

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): City of San Clemente  
910 Calle Negocio  
San Clemente, CA 92673

County Clerk

County of: Orange

601 N. Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

(Address)

Project Title: Calafia Complete Streets Project

Project Applicant: City of San Clemente

Project Location - Specific:

Avenida Calafia corridor (33.405678, -117.604154-33.408720, -117.601065)

Project Location - City: San Clemente

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Avenida Calafia currently lacks pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure along most of its length. As a result, pedestrians, including beachgoers carrying belongings, must walk within the roadway alongside bicyclists and vehicles to access the beach. The project proposes a variety of multimodal improvements along Avenida Calafia consisting of new and upgraded pedestrian facilities (sidewalk infill, curb ramps, crosswalks, bulb outs, and localized landscaping enhancements), bicycle facilities (a combination of new bike lanes, shared lane markings, and traffic calming measures such as a slip lane closure), and vehicular and pavement upgrades (travel lane narrowing, parking reconfiguration, pavement resurfacing, selective full depth rehabilitation and replacement/extension of curb and gutter). The project also includes installation of two new street lights on the south side of Avenida Calafia. These proposed improvements would enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety; improve connectivity and access to San Clemente State Beach, campground, and Beach Trail system; and close a key gap in the City's existing bicycle and pedestrian network. As such, the proposed improvements have been designed to meet the purpose and need of the project, as stated above.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of San Clemente, Department of Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dave Rebensdorf, Public Works Director

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: Class 1, Existing facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project qualifies for a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) exemption under CEQA (Section 15301) as it involves minor alterations to the existing Avenida Calafia roadway, with all work confined to the curb-to-curb footprint and public right-of-way. The project does not widen, realign, or increase the capacity of the roadway and would not expand its existing use. It maintains current vehicular circulation while improving safety and multimodal access. The project also meets all the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. A Categorical Exemption Memorandum and supporting technical reviews are on file at the City of San Clemente Public Works Department.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dave Rebensdorf

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/6/26

Title: Public Works Director

▪ ~~Signed by Lead Agency~~ Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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