



Notice of Exemption

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Subject: Filing of a Notice of Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062

Project Title: Dumbarton to Quarry Lakes Trail Project Phase A Segment Project (PWC9026)

Project Applicant: Danielle Del Rosario, Senior Transportation Engineer, City of Fremont Public Works Department

Project Location (include county): Multiple paths within the City of Fremont and on Caltrans right of way generally located at: Quarry Road from the State Route 84 (SR 84) toll plaza to Paseo Padre Parkway, west side of Paseo Padre Parkway (Quarry Road to Kaiser Drive), Kaiser Drive (Paseo Padre Parkway to Ardenwood Boulevard), and the west side of Ardenwood Boulevard (Kaiser Drive to Ardenwood Terrace) in Alameda County.

Project Description: The City of Fremont (City) proposes to construct approximately 6 miles of new trail connecting the Dumbarton Bridge to the Quarry Lakes Recreation Area. An additional 2 miles of trail would be constructed by others, resulting in a total 8-mile trail connection. The proposed trail would facilitate an east-west regional walking and biking connection between San Mateo/Santa Clara counties and Alameda County, as well as provide trail connections to priority development areas, transit centers, regional open space areas, and residential neighborhoods. The proposed trail would generally consist of paved Class I multi-use pathways, Class IV separated bikeways, protected intersections, and wide sidewalks that conform to the access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project scope also includes trail lighting and crossing improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fremont

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exemptions.
- Categorical Exemption. State type and CEQA Guidelines section number:
- Special Situations. State type and CEQA Guidelines section number

Reasons why project is exempt: In September 2020, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 288 (SB 288) into law. SB 288 amends the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to provide streamlining for certain types of transportation-related projects. Specifically, SB 288 creates Public Resources Code

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Section 21080.25, which adds additional categories to the list of projects that have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment and are therefore determined to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The proposed project is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 as the project is a pedestrian and bicycle facility project that improves safety, access, and mobility within the public right-of-way; a local agency is the lead agency for the Project; the project does not induce single-occupancy vehicle trips by addition of vehicle lanes or road widening; and the project does not require the demolition of affordable housing units.

Signature (Lead Agency): Kevin Lee Title: Associate Planner

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.