



# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT Notice of Exemption

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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From: Contra Costa County  
Department of Conservation and  
Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

**Project Title:** Byron Highway Safety Improvements, Project #: WO4162, CP#23-28

**Project Applicant:** Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553,  
(925) 313-2000, Contact: Laura Cremin, (925) 313-2015,  
[Laura.Cremin@pw.cccounty.us](mailto:Laura.Cremin@pw.cccounty.us)

**Project Location:** Byron Highway from the Clifton Court Road intersection to the Byron Highway Bridge/California Aqueduct, unincorporated Contra Costa County near Byron

**Lead Agency:** Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

**Contact Person:** Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877 [syd.sotoodeh@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:syd.sotoodeh@dcd.cccounty.us)

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this project is to provide roadway safety improvements. This project consists of installing edge line rumble strips, new lighting, and speed warning signs on an existing 1.3-mile segment of Byron Highway. The edge line rumble strips will be installed along the entire project segment; streetlights and speed feedback signs will be placed along an approximately 0.6-mile curved segment; the streetlights will be spaced approximately 200 feet apart along the sides of the road and connect with electrical conduit to approximately two new service pedestals. The maximum depth of excavation will be approximately 6-10 feet for streetlight installation and a maximum of 3 feet for trenching the electrical conduit. Vegetation trimming may be necessary. The project is in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and will comply with HCP requirements. Real estate transactions may be necessary. Construction is anticipated to begin May 2027 and take 8 weeks to complete. Temporary traffic control is expected to last for the duration of the project. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Contra Costa County

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)  Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301[c])
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a])  General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c])  Other Statutory Exemption (Sec. )

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the minor alterations of an existing roadway to increase roadway safety with no expansion of use pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

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: *Syd Sotoodeh* Title: Senior Planner Date: June 10, 2025

**Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development**

- Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

### AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on \_\_\_\_\_ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

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Signature

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Title

**Applicant**

Public Works Department  
255 Glacier Drive  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Attn: Laura Cremin  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2015

**Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due**

- De Minimis Finding - \$0
- County Clerk - \$50
- Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_