

CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Linc Housing Transit-Related Amenities Improvements

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Eureka Engineering

PROJECT LOCATION: Various points along Myrtle Avenue between 8th Street (to the west) and Dean Street (to the east), and at or near the following intersections: 15th and H Streets, 15th and I Streets, 9th and H Streets, 3rd and H Streets, 6th and O Streets, 6th and L Streets, and 2nd and L Streets.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes transit-related improvements including replacing existing bus shelters and sidewalks, and installing new shelters, bike lockers, concrete bus pads, bike racks, street lighting, and curb extensions (bulb-outs). Street trees will also be improved as needed. These improvements take place at various locations throughout the City of Eureka (City) public rights-of-way, within existing roadway prisms, and will adhere to City standards.

Equipment for this project includes concrete saws, rollers, grinders, sweepers, backhoes, air compressors, jack hammers, miscellaneous hand tools, tractor loaders, water trucks, crane trucks, dump trucks, tack trucks, and pickup trucks. Ground disturbance for the project will include up to 1,045 linear feet for sidewalk repairs, and a separate area of 192 square feet for the installation of 24 streetlight foundations, with all disturbances reaching a maximum depth of 2 feet. Any material resulting from the concrete removal will be stored on-site or at a pre-selected disposable area, off of the public right-of-way and away from the Coastal Zone, until the improvement at that location is completed. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) like inlet protection, sediment stabilization, concrete washout, and vehicle/site maintenance will be followed to reduce erosion and run-off from the construction areas. Upon completion, all

materials will be hauled to a pre-approved recycling facility. The duration of the project is approximately three months. Construction activities will occur from 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Friday. Public service announcements will advise the public of the planned construction, and minor traffic delays are expected. The on-street parking zones may be closed to allow for equipment parking, and a temporary lane shift will occur to facilitate continued traffic flow when work is being conducted in the public right-of way. Standard traffic control will be employed to provide access around the construction area when necessary.

EXEMPTION FINDINGS: The City of Eureka as Lead Agency has determined that the above described activity is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Lead Agency has further determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the following categorical exemptions in the CEQA Guidelines: (1) Section 15301 (Class 1 - Existing Facilities), (2) Section 15303 (Class 3 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and (3) Section 15304 (Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land) categorical exemption. Class 1 exempts 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 use. Class 3 exempts the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor exterior modifications are made. Class 4 exempts minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

The project involves minor alterations and the construction of small structures within the public rights-of-way to enhance transit-related amenities. It does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, nor does it result in an expansion or change in use. For these reasons, the project qualifies for Class 1, Class 3, and Class 4 categorical exemptions described above. Furthermore, the Lead Agency has determined that use of the categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines. None of the construction areas have been involved in previous contamination cleanup efforts (per the State Water Resource Control Board's GeoTracker website) and no historic resources will be impacted. There are no unusual circumstances associated with the construction areas, and as discussed above in the project description, during construction, BMPs will be used to ensure there are no substantial adverse environmental impacts resulting from the project.

The material supporting the above finding is on file with the City of Eureka's Engineering Division of Public Works. Copies of the documents related to the evaluation of this project are available for review upon request at the City of Eureka, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501.



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