

Notice of Exemption

To: _____ Office of Planning and Research
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From: Public Works Department
City of Lancaster
44933 North Fern Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93534

 X County Clerk
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12400 E. Imperial Hwy.
Norwalk, CA 90650

(Date received for filing)

Project Title: PWCP 24-001 – Avenue J Grade Crossing - STPLR-7500 (287)

Project Location - General: City of Lancaster, County of Los Angeles, State of California

Project Location – Specific: Located at intersection of Avenue J and the Railroads near Sierra Highway

Project Description: The City of Lancaster in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to construct safety improvements to the at-grade crossing at the intersection of Avenue J and the Railroad facilities near Sierra Highway. Both the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) own facilities within the project area. The project includes installation of advance preemption, relocation of Standard 9 flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm, extension of existing drainage culvert, installation of pre-signal, concrete panel surfacing, new flashing light signal pairs directed south at Sierra Highway, at-grade crossing advance warning signage, installation of vehicle video/loops detection, pavement reconstruction and signal modifications (such as train activated R3-1 No Right Turn blank-out signs on Sierra Hwy northbound signal masts); new signage and warning features; median reconstruction/widening; sidewalk installation and curb ramp improvements; revised road striping and signage; new street lighting; potential utility adjustments; pedestrian emergency egress swing gates; and RR access control fencings. No ROW acquisition is required. All work will be done within the existing right-of-way.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Lancaster

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Lancaster, Public Works Department

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; Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities and provides negligible expansion of use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dao La Area Code/Telephone: (661) 723-6177

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Engineer

10/16/2024

Signature

Title

Date