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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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Project Title: John St and Ramona Avenue Right-of-Way (NCP2443)

Project Applicant: City of Monterey

Project Location - Specific:
Right-of-way between Highway 1 and John St/Ramona Avenue

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project consists of the installation of an ~6-foot tall perimeter fence along the City of Monterey right-of-way between Highway 1 and John St/Ramona Avenue including the installation of 24 new shrubs to provide a visual barrier to Highway 1.

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: 12/2/2025 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 consists of the installation of an approximately 6-foot tall perimeter fence along the City of Monterey right-of-way between Highway 1 and John St/Ramona Avenue including the installation of 24 new shrubs to provide a visual barrier to Highway 1. All work will be conducted within the public right-of-way. 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. All work will be conducted within the public right-of-way; therefore, the project would not have an impact on the environment.

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 proposed project would consist of improvements to the existing public right-of-way.

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 improvements' limited scope and distinct locations.

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 be visible from an eligible State scenic highway, but not an official designated state 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 is not located in a sensitive archeological area as shown on the General Plan EIR Figure 8; therefore, there would be no impacts to historic or archeological resources.