

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice of Exemption

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
651 PINE STREET 2ND FLOOR NORTH WING MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA 94553

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Contact Person: Hillary P Heard - Public Works Dept.

Project Description, Common Name (if any) and Location: **Montalvin Manor Pedestrian & Transportation Access Improvements** Project No. **0662-6R4109**, County File #**CP 09-93**

**Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve mobility in the Montalvin Manor Area by closing sidewalk gaps on San Pablo Avenue between Shamrock Drive to Kay Road and on Kay Road from San Pablo Avenue to Rachel Road, providing Class II bike lanes and bus shelters along the west side of San Pablo Avenue. San Pablo Avenue is a heavily traveled roadway that serves the Cities of Richmond, San Pablo, and Pinole, as well as the unincorporated communities of El Sobrante, Tara Hills, and Montalvin Manor. This project will improve pedestrian circulation along San Pablo Avenue by providing a dedicated sidewalk for pedestrians. This project will also provide additional pavement width needed for a Class II bike facility along the west side of San Pablo Avenue.

The following design elements are included in this project: construction of 1,800 feet of 5-foot sidewalk on the west side of San Pablo Avenue from Kay Road to Shamrock Drive; construction of 750 feet of 5-foot sidewalk on the north side of Kay Road from San Pablo Avenue to Rachel Road; construction of 60 feet of 5-foot sidewalk on the south side of Shamrock Drive between San Pablo Avenue and Madeline to close sidewalk gaps; pave and stripe a Class II bike lane along the west side San Pablo Avenue from Kay Road to Shamrock Drive by widening the existing 2.5-foot shoulder to 5 feet; construction of two new bus shelters on 25-foot long by 5-foot wide concrete pads (5 feet behind the 5-foot sidewalk) on San Pablo Avenue; extend the right-turn lane from San Pablo Avenue to Kay Road from 105 feet to 215 feet; add a split rail fence at the back of the new sidewalk that is adjacent to existing steep slopes on San Pablo Avenue and upgrade sidewalk facilities in the project area to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by modifying the existing curb ramps to present standards.

New drainage facilities will be constructed to collect and convey storm water within the project limits, which includes storm drains, inlets, concrete valley gutters and outfall structures. Where the storm drain will cross the 53-foot wide earth strip near the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Kay Road, the excavation could be up to 18+ feet deep to avoid conflict with the existing utility lines. At the intersection of Kay Road with Rachel Road an 18-inch storm drain will be constructed to outfall into an existing drainage ditch. Approximately two non-native trees along Kay Road will need to be removed as a result of the drainage improvements.

Near the intersection of Kay Road with Rachel Road, approximately a 3 to 4-foot tall, 75 to 125-foot long segmental retaining wall will be constructed to support the uphill slope of the single family home on APN 405-122-001.

General Plan Conformance has been requested from the City of Richmond.

Real Property transactions, including right of way acquisition, may be necessary in support of this project. At least one lane of traffic will be open at all times during construction activities. Emergency vehicle access will be allowed at all times. Additionally, utilities will need to be relocated.

**Location:** The project is located in West Contra Costa County, in the unincorporated area of San Pablo, along the north side of San Pablo Avenue (Figs. 1-3).

This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as a:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 15268)         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, <b>Class 3(d)</b>         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a))       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption, Section                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(b) or (c)) | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>General Rule of Applicability /Section 15061 (b) (3)</b> |

**for the following reason(s):** The project consists of construction of limited small new structures, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (15303 Class 3d). The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resources.

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| <b>Applicant:</b><br>Public Works Department<br>255 Glacier Drive<br>Martinez, CA 94553<br>Attn: <b>Hillary Heard</b><br>Environmental Section | <b>Department of Fish and Game Fees Due</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> EIR - \$2,606. <sup>75</sup><br><input type="checkbox"/> Neg. Dec. - \$1,876. <sup>75</sup><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk - \$50<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Conservation and Development - \$25 | <b>Total Due: \$ 75.<sup>00</sup></b><br>Total Paid \$ _____<br>Receipt #: _____ |
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