

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street,
Martinez, CA 94553

From: (Public Agency): City of Brentwood
Lead Agency
150 City Park Way
Brentwood, CA 94513

Project Title: Lone Tree Way Roadway Improvements Project (O'Hara Lane and Smith Road)

Project Applicant: City of Brentwood Engineering Department, 150 City Park Way,
Brentwood, CA 94513, (925) 516-5163

Project Location - Specific:

The project site is located along Smith Road and O'Hara Lane in the City of Brentwood, California. The project site would mainly consist of a roadway segment spanning from the Smith Road/O'Hara Lane intersection to the northern property line of 2361 Smith Road, located at the approximate midway point of the roadway segment (O'Hara Lane to Lone Tree Way), and O'Hara Lane/O'Hara Avenue intersection to the O'Hara Lane/Smith Road intersection. The project site is surrounded by the remainder of Smith Road to the north; an elementary school and associated parking lot to the east; single-family residences to the south, across O'Hara Lane; and undeveloped land and two single-family residence adjacent to the project site.

Project Location - City: Brentwood Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project would mainly consist of improvements within the segment of Smith Road from the Smith Road/O'Hara Lane intersection to the northern property line of 2361 Smith Road, including the undergrounding of PG&E poles and lines, and the construction of a permanent sidewalk along the southbound (western) side of the road. In addition, the proposed project would include the installation of a PG&E transformer within the southeastern corner of the 2361 Smith Road parcel.

The proposed project would mainly consist of improvements within the existing segment of O'Hara Lane from the O'Hara Lane/O'Hara Avenue intersection to the O'Hara Lane/Smith Road intersection, including the undergrounding of PG&E poles and lines, removal of concrete barriers at the O'Hara Lane/Smith Road intersection, and striping for a dedicated turn lane onto Smith Road. In addition, the proposed project would include the installation of a PG&E transformer on the southeast corner of the undeveloped parcel to the north.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Brentwood, Lead Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Brentwood Engineering Department, 150 City Park Way,
Brentwood, CA 94513, (925) 516-5163

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 code number: Section 15301(c), Class One; and Section 15302(d), Class 2**

Reasons why project is exempt:

Article 19 of the CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15300 through 15333, includes a list of classes of projects that have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment, and are therefore exempt from CEQA. The proposed project qualifies for exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and 15302. Specifically, the proposed project would include improvements to an existing roadway and sidewalk that would involve negligible expansion of existing or former use, and thus, would meet Criterion 15301(c). In addition, the proposed utility improvements would meet Criterion 15302(d), as the proposed improvements would include the undergrounding of existing overhead PG&E electric utility infrastructure. It should also be noted that exceptions to the exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply to the proposed project. For example, the proposed project would not be located in a particularly sensitive environment or impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, and thus, would meet Criterion 15300.2(a). In addition, buildout of the proposed project in conjunction with nearby proposed development would not lead to a significant cumulative impact, or lead to a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, and thus, would meet Criterion 15300.2(b) and (c). Furthermore, the proposed project would not be located near a State scenic highway or on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, and thus, would meet Criterion 15300.2(d) and (e). Lastly, the proposed project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, and thus, would meet Criterion 15300.2(f). Therefore, the proposed project would be considered exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class One; and Section 15302, Class Two.

Lead Agency

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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: 5/4/2026 Title: Associate Civil Engineer
 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: _____