

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



TO:

FROM:

[X] County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Hwy., Rm. 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

City of Santa Clarita
Community Development
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite #302
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

[X] Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

DATE: October 14, 2025

PROJECT NAME: Citywide High-Speed Fiber Internet Service

PROJECT APPLICANT: Aspire Broadband Holdings, Inc.
(Contact: Stephen Weatherford; sweatherford@aspirebroadband.com)

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Santa Clarita is approving an Agreement with Aspire Broadband for access to and use of the City's right-of-way for fiber optic cable installation and accessory facilities for its network. Aspire proposes to install, operate, and operate a citywide high-speed fiber optic network to provide internet service. The project includes leasing of the City's existing dark fiber optic strand infrastructure as well as microtrenching within the existing right-of-way to provide new fiber optic conduit. The project also includes installation of 27 utility cabinets in various parts of the City, within the City's right-of-way.

This is to advise that the [] Director of Administrative Services [] Planning Commission [X] City Council of the City of Santa Clarita has approved the above project on October 14, 2025. Review of the project by the Department of Community Development found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

EXEMPT STATUS: The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), Section 15303 (Class 3), and Section 15304 (Class 4). A Class 1 exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private facilities, including utility services. A Class 3 exemption consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. A Class 4 exemption consists of minor alterations to land, including minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

Person or agency carrying out the project: City of Santa Clarita, Administrative Services Department.

This is to certify that the Notice of Exemption with comments/responses and record of project approval is available for public review at:

City of Santa Clarita
Community Development Department
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 302
Santa Clarita, California 91355
(661) 255-4330

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Signature: 