



HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CEQA EXEMPTION DETERMINATION FORM

Project Title: Myrtle Avenue Safety Improvements Project - Paving and Bicycle Lanes

Project Location - Specific: The safety improvements will occur on Myrtle Avenue (F3K300) between Ryan Slough (PM 1.55) and Three Corners (PM 3.77) -- which is located between Eureka and Freshwater.

GPS Coordinates: Latitude 40.783644°

Longitude -124.097862°

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will overlay the existing roadway and upgrade the shoulders to current bicycle standards and provide new surfacing for the vehicle lanes. Portions of the roadway that show significant wear will be rehabilitated by grinding and replacing the asphalt.

Existing shoulder widths vary but in general are 4' wide. Class II bike lanes require 6' width for traffic speeds over 40mph. This paving project will be able to address the pavement failures and upgrading the bike lanes to current standards with striping.

This project is funded through State Transportation Improvement Program and Measure O funding (Humboldt County).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Humboldt County Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Humboldt County Public Works

Exempt Status: *Categorical Exemption:*

Section: 15301; 15302

Type: Existing Facilities; Reconstruction

Reason why project is exempt:

Myrtle Avenue Safety Improvements Project mentioned herein falls under Categorical Exemption Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and 15302. This exemption applies to projects that are existing facilities and consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures on the same site with the same purpose and capacity is appropriate for existing facilities maintained by the Public Works Department. There are no unusual circumstances or historical resources that would make this exemption inapplicable.

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Date Signed: November 6, 2025

NOTE: The purpose of the CEQA Determination Form is to document the Department's decision that a project is exempt from further CEQA review. Forms are maintained in the Department's internal files. Filing a Notice of Exemption with the county clerk is optional and not required (CEQA Guidelines 15062). The only effect of filing a Notice of Exemption is to shorten the statute of limitations period on legal challenges regarding the decision that the project is exempt from further CEQA review, from 180 days to 35 days. For typical projects, Public Works does not file a Notice of Exemption.