



# County of Santa Cruz

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Clerk of the Board  
Attn: Susan Galloway  
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Project Name:** Soquel Drive Buffered Bike Lane and Congestion Mitigation Project  
**Project Location:** This project is located along Soquel Drive between La Fonda Avenue and State Park Drive.  
**Assessor Parcel No.:** Public ROW  
**Project Applicant:** Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works

**Project Description:** The proposed project involves improvements to Soquel Drive between La Fonda Avenue and State Park Drive to address traffic safety, improve the use of multi-modal mobility, reduce traffic congestion, and decrease the incidence of collisions along this roadway. Project construction will include resurfacing the roadway (cape seal) and installing new striping on Soquel Drive to reduce the widths of the travel lanes and construct buffered bike lanes. The project will also include traffic signal upgrades at certain intersections for installation of Adaptive Traffic Signals - bicycle signal heads with push button actuation and Traffic Signal Priority for the SCMTD bus, and will complete discontinued sidewalks, enhance pedestrian crossings with the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, and upgrade ADA ramps to current standards.

**Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Cruz  
**County Contact:** Russell Chen **Telephone No.** 831- 454-2160  
**Date Completed:** 9/18/2019

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz has found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: *(check one)*

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

15282(j). Restriping to relieve traffic congestion

**Categorical Exemption**

15301 (c)(f) Class 1. Existing Facilities

### Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project involves restriping a street with the purpose of relieving traffic congestion and repair and maintenance of existing public facilities for the purpose of improving public safety and involves no expansion of the existing use.

Signature:  Date: 9/18/19 Title: Planner IV

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