

Notice of Exemption

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110 West Tasman Drive, First Floor
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From: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Jose, CA

Project Title: Bernardo Avenue Pedestrian Undercrossing Project

Project Applicant: City of Sunnyvale

Project Location - Specific: Intersection of Bernardo Avenue and Central Expressway

Project Location - City: City of Sunnyvale **Project Location - County:** Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project proposes to construct a bicycle and pedestrian underpass to connect North and South Bernardo Avenue under the Caltrain right-of-way and Central Expressway. The proposed undercrossing would be located approximately 300 feet east of Bernardo Avenue. It would span approximately 235 feet from the north side of Evelyn Avenue to the north side of Central Expressway. In addition to the undercrossing, the Project also proposes bicycle and pedestrian improvements to the Bernardo Avenue intersections (e.g., installing high visibility pedestrian crossings and eliminating slip lanes) and the minor realignment of Central Expressway and Evelyn Avenue to accommodate the project. All improvements would be located within existing public right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

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

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: PRC Section 21080.25

Reasons why the project is exempt:

Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 statutorily exempts certain transportation projects from environmental review under CEQA including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities within the public right-of-way provided the project meets specific requirements (e.g., project is located within existing and does not increase automobile capacity). The project would construct a bicycle and pedestrian underpass within existing public right-of-way. The City of Sunnyvale, as CEQA Lead Agency, have met the associated requirements for the Statutory Exemption under Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 and filed a Notice of Exemption in August 2024 (SCH 2024080660). For these reasons, Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, as the CEQA Responsible Agency finds the project is statutorily exempt from environmental review under CEQA.

Responsible Agency Contact Person: Bonny O'Connor

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Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Responsible Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.