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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Article III, Section 3, City CEQA Guidelines)

FORM RP 1-1-91

Submission of this form is optional. This form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 East Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitation on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitation being extended to 180 days.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b> 14
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> 6TH STREET VIADUCT PARK, ARTS, AND RIVER CONNECTIVITY (PARC) IMPROVEMENTS Project approval and additional funding	<b>LOG REFERENCE:</b> PRJ21652, BR 23-044

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project spans the areas underneath and adjacent to the Viaduct from Mateo Street in the Arts District to the US-101 on-ramp in the Boyle Heights community

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**

The proposed action consists of allocating \$6.7 Million from the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park's Park Fees to the construction budget for the 6th Street Viaduct Park Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) project. This action also includes the approval of the final plans and specifications for the PARC project. The PARC project's includes the construction of a park in the public right of way purchased by the City of Los Angeles to construct the 6th Street Bridge.

On April 29, 2022, the Los Angeles City Council certified that the Final EIR was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted the CEQA findings and found that on the basis of the whole record, including best management practices and mitigation measures, there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment. The city council also adopted the Mitigation Monitoring Program and approved the Project. The Notice of Determination (NOD) was filed on May 3, 2022 with State Clearinghouse number SCH #2017041045.

Staff found that since the filing of the NOD, no changes have been made to the Project, and the plans and specifications recommended for approval are consistent with the Project as analyzed in the certified EIR. In addition, there have been no changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is being undertaken; and no new information of substantial importance concerning the Project showing new significant environmental effects, substantial increases in severity of identified significant effects, or different mitigation measures or alternatives that would substantially reduce significant effects have been identified. Therefore, no major revisions are needed for the EIR, no subsequent or supplemental EIR is required, and no additional CEQA analysis is necessary for the Project for the approval of the final plans and specifications.

See Project description on Page 2.

Beneficiaries of this action are the neighboring residents.

<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b> ELENA MAGGIONI	<b>AREA CODE</b> 213	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b> 482-6980	<b>EXT.</b>
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<b>EXEMPT STATUS:</b> (Check One)	<b><u>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</u></b>	<b><u>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	ART. 18, Sec. 15269(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2(a)(2)(3)	ART. 18, Sec. 15269(b)(c)
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2b	ART. 18, Sec. 15268
<input type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(c) See Below	ART. 19, Sec. 15300 -15333
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(d)	ART. 18, Sec. 15262
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(i)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sect. 21080(b) and set forth in state & city guidelines provisions)		

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**

The allocation of additional funding to the Project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code (PRC).

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING**

<b>SIGNATURE:</b> ELENA MAGGIONI Environmental Supervisor	<b>DATE:</b> 2/16/2023
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<b>FEE \$75.00</b>	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D. BY:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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## **6TH STREET VIADUCT PARK, ARTS, AND RIVER CONNECTIVITY (PARC) IMPROVEMENTS Project approval and additional funding**

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The Project spans the areas underneath and adjacent to the Viaduct from Mateo Street in the Arts District to the US-101 on-ramp in the Boyle Heights community, in Council District 14 and includes a new 12-acre park. The park features a performance arts plaza, two (2) soccer fields, multi-purpose fields, two (2) dog parks, a children's playground, basketball court, walking/jogging paths, adult fitness equipment, picnic areas, two (2) restroom buildings, a 870 square foot staff office area, a 577 square foot café building at the west park, general landscaping, lighting, irrigation, and fencing.

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