



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

[X] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Pacifica Avenue Safe Routes to School, Project #: WO4164, CP#: 23-32

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA
94553 Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Sandeep Kajla, (925) 313-2022

Project Location: Along Pacifica Avenue from Wharf Drive to Port Chicago Highway in unincorporated
Bay Point, Contra Costa County.

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Main: (925) 655-2705, Contact: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877

Project Description: The purpose of the project is to improve the multi-modal transportation network on
Pacifica Avenue and increase roadway safety for active modes of transportation, including walking, and
biking. The project will construct approximately 2,400 feet of a Class IV two-way buffered bikeway, 400
feet of new sidewalk, 500 feet of widened sidewalk, bulb-outs, and three raised crosswalks. The project
will remove portions of the existing sidewalk and asphalt walking path and replace with a new Americans
with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk. A 250 foot long, up to 3-foot tall, retaining wall or curb
may be installed on the south side of Pacifica Avenue just east of A Street to allow for proper construction
of the widened sidewalk. The project will maintain existing street drainage and existing storm drains and
inlets may be replaced where new sidewalk is installed. This project will eliminate street parking on
portions of Pacifica Avenue. One bus stop will be relocated to the west side of Inlet Drive, and another
bus stop will be replaced with a bus platform on the east side of Breaker Drive. Pacifica Avenue will be
restriped to narrow the existing travel lanes and install bike lanes on the south side of the existing road.
Excavations up to 6 feet are anticipated for storm drain inlet replacements. Project construction is
anticipated to begin in summer of 2026 or 2027 and take approximately 3 months to complete. No night
work is anticipated. At least one lane will always remain open, and emergency vehicles will have access
at all times. Real Estate transactions, including right-of-way acquisition utility relocations, temporary
traffic control, and tree and vegetation trimming and removal may be necessary.

Exempt Status:

- [ ] Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) [X] Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301(c))
[ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) [ ] General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
[ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) [ ] Other Statutory Exemption (Sec. )

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of minor alterations, including the reconfiguration
of bicycle lanes, widening of sidewalks, installing raised crosswalks, and other safety improvements, to
existing street and sidewalk with negligible expansion of use pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) of
the CEQA Guidelines.

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 [ ] Yes [ ] No
project?

Signature: Syd Sotoodeh Date: Jan. 8, 2025 Title: Senior Planner

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

[X] Signed by Lead Agency

[ ] Signed by Applicant

**AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING**

I declare that on \_\_\_\_\_ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Applicant**

Public Works Department  
255 Glacier Drive  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Attn: Sandeep Kajla *cg*  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2022

**Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due**

- De Minimis Finding - \$0
- County Clerk - \$50
- Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_