

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Contra Costa

From: Caltrans
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: RTE 123/ALA Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: ALA 123 PM/PM: 2.090/2.720

Project Location - City: Oakland, Berkeley Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to implement roadway safety improvements along State Route 123 (San Pablo Avenue), from PM 2.090 in the City of Oakland to PM 2.720 in the City of Berkeley. The Project would implement bicycle and pedestrian crossing improvements, traffic signal upgrades for pedestrians, parking and auto circulation changes, and bus stop improvements along the corridor to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety. Project improvements include Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs), accessible push buttons, countdown signal heads, street lighting, ADA-compliant curb ramps and highly visible crossings, pedestrian refuge islands, bulbouts, cycle track connectors, and landscaping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: Class 1(c). (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 et seq.)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project consists of safety and accessibility enhancements along San Pablo Avenue and would not involve the construction of new automobile lanes or major expansion of

existing facilities, and all bicycle and pedestrian elements would be integrated into the existing network. The proposed activities fall within the scope of Class 1 exemptions, which allow for minor alterations to existing highways and streets, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, signal modifications, and transit-related improvements, provided there is no significant expansion of use. As the Project is limited to safety, accessibility, and operational enhancements within an already developed transportation corridor, it qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15301(c). Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David Rodriguez Phone number: 510-506-1461

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: David Rodriguez Date: 7/2/25 Title: Environmental Analyst

Signed by Lead 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.