

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**From:** (Public Agency): City of Watsonville

250 Main Street

Watsonville, CA 95076

(Address)

Project Title: Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville

Project Applicant: City of Watsonville

Project Location - Specific:

**At various locations in the southeastern portion of the City of Watsonville**

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Watsonville Safe Routes to School Downtown project (Project) includes minor infrastructure improvements near eight school locations in the downtown area. The Project purpose is to provide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and to help complete active transportation corridors connecting Watsonville High School and its five feeder schools and two charter schools. The improvements include Class III bike routes, high visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, new or upgraded curb ramps, refuge islands and signs within the existing paved roadways and sidewalks. The Project would also include advanced warning pavement markings and site distance improvements including the installation of red curbs and trimming back vegetation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville

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: 15301 (c) Class 1 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project includes minor alterations of existing public streets to provide bicycle and pedestrian safety. All work would be within the existing paved roadway and road right-of-way. There would be no expansion of use, vehicular capacity or travel lanes in any of the roadways throughout the project area.

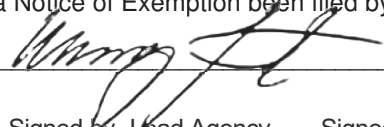
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Murray Fontes

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 768-3117

**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: 04/21/2025 Title: Assistant Director of Public Works & Utilities

X 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: \_\_\_\_\_