

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: 0676-6P1025  
CP# 18-47

PROJECT NAME: Oak Road Bikeway

PREPARED BY: Sandeep Singh, Environmental Services Division *ch*

DATE: January 8, 2019

APPROVED BY: *Jason B. Moore*

DATE: 1/11/2019

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Categorical Exemption: 15301(c)

Negative Declaration

Environmental Impact Report Required

Conditional Negative Declaration

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is based on the following: The project consists of minor alterations of existing public facilities including existing streets involving negligible expansion of use, pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

What changes to the project would mitigate the identified impacts: N/A

USGS Quad Sheet: <u>Walnut Creek</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>L-14</u>	Parcel #: <u>N/A</u>
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**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- 1. Location:** The project is located on Oak Road between Oak Park Boulevard in the City of Pleasant Hill and Treat Boulevard in unincorporated Walnut Creek [Figures 1-2].
- 2. Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve bicyclist safety along the 2,040-foot segment of Oak Road as currently there are no existing bicycle facilities. This project is within bounds of the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village, which is clustered around the Pleasant Hill BART station and is characterized by mixed commercial, office, and residential development. This road experiences high volume of vehicular traffic during commuting hours, and the lack of bicycle infrastructure poses as a deterrent for non-vehicular modes of travel.

The project will stripe Class II bicycle lanes and place shared roadway markings (sharrows) to designate Class III bike routes within the existing roadway (Sheets 1-3). Class II bike lanes will be striped where adequate roadway width is available. Vehicle lane widths will be narrowed to 11 feet as needed to accommodate the new Class II bike lanes, and Class III sharrows will be used in places where there is insufficient width assuming existing on-street parking will remain.

Upon completion of a detailed survey, the option to use buffered bike lanes will be considered to enhance bicyclist safety. Additionally, appropriate signage will be installed to designate proposed bike routes. This project will be coordinated with the City of Pleasant Hill for the segment between the I-680 on ramp and Oak Park Boulevard, which is within the City (Sheet 3). Should an agreement not be obtained, construction will only occur within the unincorporated Walnut Creek segment between Treat Boulevard and the I-680 on ramp (Sheet 1-2).

In general, the construction process for bicycle lanes will consist of removing existing striping as needed, slurry sealing the roadway to prepare the surface for new striping, striping Class II bicycle lanes and Class III sharrows, narrowing lane widths in spot locations as needed, installing bicycle lane and bicycle route roadside signs.

The project design will maintain existing roadway drainage and will not create new impervious areas. No right-of-way acquisition is expected, and any private encroachments within our right-of-way will not be moved. No tree removal will be necessary. Tree and shrubbery trimming may be necessary throughout the project area. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. Utility

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**3. Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**

Yes  **No**  maybe (Nature of concern):

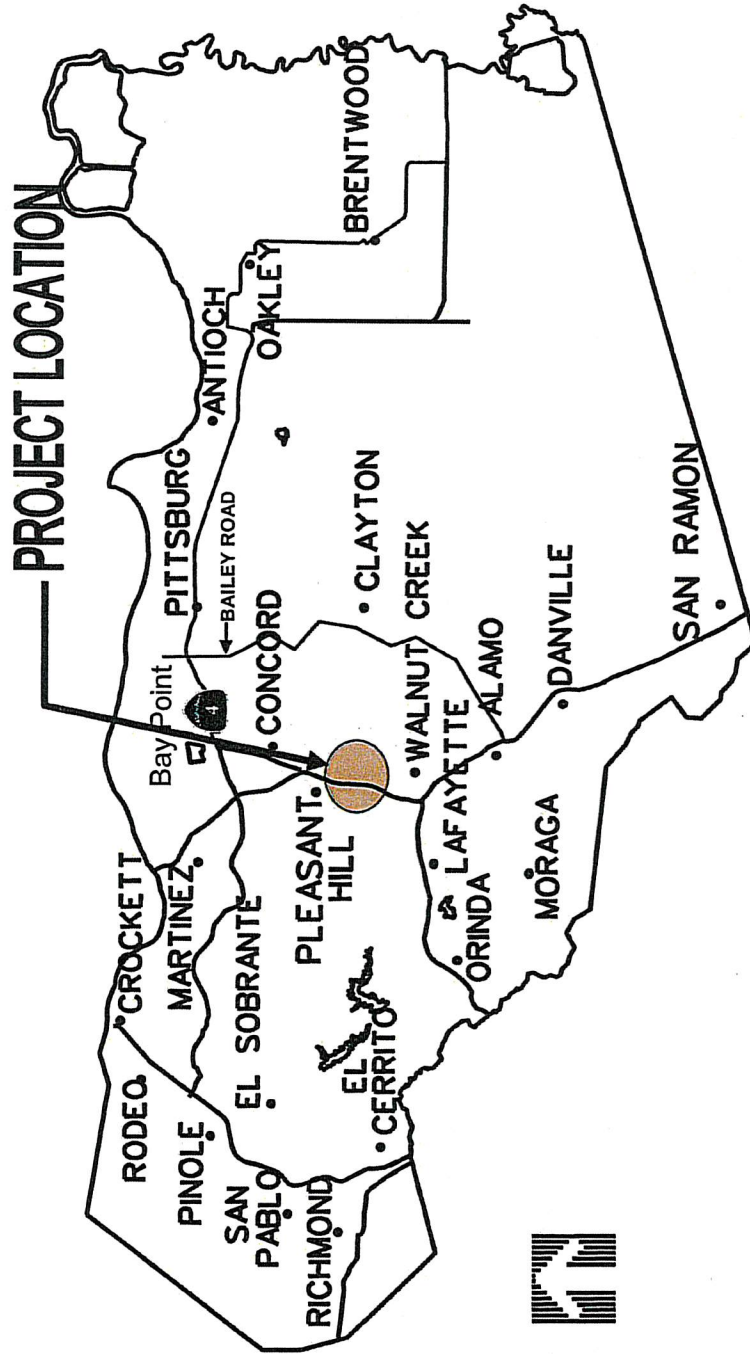
**4. Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?**

Yes  **No** A portion of the project will have to be approved by the City of Pleasant Hill.

**5. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city? Yes**

A portion of the project is in the City of Pleasant Hill, and the remainder is within the City of Walnut Creek Sphere of Influence.

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**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**  
**Oak Road Bikeway Project**

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Figure 1: Regional Location Map

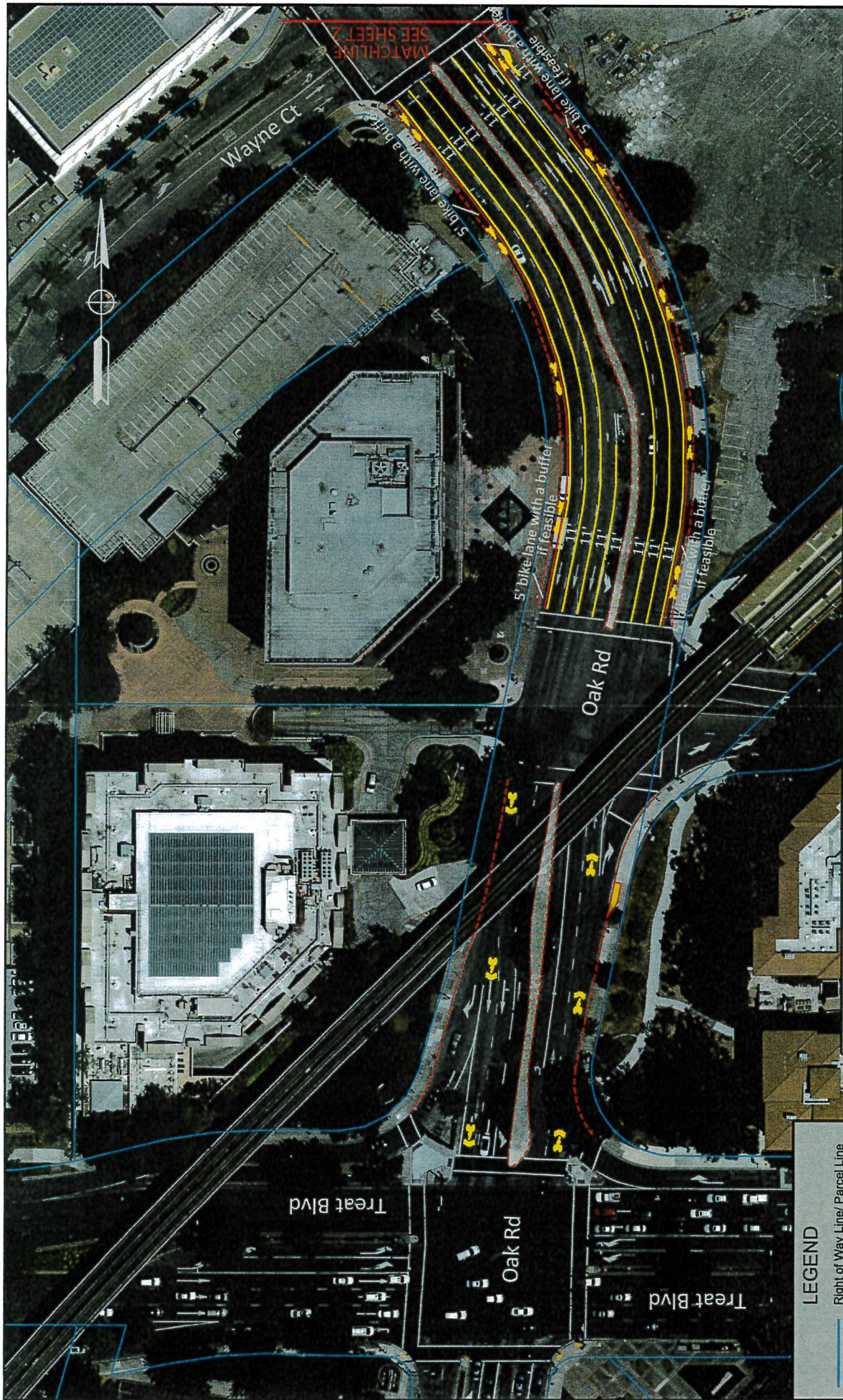




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Figure 2: Project Vicinity Map





MATCHLINE  
SEE SHEET 2

**LEGEND**

- Right of Way Line/ Parcel Line
- Face of Curb
- Traffic Lane Line
- Bike Lane Line
- Bike Lane Symbol
- Shared Roadway Bicycle Marking

SCALE:  
1:30 on 24x26

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PRELIMINARY LAYOUT  
OAK ROAD BIKEWAY PROJECT

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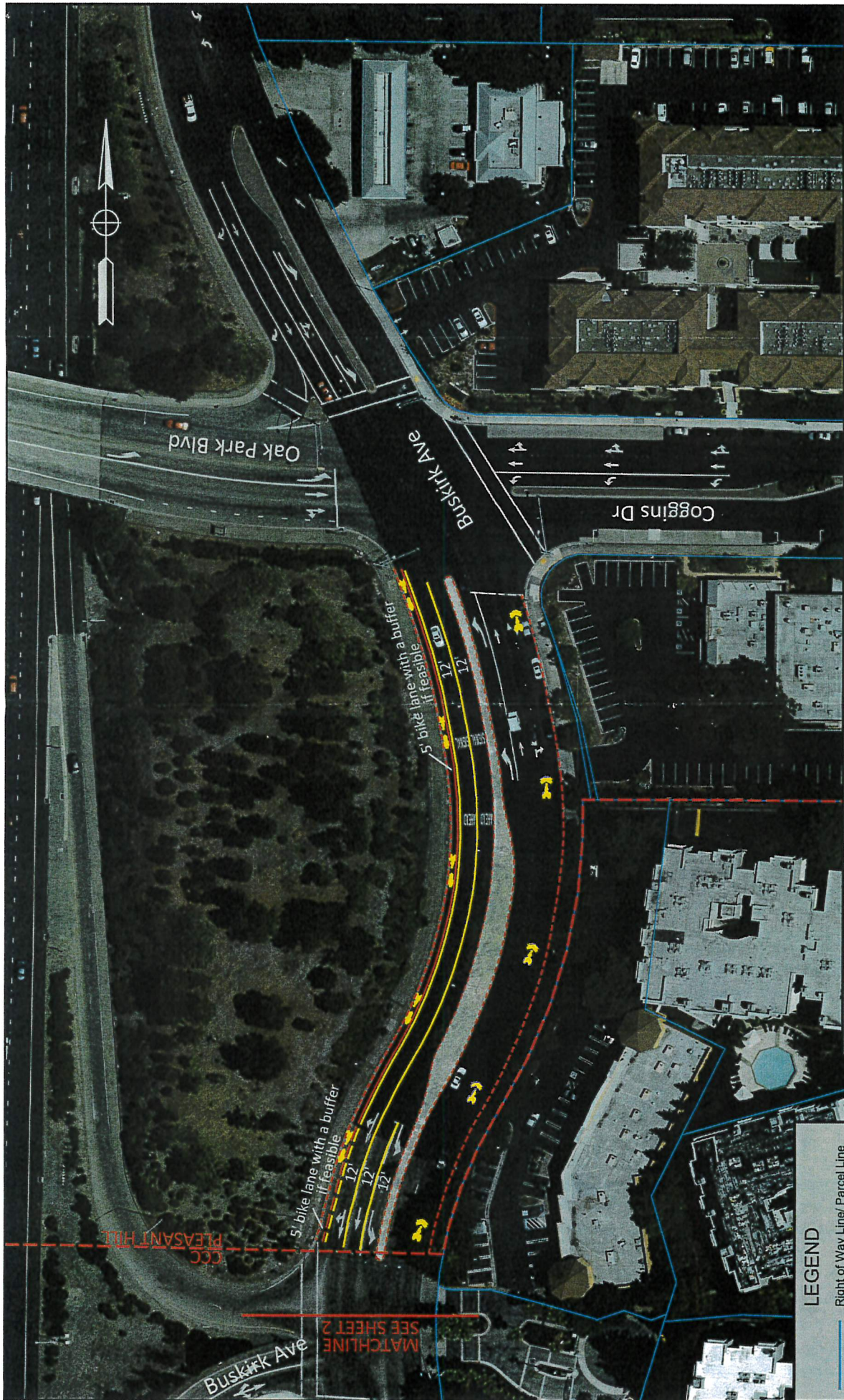
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**PRELIMINARY LAYOUT**  
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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
Notice of Exemption**

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Contra Costa County  
Dept. of Conservation & Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk  
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: **Oak Road Bikeway**  
Proj. No. 0676-6P1025 CP#18-47

Project Applicant: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**

Project Location – **Specific:** Oak Road between Oak Park Boulevard and Treat Boulevard

Project Location: Unincorporated area of Walnut Creek Project Location – County: **Central Contra Costa**

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: **Contra Costa County**  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268);  Categorical Exemption: Section 15301(c)  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));  General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of minor alterations of existing public facilities including existing streets, involving negligible expansion of use beyond what is previous existing, pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: **Sandeep Singh - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2022**

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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: **Sandeep Singh**  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2022

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**  
 EIR - \$3,271.<sup>00</sup>  
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,354.<sup>75</sup>  
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0  
 **County Clerk - \$50**  
 **Conservation & Development - \$25**

**Total Due: \$75.<sup>00</sup>**  
Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_