



Notice of Exemption

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From:

Lead Agency: City of Porterville
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221 South Mooney Boulevard, Room #105
Visalia, CA 93291

Applicant: Same as Lead Agency

Project Title: Santa Fe Byway

Project Applicant: City of Porterville, 291 N. Main St Porterville CA 93257 (559) 782-7460

Project Location - Specific: Starting location is on the Rails to Trails Parkway, east of 4th St and Henderson Ave and ending location is east of S A St and Walnut Avenue

Project Location - City: Porterville Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Revitalization of 1.3 miles of the Rails to Trails Parkway (Henderson Avenue to Walnut Avenue) with improvements along the trail that include: replacement of dead trees to mitigate heat; solar lighting, fencing, and bollards to improve safety; refuse receptacles to reduce litter; playground and outdoor fitness equipment to promote physical activity; covered bench seating, a large picnic shelter, drinking fountains, and a bicycle repair station to enhance comfort; concrete ribbon and surface improvements along the paved portion of the trail (Henderson to Olive) to increase trail integrity; installation of gabion and drought tolerant landscaping for soil stabilization; wayfinding and educational signage; graffiti removal and two public art installations. This project will improve an underutilized trail within 1/4 mile of five underserved communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Porterville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Porterville

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1);15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c);
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (c) Existing Facilities.
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because the locations are identified on existing pedestrian trails. The project does not include the installation of new roads and will not acquire additional right of way, it is entirely conducted on the existing trail.

Signature: Jason Ridenour
Title: Jason Ridenour, Assistant City Manager
Date: 12/20/2023

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant