

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency): City of San Jose

200 E Santa Clara St, 3rd FL

San Jose, CA 95113

(Address)

Project Title: Downtown Stitching Districts TCI Elements Project

Project Applicant: City of San Jose

Project Location - Specific:

**Caltrans bridges at SR 87-John Street/Almaden Blvd and SR 87-Santa Clara St**

Project Location - City: San Jose

Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The public project comprises the installation of public art elements (e.g. lettering and murals) on existing Caltrans bridges in two Downtown locations. The project does not involve construction or ground disturbance activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of San Jose

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of San Jose

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: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Class 1 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed installation of public art lettering and murals on Caltrans bridges constitute a minor modification to an existing facility as defined by the CEQA Guidelines. The City would obtain encroachment permit(s) from Caltrans for the proposed work. None of the exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines apply to the project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nhu Nguyen

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**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: *Nhu Nguyen*      Date: 3/20/26      Title: Planner II

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_