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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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Project Title: Munras Ave & Via Arboles Ramp Project (NCP2504D)

Project Applicant: City of Monterey

Project Location - Specific:
Corner of Via Arboles and Munras Avenue

Project Location - City: Monterey Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project includes demolition of existing concrete sidewalk, curbs, gutters, one storm drain catch basin, and 0.3 meters of storm drain. A new concrete sidewalk, four curb ramps, curbs, gutters,and storm drain connections will be installed. Existing signage will be salvaged and reinstalled in its original location. The projected maximum depth of ground disturbance for the Project is five feet.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Monterey

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works

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: Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment A.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Christy Sabdo Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-646-3758

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: Christy Sabdo Date: 10/28/2025 Title: Principal Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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Exemption:

The City of Monterey Planning Office determined the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1) because the project includes demolition of existing concrete sidewalk, curbs, gutters, one storm drain catch basin, and 0.3 meters of storm drain. A new concrete sidewalk, four curb ramps, curbs, gutters, and storm drain connections will be installed. Existing signage will be salvaged and reinstalled in its original location. Furthermore, the project does not qualify for any of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions found at CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Exception a - Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. Exception a – Location – does not apply to projects which are exempt under Class 1.

Exception b - Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. There would be no cumulative impact because the project involves minor repair and replacement of curb, gutter, and storm drains.

Exception c - Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. No unusual circumstances are anticipated due to the limited scope and distinct locations of the improvement.

Exception d - Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The project would not be visible from a scenic highway.

Exception e - Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. No impact to sites included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government code would occur.

Exception f - Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project would not impact historic resources as project improvements would only occur in the public right-of-way. The project is located in a sensitive archeological area as shown on the General Plan Environmental Impact Report Figure 8. The projected maximum depth of ground disturbance for the Project is five feet. A Phase I Archeological Assessment was prepared by Dudek. The Assessment concluded that a qualified archeologist monitor all ground disturbing activities during construction and the project should have conditions to comply with regulations regarding the accidental discovery of human remains. An archeological monitor will be present during construction and in the event there is an unanticipated discovery of resources, the City's protocol would be followed. Therefore, there would be no impacts to historic or archeological resources.