

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): City of Bell Gardens

8327 Garfield Avenue

Bell Gardens, CA 90201

(Address)

Project Title: Clara Street Improvements

Project Applicant: City of Bell Gardens, Public Works Department

Project Location - Specific:

Clara St at Eastern Ave, Jaboneria Rd, Garfield Ave, and Florence Ave

Project Location - City: Bell Gardens

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of intersection improvements at Eastern Ave/Clara St, Jaboneria Rd/Clara St, Garfield Ave/Clara St, and Florence Ave/Clara St, including restriping for dedicated turn lanes, traffic signal modifications, minor curb and sidewalk adjustments, and installation of a traffic island. The purpose is to improve traffic operations and safety. Beneficiaries include motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and the local community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Bell Gardens

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Douglas Benash, City Engineer

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: Class 1 (§15301(c)) & Class 2 (§15302) & Class 4 (§15304)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of minor alterations and reconstruction of existing public roadway facilities, including restriping, signal modifications, and minor curb, sidewalk, and traffic island improvements, with no expansion of use. The project qualifies under Class 1, Class 2, and Class 4 categorical exemptions. The project was previously analyzed in the General Plan EIR; no new or more severe impacts would occur, and none of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Douglas Benash

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 940 0100

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: 07/09/2026

Title: City 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: _____