



# 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  
29844 Haun Road  
Menifee, CA 92586

**Project Title/Case No.: CIP 24-04 – Romoland Elementary Safe Routes to School**

**Project Location:** The Romoland Elementary Safe Routes to School Project (CIP 24-04) (Project) site is located south of Watson Road, east of I-215, west of Antelope Road, and north of Highway 74. The proposed Project is located on various streets categorized as the Romoland grid area, which includes the following streets: 1<sup>st</sup> Street; 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; 4<sup>th</sup> Street; Monroe Avenue; Jefferson Avenue; Adams Avenue; Washington Avenue; Watson Road; and Antelope Road. All work will be within the City of Menifee, County of Riverside, and State of California. All work will be within the existing City Right-of-Way (ROW), though Permission-to-Enter (PTE) will be obtained for minor conform issues on driveways.

**Project Proposal:** The proposed Project would install comprehensive pedestrian infrastructure near Romoland Elementary School, including construction of sidewalk, enhanced crosswalks, curb extensions, streetlights, ADA ramps, and pavement work (restoration and/or grade corrections). The proposed Project will improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the transportation corridor and provide a connection to the Romoland Elementary School. These improvements will also connect with existing sidewalks to access Eller Community Park, and other destinations.

**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 under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. 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), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes.

The proposed Project would install comprehensive pedestrian infrastructure near Romoland Elementary School, including construction of sidewalk, enhanced crosswalks, curb extensions, streetlights, ADA ramps, and pavement work (restoration and/or grade corrections), all within existing City ROW though

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Permission-to-Enter (PTE) will be obtained for minor conform issues on driveways. No additional automobile lanes will be created by the proposed Project. The proposed Project is the minor alteration of an existing public facilities (City streets) involving a negligible expansion of the existing use. The proposed 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 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.

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**Signature**

CIP Engineering Manager  
**Title**

11-14-2024  
**Date**

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