City of West Hollywood
California 1984

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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SUBJECT:
Filing of Notice of Exemption in compliance with Sections: 21080.25, §15301(c) (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), and §15304(h) (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land: creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way) of the California Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Fountain Ave Streetscape Project – Phase 1

Project Location - Specific: Fountain Avenue between La Cienega Boulevard and La Brea Avenue, (within the boundaries of the City of West Hollywood, CA, Los Angeles County).

Project Description: The City is planning a reconfiguration of Fountain Avenue that will occur in two phases. This Notice of Exemption applies to Phase 1 of the Project, which eliminates a travel lane in each direction, adds protected bikeways, and eliminates parking from the north side of the street to create space for protected bike lanes in each direction. The Project will eliminate peak-hour parking restrictions, add high-visibility crosswalks, add in-street planters, and include speed wedges within painted curb extensions throughout the corridor. Phase 2 would widen sidewalks, rebuild curb ramps, add landscaping, street lighting, and other amenities, and underground utility lines if feasible. Phase 1 is intended to calm traffic conditions, create a safe east/west bicycle corridor, improve pedestrian safety, and make Fountain function more as a collector street, which is the roadway classification in the West Hollywood General Plan.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of West Hollywood, City Council

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of West Hollywood

Exemption Status:

☑ Public Resources Code §21080.25, bicycle facilities that improve safety, access or mobility
☑ Public Resources Code §15301(c) (Class 1 – Existing Facilities)
☑ §15304(h) (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land: creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Phase 1 of the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.25, which exempts bicycle facilities that improve safety, access or mobility, including new facilities within the public right-of-way. Public Resources Code §21080.25 also exempts planning decisions carried out by local agencies to remove or restrict parking. Phase 1 is carried out by the City, does not induce single-vehicle occupancy trips, or add any auxiliary lanes. The

physical infrastructure added in Phase 1 is minor, within the existing right-of-way, and is needed for the safe movement of bicycles. Construction of Phase 1 would not remove any affordable housing units. Additionally, Phase 1 is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines §15301(c) (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and §15304(h) (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land: creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way). Phase 1 re-stripes the existing corridor to one travel lane per direction, installs protected bikeways separated by surface-mounted, reversible elements (e.g., extruded curbs/planters), adds paint/markings, curb extensions, and high-visibility crossings, adjusts curbside parking, and repaves—all within the existing public right-of-way and without adding automobile lanes. The exceptions to categorical exemptions (Guidelines §15300.2) do not apply: the project area is urbanized; there is no work on a state scenic highway, no listed hazardous waste sites, and no substantial adverse change to historical resources; and there is no unusual circumstance creating a reasonable possibility of significant effects. Consistent with SB 743, transportation effects are evaluated in terms of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) rather than delay or parking availability; the curbside reallocation to bikeways does not constitute a CEQA impact.

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