

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: Orange County
24031 El Toro Road, Suite 150
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

From: (Public Agency): City of Mission Viejo
200 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
(Address)

Project Title: Felipe Road/Oso Parkway Intersection Improvements Project

Project Applicant: City of Mission Viejo

Project Location - Specific:

The project site is located within the southern portion of the City of Mission Viejo. It is situated approximately 1.5 miles east of Interstate 5, at the intersection of Felipe Road and Oso Parkway.

Project Location - City: Mission Viejo Project Location - County: Orange County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Refer to attached project description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Mission Viejo

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Mission Viejo

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: 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would include minor alterations to an existing roadway facility. The proposed project would not increase roadway capacity through the provision of additional through lanes. Rather, the project is designed to improve localized intersection operations within an existing intersection. The project would not result in any significant project-level or cumulative effects.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Larry Longenecker Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (949) 470-3009

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: Larry Longenecker Date: 10/09/2024 Title: Director of Community Development

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: _____

Felipe Road/Oso Parkway Intersection Improvements Project PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project site is located within the southern portion of the City of Mission Viejo. It is situated approximately 1.5-miles east of Interstate 5 at the intersection of Felipe Road and Oso Parkway; refer to Exhibit 1, *Regional Location* and Exhibit 2, *Site Vicinity*.

The purpose of this project is to improve localized traffic operations at the intersection of Felipe Road and Oso Parkway in Mission Viejo, County of Orange, California. Proposed improvements include widening all four legs approaching the intersection to provide dual left-turn lanes for both directions of Felipe Road and Oso Parkway and a designated right-turn lane for southbound Felipe Road.

The project is bounded on all four sides by residential developments and the land adjacent to the streets is owned by homeowner associations (HOAs) for those communities. On the west side of Felipe Road exist a retaining wall south of Oso Parkway and a fence north of Oso Parkway. On the east side of Felipe Road there is a large slope from the existing street right-of-way up to the residential property fences. With these existing conditions, the majority of the widening proposed for Felipe Road is on the east side and widening for Oso Parkway is on the north side.

The project also includes the following components:

- Retaining walls with masonry block for a majority of the project length - wall heights vary from 2 feet to 18 feet
- Improvements to existing curb ramps
- Traffic signal modification
- Signing and striping
- Drainage improvements
- Street lighting
- Landscaping improvements
- Addition of raised landscaped medians on Felipe Road
- Utility coordination/relocation
- Right-of-Way acquisition from landscaped areas under HOA ownership

A depiction of proposed improvements is provided as part of Exhibit 3, *Conceptual Site Plan*.



* - Project Site

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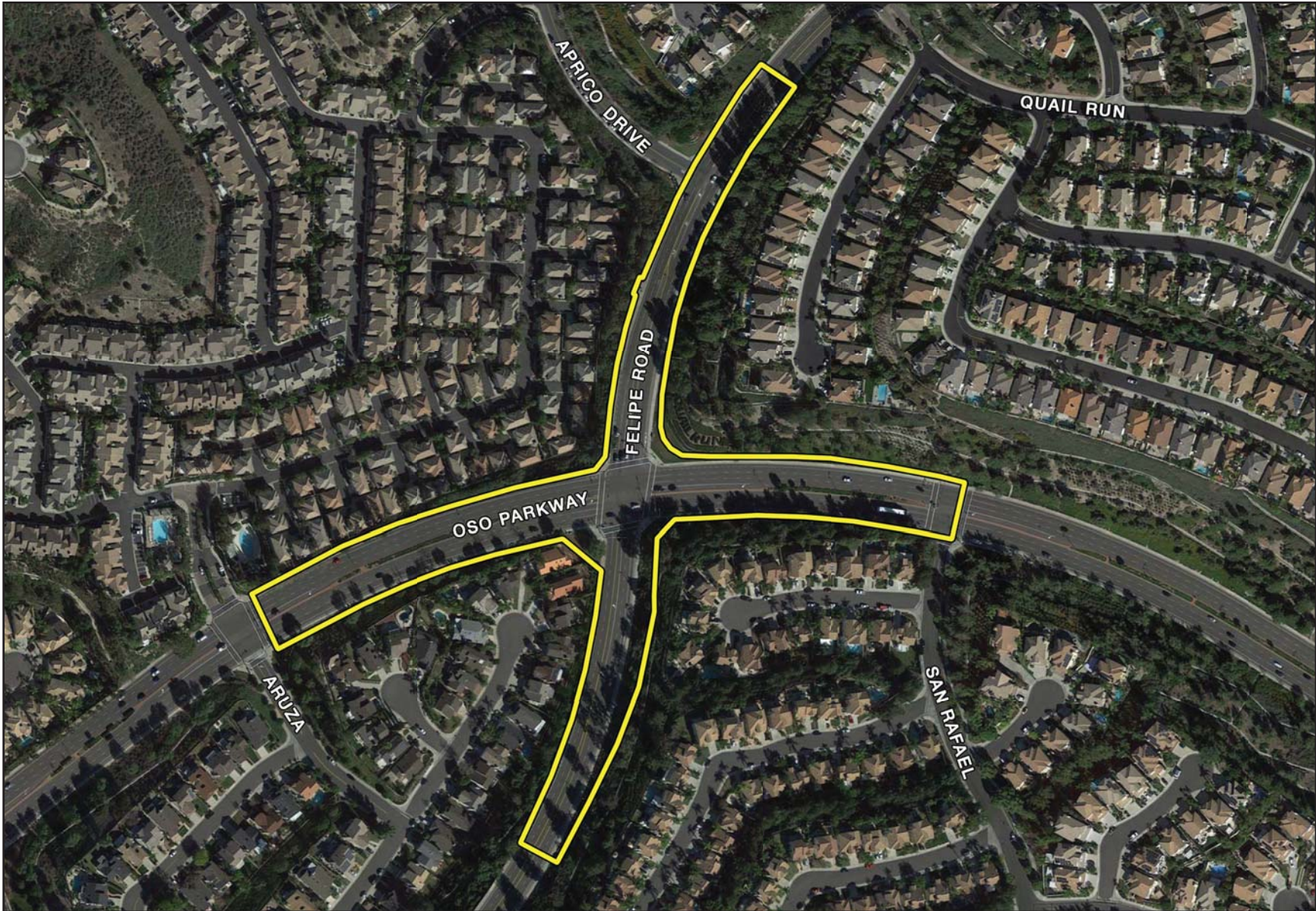


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FELIPE ROAD/OSO PARKWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Regional Vicinity

Exhibit 1



Source: Google Earth, 2016.
- Project Area

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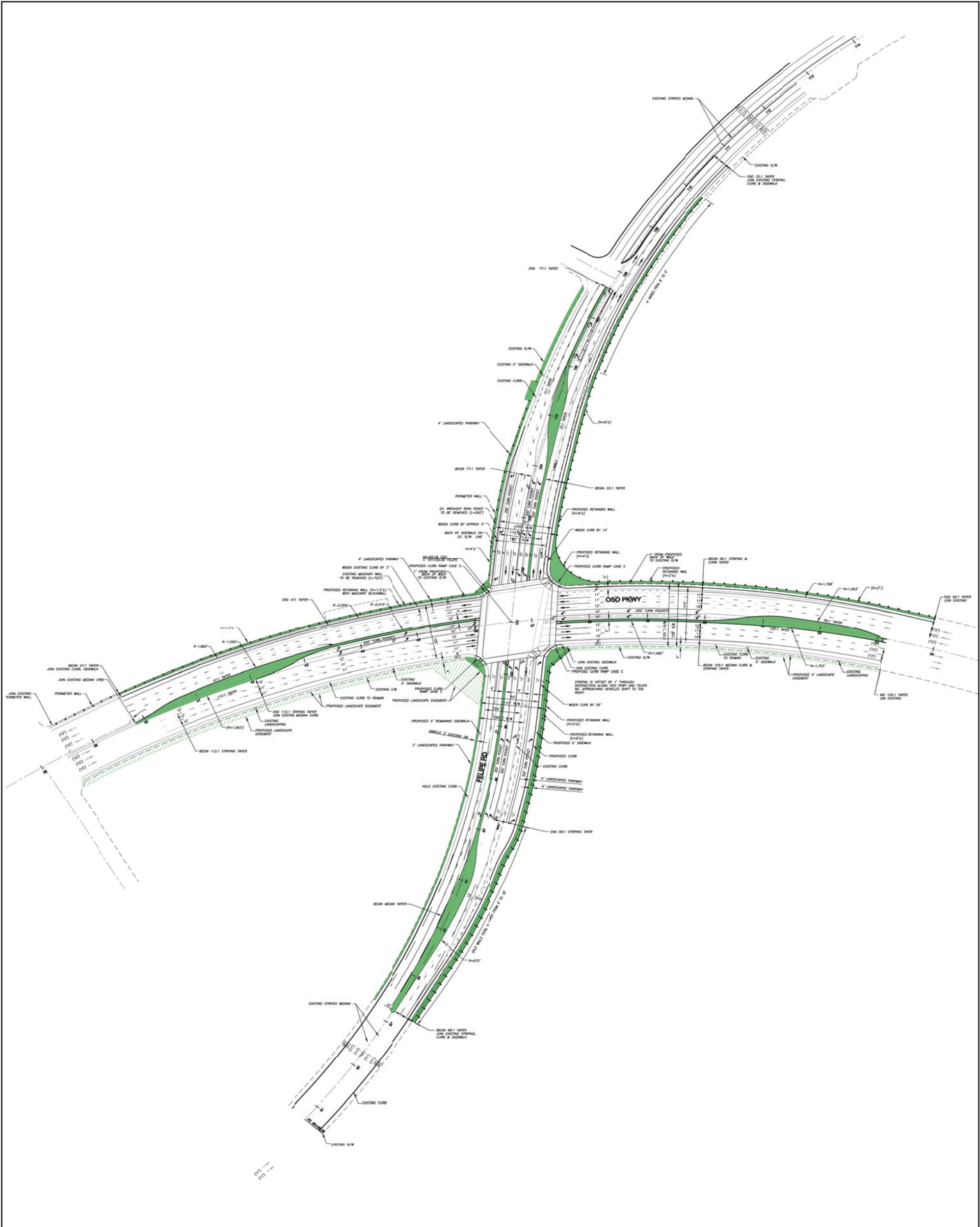


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Site Vicinity

Exhibit 2



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Conceptual Site Plan