

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

**From:** (Public Agency): City of Los Angeles  
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

(Address)

Project Title: North Atwater East Bank Riverway Project – Colorado Street Bridge Undercrossing

Project Applicant: City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works

Project Location - Specific:

**Beneath the Colorado Street Bridge Freeway Extension alongside the LA River**

Project Location - City: Los Angeles Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project consists of a new 500-foot undercrossing beneath the Colorado Street Bridge Freeway Extension alongside the Los Angeles River within the City of Los Angeles. The proposed undercrossing would enable pedestrians to safely traverse beneath the Colorado Street Bridge Freeway Extension on the east side of the Los Angeles River and would connect the planned 2.2-mile multi-modal North Atwater East Bank Riverway, which combined with other funded bridge Projects would create a 6-mile loop. The Project would help achieve a key part of the community-driven plan for the North Atwater East Bank Riverway by establishing a link between the existing parks, equestrian facilities, housing, businesses, the Los Angeles River, and providing access for the local community to currently unconnected parks and open space. Currently, north-south access along the path on the east side of the Los Angeles River is not connected at this location.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Angeles - Department of Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Angeles - Department of Public Works

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: 15301 (c) and 15304 (a)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301 (c), Existing Facilities, for minor alteration of existing public structures and topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Class 1 Categorical Exemption (CE) would apply to the Project, because the Project involves minor alterations to the existing concrete embankment and structural elements beneath the Colorado Street Bridge Freeway Extension to improve pedestrian connectivity and safety. The Project would occur in an area already developed. No expansion of use would occur beyond the existing conditions, and the improvements would not increase capacity or change the type or intensity of use. Therefore, as the Project involves minor alterations to existing public facilities with negligible expansion of use, the Project would qualify for a Class 1 CE.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cristian Centeno Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-485-4560

**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: 05/19/2026 Title: Environmental Supervisor

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: \_\_\_\_\_