



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
February 4, 2025

TOPIC: Fairview Street Improvement Project from 17th Street to Trask Avenue.

AGENDA TITLE

California Environmental Quality Act Environmental Determination for the Fairview Street Improvements Project from 17th Street to Trask Avenue (Project No. 23-6701)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Environmental Determination for the Fairview Street Improvements Project from 17th Street to Trask Avenue as a Categorical Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Categorical Exemption number ER-2025-4 was filed for this Project pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15301(c).

GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES: No

DISCUSSION

On November 19, 2024, City Council authorized City Staff to submit the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Measure M2 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program (CTFP) application for Arterial Capacity Enhancements (ACE) funding to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). The recommended project list included Fairview Street Improvements Project from 17th Street to Trask Avenue (Exhibits 1 & 2).

The OCTA approval of the CTFP application requires City Council approval of the CEQA environmental determination. Staff has determined that a Categorical Exemption is the applicable determination for this project. The proposed project is exempt from further environmental review under the requirements of CEQA because it falls under the list of classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and have been declared exempt by the Legislature in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines. Categorical Exemption number ER-2025-4 was filed for this Project (Exhibit 3).

Staff recommends the approval of the environmental determination for the Fairview Street Improvement Project from 17th Street to Trask Avenue as a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

A Categorical Exemption is applicable to this project because it involves minor alterations to an existing roadway. Based on the Analysis Supporting Categorical Exemption – Fairview Street Widening Project (Exhibit 4), unusual circumstances leading to potential significant environmental impacts would not occur. The proposed project is exempt from further environmental review under the requirements of CEQA because it falls under the list of classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and have been declared exempt by the Legislature in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines (Class 1 Exemption). Categorical Exemption number ER-2025-4 was filed for this Project. The exempt status is under California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15301(c) because it involves minor alterations to an existing roadway. Unusual circumstances leading to potential significant impacts would not occur and the Project falls under the list of classes that have been determined to not have significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Project Location Map
2. Resolution 2024-069
3. Notice of Exemption ER-2025-4
4. Analysis Supporting Categorical Exemption - Fairview Street Widening Project prepared by Ecorp, January 2025.

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