

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering
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County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles

(Address)

Project Title: Sidewalk Repair Program - Package No. 66

Project Applicant: City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering

Project Location - Specific:

9 Access Request Sites in the City of Los Angeles

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sidewalk Repair Program - Package No. 66 (Project) consists of the repair of existing sidewalks pursuant to the City of Los Angeles' obligations under the Willits Settlement Agreement (U.S. Dist. Court Case No. CV10-05782 CBM [RZX]). The scope of work is limited to the removal of the specific Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access barrier(s) and adjacent work for the purpose of barrier removal, as identified by requestor/resident with a disability, in accordance with the applicable accessibility requirements, including those required by the ADA. The beneficiaries of the Project include the public and local businesses. The Project includes the removal of one street tree at Site 1570 at 2714 S Armacost Ave as part of the sidewalk repair which would require a separate discretionary approval by the Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division or the Board of Public Works. Please see the project description continuation in the narrative for more details. The Bureau of Engineering / The Board of Public Works determined the project was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approved the project on November 15, 2023.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Angeles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Angeles

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15301(c); Sec. 15332
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 (CEQA Guidelines 15301). " consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use " and includes " [e]xisting...streets, sidewalks, gutters... and similar facilities. " The Willits sidewalk repairs, which repair existing City sidewalks and may include minor additions to existing sidewalks such as curb ramps that result in negligible or no expansion of use, fit squarely into the CEQA Class 1 category.
Class 32 (CEQA Guidelines 15332) " consists of project characterized as in-fill development meeting the following: (a) the project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) the proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and (e) the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. " The Willits sidewalk repairs qualify for the Class 32 Categorical Exemption as the Project is developed on an infill site (previously developed for qualified urban uses) or adjacent to qualified urban uses, and meets the conditions described in this section (Willits Sidewalk Repairs, Technical Memorandum No. 4: In-Fill Development Project Analysis for Purposes of CEQA Guidelines 15332, saved on file with the Bureau of Engineering).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: David Nguyen

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____



Date: Jan 11, 2024

Title: Environmental Affairs Office

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Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____