



Notice of Exemption

Date: February 23, 2026

To:

- Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From:

City of Fremont, Planning Division
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Fremont, CA 94537
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Subject: Filing of a Notice of Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062

Project Title: Auto Mall Parkway Median Improvement Project

Project Applicant/Appellant: Jason Liu, Associate Civil Engineer, City of Fremont – Public Works Department, 39550 Liberty Street, Fremont CA 94538; xliu@fremont.gov

Project Location (include county): Center right-of-way median along Auto Mall Parkway between Grimmer Boulevard (west) and Fremont Boulevard (east), Fremont, CA 94538; Alameda County

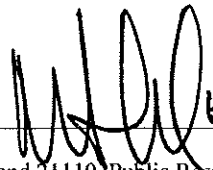
Project Description: Civil and landscaping improvements to the approximately five-acre roadway center median of Auto Mall Parkway between Grimmer Boulevard and Fremont Boulevard. The project will remove blight and provide a visually attractive streetscape, including: a gravel maintenance path in the middle of the median; a maintenance band on the perimeter of the median; irrigation systems; planting of drought-tolerant shrubs and low-growing trees; bark, cobble, and boulder mulch; gentle sloping earthen berms no higher than three feet with no-mow grasses; stormwater treatment and retention areas; and various repairs and upgrades to the existing curbs, sidewalks, and curb ramps along the median.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fremont

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and CEQA Guidelines section number: 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Special Situations. State CEQA Guidelines section number:
- Statutory Exemptions. State CEQA Guidelines section number:
- Other Exemption. State CEQA Guidelines section number:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is exempt from CEQA review because, without limitation, 1) none of the exceptions contained in 15300.2 (Exceptions) apply to the project, and 2) the project is consistent with the minor alterations to land criteria (b) in Section 15304, which states "New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping."

Signature (Lead Agency):  Mark HUNSFORD Title: SENIOR PLANNER

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