

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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From: City of Palm Springs  
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

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**Project Title:** Measure J Projects for the Palm Springs International Airport

**Project Applicant:** City of Palm Springs

**Project Location (Specific):** Palm Springs International Airport, 3400 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 1, Palm Springs, CA 92262

**Project Location (City):** Palm Springs

**Project Location (County):** Riverside

**Project Description:**

On February 29, 2024, the City Council for the City of Palm Springs (“City”) approved the funding of four capital improvement projects from Measure J funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,550,000 for the Palm Springs International Airport (“Project”).

On September 20, 2023, Finance Director Kristopher Mooney notified the Airport Commission that in 2012, the Federal Aviation Administration had passed a rule that required any local aviation fuel tax that had been collected from 2008 to current had to be set aside and used for airport related expenses. The City determined that an estimated \$1.5 million remained in the Palm Springs International Airport’s (“Airport”) Measure J fund (“Measure J”).

The City determined the following four projects are related to airport related expenses and can be funded by Measure J: 1) installation of a dedicated shade structure for the Uber, Lyft, and Taxi pick-up area; 2) replacement of carpet in the main terminal lobby and security checkpoint; 3) installation of eight water fill stations for portable water bottles; and 4) installation of seating benches.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Palm Springs

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Our Project:** City of Palm Springs, Palm Springs International Airport

**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: 15303 Class 3 & 15301 Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the four capital improvement projects above (“Project”) are categorically exempt under State CEQA Guideline section 15303: Class 3 “New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure and section 15301: Class 1 Existing Facilities. 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.

The proposed shade structure for the Uber, Lyft, and Taxi pick-up area is exempt under Section 15303: Class 3 because it is considered a minor addition to an existing airport facility to be installed on an existing paved parking lot area to support an existing use without increasing customer or staff capacity.

The proposed replacement of carpet in the main terminal lobby and security checkpoint, installation of eight water fill stations for portable water bottles; and installation of seating benches are exempt under Section 15301: Class 1 or capacity because the proposed changes are minor alternation to an existing airport facility (Main Terminal) without increasing the footprint of the building.

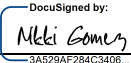
Lead Agency Contact Person: Nikki Gomez

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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: 4/9/2024 Title: Aviation Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.