

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Anissa Busch
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS, ADVERTISE AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR 2024-2025 AND 2025-2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PEDESTRIAN FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (TROY STREET) AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 4)

Project Location: The project is located on the north side of Troy Street between Central Avenue and Bancroft Drive in the community of Spring Valley.

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: Upon Board approval, the Troy Street Pedestrian Improvement Project will advertise and award a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of approximately 1,044 linear feet of new concrete sidewalk, an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian ramps, 12 ADA compliant concrete driveways and a marked crosswalk along the north side of Troy Street between Central Avenue and Bancroft Drive. The project was awarded funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in 2024 and 2025.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego
County Contact Person: Samir Nuhaily Telephone: 619-507-7754
Date Form Completed: April 22, 2026


This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on April 22, 2026 (#1) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G 15301 - Existing Facilities
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- General:** Sec. C.
- Ministerial:** Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review:** Sec. G
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines exempts from CEQA review actions consisting 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." The key consideration is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The proposed project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities within the existing public right-of-way, including sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and pedestrian ramps to enhance pedestrian accessibility and safety. Existing conditions at the proposed sites include asphalt and dirt shoulders, some of which are currently utilized by pedestrians. As such, the proposed action will result in a minor alteration of existing public roadway and pedestrian facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, and none of the exceptions under Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines apply. Accordingly, the proposed action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the state CEQA Guidelines. This project is also funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Troy Street Pedestrian Improvement Project was determined to be categorically excluded under Section 58.35(a)(1), as it involves the repair, improvement, and reconstruction of existing public facilities within the existing public right-of-way. The proposed improvements will retain the same use and will not result in a change in size or capacity exceeding 20 percent. CDBG funding supports the project's design phase, right-of-way acquisition and coordination, utility coordination, advertising and award of the construction contract, and construction activities.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (619) 415-9920
Name (Print): Emily Roberts Title: Environmental Planning Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.