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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: **City of La Puente**
15900 E. Main Street
La Puente, CA 91744
Attn: **John Di Mario**
Director of Development Services
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Project Title: City of La Puente's Safe Routes for Students Improvement Project

Project Locations: Temple Ave from California Ave to Glendora Ave; Glendora Ave from Temple Ave to Main St; Main St from Glendora Ave to Dalesford Dr; Central Ave from 2nd St to Stimson Ave.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries: See attached project description

Public Agency Approving Project: City of La Puente

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of La Puente

This is to advise that the **City of La Puente** has approved the above-described project on _____ and has made the determination that the project is exempt because:

Exempt Status (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (§ 21080 (b) (1); § 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§ 21080 (b) (3); § 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§ 21080 (B) (4); § 15269(b) (c))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **Class 1: Minor Alteration of Existing Public Structures; addition of safety or health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing facilities (CEQA Guidelines § 15301(f))**
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (§ _____)

Reason(s) why the project is exempt: The project would add safety improvements to existing City facilities, including 3 high-intensity activated crosswalk beacons (HAWK beacons) at currently unsignalized intersections at three schools, 6285 linear feet of sidewalks, 22175 linear feet of bicycle facilities, 52 ADA-compliant curb ramps. The project would also replace a segment of vehicle roadway with a Class I Bike Path and pedestrian-only street. No grading or substantial construction is required. Minimal soil disturbance would occur.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John Di Mario, Director of Development Services

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Project Description:

Description: This project aims to provide safer routes and school crossings for students attending twelve K-12 campuses within the project area by addressing current gaps in active transportation facilities that create hazardous walking and cycling conditions which disproportionately affect students and other vulnerable populations living within this disadvantaged community.

The installation of 22,175 LF of new bicycle and 6,285 LF of new sidewalks within close proximity to school campuses in project area will help bring transportation equity to a dense residential area where an average of 89% of students are eligible for enrollment in the CA Department of Education's Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program.

Three new HAWK beacons installed at unsignalized school crossings near Sunkist Elementary (Puente Ave. and Sauder St.), La Puente High School (Hacienda Blvd. and Prichard St.), and Sparks Elementary and Middle School (Temple Ave. and Duff Ave.) will help encourage children and parents to walk to school, and increase student access to parks, libraries, and other before and after school activities, helping reduce transportation costs and greenhouse gas emissions, while also reducing social isolation which is a major contributor of poor health in an area with healthier community conditions than only 25% of other CA cities (HPI).

52 new ADA-compliant curb ramps at intersections within high-density neighborhoods near schools and parks in the project area will close critical accessibility gaps within the project boundary, and the replacement of one block of vehicular roadway with a new, standardized intersection crossing, Class I Shared-Use Bike Path and pedestrian-only street will provide safe pedestrian and ADA access to La Puente LINK Bus stops and adjacent City and County services.

Additionally, ATP funding of the proposed improvements will help implement goals identified within the City's SRTS plan (funded by SCAG) which is currently in development.

All plans and other project documents are available at the City of La Puente at the address above.

Setting: The project locations are urban intersections in a completely developed area. There is no natural habitat within or immediately adjacent to the project locations.

Beneficiaries:

Residents, particularly students and their caregivers, will benefit from improved pedestrian safety associated with pedestrian-activated signals at three schools. The shared Class I bicycle path will benefit cyclists and other users by creating a route separated from vehicle traffic. ADA-compliant will benefit those persons who require ramps and low-thresholds for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers to cross streets and access sidewalks.

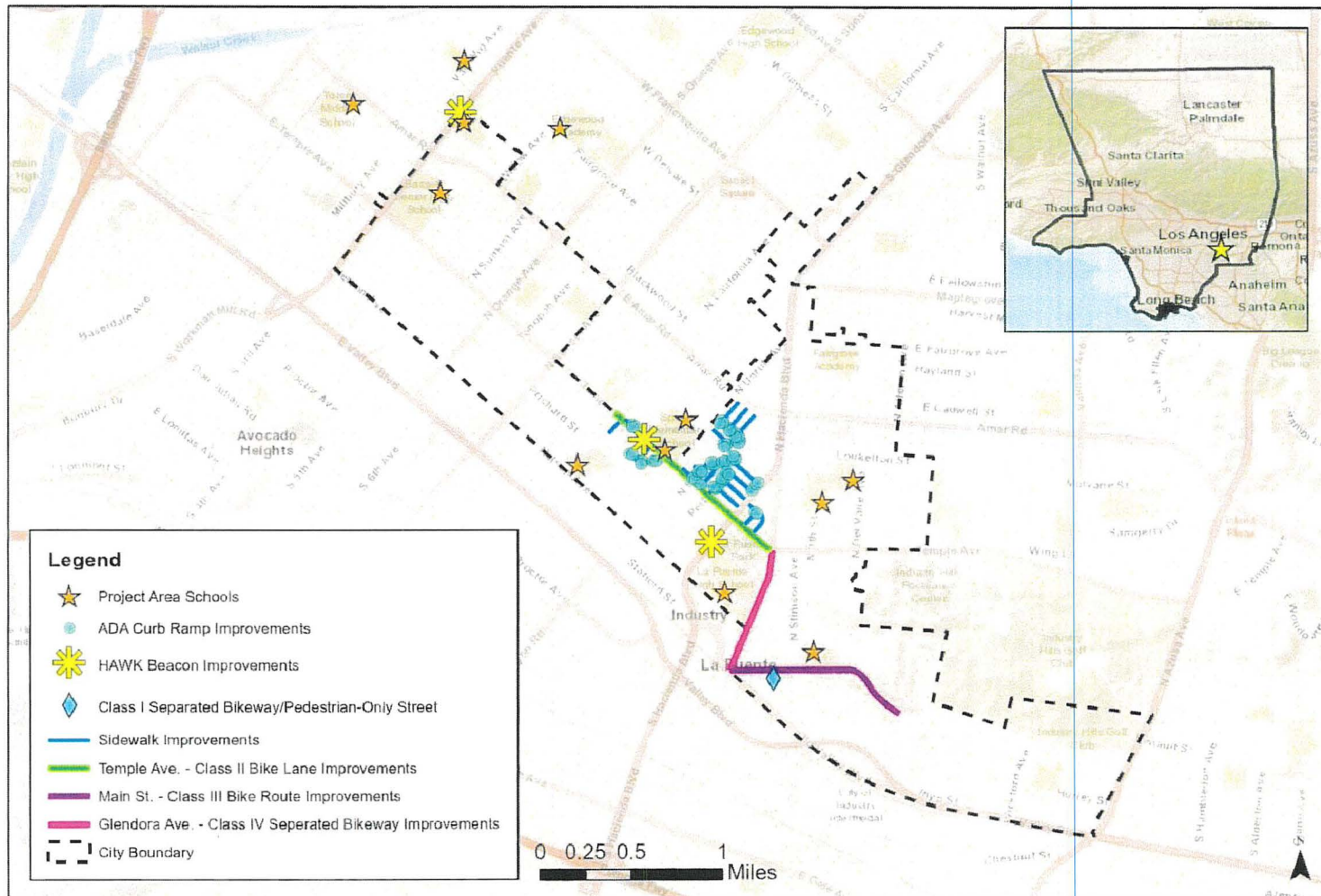
See Vicinity Map below.



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City of La Puente (ATP Cycle 6) - Project Location Map



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