

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Public Works Department  
City of Lancaster  
44933 North Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93534

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12400 E. Imperial Hwy.  
Norwalk, CA 90650

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(Date received for filing)

**Project Title:** PWCP 23-001 – Avenue M Grade Crossing - STPLR-7500 (277)

**Project Location - General:** City of Lancaster and City of Palmdale, County of Los Angeles, State of California

**Project Location – Specific:** Located at intersection of Avenue M and the Railroads near Sierra Highway

**Project Description:** The City of Lancaster in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to construct safety improvements to the at-grade crossing at the intersection of Avenue M and the Railroad facilities near Sierra Highway. Both the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) own facilities within the project area. The project is federally funded through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 130 program and is a combination effort of improvements between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, and the Railroads (UPRR & SCRRA). The project includes installation of advance preemption, relocation of Standard 9 flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm, installation of pre-signal, concrete panel surfacing, new flashing light signal pairs directed south at Sierra Highway, at-grade crossing advance warning signage, installation of vehicle video/loops detection, pavement reconstruction, signal modifications; new signage and warning features, median reconstruction, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, revised road striping and signage, new street lighting, potential adjustment and/or undergrounding of utilities, pedestrian emergency egress swing gates, and pedestrian barricade. No ROW acquisition is required. All work will be done within existing right-of-way.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Lancaster

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Lancaster, Public Works Department

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: Class 1; Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities and provides negligible expansion of use.

Lead Agency

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Engineer

10/16/2024

Signature

Title

Date