



CITY OF MENIFEE

Community Development Department

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
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 County of Riverside County Clerk

FROM: City of Menifee
Public Works / Engineering Department
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Menifee, CA 92586

Project Title/Case No.: CIP 22-25 – La Piedra at Bell Mtn Middle School Pedestrian Improvements– Antelope Road Menifee Road.

Project Location: The project is located on La Piedra Road with the road limits from east of the intersection of Antelope Road to west of the Menifee Road intersection. All work is within the city Right-of-Way (ROW).

Project Proposal: The project improvements consist of reconstruction of the existing road (crack sealing existing pavements and applying Type II Slurry Seal paving to the surface of the road), raised median improvements, street light (double-arm installation), Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB), installation, signage and striping redesign, re-striping the road centerline within the project limits, and ADA ramps improvements. The total number of lanes for traffic will be reduced from two lanes each direction to one lane in each direction. The length of the project is approximately 4074.68 linear feet (0.77 linear mile) and the project will disturb an existing paved surface approximately 244,480.80 sf (5.61 acres). No additional right-of-way acquisition is needed. No expansive work will occur in this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Menifee

Project Sponsor: City of Menifee

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (15301) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption () |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>15061(b)(3)</u> |

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed use has been determined to be Categorically Exempt (“Existing Facilities”) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. Class 1 includes the following example of a project that would be exempt under this section: (c) [minor alterations to] Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety). The project is for the reconstruction of an existing paved road and upgrades to the existing drainage culverts underneath residential driveways that are affected by the drainage swale realignment. All improvements are within the existing city right-of-way. The proposed improvements are a negligible expansion of the existing use. The improvements described above are considered minor alterations to existing streets or similar facilities. The project is exempt per Section 15301.

The proposed project is also exempt under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that

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there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA (Section 15061[b][3]). There is no possibility that the activity in question will have a significant effect on the environment, because the proposed project is occurring in an area that is heavily disturbed and is not environmentally sensitive and the project includes a negligible expansion of the existing use.

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