

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: Kirker Pass Road Safety Improvements Project
Project No. 0662-6R4084, CP#20-15

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department,
255 Glacier Drive Martinez, CA 94553

Project Location: Unincorporated area in Central Contra Costa County between cities of Concord and Pittsburg (Figure 1)

Lead Agency: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this 3.1-mile long project is to improve driver awareness and traffic safety along Kirker Pass Road. Improvements include constructing new guardrails along embankments, replacing and extending existing guardrails and end treatments to meet current Caltrans standards, installing roadside delineators, adding reflective treatments along the concrete K-rail median and the asphalt concrete (AC) dike along the road shoulder, and installing street lighting and support utilities at the two Hess Road intersections. The project will install about 5,400 linear feet of new guardrail at four locations and will replace and extend existing guardrails and end treatments at two locations. About 1,300 linear feet of reflective treatments along the concrete K-rail median, about 4,600 linear feet of reflective treatments along the road shoulder AC dike, and delineators in the road shoulder for the entire length of the project in each direction will help drivers see these roadway objects; approximately 200 feet of existing AC dike will be replaced. Four streetlights and support utilities (such as power meters, concrete pads, pedestals, and trenching for electrical conduit) will be installed at the two Hess Road intersections. Project construction will be located entirely within the existing road right-of-way. Real Estate transactions may be necessary for temporary construction easements. This project will maintain the existing pavement width and lane configuration. Tree removal is not expected. Localized vegetation removal is expected during construction of the streetlight concrete foundations and for the installation of new guardrails. Light grading along the road shoulder at the guardrail sites will be required in order to place weed control mats underneath the guardrails. Excavations are limited to street light foundations, trenching for electrical, roadside delineators, and guardrail post installations. Traffic impacts will be localized to the installation operations for the lighting, guardrail, roadside delineators, and reflective treatments of the median and AC dikes, and AC dike replacement. These traffic impacts will close one of two lanes of traffic during construction. Vehicles traveling in the other direction should not be impacted. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. The advance warning area and transition area for traffic control may be longer due the poor sightlines, roadway curves, and sightlines over the hillcrest. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect environmental resources will be implemented during construction.

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: Class 1(c)
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); Common Sense Exemption [Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving no expansion of existing use, pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: **Alex Nattkemper - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2364**

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: Telma B. Moreira Date: 11/05/20 Title: Principal Planner

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: **Alex Nattkemper** *AB*
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2364

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

- EIR - \$3,343.²⁵
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,406.⁷⁵
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0
 County Clerk - \$50
 Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75.⁰⁰

Total Paid \$ _____

Receipt #: _____