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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

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

Project Title: Market Avenue at Union Pacific Railroad Crossing Improvements, WO#4112, CP#23-14

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Shravan Sundaram, (925) 313-2366, shravan.sundaram@pw.cccounty.us

Project Location: Market Ave. between Soto St. and Rumrill Blvd., Richmond, CA 94801;
APNs 409-320-XXX and 409-313-XXX

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Market Avenue at Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Railroad Crossing Improvements Project is a joint project between Caltrans, the California Public Utilities Commission, and the UPRR, with the County as the lead agency. The purpose of the project is to upgrade the railroad crossing at the intersection of Market Avenue and the UPRR Railroad right-of-way to improve safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

The project includes improvement of a railroad crossing with new crossing guards and pedestrian barricades, standardizing the width of the approach roads to have 12-foot lanes, 5-foot shoulders, and 6-foot sidewalks, and reconstructing the pavement and sidewalk to improve the vertical profile of the approach roadways. Ground disturbance will occur and the maximum depth of excavation is anticipated to be approximately four feet.

Appropriate best management practices including but not limited to storm drain inlet protection will be implemented during construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 and take approximately 3 months to complete.

Real property transactions, including but not limited to, right-of-way acquisition and permanent and temporary easements, and utility relocations may be necessary in support of this project. Night or weekend work may be necessary and will be performed in accordance with local guidelines. 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) and 15302(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 reconstruction of an existing facility (railroad crossing) for the purposes of public safety on the same site involving negligible or no expansion of use pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) and 15302(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: 09/26/2025

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on OCT 21 2025 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.

Signature _____ Title Deputy Clerk

Applicant

Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Shravan Sundaram
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2366

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____