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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Project Title:**

65th Street at 53rd Avenue Signal Project

**Control Number:**

PLER2025-00135

**Project Location:**

At the intersection of 65<sup>th</sup> Street and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, in the South Sacramento Community, in unincorporated Sacramento County.

**APN:**

N/A – within the public roadway

**Description of Project:**

Sacramento County Department of Transportation will construct a new traffic signal in addition to curb and ramp improvements at the intersection of 65<sup>th</sup> Street and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The project will improve vehicle and pedestrian facilities and will not be capacity increasing. Permanent right-of-way acquisitions will be required for public utilities public facilities easements. Additionally, temporary construction easements will also be required. Implementation of the project will require relocation of existing utilities including water, sewer, telecommunications, electric, and storm drainage. Construction of the project will require between two and 14 feet of excavation for traffic signal foundations in addition to the removal of a non-native tree.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

Sacramento County – [ceqa@saccounty.gov](mailto:ceqa@saccounty.gov)

**Person or Agency Carrying out Project:**

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**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300-15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Implementation of the project will include the construction

of a new traffic signal in addition to curb and ramp improvements at the existing intersection of 65<sup>th</sup> Street and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The project site is within an urbanized area of the South Sacramento Community and will result in the removal of a non-native tree. However, removal of the tree will require adherence to the Sacramento County Tree Ordinance. Completion of the project will result in the continued use of the existing facility with little or no expansion of use; therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

### **Section 15300.2-Exceptions**

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the project have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies?*

The project exemption is not one of the above classes and this exception does not apply.

2. *Will cumulative impacts be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time?*

The project includes construction of a new traffic signal and curb and ramp improvements in a disturbed area which will not result in significant impacts on environmental resources and cumulative impacts will not be considerable.

3. *Is there a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?*

There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *Will the project result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway?*

River Road / Highway 160 (from the Sacramento City Limits at the northern edge of Freeport to the southern tip of the Delta at Antioch Bridge) is a designated State Scenic Highway. The project is not located within the vicinity of this scenic highway.

5. *Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?*

The project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

6. *Will the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource?*

The project site does not contain any historical resources.

*Julie Newton*

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ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR OF  
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