

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Orange County Transportation Authority
550 S. Main Street
Orange, CA 92868

County Clerk
County of: Orange
County Administration South Building
601 N. Ross Street Santa Ana, CA 92701

(Address)

Project Title: OC Connect Project

Project Applicant: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Project Location - Specific:

OCTA right-of-way, along former Pacific Electric right-of-way, between Euclid Ave in City of Garden Grove and Raitt Street in City of Santa Ana. Orange County Flood Control District right-of-way, along the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg channel, south of the OCTA Bus Base, through City of Garden Grove and to Hazard Avenue in City of Santa Ana.

Project Location - City: Garden Grove, Santa Ana Project Location - County: Orange County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would construct a Class I shared use path supporting active transportation users that would span approximately 3.1 miles of OCTA-owned former Pacific Electric right-of-way (PE ROW) from Euclid Street in Garden Grove to Raitt Street in Santa Ana, and an additional approximately 0.85-mile spur along County of Orange-owned East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Chanel from the former PE ROW in Garden Grove south to the intersection of Hazard Avenue and Newhope Street in Santa Ana. The path would construct up to 16 different entry points and other bicycle and pedestrian improvements, e.g. crosswalks, protected intersections, curb ramps, sign/stripping, lighting, and landscaping; and also retrofit the former PE ROW/Santa Ana River Bridge across the Santa Ana River. All improvements would be located within the existing public right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OCTA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: OCTA

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:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: California PRC Section 21080.20 and 21080.25(b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because it qualifies for a Statutory Exemption, pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21080.20 and 21080.25, since it would implement pedestrian and bicycle facilities; would be located within an existing public right-of-way in an urbanized area; would not add physical infrastructure that increases new automobile capacity on existing rights-of-way; would not require the demolition of affordable housing units; and will be carried out by a public agency.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Charlie Larwood Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 560-5683

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: Charles Larwood Date: 12/2/24 Title: Planning Department Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

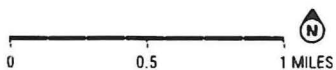
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:



### LEGEND

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**OC Connect Project Corridor Alignment**  
 Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)  
 Cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove, California