

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Marin

3501 Civic Center Drive #234

San Rafael, CA 94903

From: (Public Agency): Town of Corte Madera

240 Tamal Vista Boulevard, Suite 110

Corte Madera, CA 94925

(Address)

Project Title: Paradise Drive Complete Streets Project

Project Applicant: Town of Corte Madera

Project Location - Specific:

The project site is located on the eastern end of Corte Madera and includes a 1,700-foot-long corridor of Paradise Drive from Westward Drive to about 950 feet east of Robin Drive, at the Town limit.

Project Location - City: Corte Madera

Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes construction of an 8-foot-wide multi-use path along a 1,700-foot-long corridor of Paradise Drive, installation of new and improved crosswalks, and striping improvements. The new path will be accommodated by narrowing the existing vehicle travel lanes to 10.5 feet wide. The project also accounts for anticipated sea level rise by elevating a portion of the roadway. All improvements will occur within the footprint of the existing right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Town of Corte Madera

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Town of Corte Madera

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.25(b)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached memo.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Chris Good

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (415) 927-5057

If filed by applicant:

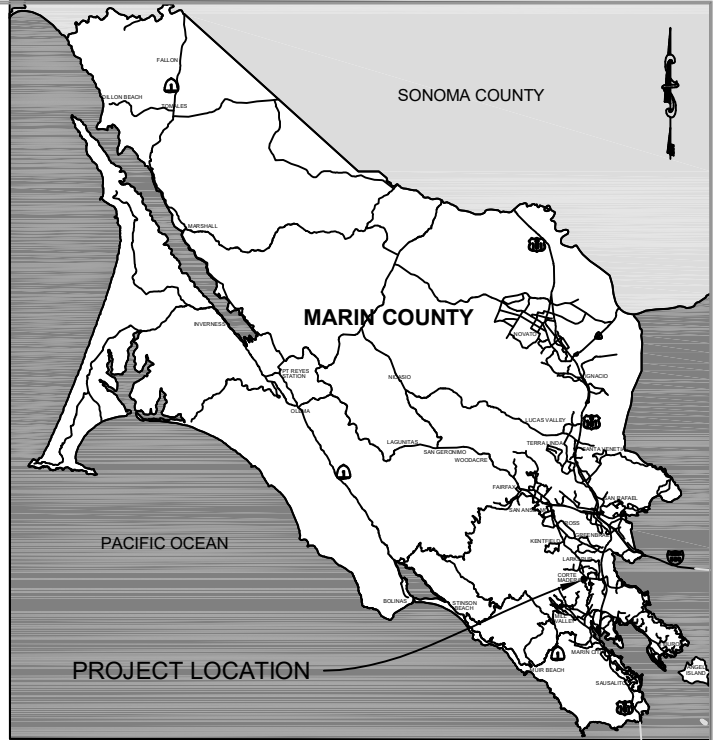
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: *Amy Lyle* Date: 4/30/2024 Title: Community Development Director

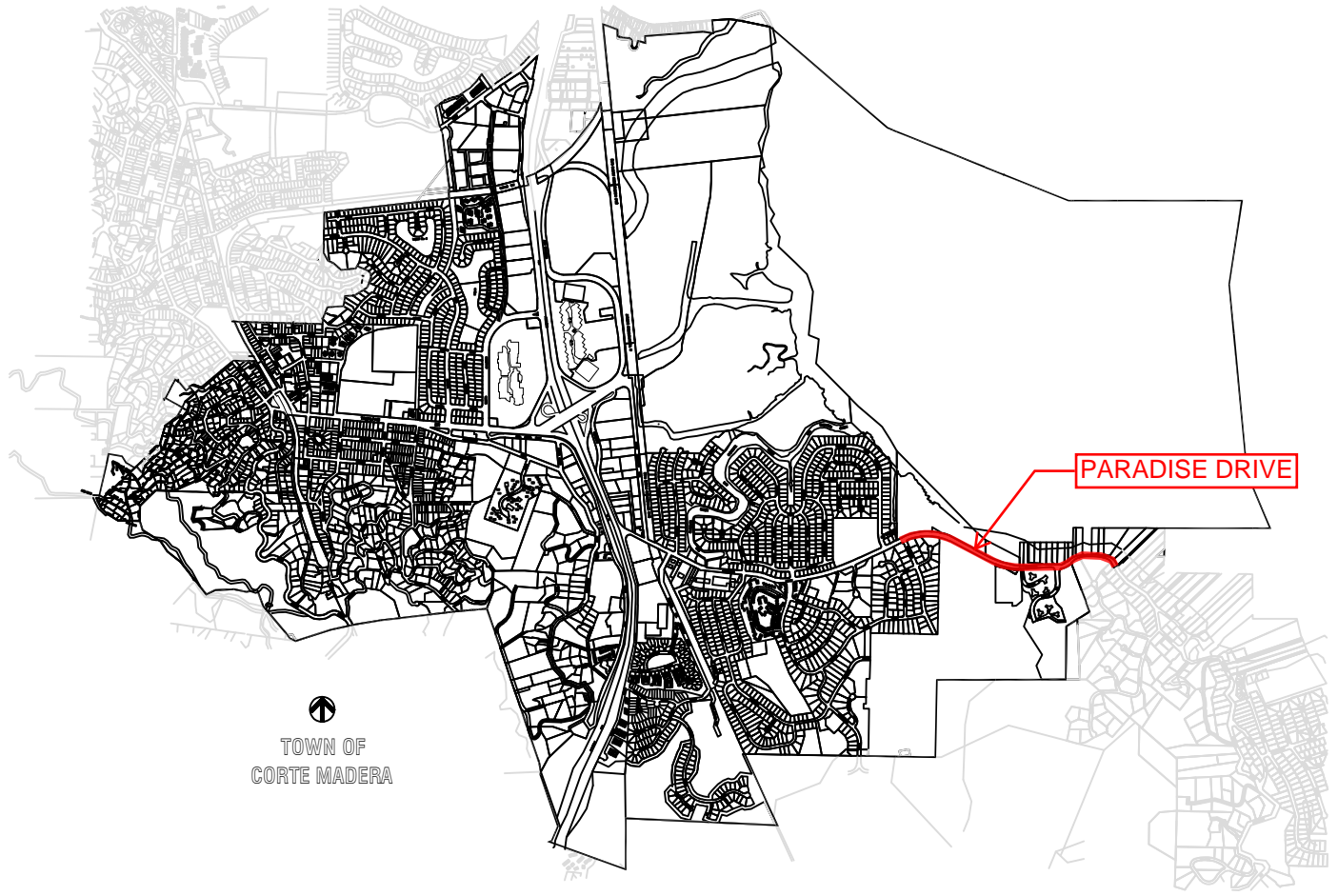
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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: _____



MARIN COUNTY VICINITY MAP



TOWN OF CORTE MADERA

TOWN OF CORTE MADERA
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 300 TAMALPAIS DRIVE, CORTE MADERA, CA 94925

CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION VICINITY MAP
 Paradise Drive Complete Streets Project
 Project No. 21-012

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4/29/2024 DATE	CG DRAWN

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Chris Good, Town of Corte Madera	FROM:	Geoff Reilly, WRA
CC:	Becky Dower, BKF Engineers	Liv Niederer, WRA	
DATE:	April 22, 2024		
SUBJECT:	CEQA Finding Memo – Paradise Drive Complete Street Project		

The Town of Corte Madera (Town) Paradise Drive Complete Street Project (“project”) is part of the Town’s Capital Improvement Program which strives to rehabilitate and improve the safety of Town roadways. The project originated from requests from the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), the Safe Routes to School Task Force, and from the public. The project is located on the eastern end of Corte Madera on Paradise Drive from Westward Drive to approximately 950 feet east of Robin Drive, at the Town limit. The existing 1,700-foot-long corridor is currently devoid of dedicated bicycle facilities and has limited, non-contiguous sections of sidewalk. The purpose of the project is to enhance non-motorized transportation experience, particularly for students of Marin Montessori and Marin Country Day School which are located adjacent east of the project site. The project will include the construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Paradise Drive, including a shared-use path, striping improvements, and new and improved crosswalks. In addition to roadway enhancements, the project accounts for future anticipated sea-level rise by elevating a portion of the roadway. No improvements to the existing storm drain system are necessary.

The project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statutory exemption pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.25(b)(1). Statutory exemptions are projects specifically excluded from CEQA consideration as defined by the State Legislature as delineated in PRC section 21080 et seq. Senate Bill (SB) 922, approved by the State on September 30, 2022, includes several amendments to PRC Section 21080.20 and Section 21080.25 relating to environmental quality. The project qualifies for an exemption as described in PRC Section 21080.25, as explained below.

- a) PRC § 21080.25(b) – The project will implement a new pedestrian and bicycle facility with the purpose of improving safety, access, and mobility for students of Marin Montessori and Marin Country Day School, as well as other residents and visitors. The project will construct a shared-use path along an existing road, and the project footprint would not be outside of the existing public right-of-way.
- b) PRC § 21080.25(c)(1) – The Town of Corte Madera is carrying out the project and is the CEQA lead agency for the project.
- c) PRC § 21080.25(c)(2) – The project would not involve the modification of any existing highway and will not induce single-occupancy vehicle trips. The project is anticipated to

reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips since it will encourage non-motorized modes of transportation.

- d) PRC § 21080.25(c)(3) – The project will be located entirely within the existing public rights-of-way for Paradise Drive, and therefore will not result in the demolition of any buildings, including affordable housing units.
- e) PRC § 21080.25(d) – Project construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$600,000. Project costs will not exceed \$100 million and therefore the project is exempt from the requirements of PRC § 21080.25(d).
- f) PRC § 21080.25(e) – Project construction costs will not exceed \$50 million and therefore the project is exempt from the requirements of PRC § 21080.25(e).

Should the Town, acting as the CEQA lead agency, find that the project qualifies for a statutory exemption under PRC § 21080.25, as detailed above, a notice of exemption should be filed with the Marin County Clerk and the Office of Planning and Research (PRC § 21080.25(h)).