



Community Development Department

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Description:

This project would construct a Class I, multi-use trail approximately 4,500 linear feet in length from Santa Teresa Boulevard/Day Road to Kern Avenue along Lions Creek. The project would improve an existing aggregate base access roadway and provide recreational usage along the creek and pedestrian access between nearby neighborhoods and Christopher High School. The scope of work would include:

- Asphalt concrete Class I trail (for bicycles and pedestrians)
- ADA-compliant curb ramp at all trail entrances
- Concrete retaining wall

This project is adjacent to the funded Lions Creek Trail West of Santa Teresa and Day (800270) project. Additional grant funding is being pursued for the Lions Creek Trail. Upon successful award, staff will evaluate both projects and apply the funds to section that provides the most benefit to the community.

Finding:

The Planning Division has reviewed the above proposed project and found it to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

- Ministerial Project
 Categorical Exemption
 Statutory Exemption
 Emergency Project
 Quick Disapproval [CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code of Regs. 15270]
 No Possibility of Significant Effect [CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code of Regs. 15061(b)(3)]

Supporting Reasons: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Section 15301 (c) the California Code of Regulations, projects involving minor alteration of existing public or private facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use may be found to be exempt from the requirements of CEQA. The proposed project consists of improvement of an existing unpaved access path with paved bicycle and pedestrian trail improvements consistent with the City of Gilroy adopted Trail Master Plan. Further, the categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Article 19, Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, staff has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

10/24/2023

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Senior Planner

Lion's Creek Trail Site Plan

Write a description for your map.

Legend

