

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From Lead Agency: Port of Long Beach
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Project Title: Potholing for Weigh-In-Motion Sensors Installation - Harbor Scenic Drive – First Amendment to Level I Harbor Development Permit No. 25-004

State Clearinghouse No: 2025090018

Project Location – Specific: South Harbor Scenic Dr at W. Ocean Blvd. North and South Bounds; Harbor Planning District 2 – Northeast Harbor

Project Location – City: Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Amendment 1: Perform up to three (3) utility potholes approximately 10-feet deep to identify existing underground utilities.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]; Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Other:
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: ***Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3), Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4), and Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6).***
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3): The Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where on minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Level I Harbor Development Permit (HDP) 25-004 was originally issued to Moffatt & Nichol on November 11, 2025 for new installation of Weigh in-Motion Sensors, inductive loops, and associated infrastructure to conduct a loading reliability analysis.


Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4): The Class 4 Categorical Exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project involves potholing up to six (6) areas approximately 10-feet in depth and backfilling where the surface will be restored.

Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6): The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project involves potholing in up to six (6) areas approximately 10-feet in depth to identify the location of existing underground utilities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3), Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4), and Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6) ; therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

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Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

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