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CML-5100(123)

South side of Arastradero Road between
the Hetch Hetchy Los Altos Pathway and
Miranda AvenueMike Sartor
Director of Public Works
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Attention: Holly Boyd

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This will confirm that your environmental document has been reviewed and approved in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A copy of the signed document is attached.

With this environmental clearance, you may now proceed with final design activities and preparation of right of way documents as necessary. You are reminded that if Federal participation is desired for the right of way and utility relocation phases, you must request and receive a separate "Authorization to Proceed" for right of way before advancing with the property appraisal and acquisition, or utility relocation work.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-622-5930 or David Pneh at 510-622-5909.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hin Kung".

Hin Kung
Senior Transportation Engineer
Office of Local Assistance

Enclosure

c: Boris Deunert, Senior Environmental Planner

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

City of Palo Alto	CML-5100(023)
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No. Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

The City of Palo Alto proposes to do roadway modifications and streetscape improvements to a 2.3 mile continuous segment of Arastradero Road and Charleston Road in the City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County. The project limits are Miranda Avenue to the west and Fabian Way to the east. Improvements include sidewalk bulb-outs, new and improved bicycle facilities, new and upgraded crosswalks, raised pedestrian refuges, modifications to intersection geometry, the addition of trees and landscaped medians, and additional lighting at various locations along the 2.3-mile corridor. All work will be within the existing City's right-of-way. No additional right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements will be needed. The purpose of the project is to address vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as to enhance the residential character of the corridor.

CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency** **Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA**
- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:
- Categorically Exempt. Class** . (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. General Rule exemption.** [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (CCR 15061[b][3].)]

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- 23 USC 326:** The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:
- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(3)**
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)**
- Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State**
- 23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327.

Haiyan Zhang

HIN P KING

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Haiyan Zhang 10/12/2016
Signature Date

Hin P King 10/12/16
Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 10/12/2016

Date of ECR or equivalent :

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).