Notice of Exemption

Date: July 22, 2026

To:

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

Project Title: Fremont Last Mile Broadband Project (PWC9118)

Project Applicant/Appellant: City of Fremont – Department of Public Works; contact: Frans Van Der Meer, Principal Civil Engineer; fvandermeer@fremont.gov, (510) 494-4735

Project Location (include county): City of Fremont (various locations; see attached map exhibit) (Alameda County)

Project Description: The City of Fremont is constructing a fiber network to connect unserved households and anchor institutions with high-speed, affordable broadband. This project will establish 120,323 linear feet of new fiber optic cable across the City and interconnect with sections of the Statewide Middle Mile Backbone Network (MMBN) while simultaneously providing last-mile connection within the most critically unserved communities and neighborhoods. The project will bring scalable broadband speeds to 516 unserved locations as determined by CPUC standards.

This project contains 80,574 feet of underground fiber, 20,407 feet of aerial fiber, and 19,342 feet of new fiber installed in existing conduit. Underground routes will be laid within existing rights of way while all aerial routes will be attached to pre-existing utility poles. These routes will ensure redundancy and future capacity, and will include new and existing conduit within previously disturbed rights-of-way with a 288-strand fiber cable.

Project CEQA was approved by the City of Fremont City Council on July 21, 2026.

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))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and CEQA Guidelines section number:15301, 15302, 15303, and 15304
- ☐ Special Situations. State CEQA Guidelines section number:
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State CEQA Guidelines section number:

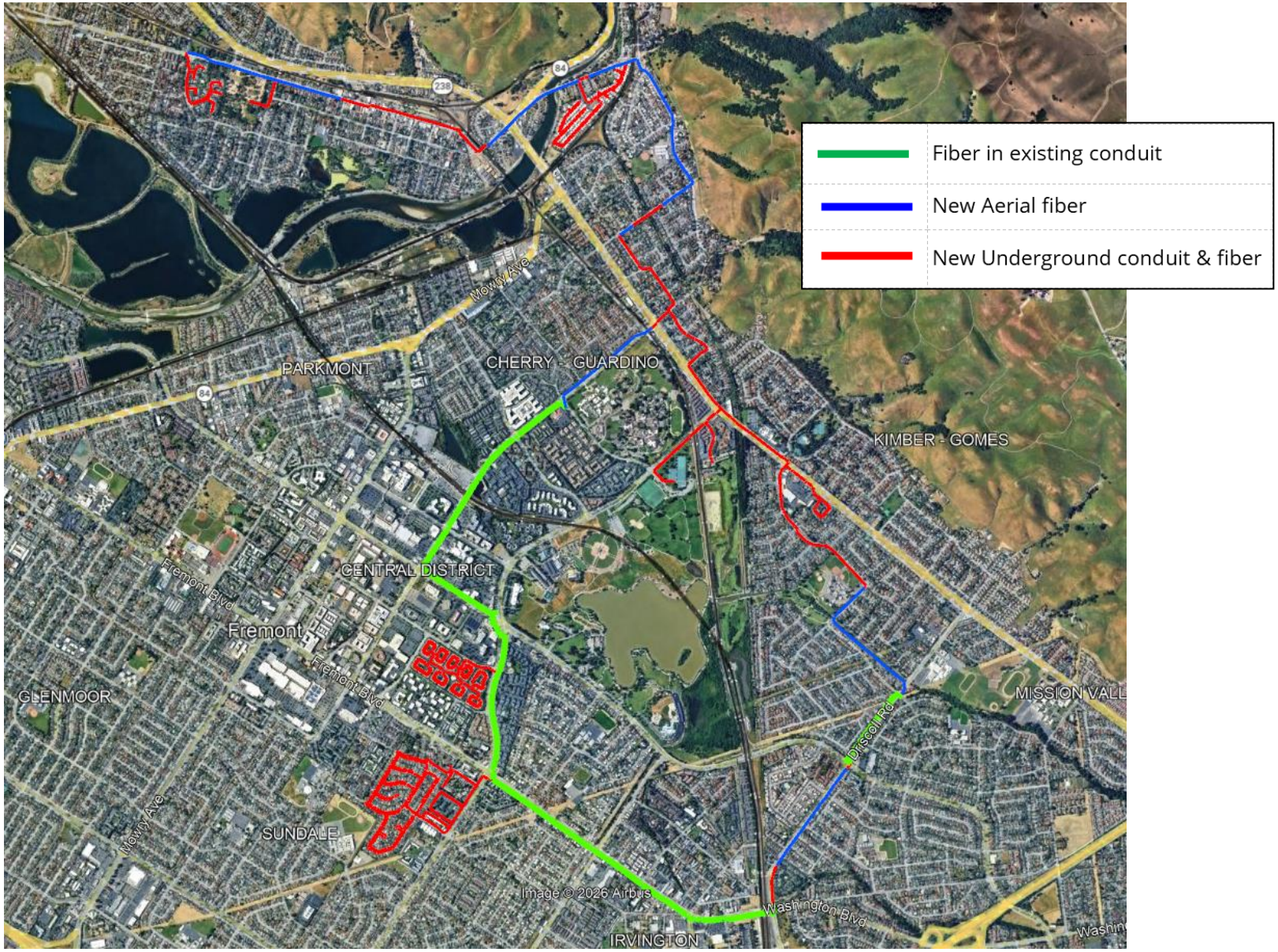
☐ Other Exemption. State CEQA Guidelines section number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Construction of the proposed Network will occur within existing trenches and/or previously disturbed areas and require minor trenching and backfilling. Installation will take place within city right-of-way properties which are currently occupied with existing utilities, including fiber network lines with no expected expansion of physical footprint.

The Network consists of underground and aerial fiber infrastructure and any small structures will be buried underground. Project activities are subject to the City's standard development requirements (Fremont Municipal Code Chapter 18.218), which substantially mitigate environmental impacts associated with development. There is no substantial evidence that the project is subject to an exception to the exemptions given that the proposed Network will reduce cumulative impacts by collocating with existing facilities, disturbed surfaces will be restored to existing conditions, construction activities are identical to standard utility work, and components will not be located near or within a hazardous site and/or within visibility of a designated highway.

Signature (Lead Agency): _____ Title: SENIOR PLANNER

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


Fiber in existing conduit
New Aerial fiber
New Underground conduit & fiber
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KIMBER - GOMES
CENTRAL DISTRICT
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IRVINGTON
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