



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research (OPR)  
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County of Los Angeles,  
12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA  
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**FROM:**

Lead Agency: City of Whittier-Public Works  
Department

Address: 13230 Penn Street  
Whittier, CA 90622-1772

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**Project Title:** 24-030 – Sidewalk Maintenance Program (Phase II - District I)

**Project Location-Specific:**

The area is bound by Wardman Street, Painter Avenue, Whittier Boulevard, and Comstock Avenue in the City of Whittier, Los Angeles County, California. (Latitude 33° 58' 25.21" N, Longitude 118° 2' 6.04" W at Mar Vista Street and Washington Avenue).

**Project Location-City:** Whittier

**Project Location-County:** Los Angeles

**Project Description:**

The work consists of reconstructing uplifted sidewalk panels, root pruning, removing a tree, and resetting survey markers within the area bounded by Wardman Street, Painter Avenue, Whittier Boulevard, and Comstock Avenue. The disturbed project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species and is not designated as a scenic highway. The project site is not listed on Geotracker as having an active clean up site assessment Dursuant to lists identified under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project site does not impact historical resources.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Whittier, Public Works Department

**Name of Person/Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Whittier, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90622

**Exempt Status: (Check one)**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)

Categorical Exemption (15301)

Statutory Exemption ( )

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed project was reviewed for potential exemptions and was found to satisfy the standards of Class 1 as specified within Article 19 Categorical Exemptions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. A Class 1 exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, including but not limited to: (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes.

The City has found that the proposal consists of reconstructing uplifted sidewalk panels, root pruning, removing a tree, and resetting survey markers.

The application meets the standards for Section 15301(c), in that the construction will involve minimal to no land alteration in an area that is already developed and the soil is disturbed. The project sites are located in the City's Right-of-Way. None of the project sites are environmentally sensitive, and they will not result in significant effects to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality with the construction of the new facilities. No significant adverse effects were identified during the evaluation process.

Therefore, the City of Whittier has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Notice of Exemption will be filed pursuant to Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Jim Homet (562) 567-9505  
*City Contact Person* *Phone Number*

Senior Civil Engineer  
Title

  
Signature

10.29.2025  
Date

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