

## CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County of Humboldt  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** H and I Street - 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street - Lane Removal, Buffered Bike Lane and Diagonal Parking

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** City of Eureka Public Works - Engineering

**PROJECT LOCATION:** On H and I Streets between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** On April 16, 2024, the City Council of the City of Eureka approved a lane reduction and street improvements on H and I Streets between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets to add buffered bike lanes and diagonal parking. H and I Streets between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets are two lane one-way streets. The project includes the removal of the southbound number 2 lane on H Street and the northbound number 1 lane on I Street, between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets to allow for the installation of a buffered bike lane and the addition of diagonal parking where parallel parking existed. The diagonal parking reconfiguration will add additional parking to Old Town. The addition of diagonal parking allows for uniformity with the existing diagonal parking between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. Incorporating the buffered bike lane on H and I Streets will close the bike lane gap between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street where new buffered bike lanes will be installed.

**EXEMPTION FINDINGS:** The City of Eureka, as Lead Agency, has determined the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the Class I, Existing Facilities (Section 15301) categorical exemption, which exempts 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 use. The project qualifies for this exemption because it involves minor alterations to portions of two existing City streets and all work will occur within the

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exiting roadway prism with no expansion of use. Further, the Lead Agency has determined that use of the categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The material supporting the above finding is on file with the City of Eureka's Engineering Division of Public Works. Copies of the documents related to the evaluation of this project are available for review upon request at the City of Eureka, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501.



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Date