

Notice of Exemption

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From: City of Selma
1710 Tucker Street
Selma, CA 93662

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County of Fresno
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Fresno, CA 93721

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MAR 27 2024
TIME 3:43pm

Project Title: Selma Branch Canal Parkway Project
Project Applicant: City of Selma
Project Location Specific: This project is located in Fresno County in the City of Selma between Valley View Street and Thompson Avenue.
Project Location City: Selma **Project Location County:** Fresno

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By [Signature] DEPUTY

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to construct a multi-purpose pathway to provide safe, accessible, and equitable active transportation facilities that will facilitate and encourage biking and walking as an alternative to driving. This project will construct approximately 0.6 miles of Class I bicycle and pedestrian pathway with lighting, landscaping, shade trees, and a high-visibility crosswalk with bulb-outs. This project is intended to benefit all Selma residents, particularly residents of the southwest part of the city, by expanding this community's access to green spaces within a built environment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Selma

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: City of Selma

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:
 - 14 CCR 15301(c) – Existing Facilities
 - 14 CCR 15302(c) – Replacement or Reconstruction
 - 14 CCR 15332 – In-Fill Development
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:


The various activities of this project are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Class 2, and Class 32 pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Sections 15301(c), 15302(c), and 15332. This project will reconstruct the existing irrigation open channel canal to convey water through underground pipes as a means to conserve water, improve safety for the residents living adjacent to the canal. The crosswalk improvements will occur within the City of Selma's existing street right of way. This project will not create any automobile lanes and will not need any additional right-of-way to be acquired in order to carry out this project. The scope of the project does not include removing any trees or critical plant species. The project limits do not overlap any established critical habitat for any threatened or endangered animal or plant species. The proposed pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements, modifications, and reconstruction will occur within a built environment, is consistent with adopted plans, is within the city's limits, will be maintained and serviced by existing utilities and public services, and will not result in significant negative impacts to the quality of local traffic, noise, air, or water.

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Lead Agency Contact Person: Jerome Keene
Deputy City Manager Phone Number: (559) 891-2200

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: 3/26/24 Title: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 15061, 15062, 15300.2, 15301, 15302, 15332 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code