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CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Check Document being Filed:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)

Notice of Exemption (NOE)

Other (Please fill in type):

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Los Angeles
 P.O Box 1206
 Norwalk, CA 90651-1208

From: (Public Agency): City of Covina
125 E College Street
Covina, CA 91723
 (Address)

Project Title: Covina Town Center Bike/Ped Safety & Connectivity (Gap Closure) Quick-Build Project

Project Applicant: City of Covina

Project Location - Specific:

Covina Town Center as bounded geographically by the Covina Town Center Specific Plan (CTCSP)

Project Location - City: Covina Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to install quick-build elements in the Covina Town Center such as bike lanes, bike sharrows, boxed street trees, high visibility crosswalk, temporary curb extension, and wayfinding signage. In addition, conduct before/after usage, community outreach and final report/findings.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Covina

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Covina

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: 21080.25(b)(1) and (2)

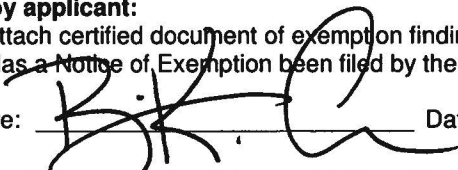
Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of installing pedestrian/bicycle facilities to improve safety, access, or mobility, including new facilities in the public right-of-way, & improve customer information/ wayfinding for transit riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians within the public right-of-way. The project may include additional stop signs, crosswalks, and/or bicycle facilities, all of which are 'quick build' components. Additional exemptions in resolution attached.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Brian K. Lee Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626-384-5458

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:  Date: 3/12/25 Title: Dep. City Manager/Dir. CD

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: 3/20/25

RESOLUTION CC 2025-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO ACCEPT A COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARD ADMINISTERED BY SCAG FOR THE "COVINA TOWN CENTER BICYCLE/ PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND CONNECTIVITY (GAP CLOSURE) QUICK-BUILD PROJECT" ("DOWNTOWN QUICK BUILD PROJECT"), FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM CEQA, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT AWARD

WHEREAS, the City of Covina is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covina applied for and is conditionally approved to receive grant funds totaling \$790,000 from the 2024 Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety Application administered by the Southern California Association of Governments ("SCAG") for the City's Downtown Quick Build Project; and

WHEREAS, The City's Downtown Quick Build Project proposes to install quick-build elements within the City's downtown area, focusing on improving immediate safety needs, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, and wayfinding in the town's center; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of grant award, SCAG requires that the City of Covina provide the granting agency with 1.) CEQA Clearance for the project and 2.) a Resolution from the grantees' elected body of intent to accept the award; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covina wishes to delegate authorization to execute these agreements and any amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, said City Council, being fully advised in the premise, does hereby proceed as follows.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council approves this resolution and authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute all necessary grant-related documentation, agreements, and any amendments to facilitate the grant and project.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act or "CEQA" and qualifies for the following exemptions.

1. Finding of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162; Project is adequately addressed by the prior certified EIR (SCH – 2018081009) prepared for the Covina Town Center Specific Plan (CTCSP; 2019)

Individual development projects that implement the CTCSP are eligible for the CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 exemption if none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred. All potential environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the 2019 CTCSP are adequately addressed by the prior certified EIR (SCH – 2018081009) and SOC, and the mitigation measures contained in the prior certified EIR will reduce those impacts to a level that is less than significant. The CTCSP EIR serves as the prior CEQA document considered in this CEQA analysis and is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. Finding of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3)

The Downtown Quick-Build Project is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. The project consists of minimal or minor construction activities, including but not limited to bike lane striping, crosswalk enhancements, and wayfinding signs that are typical of existing rights-of-way in the City of Covina.

3. Finding of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15304(h)

These categorical exemptions include minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The project also proposes the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights of way which are categorical exempt pursuant to section 15304 (h)

4. Finding of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Section 21080.25 (b)(1)&(2)

This section relates to projects involving pedestrian and bicycle facilities that improve safety, access, or mobility, including new facilities in the public right-of-way, and projects that improve customer information and wayfinding for transit riders, bicyclists, or pedestrians within the public right-of-way. The grant-funded project may include additional stop signs, crosswalks, and/or bicycle facilities, all of which are 'quick build' components that aim to improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and safety within existing ROW.

SECTION 4. City staff are hereby directed to prepare and post a notice of exemption according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 with the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder and the California State Clearinghouse.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

APPROVED and PASSED this 18th day of March, 2025.

City of Covina, California

BY:



JOHN C. KING, Mayor

ATTEST:



FABIAN VELEZ, Chief Deputy City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Fabian Velez, Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Covina, do hereby certify that Resolution CC 2025-20 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Covina at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of March, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ALLEN, DELGADO, KING
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: CORTEZ, LINARES

Dated: March 19, 2025



FABIAN VELEZ, Chief Deputy City Clerk