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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(California Environmental Quality Act Section 15062)

Filing of this form is optional. If filed, the form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 (b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167 (d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY  
**City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation**

COUNCIL DISTRICT  
4

PROJECT TITLE  
Forest Lawn Drive Active Transportation & Traffic Safety Project

COUNCIL FILE NO:  
N/A

PROJECT LOCATION  
Forest Lawn Drive between Memorial Drive and Zoo Drive

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:  
The proposed project consists of the implementation of protected bike lanes along an approximately one mile segment of Forest Lawn Drive between Memorial Drive and Zoo Drive, including the reallocation of travel lanes to create the necessary space to upgrade the existing Class II bike lanes to Class IV protected bike lanes. The City's project page (including linked documents) provides more detailed information regarding the Project. (See <https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/forest-lawn>). On March 31, 2026, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager determined that the project was categorically exempt from CEQA and approved the project.

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT, IF OTHER THAN LEAD CITY AGENCY: N/A

CONTACT PERSON  
Miranda Mead-Newton, Department of Transportation

AREA CODE | TELEPHONE NUMBER |  
EXT.  
(213) - 972-8631

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- |   | STATE CEQA GUIDELINES     | CITY CEQA GUIDELINES       |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL                      | Sec. 15268                | Art. II, Sec. 2b           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |                           |                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY               | Sec. 15269                | Art. II, Sec. 2a (1)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT                | Sec. 15269 (b) & (c)      | Art. II, Sec. 2a (2) & (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION                | Sec. 15060.               | n/a                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION | Sec. 15300 <i>et seq.</i> | Art. III, Sec. 1           |

Class 1 and 4 Category 1(3), 1(15), 1(20), 4(13) (City CEQA Guidelines)

OTHER

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:  
The project is exempt under *City CEQA Guidelines* and State CEQA Guidelines. *City CEQA Guidelines* Class 1(3) states a project is categorically exempt if it involves the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, and gutters involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource. Further, *City CEQA Guidelines* Class 1(15) categorically exempts the installation of traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings, including traffic channelization using paint and raised pavement markers. *City CEQA Guidelines* Class 1(20) categorically exempts the modernization of an existing highway or street by construction of improvements and adding auxiliary lanes for localized purposes such as turning, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, except where extensive tree removal will be involved. Moreover, *City CEQA Guidelines* Class 4(13) categorically exempts the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 153000.2 apply. See attached narrative (**Attachment A**) for further discussion.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE  TITLE  
Transportation Planning Associate II

DATE  
3/31/2026

FEE: N/A RECEIPT NO. REC'D. BY DATE

DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk, (2) City Clerk, (3) Agency Record