

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

KERN COUNTY

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Kern County Public Works Department
2700 "M" Street, Suite 400 Bakersfield, CA 93301

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County Clerk
County of: Kern
1115 Truxton Avenue, 1st Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301

(Address) AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK
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Project Title: PPNO 8027 Norris Road Pedestrian and Railroad Safety Project

Project Applicant: Kern County Public Works Department

Project Location - Specific:

Norris Road

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The County of Kern proposes a pedestrian and railroad safety project on Norris Road. The work to be performed consists, in general, of the construction of ADA sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, crosswalks and roadway tie-ins to improve safety for the public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Kern County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kern County Public Works Department

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: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Under the provisions of Article 18, Sect. 15268 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the action is exempt from the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines concerning the evaluation of projects, further environmental review, and the preparation and review of environmental documents. Therefore, no further environmental documents were required for consideration of the action taken.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Logan Clairday, Planner II Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661) 862-8882

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: [Signature] Date: 4.22.25 Title: PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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: _____



APRIL 21, 2025

California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Environmental Phase Considerations for the ROW Phase Allocation Request
Project: PPNO 8027 (Norris Road Pedestrian and Railroad Safety Project)**

To Whom it May Concern:

Kern County Public Works is requesting funding allocation for ROW phase of our Norris Road Pedestrian and Railroad Safety Project (PPNO 8027), which is a state-only, ATP funded project. The project scope of work consists, in general, of the construction of ADA sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, crosswalks and roadway tie-ins to improve safety for the public.

The proposed activity is authorization of the ROW phase to start work on the design of the project plans and specifications. Design plans will not result in a direct change in the environment and 60% design is needed to confirm the final project layout for review of potential environmental impacts. The final CEQA determination will be made by the Kern County Board of Supervisors to approve the final plans and specifications when construction funding becomes available in FY 25/26, where a categorical exemption is anticipated.

Kern County is the CEQA Lead Agency. Per our review of the CEQA Guidelines, Article 18, Statutory Exemptions, Section 15268 - Ministerial actions are not subject to CEQA and Public Resources Code Section 21065 defines a "Project" as an activity that may cause a direct physical change in the environment. However, the Environmental Clearance Requirements section of the PDF Smart Form does not provide exemption options for this PS&E allocation request.

The design of this project will not alter or change the present use of the land. Therefore, it is determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has been found to be Exempt per Article 18, Section 15268 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Alcantar, Public Works Manager
Environmental Division
CEQA Designee

APRIL 21, 2025

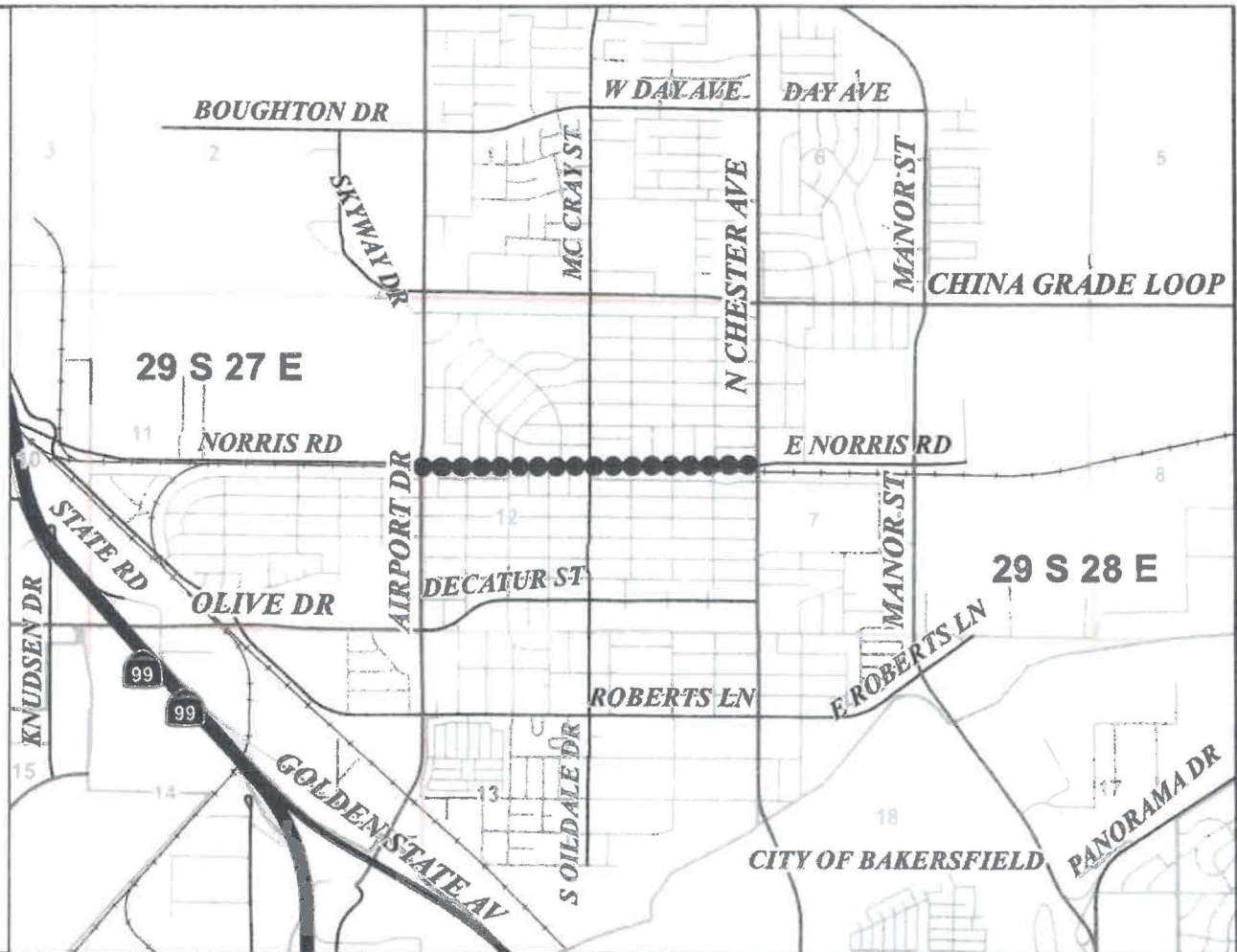
Date



NO SCALE

SECS. 11, 12
T29S/R27E, MDM

●●●● Project
Location



COUNTY OF KERN

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION MAP

Norris Rd (Airport Dr - N Chester Ave)
Complete Streets