

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Manteca Unified School District
(Applicant and Lead Agency)

2271 W Louise Avenue

Manteca, CA, 95337

County Clerk
County of San Joaquin
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Second Floor,
Suite 260
Stockton, CA 95202

Nile Garden Elementary School Driveway Project
Project Title

5700 E Nile Avenue
Project Location - Specific

Unincorporated San Joaquin County
Project Location - City

San Joaquin
Project Location - County

The District proposes to construct a new driveway connecting the existing parking lot on the eastern portion of the campus to S Union Road. The new driveway will develop/disturb approximately, 1 acre of the annex site. No new parking spaces or buildings are proposed. The purpose of the driveway is to improve pick-up and drop-off circulation and reduce traffic congestion along E Nile Avenue during peak times by rerouting school-related traffic through the site.

Primary access to the project site will be from S Union Road. A new paved driveway will be constructed to provide a direct connection between the parking lot and S Union Road. This driveway will be designed to optimize traffic flow by allowing vehicles to exit the campus parking lot to turn right (southbound) or left (northbound) onto S Union Road.

The proposed project will not change the student enrollment capacity and will continue to serve students within Nile Garden ES's existing enrollment boundary.

Construction of the proposed improvements is scheduled to be implemented in summer fall 2025 and is anticipated to be completed by December 2025. All construction equipment and workers will be located within the boundaries of the project site and contractors will adhere to construction noise regulations to avoid disruption to campus operations.

The proposed project will benefit the District, students, staff, and the general public by improving on-site circulation, alleviating traffic congestion on Nile Avenue, and helping students arrive on time.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Manteca Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Manteca Unified School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one below)

- 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: CEQA Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); CEQA Section 15311 (Accessory Structures).
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (CEQA Guidelines § 15303). The proposed construction of a new driveway connecting the existing campus parking lot to S Union Road is exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303). The proposed driveway is a small new facility that will improve traffic circulation during peak pick-up and drop-off times and alleviate traffic congestion along Nile Avenue without expanding the school's capacity or altering existing structures. The improvements will be located on the project site to serve students, staff, and parents and will not increase student enrollment. This improvement is exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.

Class 11, Accessory Structures (CEQA Guidelines § 15311). The proposed construction of a new driveway connecting the existing campus parking lot to S Union Road is exempt from CEQA under Class 11, Accessory Structures (CEQA Guidelines § 15311). The driveway is a minor, appurtenant structure that will improve on-site circulation for student drop-off and pick-up and alleviate traffic congestion along Nile Avenue without expanding the school's capacity. The proposed project does not introduce new commercial, industrial, or institutional uses. Since the project involves no new buildings or parking spaces and solely facilitates access to an existing school facility, it qualifies as an accessory improvement under § 15311(b). The driveway will enhance traffic flow and would support the existing Nile Garden ES campus. The improvements will be located on the project site to serve students, staff, and parents, and will not increase student capacity; the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15311.

See Attachment to the Notice of Exemption for a review of the possible exceptions under Section 15300.2. The Attachment is available for review at the District's office, 2271 W Louise Avenue, Manteca, CA 95337.

Reasons why project is exempt

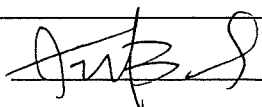
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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption findings
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project Yes No

Date Received for Filing:

Signature:



Title:

Director II of Facilities and Operations