



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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CEQA Notice of Exemption

TO: ☒ Office of Planning & Research
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FROM: Community Development Department
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Signal Hill, CA 90755

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Project Title (Application Number): Hilltop Park Connectivity Project

Project Applicant: City of Signal Hill

Project Location – Specific: 2351 Dawson Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755

Project Location – City/County: City of Signal Hill, Los Angeles County, California

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: To improve multi-modal accessibility to Hilltop Park, new bicycle infrastructure including lockable bike racks and hydration and bike repair stations are added at two locations. A third bike terrace with water and racks is provided at an immediately adjacent overlook on Skyline Drive, affording views to the south. This overlook, with new paving and drought-tolerant landscape, becomes accessible for the first time to all users and better connected to an improved crosswalk at the intersection of Skyline Dr. and Dawson Ave. From this crosswalk, and along Dawson Avenue, sidewalk adjacent canopy trees are added, creating a shaded link between Skyline Drive and Panorama Trail to the north. The entry to this trail is further marked with a new gateway, creating heightened identity for this pathway and its views to the Los Angeles basin and mountains. Ride-share is acknowledged with a dedicated and accessible drop off at Dawson Avenue, which is a close walk to two new self-cleaning ADA restrooms at an enlarged plaza area. Outdoor exercise equipment, pedestrian-scale lighting, seating walls, and a new picnic shelter provide additional amenities and attractions for people that use the park. At key locations, wayfinding signs and information kiosks are placed, describing with maps and directional indicators the existing as well as new park amenities, and connections to the network of trails and bikeways that lead to and from Hilltop Park.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Signal Hill

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Signal Hill Public Works Department

Exempt Status: **(Check One)**

- ☐ 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. State type and section number: Class 4, Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land, and Class 23, Section 15323 Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings

☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt from CEQA due to the fact the project consists of renovating existing City owned property currently developed as a public park by updating park elements. Upgrades include new bicycle infrastructure (bike racks, hydration and bike repair stations), new paving and drought-tolerant landscape, accessible improvements and improved crosswalks, installation of dedicated and accessible ride-share drop off, a new self-cleaning ADA restroom, enlarged plaza area, new outdoor exercise equipment, new pedestrian-scale lighting, seating walls and new picnic shelter.

Lead Agency

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