

CITY OF BERKELEY

2019018323

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**ENDORSED  
FILED  
ALAMEDA COUNTY**

From: City of Berkeley  
Public Works,  
Engineering Division  
1947 Center Street  
Berkeley, CA 94704

JAN 15 2019

Alameda County Clerk-Recorder  
1106 Madison Street, Rm. 101  
Oakland, CA 94607

MELISSA WILK, County Clerk  
By ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Deputy

Project Title: Utility Underground District No. 48 (Berkeley, CA)

Project Location - Grizzly Peak Boulevard between Hill Road and southeastern City Limit; Summit Road between Atlas Place and the southeastern City Limit; Summit Lane; Senior Avenue; Avenida Drive between Queens Road and Grizzly Peak Boulevard; in the City of Berkeley, CA (See attached Map)

Project Location - Berkeley, Alameda County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

PG&E, Comcast and AT&T will place their utility lines from overhead to underground to enhance the aesthetics of the community and create a general public benefit within the established Underground Utility District (UUD) No. 48 boundary in the area of Grizzly Peak Blvd. and Summit Road, more specifically along Grizzly Peak Boulevard between Hill Road and southeastern City Limit; Summit Road between Atlas Place and Grizzly Peak Blvd; Summit Road from Grizzly Peak Blvd to 1545 Summit Road; Summit Lane; Senior Avenue; Avenida Drive between Queens Road and Grizzly Peak Boulevard. The Project consists of relocation of overhead utilities either into a main trench within the roadway or to the side of the roadway within the City right-of-way within the UUD boundary. Existing utility poles within the Underground Utility District boundary will be removed. Where these poles support a street light, a new streetlight pole will be installed in its place. The project will benefit 175 parcels along approximately 7000 linear feet of roadway centerline within the boundary of UUD No. 48. It is anticipated that there will be 15 retaining walls installed within right of way in front of private property and 4 retaining walls installed on private property, 3 easements required, and approximately 13 non-heritage trees removed to provide room for above ground or subsurface utility structures, or access for the inspection and maintenance of public utility facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Berkeley

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Berkeley 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 by Article 19, Class 2, Section 15302

Reasons why project is exempt:

This Class 2 project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nisha Patel, PE, Manager of Engineering/ City Engineer Telephone #: 510-981-6406

2019018323

---

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: *M. P. [unclear]* Date: 1-10-19 Title: Manager of Engineering

Date received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research  
JAN 17 2019  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE