

Notice of Exemption

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From: County of San Bernardino
Department of Public Works
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Project Description

Project Title: Pipeline Avenue and Others ADA Ramps and Others Project

Project Location: Portions of the City of Chino and unincorporated County areas near the western County limits.

Project Description: The project entails construction/reconstruction of up to 50 Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ramps at various locations on Pipeline Avenue, Chino Avenue, Riverside Drive, and East End Avenue, in the Chino area. Other improvements include: (1) pavement rehabilitation and or reconstruct at various locations on Chino Avenue and Pipeline Avenue and other work appurtenant thereto, (2) instillation of a 60 inch storm drain and appurtenant structures in Pipeline Avenue from Philadelphia Street to Del Mar Avenue; and (3) replace curb, gutter, and pavement rehabilitation on Compton Court.

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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)];

Categorical Exemption. State type and section: Class 2, Section 15302 and Class 3, Section 15303

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Other Exemption: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 2 allows for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Class 3 allows for the construction of new water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utilities extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

for 
Signature Harold Zamora, P.E.

Chief, Environmental Mgmt. Div.

Title

1/27/2020

Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A



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SUBJECT: CEQA EXEMPTION: PIPELINE AVENUE AND OTHERS ADA RAMPS AND ROADS PROJECT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Project Location

The Pipeline Avenue and Others ADA Ramps and Roads Project (Project) spans portions of the City of Chino and unincorporated County areas near the western County limits (refer to location map).

Project Description

The proposed Project includes routine maintenance and reconstruction of the roadway for portions of Pipeline Avenue, East End Avenue, Riverside Drive and Chino Avenue. The Project also includes the construction of a combined approximately 88 ADA compliant ramps, including new ramps and re-constructed and/or repaired ramps.

Road maintenance (milling and overlay) is proposed on the following streets:

- (1) Pipeline Avenue;
- (2) East End Avenue ;
- (3) Riverside Drive (at 2 separate locations); and,
- (4) Chino Avenue.

Road maintenance (reconstruct AC pavement)

- (1) Pipeline Avenue from 320' south of Philips Road to Mission Boulevard.

Additionally, the following repairs and street improvements are included as part of this project:

- (1) Street repair at Compton Court – replace 20 feet of curb and gutter and reconstruct asphalt concrete area of 20 foot long by 4 foot wide.
- (2) Installation of a new 60-inch diameter concrete pipe storm drain under Pipeline Avenue from Del Mar Avenue to an existing catch basin near Philadelphia Avenue.
- (3) Construction of two catch basins/drop inlet structures on Pipeline Avenue at the intersection with Del Mar Avenue.
- (4) Replacement of a drop inlet structure and installation of guardrail/barricade as needed at the intersection of Pipeline Avenue and Philadelphia Street.

Generally, construction activities will include removal of existing concrete, grading, cold planning, pouring concrete, removing asphalt, placing asphalt concrete, placing detectable warning surface for ADA curb ramps; painting striping and pavement markings, and appurtenant work thereto.

The locations of ADA ramp improvements are depicted in Map 1 – Ramps Location Map. The locations of road maintenance and improvements are depicted in Map 2 – Road Projects Location Map.

Biological Resources Evaluation

EMD Ecological Resource Specialists completed an evaluation of the proposed Project; the evaluation included a literature review and reconnaissance field survey on October 3, 2018. The project area is located in an urban, residential and commercial location where vegetation predominantly consists of non-native ornamental trees and shrubs commonly planted on developed parcels. Vegetation observed during the field survey included: queen palm (*Syagrus romanzoffiana*), tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), eucalyptus tree (*Eucalyptus globules*), and a variety of non-native ornamental pines (*Pinus* sp.). Several undeveloped vacant lots were observed adjacent to the Project area; the lots were surrounded by development and vegetation was predominantly non-native weedy vegetation including Russian thistle (*Salsola* sp.) and mustard (*Brassica* sp.). The vacant lots appeared to be frequently disked or otherwise disturbed. No evidence of burrowing owl occupation was observed. EMD's Ecologists determined that the project area does not support native vegetation or habitat that could support any listed species found in the CNDDDB, however, trees located throughout the project area have the potential to support various species of nesting birds.

Cultural Resources Evaluation

A cultural resources review was completed by Cogstone Resource Management, Inc. (January 2019). While it was determined in the review that the project has a low potential for the finding of subsurface prehistoric or historic cultural resources, several significant historic features were identified adjacent to the proposed project areas during the historical research and field survey. The Cogstone survey team identified fence lines, mail boxes, and concrete brick walls of indeterminate age that about the road right-of-way. Additionally, excavations (up to 10 feet) associated with the proposed new 60-inch concrete pipe storm drain and two new drop inlet/catch basin structures may result in new disturbance to soils. Therefore, project specific avoidance and minimization measures are recommended to avoid impacts to potential cultural resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Environmental Management Division staff has reviewed the proposed project.

The proposed Project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, "Existing Facilities," under Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. This categorical exemption allows for repair and maintenance activities on existing roads, sidewalks, gutters, and similar facilities that involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

In order to qualify for the exemption, the following condition(s) shall be observed.

General Conditions

1. Material staging area shall be clearly delineated in order to keep equipment and trucks within existing disturbed areas. Further, project related vehicle access, maintenance activities, and equipment storage shall be restricted to establish roads, designated access roads, maintenance right-of-ways, and designate storage, staging, and parking areas. Off-road traffic outside of these designated areas shall be prohibited.
2. Standard best management practices shall be implemented during all maintenance activities, especially those pertaining to dust control, erosion control, and stormwater pollution prevention. If equipment is parked overnight then a drip pan, or some other form

of protection, shall be placed under the vehicle in order to contain any drips, leaks, and/or spills. All food and maintenance trash shall be removed from the site daily. Please contact EMD, at (909) 387-8109.

Biological Resources Conditions

1. To avoid impacts to any nesting birds, project activities shall be conducted outside of bird nesting season (February 1 through August 31), pre-construction nesting survey(s) are required to ensure that impacts to nesting birds are avoided. The last survey is to be conducted within three days prior to the start of work. If occupied nests are observed within the project area, the qualified biologist shall flag off the area(s) supporting bird nest(s) to provide a buffer (size of buffer will be dependent on the species found to be nesting at the discretion of the biologist), between the nest(s) and limits of project activities. The biologist shall provide appropriate recommendations to ensure that no "take" results from the subject project activities in the vicinity of any flagged nest(s). If the surveys are negative, project activities can proceed as proposed. Please contact EMD at (909) 387-8109 to schedule pre-construction surveys.

Cultural Resources Conditions

Project Specific Measures

1. Avoid damage and/or alteration to any historic features adjacent to the project/work area. Specifically the resources listed below should be avoided:

Resource Number	Resource Description	Approximate Resource Location	UTM 11 N (WGS 84)
1	Pacific Counties Gas Lamp Post	Pipeline Ave, in front of the Newman School	433951 mE 3765360 mN
2	1929 house	Southwest Corner of Riverside Drive and East End Drive	433118 mE 3764466 mN
3	1900 Southern Pacific Railroad – Chino Branch, tracks and track road bridges	Extends from the main line along Chino Avenue and turns diagonally to cross Pipeline Avenue and East End Drive	433943 mE 3764466 mN and 433136 mE 3765413 mN
4	1970 East End Avenue Undercross, State Bridge #540742	East End Avenue and the Interstate of the 60 Freeway	433136 mE 3765239 mN
5	1970 Pipeline Avenue Overcross, State Bridge #540744	Pipeline Avenue and the Interstate 60 Freeway	433940 mE 3765621 mN
6	1958 San Antonio Channel Undercross, Local Bridge #54C0200	Riverside Drive between Reservoir Avenue and McKinley Avenue	432556 mE 3764484 mN
7	1958 San Antonio Channel Undercross, Local Bridge #54C0472	Chino Avenue between State Highway 79 and McKinley Avenue	432599 mE 376679 mN

2. Should staging areas outside of the area evaluated for cultural resources be required, it is recommended that staging areas be limited to disturbed sites that have been reviewed by a DPW/EMD Cultural Resources Specialist. If project staging is necessary, please contact EMD at (909) 387-8109 to schedule staging area cultural review.
3. Archaeological sensitivity training and monitoring, at the discretion of the DPW/EMD Cultural Resource Specialist, is recommended during excavation activities associated with installation of the new 60-inch concrete pipe storm drain between Del Mar Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue and during excavation associated with the construction of the two catch basins/drop inlet structures at the intersection of Philadelphia Avenue and Del Mar

Avenue. Once a construction schedule is defined – please contact EMD at (909) 387-8109 to arrange monitoring.

General Recommendations

1. Should prehistoric or historic archaeological resources be encountered during construction, the evaluation of any such resource should proceed in accordance with all appropriate federal, state, and local guidelines. Specifically, all work must be halted in the immediate vicinity of the cultural resources found until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the resource.
2. If human remains are encountered during construction, the San Bernardino County Coroner's Office **MUST** be contacted in accordance with state law within 24 hours of the find, and all work should be halted until a clearance is given by that office and any other agency involved. The Coroner's Office may be contacted at the Coroner's Division, County of San Bernardino, 175 S. Lena Road, San Bernardino, CA. Tel: (909) 387-2978.

It is our opinion that the Pipeline Avenue and Others ADA Ramps and Roads Project meets the criteria for an exemption under Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. To complete the Categorical Exemption process, I recommend that a Notice of Exemption, together with the required fee, be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino. A Notice of Exemption to be filed is included with this IOM.

Should you need further information or have any questions, please contact Lorraine Bueno, Planner at x78116, or Michael Perry at x71864 who coordinated this review.

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Attachment: Notice of Exemption

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Map 1 – Ramps Location Map
Map 2 – Road Projects Location Map