

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Los Angeles County Clerk-Recorder
Environmental Notices
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From: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
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Project Title: Gateway Cities Council of Government Regional Fiber Network

Project Location - Specific: See attached maps

Project Location – City: See attached list

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Project: Construction of a regional fiber network to connect unserved households and anchor institutions within South Los Angeles County. The project will establish 885,440 feet of new fiber optic backbone cable across the region and interconnect with sections of the Statewide Middle Mile Backbone Network while simultaneously providing last-mile connection within the most critically unserved cities, communities, and unincorporated areas. The project will bring scalable broadband speeds to 4,254 unserved locations as determined by CPUC standards. The project contains 489,046 feet of underground fiber, 184,402 feet of aerial fiber, and upsizing of existing fiber of 11,352 as well as utilizing 200,640 feet of existing partner fiber network. Underground routes will be laid within existing rights of way while all aerial routes will be attached to pre-existing poles. These routes will ensure redundancy and future capacity and will include new and existing conduit within previously disturbed rights-of-way with a 288-strand fiber cable.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Other

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Pub. Res. Code § 21080.51

Statutory Exemptions. State type and section number: Guidelines Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: This project consists of linear broadband deployment in a right-of-way by a public entity, and meets the requirements of subsection (a) of Public Resources Code § 20180.51. Construction of the project will occur within existing trenches and/or previously disturbed areas and require minor trenching and backfilling. Installation will take place within city rights of way which are currently occupied with existing utilities, including fiber network lines with no expected expansion of physical footprint. The fiber network consists of underground and aerial fiber infrastructure and any small structures will be buried underground. Any above ground fibers will be placed on existing utility poles.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Hector De La Torre Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (562) 663-6850

Signature:  Date: 12//04/2024 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Gateway Cities Regional Fiber Optic Network – List of Cities

1. Artesia
2. Bell
3. Bell Gardens
4. Bellflower
5. Cerritos
6. Commerce
7. Compton
8. Cudahy
9. Downey
10. Hawaiian Gardens
11. Industry
12. La Mirada
13. Lakewood
14. Long Beach
15. Lynwood
16. Maywood
17. Montebello
18. Norwalk
19. Paramount
20. Pico Rivera
21. Santa Fe Springs
22. Signal Hill
23. South Gate
24. Whittier
25. Vernon

Gateway Cities Regional Fiber Optic Network – Route Maps



