



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Treat Boulevard Corridor Improvements, Project #: WO4089, CP#: 19-27

Project Location: Treat Blvd between North Main St and Jones Rd; North Main St between Lesnick Ln and Treat Blvd, Unincorporated Contra Costa Centre and Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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 this project is to improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists along Treat Boulevard in the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village (Transit Village). The Transit Village is a Transit Oriented Development clustered around the Pleasant Hill Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station. The project consists of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure enhancements along the Treat Boulevard Corridor between North Main Street and Jones Road and along North Main Street from Treat Boulevard to Lesnick Lane. Improvements include creating buffered and non-buffered bicycle lanes and a new off-street shared use path, enhancing existing crosswalks, and removing three free right-turn lanes.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements include:

- From 350 feet west of North Main Street to Buskirk Avenue, the roadway will be restriped to create buffered bicycle lanes with green markings at traffic conflict points in both directions.
- From Buskirk Avenue to Oak Road, buffered bicycle lanes will be constructed in both directions. The buffered bike lane on the south side of Treat Boulevard will replace the outer vehicular traffic lane. A new shared use path will be constructed on the north side of Treat Boulevard between Buskirk Avenue and Oak Road.
- From Oak Road to Jones Road, the existing roadway will be restriped to create a non-buffered bicycle lane with green markings at conflict points where parallel parking exists in the westbound direction, and a buffered bicycle lane in the eastbound direction.
- From North Main Street between Lesnick Lane and Treat Boulevard, the roadway will be restriped to create a buffered bicycle lane, with green markings at traffic conflict points, in the northbound direction.

Crosswalk improvements will include:

- Enhancing crosswalks with high visibility striping, yield markings, and signage as appropriate. Green ladder bike crossings will also be installed. Channelization/refuge islands will be modified as necessary.
- Curb ramps and refuge islands will be reconstructed to meet American Disability Act standards.

Free-right turn lane modifications include:

- The free right turn from the I-680 off-ramp onto eastbound Treat Boulevard will be removed.
- The free right turn lane from westbound Treat Boulevard to Buskirk Ave will be removed.
- The free right turn lane from eastbound Treat Boulevard onto southbound Jones Road will be removed.
- The right turn slip lane from southbound Oak Road onto westbound Treat Boulevard will be converted to a designated bicycle path.
- The free right turn from westbound Treat Boulevard onto northbound N. Main Street will be signalized to control right turn movements.

Project features described above may slightly be modified. Real estate transactions, utility relocations, and temporary traffic control may be necessary. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Vegetation trimming and tree removal of approximately two landscape trees may be necessary. The maximum depth of excavation is anticipated to be approximately three feet for the project and 20 feet for traffic signal pole relocations. Best management practices such as storm drain inlet protection will be implemented. Construction is anticipated to start in spring 2026 and take approximately six months to complete. Night or weekend work may be necessary and will be performed in accordance with local guidelines.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a])
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c])
- Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301 (c), 15304 (h))
- General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
- Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 (c) and 15304 (h) of the CEQA Guidelines regarding existing facilities and minor alterations to land, which exempt existing highways and streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, and the addition of bicycle facilities. The project consists of the minor alteration of existing streets with the creation of bicycle facilities, pedestrian crossing improvements, and removal of free right turn lanes within existing rights-of-way involving negligible or no expansion of former use.

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: Syed Sotwadh Date: 12/19/2024 Title: Senior Planner

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- 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.

Signature

Title

Applicant

Public Works Department
 255 Glacier Drive
 Martinez, CA 94553
 Attn: Shravan Sundaram
 Environmental Services Division
 Phone: (925) 313-2366

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: \$75 Receipt #: _____