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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Project Title: San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets/Bay Trail Gap Closure, WO4163, CP#25-26

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Alex Nattkemper, (925) 313-2364 alex.nattkemper@pw.cccounty.us

Project Location: Along San Pablo Avenue, from Pacific Avenue in unincorporated Rodeo to Pomona Street in unincorporated Crockett, Contra Costa County

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Contact Person: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877 syd.sotoodeh@dcd.cccounty.us

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is to improve San Pablo Avenue by converting it to a more accessible "Complete Street" for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Improvements will occur within the existing roadway between California Street in Rodeo and Pomona Street in Crockett. The roadway will be reconfigured from four vehicular travel lanes to three: one travel lane in each direction, and a center lane that will provide turning, merging, truck-climbing needs and a buffer median, depending on location. This change will create space to construct approximately 13,700 linear feet of a 10-foot-wide shared use path for pedestrians and bicyclists that is separated from vehicular traffic by a 3-foot-wide buffer and concrete barrier. Additionally, approximately 650 linear feet of new Class II bike lanes will be constructed between Rodeo Avenue and Parker Avenue. The new bike lanes will involve pavement widening and striping to allow for parallel parking, existing drainage inlet modification/relocation, and curb ramp construction. The project will construct approximately 1,050 linear feet of sidewalk along the north side of San Pablo Avenue between Parker Avenue and California Street. Intersection upgrades may include striping, pavement markings, traffic signal timing optimization, curb ramp construction/reconstruction, Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon and Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon installation, and concrete passageway (refuge island) modifications. At least one Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT) bus shelter may be relocated. A stormwater bioretention facility may be constructed at the San Pablo Avenue/Refinery Road intersection. Street lighting will be installed along the northern side of San Pablo Avenue between California Street and Pomona Street. An excavation depth of around seven feet is expected for the construction of street lighting foundations and relocation of existing utility or traffic signal poles. Otherwise, excavation of up to three feet is expected for other improvements. Utility relocations, temporary traffic control, and vegetation trimming and removal may be necessary to accommodate the project. Real Estate transactions, including right-of-way acquisition and easements may be needed. Construction is anticipated to start in the Fall of 2027 and last at least twelve months. While nighttime work may be needed to complete the project, work on weekends is not anticipated. Applicable best management practices will be implemented for water pollution control such as storm drain inlet protection.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Exempt Status:

☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)
☒ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301[c] and 15303)
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a])
☐ General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c])
☐ Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the minor alteration of existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities and construction of new pedestrian and bicycle facilities that do not create additional automobile lanes pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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: Syd Sotoodeh Title: Senior Planner Date: Jan. 2, 2026

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on JAN 2 2 2026 received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature

Deputy Clerk
Title

Applicant

Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Alex Nattkemper
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2364

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

☐ De Minimis Finding - $0
☒ County Clerk - $50
☐ Conservation and Development - $25

Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____