



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
☒ County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Project Title: Verde K-8 Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure, WO#4514, CP#25-33
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Laura Cremin, (925) 313-2015, laura.cremin@pw.cccounty.us
Project Location: Verde K-8 School, 2000 Giaramita Street, North Richmond; APN: 409-3000-035
Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Contact Person: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877 syd.sotoodeh@dcd.cccounty.us

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This is a non-infrastructure project related to the Verde K-8 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project to be built along Market Avenue and the intersection of Giaramita Street at Verde Avenue. The intent of this non-infrastructure SRTS project is to provide comprehensive education, community engagement and outreach, and programming such as community events, pop-up demonstrations, walking field trips, traffic safety campaigns, technical support, a transportation club, maps, and a walking school bus to promote school bicycle and pedestrian activity. Implementation of the SRTS programming at Verde K-8 School will be done by The Building Healthy Communities Program at Contra Costa Health. Programming is expected to begin in 2026 and be completed over the course of 4 years.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) ☐ Categorical Exemption (Sec.)
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) ☒ General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) ☐ Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The activity consists only of educational programming to encourage students and community members to use active modes of transportation (walking and biking). Therefore it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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: *Syd Sotoodeh* Title: Senior Planner Date: Oct. 10, 2025
Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature

Title

Applicant

Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Laura Cremin
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2015

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

- ☐ De Minimis Finding - \$0
☒ County Clerk - \$50
☐ Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____