

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Santa Ana Unified School District
1601 E. Chestnut Ave.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

County of Orange Clerk-Recorder
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

McFadden MIT – Library renovation

Project Title

2701 S. Raitt Street

Project Location – Specific

Santa Ana 92704

Project Location – City

Orange

Project Location – County

The Santa Ana Unified School District proposes to renovate and expand the existing library by approximately 183 square feet and construct a new exterior door and window system.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Santa Ana Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Santa Ana Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Categorical Exemption

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: Class 14, § 15314, Minor Additions to Schools
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Section 15314 permits, among other activities, “minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The proposed project has been examined in the context of this Section and has been found consistent with these criteria. Further, the application of this Section of the CEQA Guidelines is not barred by any exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2. The Attachment to this Notice of Exemption provides additional detail in support of this finding. The proposed project will not change the use of the facility from a school. The addition of bleachers by this project is consistent with Class 14. The project would not result in a significant effect on the environment.

Reasons why the project is exempt

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If filed by the applicant:

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

Date Received for Filing: 2/22/24

Signature: 

Title: **Assistant Superintendent, Facilities & Governmental Relations**

ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

***MCFADDEN MIT LIBRARY RENOVATION
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA***

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Description of the Existing Setting of the Site and Adjacent Areas: McFadden MIT is located at 2701 S. Raitt St., in Santa Ana, California. The site is developed with an intermediate school with a current enrollment of 1,061 students. The site is surrounded by Thornton Park and Jefferson Elementary School.

2. Capacity: Class 14 Categorical Exemption, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314), is limited to additions that do not increase the original student capacity by 25 percent or more than 10 classrooms, whichever is less. The proposed project proposes to renovate and expand the existing library by approximately 183 square feet and construct a new exterior door and window system. The project would not change the use of the site from a school and modifies the quantity/capacity of classrooms consistent with the threshold set by the Class 14 Categorical Exemption, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314).

3. Review of Possible Exceptions to the Categorical Exemption: The proposed project has been reviewed under Section 15314. for any characteristics or circumstances that might invalidate findings that the project is exempt from CEQA.

- a. **Cumulative Impacts:** The proposed project is not related to any “successive projects of the same kind in the same place over time,” thus no significant cumulative impacts would occur.
- b. **Significant Effects:** The proposed addition would occur within the confines of the existing school site. There are no sensitive natural resources of any kind on the site or in the surrounding area and no unusual circumstances that would indicate a potential for any significant environmental effects.
- c. **Scenic Highways:** There are no state scenic highways in the vicinity of the project site. The project would not damage any scenic resources.
- d. **Hazardous Waste Sites:** The project site is not on any list of hazardous waste sites and is not located within the vicinity of any hazardous waste sites.
- e. **Historical Resources:** No historical resources would be impacted by implementation of the proposed project.