Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Placer
2954 Richardson Drive
Auburn, CA 95603

From: (Public Agency): Placer County Transportation Planning Agency
299 Nevada Street
Auburn, CA 95603
(Address)

Project Title: PLA-49 Sidewalk Gap Closure Project

Project Applicant: Placer County Transportation Planning Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Along SR 49, between post miles 3.7 and 7.5

Project Location - City: in and near Auburn Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will construct sidewalks and accessible curb ramps at various locations between post miles 3.7 and 7.5 along State Route 49 (SR 49) in and near Auburn, in Placer County, California. The project purpose is to provide pedestrian accessibility on SR 49 between Interstate 80 and Dry Creek Road. The proposed project will increase accessible routes in this corridor, and provide a contiguous accessible path from I-80 to Dry Creek Road.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Transportation Planning Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County Transportation Planning Agency

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: Existing facilities, Section 15301(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed improvements would include the minor alteration of existing facilities within State, Placer County, and City of Auburn right-of-way, involving no expansion of existing uses. No special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility that the proposed project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rick Carter Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-823-4033

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: Richard R Carter Date: 6/8/2022 Title: Deputy Executive Director

▪ 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: _____

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By _____
Deputy Clerk

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PLACER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY

IN THE MATTER OF: RESOLUTION FINDING THAT NO FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS REQUIRED UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE SR 49 SIDEWALK GAP CLOSURE PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 22-22

The following resolution was duly passed by the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency at a regular meeting held May 25, 2022 by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Baker, Broadway, Burruss, Dowdin Calvillo, Houdesheldt, Joiner, Jones, Wilkins

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREAS, the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency ("PCTPA") is proposing, in coordination with Caltrans and the South Placer Regional Transportation Authority ("Authority"), the construction of the SR 49 Sidewalk Gap Closure Project ("Project") to construct sidewalk and accessible curb ramps at various locations between post miles 3.7 and 7.5 along State Route 49 within the County of Placer and the City of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board of Directors has directed staff to proceed with the actions necessary for the acquisition of real property required for the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Authority was formed to provide for the coordinated planning, design, financing, acquisition, determination of the timing of construction, and construction, of certain transportation improvements located in the area of jurisdiction of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized to acquire real property in connection with the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and both PCTPA and the Authority are Responsible Agencies pursuant to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a project under CEQA, and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has previously determined that the project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA and received approval of a Categorical Exclusion under NEPA; and

WHEREAS, Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations) provides an exemption from CEQA for projects involving the minor alteration of existing public or private facilities when the alteration involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency hereby finds this Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and staff is directed to file a notice of exemption.

Finding: The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Evidence: The Project is exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c). This exemption applies to the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The project consists of constructing sidewalk to fill in gaps in the sidewalk network, accessible curb ramps, and associated improvements at various locations between post miles 3.7 and 7.5 (between Interstate 80 and Dry Creek Road) along State Route 49. The proposed improvements would include the minor alteration of existing facilities within State, Placer County, and City of Auburn right-of-way, involving no expansion of existing uses. No special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility that the proposed project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt.

Brian Baker, Chair
Placer County Transportation Planning Agency

Executive Director

The foregoing instrument is a CORRECT COPY
of the original on file in this office.
Attest: SOLVI SABOL, Board Secretary
Placer County Transportation Planning Agency
Placer County Local Transportation Authority
South Placer Regional Transportation Authority

June 8, 2022