

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING, & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT  
1195 THIRD STREET, SUITE 210, NAPA, CA 94559

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Napa County Clerk  
900 Coombs St  
Napa, CA 94559

**PROJECT TITLE:** TRANCAS ROAD REPAIR PROJECT

**PROJECT PERMITS:** RDS 25-35

**PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC:** Napa County and City of Napa (City) are partnering in a joint project to pave Trancas Street from Jefferson Street to State Route 121 (SR-121). As the City will administer the construction contract, the County's portion (spanning from the east side of the Trancas Street bridge crossing the Napa River [Bridge No. 21C0003] to SR-121, approximately 0.6± mile) will be included as a bid alternate.

**PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST):** Napa

**PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY:** Napa

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Trancas Street was paved in 2001 with a 0.2-ft overlay and in 2012 with a 0.15-ft overlay. Although asphalt thickness was not considered for its impact to the floodplain in previous projects, the County proposes a 2.5-inch mill and fill and various 3-inch digouts, to correct pavement deficiencies, provide for a 15-20 year design life, and prevent impacts the floodplain elevation. The southern branch of the "Y" intersection of Trancas Street with Monticello Road and SR-121, will undergo a 1.5-inch mill and fill as the existing asphalt section over Bridge No. 21C0051, crossing Milliken Creek, is approximately 1.5-inches. Trancas Street will be restriped to match existing striping, but will include an extended left turn pocket (an additional 100-ft) for eastbound traffic making a left onto Silverado Trail. The extension to the left turn lane pocket will not modify the existing footprint of the road and all work will occur within the existing travel lanes and shoulder areas. The project will incorporate best management practices and no removal of vegetation (outside of typical roadway clearing and grubbing practices) is proposed as part of this project.

As Trancas Street is within the Napa River floodway, the upcoming paving project will maintain pre-project elevations to prevent a rise in the floodway elevation. As such, the County has filed a Floodplain Management Permit Application with the Planning, Building, and Environmental Services Department. Due to floodplain restrictions that limit the pavement thickness on Trancas Street, the County will provide a mill and fill treatment to the asphalt.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Napa, PBES, 1195 Third Street, Suite 201, Napa, Ca 94559

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Sydney Barclay, Napa County Public Work Department  
**ADDRESS:** 1195 Third Street, Suite 101, Napa, Ca 94559 **PHONE:** (707) 259-4921

### EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c));  
 Categorical Exemption. State type and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQAG) section number:  
**Section 15301 Class 1-Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Class 2-Replacement or Reconstruction.**  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Since this a repair project of existing facilities that will not include new disturbance areas, a Biological Reconnaissance Survey and a Cultural Resource Survey will not be prepared for this project. Pursuant to Sections 15022(a)(1)(C) and 15300.4 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Napa County Board of Supervisors have adopted implementation procedures, identifying specific projects that would be categorically exempt from established CEQA Guidelines. The proposed improvements would be considered Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 Class 1-Existing Facilities, which includes the operation and repair of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing of former use, and is further exempt under Appendix B of the Napa County's Local

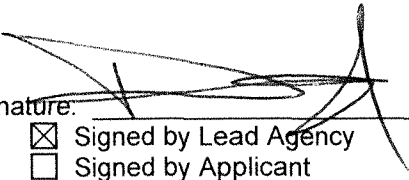
Procedures for implementing the California Quality Act – Class 1(1)(h) – Existing Facilities, which includes reconstructing, resurfacing and/or seal coating of pavement, paving existing unpaved shoulders, widening the paved roadway by less than 8 feet or adding up to 4 foot wide unpaved shoulders, and modifying to improve existing roadside safety features. The proposed improvements would also be considered Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15302, Class 2- Replacement or Reconstruction, which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. A key consideration in the appropriateness of using these Categorical Exemptions is whether the project would be located on the same site, have substantially the same purpose and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. In terms of negligible expansion, the proposed project will take place within the existing roadway or shoulder areas and does not include significant expansions beyond existing conditions. The proposed project would repair and improve existing roads – increasing public safety. Therefore, it has been determined that the proposed project qualifies for a Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemption and has no reasonable possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The site of the development is not in an environmentally sensitive area and is not on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner

**PHONE:** (707) 253-4437

**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: 

Title: Supervising Planner

Date: 9/10/2025

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A.

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant



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| To: Sydney Barclay<br>Department of Public Works | From: Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner<br>Conservation Division |
| Date: July 9, 2025                               | Re: County Road Repair Projects: RDS25-35                         |

This memo is a determination of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for the proposed road rehabilitation on the County-owned limits of Trancas Street. This memo also serves to provide background information for the Floodplain Management Permit Application for the above mentioned project.

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The proposed improvements would also be in conformity with the adopted Napa County General Plan (June 2008). Improvements proposed for County owned, operated or occupied buildings and facilities are consistent with General Plan Policy AG/LU-29 which allows governmental organizations to operate and use existing structures/facilities, and to expand in size and/or volume, in order to upgrade or modernize facilities to meet public needs. This determination is solely based on information provided by the Napa County Public Works, which is attached to this memo. Should the proposed project be modified, or new evidence be presented that environmental impacts have not been fully disclosed, this determination would not be valid.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at (707) 253-4437 or by e-mail at [dana.morrison@countyofnapa.org](mailto:dana.morrison@countyofnapa.org).