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Project Title

Rancho Parkway and Lake Forest Drive Street Improvement project

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt – Government Code §27383

TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Rm. 121 Sacramento, CA 95814 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange County Clerk-Recorder 12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101 Santa Ana, CA 92701	FROM: City of Lake Forest Public Works Department 100 Civic Center Drive Lake Forest, CA 92630
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Project Title:	Rancho Parkway and Lake Forest Drive Street Improvement Project
Project Location – Specific:	Intersection of Rancho Parkway at Lake Forest Drive
Project Location – City:	Lake Forest
Project Location – County:	Orange County
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:	This project would restripe southbound Rancho Parkway at the intersection of Lake Forest Drive to create an eight-foot-wide de-facto right turn. The project would provide a reduction in traffic congestion, improvement in operations, enhancement of traffic signal infrastructure, which may help reduce signal maintenance operating costs. This project benefits the drivers approaching the intersection.
Name of Public Agency Approving Project:	City of Lake Forest
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:	Thomas E. Wheeler, P.E. City Engineer/Public Works Director Public Works Department City of Lake Forest

Exempt Status:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: (Sec. & Class)	CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) Class 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption (Code Number):	CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(j) ; Public Resource Code, Section 21080.19
<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	

Reason why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the statutory exemption for restriping streets, which is set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15282 (j) and Public Resource Code, Section 21080.19, which exempts projects for restriping of streets to relieve traffic congestion. The purpose of the project is to restripe the southbound lane on Rancho Parkway at the intersection of Lake Forest Drive to create an eight-foot-wide de-facto right turn lane to help relieve traffic congestion. Furthermore, separate, and independent from statutory exemption, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15301 (c), which exempts projects which involve negligible or no expansion of existing use including existing highways and streets, sidewalks, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities. The pro-

posed project involves restriping the existing street to create a de-facto right turn lane at the intersection. The re-striping of the lanes would involve negligible expansion of the street. The purpose of the project is to relieve congestion not to increase capacity. The City has determined that none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions in the State CEQA Guidelines, section 15300.2 apply. Specifically, the proposed project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment. The improvements will be installed on existing right-of-way in urbanized/developed areas. Rancho Parkway and Lake Forest Drive are not officially designated state scenic highways. Thus, the proposed project would not have an impact in this regard. Similarly, the roadway is not located on a site designated pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Finally, the proposed project does not involve any improvements, modifications, or other changes to an historical resource. Therefore, none of the circumstances in Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.2 applies. Thus the Class1 categorical exemption outlined above remains applicable to the proposed project.

Lead Agency Contact Person:	Tran Tran, P.E., Traffic Engineering Manager	
Telephone No./ E-Mail:	(949) 461-3485 / ttran@lakeforestca.gov	
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No



Signature (Lead Agency Representative)

4/11/2024
Date

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

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