

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING
1149 S. BROADWAY, 7th FLOOR
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

COUNTY CLERK'S USE

(Articles II and III – City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California, 90650 and with the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research, if filed with the County Clerk, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: City of Los Angeles c/o Bureau of Engineering 1149 S. Broadway, 6 th Floor, MS 939 Los Angeles, CA 90015	COUNCIL DISTRICT 5
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PROJECT TITLE: Exposition - West Bikeway - Northvale Segment (W.O. E1907693 / CIP No. M806)	LOG REFERENCE
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PROJECT LOCATION: North of the I-10 Freeway from Motor Avenue to Overland Avenue, in the West Los Angeles Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles (see *Figure 1: Project Location*). T.G. Page 632, Grid D6, E6 and E7

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT: The project will construct two segments of bike facilities: a 0.28-mile bike path just north of the I-10 Freeway from Motor Avenue to 500 feet east of Dunleer Drive; and a bike lane from Dunleer drive to Overland Avenue. The project would provide bike facilities which would benefit the community and would connect to a bike-way path from Exposition Park to Santa Monica Beach. An application for an Encroachment Permit has been submitted to Caltrans. Please see the project description continuation in the narrative for more details.

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EXEMPT STATUS:		
CITY CEQA GUIDELINES	CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION*	Art. III, Sec. 1 Class 4 Cat. 13
STATE CEQA GUIDELINES	CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION*	Sec. 15304 (h)

* See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 and set forth state and city guidelines provisions.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: This project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15304(h) (Minor Alterations to Land). Additionally, the project is exempt pursuant to *Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines* Article III, Section 1, Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land), Category 13.
None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply (see attached narrative).

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE: for <i>Norman Mundy</i> Maria Martin	TITLE: Environmental Affairs Officer Environmental Management Group	DATE: 02/17/2026
FEE: \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY
		DATE

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE

I. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT, CONTINUED

The project will construct an asphalt concrete pavement Class I (Bike Path) bicycle and pedestrian path from Motor Avenue to 300 ft east of Dunleer Road. The path will contain two 4-ft wide bike lanes, one 4-ft wide pedestrian lane (when available), and one 3-ft utility corridor, along with 2-ft shoulders on each side. The project will construct asphalt concrete pavement Class I bicycle path 300 ft east of Dunleer Road to Putney Road and contain two 4-ft wide bike path lanes and two 2-ft shoulders on each side. The path will be separated from the roadway with curb and gutters and steel cable fencing. In addition, a new traffic signal will be installed at the bicycle path access at Motor Avenue with a left turn bicycle pocket, crosswalks and the installation of curb extension. Curb extensions will be constructed along the bike path at Putney road. The project construction activities will include clearing and grubbing, rough grading, fine grading; and installation of an AC paved path, lighting, railing, traffic striping and signs, retaining walls, and minor landscaping.

Unless otherwise stated, the proposed project will be designed, constructed and operated following all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and formally adopted City standards including but not limited to:

- City of Los Angeles Municipal Code
- Bureau of Engineering Standard Plans
- Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Greenbook), including Additions and Amendments
- Work Area Traffic Control Handbook

II. PROJECT HISTORY

The project would become part of the bike path network that connects Exposition Park to Santa Monica Beach.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

A. Basis for Categorical Exemption

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15304, Class 4 (h) *Minor Alterations to Land* because the project consists of the construction of bicycle lanes on existing right-of-way.

Additionally, this project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the *Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines* Article III, Section 1, Class 4 (13) *Minor Alterations to Land* as the construction of bicycle lanes on existing right-of-way.

The project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Consideration of Potential Exceptions to use of a Categorical Exemption

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions in the following circumstances:

1. Location. Exemption 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 be significant in a particularly sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may 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.

The project will not 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. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

2. Cumulative Impact. This exception applies when, although a project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

There are no other known projects that could involve cumulatively significant impacts. Therefore, this exception has no application to this project.

3. Significant Effect. This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

Tree Removal

The project would remove approximately 92 trees. The trees are not street trees subject to the tree replacement requirements of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 62.162. Also, none of the trees to be removed are protected trees subject to LAMC 46.02.

There are no unusual circumstances that would create a possibility that the project will have a significant effect. Therefore, this exception has no application to this project.

4. Scenic Highway. 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.

The proposed project is not within a state designated scenic highway or within sight of any state designated scenic highway. Therefore, this exception has no application to this project.

5. Hazardous Waste Site. This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5.

As of October 28, 2025, the project site was not listed as a hazardous waste site. Therefore, this exception has no application to this project.

6. Historical Resources. This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

There are no known historical resources in the project vicinity. This exception has no application to this project.

IV. REFERENCES

- California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 (State CEQA Guidelines), available from <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). *California State Scenic Highway System Map*. Retrieved October 28, 2025, from <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering. *NavigateLA*. Retrieved on October 28, 2025, <https://navigatela.lacity.org/navigatela/>
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering. Standard Plans. <https://apps.engineering.lacity.gov/techdocs/stdplans/>
- City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines available from https://planning.lacity.org/EIR/CEQA_Guidelines/City_CEQA_Guidelines.pdf
- City of Los Angeles Municipal Code. <https://lacity.gov/government/city-charter-rules-and-codes>
- Public Resources Code, Div. 13, Sections 21000-21189 (CEQA), available from <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
- Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction. Public Works Standards Inc, “Green Book”.
- Work Area Traffic Control Handbook. BNi-Building News. <http://www.watchbook.org/>



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- EDGE OF PROPOSED BIKEWAY RAW
- PROPOSED FENCE
- BIKEWAY C/I
- PROPOSED BIKEWAY



Figure 1: Project Location