**LOCATION:** East of Avenida Bermudas between Calle Amigo and Francis Hack Lane  
APNs 770-184-010 and 770-184-11

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Phase I includes converting two of the park's tennis courts to eight pickleball courts and replacement of shade structures over existing seating and walkways. Phase II of the Fritz Burns Park Improvement Plan will transform an underutilized open space in the park's center into a plaza/focal point that terminates at the intersection of two new promenades that are lined with picnic tables and benches. The plaza will be a hub for community connectivity, facilitated by ample seating, shade structures and public art. It and two new tree-lined promenades will connect visitors to all of the park's existing amenities. In addition, the Fritz Burns playground will be renovated to accommodate additional shade structures and more lighting, a new restroom and water fountain will be added near the plaza, and a new bike rack and tune-up station will be installed at the park's entrance off Avenida Bermudas. Phase III of the Improvement Plan will expand Fritz Burn's main parking lot, including the installation of electric vehicle charging stations and new tree islands to provide natural shade. Phase IV will construct a new wading pool water play structure at the current pool facility.

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the operation, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities and/or topographical features at an existing public park. The project also involves negligible expansion of use beyond current levels and minor alterations to the condition of land and/or vegetation at an existing public park, including grading on land with a slope of less than 10%, which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The proposal also includes the installation of small structures, including new shade structures, restroom and wading pool, and construction of a small parking lot offsite.

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3, 4 and 11 Sections: 15301, 15303, 15304 and 15311

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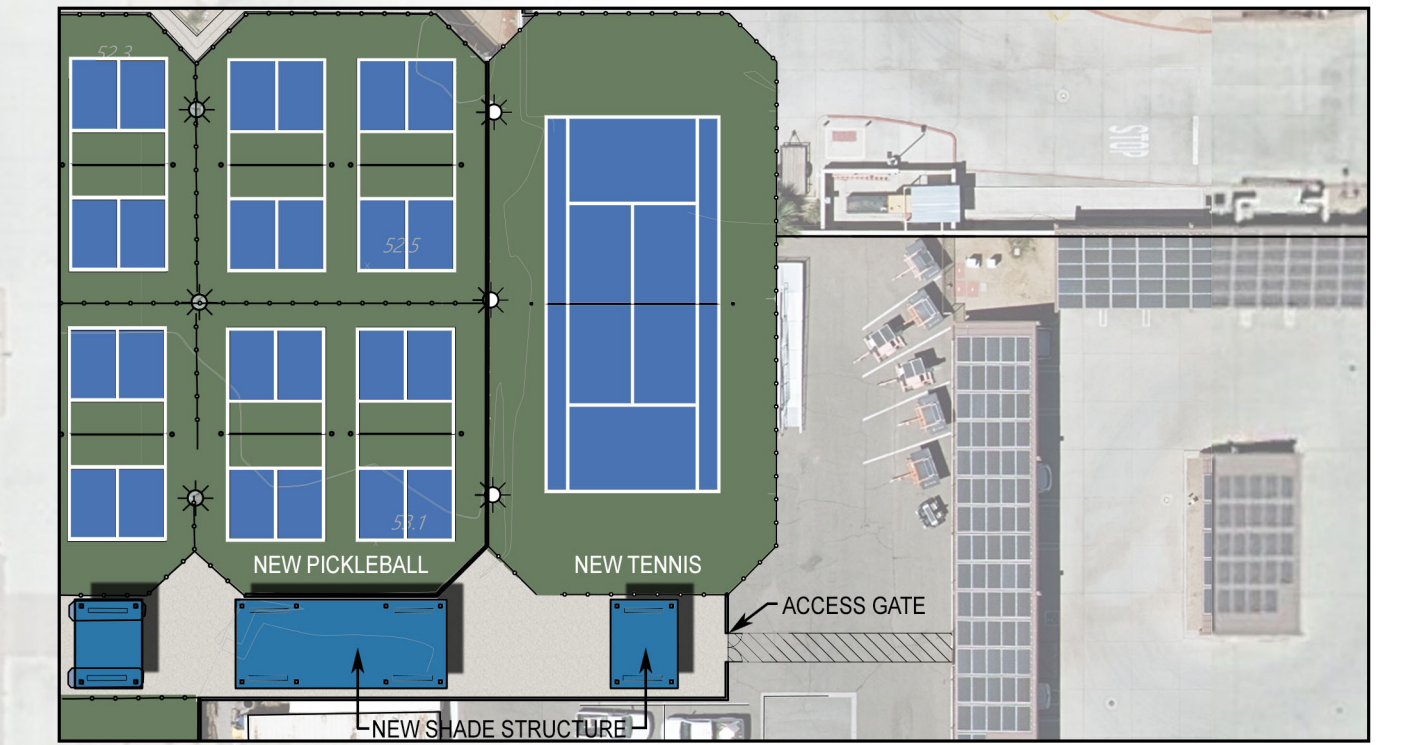
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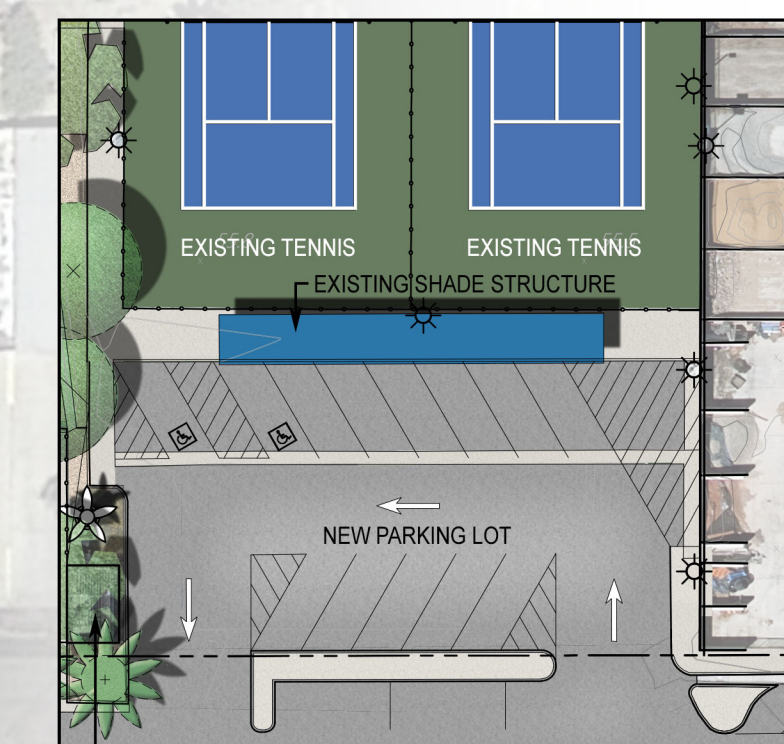
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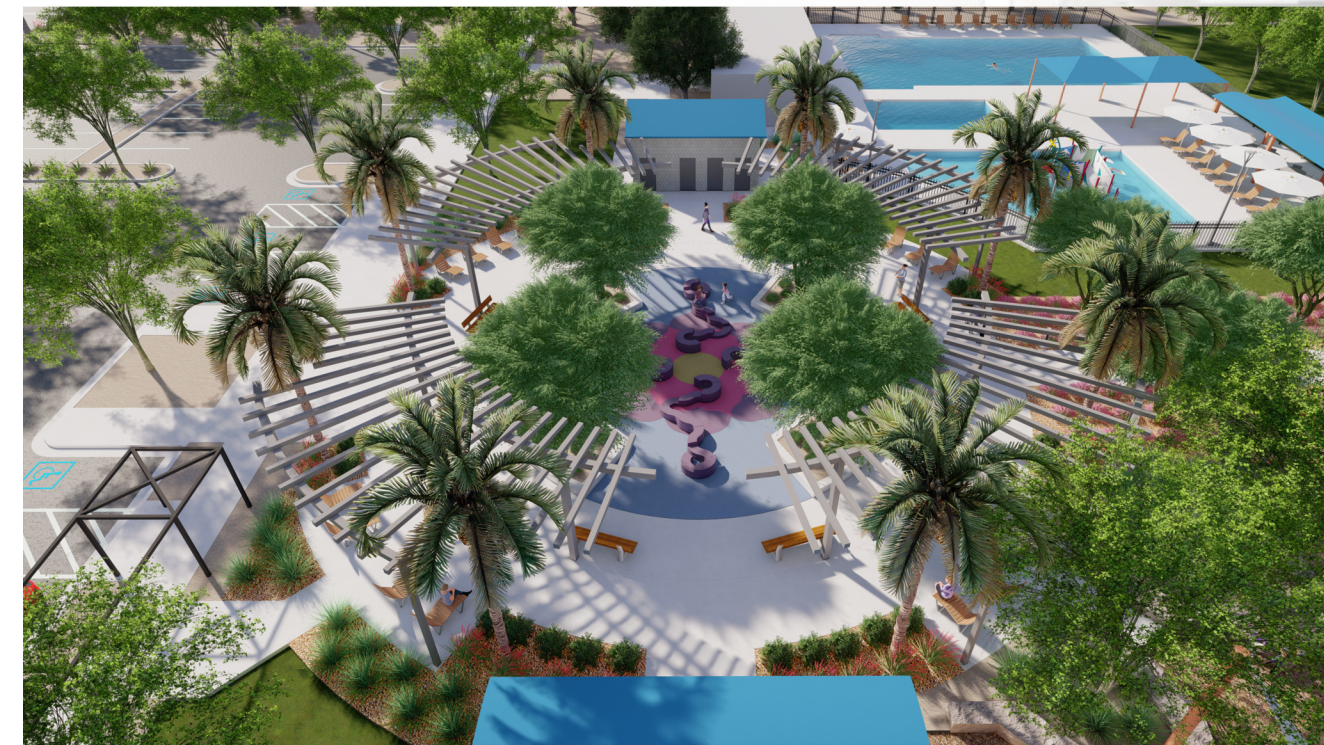
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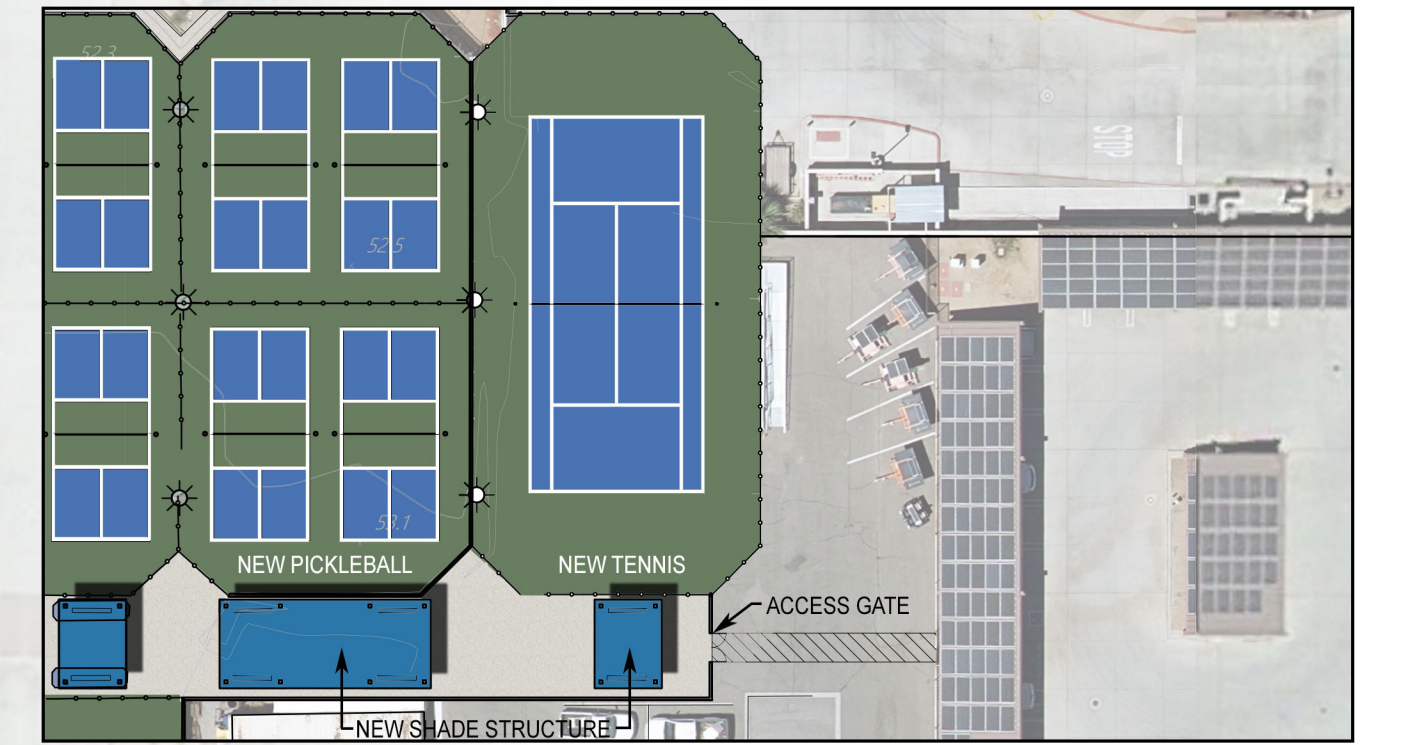
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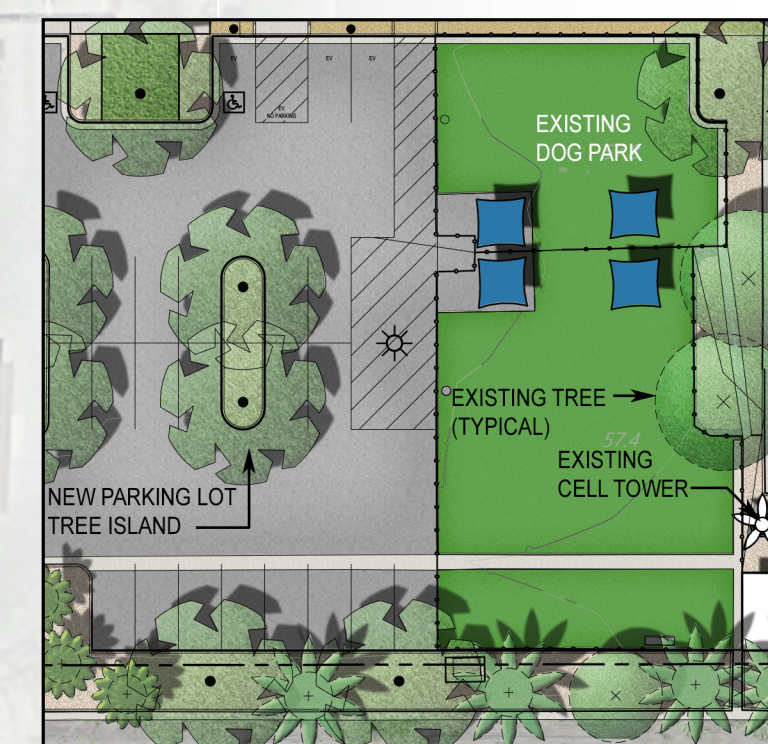
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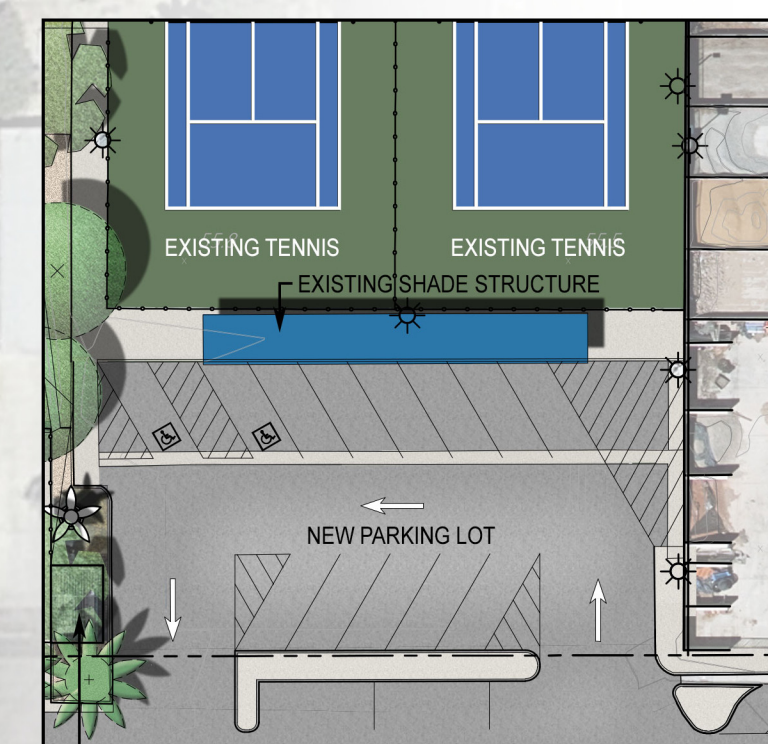
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