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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Robert I. Schroder Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation, WO#5240, CP#26-04

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553,
(925) 313-2000, Contact: Christian Montoya, (925) 313-2176,
christian.montoya@pw.cccounty.us

Project Location: Treat Boulevard and Jones Road intersection in unincorporated Walnut Creek, CA;
APN 148-221-016

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 rehabilitate and perform minor repairs on the existing Robert I. Schroder pedestrian bridge to address multiple deficiencies and prevent further deterioration of the bridge's serviceability and aesthetics. The existing bridge carries pedestrian and bicycle traffic over Treat Boulevard as part of the Iron Horse Trail and is located approximately 0.3-miles east of I-680. The project proposes to replace bearing pads at two bridge abutments; spot blast and clean rusted or paint-chipped areas; treat the bridge deck to prevent water intrusion; and repair damaged concrete areas such as sidewalks and curbs. Other miscellaneous maintenance work includes replacing pedestrian restriction cabling, pressure washing, and debris removal. Additional improvements will include park enhancements along the multi-use Iron Horse Trail adjacent to the pedestrian bridge, which will consist of up to three surface level play cubes on a rubberized pour-in-place surface. Tree trimming and vegetation trimming and removal may be necessary. Treat Boulevard would remain open to traffic for most of construction and would require approximately four road closures on separate nights to accommodate the bearing pad replacement work. An approximately 5-mile traffic detour will be implemented off-site during night work. Pedestrian and bicycle users on Iron Horse Trail will be temporarily redirected to use the existing street crossing on Treat Boulevard for approximately 3-4 months while the bridge is closed for repairs. Real estate transactions such as temporary construction easements may be needed for construction access and staging areas. Utility relocation is not anticipated. Construction is anticipated to start in Summer 2026 and last for approximately 4-5 months.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301[c] and [d],
Sec. 15303[e])
- 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.)

Reason why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301(c), Sec. 15301(d) and Sec. 15303(e), regarding minor alterations to an existing pedestrian bridge crossing, including preventative maintenance and rehabilitation work. The current condition of the pedestrian bridge structure did not result from substantial damage due to an environmental hazard and rehabilitation is needed to meet current public health and safety standards. Additionally, the park enhancement features consisting of up to three play cubes on a rubberized pour-in-place surface are minor accessory structures on an existing multi-use public trail. Negligible or no expansion of use will result from the proposed project.

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: March 10, 2026

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Applicant

Contra Costa County Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
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Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due:

Receipt #:
