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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Project Title:**

Watt Avenue Sidewalk Gap Closure Project

**Control Number:**

PLER2022-00078

**Project Location:**

The project is located in the North Highlands neighborhood along Watt Avenue between Don Julio Blvd and Elkhorn Blvd.

**APN:**

215-0062-056, 208-0162-027, 208-0162-024, 208-0162-018

**Description of Project:**

The project will install new sidewalks, bike lanes, and street lighting along Watt Ave between Don Julio Blvd and Elkhorn Blvd.

**Name of public agency approving project:**

Sacramento County – ceqa@saccounty.net

**Person or agency carrying out project:**

Sacramento County Department of Transportation c/o Nestor Hernandez  
4111 Branch Center Road, Sacramento, CA 95827  
916-875-5415  
hernandezne@saccounty.gov

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption 15301 – Existing Facilities – Class 1, subsection (c)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project would install new sidewalk, bike lanes, and street lighting along Watt Ave between Don Julio Blvd and Elkhorn Blvd. CEQA Guidelines section 15301, subsection C includes additions of sidewalks and bicycle lanes as examples of exempt projects. The project would result in negligible expansion of use, and the alterations do not create additional automobile lanes; therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

**Section 15300.2-Exceptions**

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *The project will occur in certain specified sensitive environments or locations;*

The Project site is located in an urbanized community and has not been designated as a biologically sensitive location.

2. *Cumulative impacts will be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place overtime;*

The Project will not result in significant cumulative environmental impacts.

3. *There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;*

There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *The project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway;*

The Project is not located in the vicinity of a highway officially designated as a scenic highway. The closest state designated scenic highway is State Highway 160, 15.6 miles southwest of the project site. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *The project is located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; or*

The Project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

6. *The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.*

The project site does not contain any historical resources.

  
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ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR OF  
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