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City of Cotati
Planning Division
201 West Sierra Ave.
Cotati, CA 94931



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Sonoma County Clerk
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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

Project Title: Highway 116/West Cotati Avenue Intersection Safety Improvements Project

Project Applicant: City of Cotati, Public Works, 201 West Sierra Avenue, Cotati, CA

Project Location: Approximately 1,900 linear feet along State Route 116/Gravenstein Highway between Redwood Drive and 500 feet west of Alder Avenue and West Cotati Avenue between Gillman Road and Highway 116 in the City of Cotati, Sonoma County, California. APNs: 144-050-004, 144-050-005, 144-050-009, 046-286-018, 046-286-019, 144-100-ROW, 144-110-ROW, 999-999-ROW

Project Description: The Project proposes improvements to State Route 116 Gravenstein Highway (SR 116) to provide road safety and traffic management including additional turn lanes, bike and pedestrian facilities, and a raised median from Redwood Drive to approximately 500 feet west of Alder Avenue. The Project includes the realignment of West Cotati Avenue, signalization, addition of dedicated turn lanes, construction of a Class 1 bike and pedestrian path and associated pedestrian/bike safety upgrades.

EXEMPT STATUS: General Plan Consistency Exemption {Sec.15183}

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project implements the General Plan and is consistent with the general plan policies for which an EIR was certified. The analysis relies upon the program level analysis prepared for the 2013 City of Cotati General Plan and its EIR (SCH No. 2013082037), which was certified in 2015. The project is identified in the General Plan and analyzed in the General Plan EIR. The project would not result in substantial changes nor does it involve new information that would warrant further environmental review because the level of development proposed is within the development assumptions analyzed in the program level EIR for the General Plan, and furthermore, the project does not contain elements that are peculiar to the project or project site that would result in new or more severe environmental impacts relative to the General Plan EIR. All adopted mitigating General Plan policies and mitigation measures identified in the 2013 General Plan EIR that apply to the Project are imposed as environmental conditions of approval. In addition, the project is required to comply with applicable conditions of approval from other agency permits. With implementation of identified conditions of approval and uniformly applied standards, the project would not result in a substantial increase in the severity or significant impacts that were previously identified in the program level EIR, nor would the project introduce any new significant impacts that were not previously identified. There would be no additional environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in the General Plan EIR, and therefore the project is exempt pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.

Lead Agency: City of Cotati, 201 West Sierra Ave. Cotati, CA 94931 (City Council approved the Project on 9.10.2024)


Department/Contact Person: Craig Scott, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Scott".

Craig Scott, Public Works Director/City Engineer

September 17, 2024

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: 
Bryant Hill, Deputy Clerk

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