

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz
Governmental Center, 701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz CA 95060

From: City of Santa Cruz
Public Works Department, 809 Center Street
Room 201, Santa Cruz CA 95060

Project Title: Bay Corridor Complete Streets

Project Applicant: City of Santa Cruz

Project Location - Specific: Bay Street/Drive between High Street and California Avenue

Project Location - City: Santa Cruz Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Install separated bike lanes, transit boarding islands, speed management treatments, and pedestrian enhancement to improve safety and access for people walking, biking, and taking transit along the Bay corridor, including people traveling to Bay View Elementary School, Mission Hill Middle School, and UC Santa Cruz.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz

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: 15301 subd. (c), 15304 subd. (h), and 15300
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.25(b)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project qualifies for the following CEQA exemptions: a statutory exemption pursuant to Pub. Res. Code § 21080.25(b)(1) (pedestrian and bicycle facilities that improve safety, access, or mobility); a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption (14 CCR § 15301, see subd. (c)); a Class 4 (Minor Alterations) categorical exemption

(14 CCR § 15304, see subd. (h)); and the Common Sense Exemption (14 CCR §15061). The project fits within these exempt categories and none of the exceptions to the CEQA exemptions listed in 14 CCR § 15300 are applicable. Finally, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Claire Gallogly Phone number: 831-420-5107

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:  Date: 2/18/2026 Title: Transportation Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.