## CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS 3191 Katella Avenue Los Alamitos, CA 90720 CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Orange County Clerk's Office P.O. Box 238 Santa Ana, CA 92702

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## PROJECT TITLE: OCTA Los Alamitos Town Center Complete Streets Project Grant

- LOCATION: Various Los Alamitos Streets: Pine Street between Katella Avenue and Florista Street, the intersection of Katella Avenue and Reagan Street, southerly parkway area of Katella Avenue between the I-605 freeway and Wallingsford Road, lanes along the highly trafficked corridors of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard, and certain lanes and pedestrian crossings along Los Alamitos Boulevard between Florista Street and Cerritos Avenue.
- APPLICANT: Chris Kelley, City Engineer City of Los Alamitos 3191 Katella Avenue Los Alamitos, CA 90720
- LEAD AGENCY: City of Los Alamitos 3191 Katella Avenue Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Los Alamitos is seeking funding to implement the City's Town Center complete streets project. The proposed project will transform Pine Street into the City's "Main Street" by creating a walkable and vibrant mixed-use Town Center district. The project also includes constructing new bicycle facilities to provide regional connections to the Town Center. Pine Street between Katella Avenue and Florista Street will be reconfigured to serve a dual function to provide additional on-street public parking to serve Town Center businesses and provide a community destination, with an opportunity to close the street to vehicle traffic for special events. The proposed complete street improvements along Pine Street trees, wayfinding signage, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and entry plaza with gateway monument. The project also proposes a new traffic signal at the intersection of Katella Avenue and Reagan Street, which will allow pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross Katella Avenue to access the Town Center from the surrounding community.

The project also includes the construction of new bicycle facilities along the highly trafficked corridors of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard. The City proposes to install a Class I Bike Path in the southerly parkway area of Katella Avenue between the I-605 freeway and Wallingsford Road. This Bike Path will provide connections to the regional Coyote Creek Bikeway and the bike lanes along Willow Avenue in the City of Long Beach. The project will also install Class II Bike Lanes along Los Alamitos Boulevard between Florista Street and Cerritos Avenue. The bicycle improvements will also include enhanced green transition striping at key intersections and driveways along Los Alamitos Boulevard. These new bicycle facilities will connect to important destinations within the community, improve safety, and encourage the use of active transportation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through complete streets.

## EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE)

	Statutory Exemption
	Section:
	Ministerial (Section 15073)
	Declared Emergency Project (Section 15071 (a))
	Emergency Project (Section 15071 (b) and (c))
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	Class: 1 Section: 15301.C Existing Facilities
	Class: Section:

## **EXEMPT STATUS EXPLANATION:**

The project involves negligible or no expansion of street use. Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety) are examples of an existing use.

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