

Notice of Exemption

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From: City of Benicia
250 East L Street
Benicia, CA 94510

County of: Solano

Project Title: Revisions to Benicia's CEQA Guidelines and Adoption of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Methodology and Thresholds of Significance

Project Applicant: City of Benicia

Project Location: Citywide

Project Location - City: City of Benicia

Project Location - County: Solano County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City is revising its Local Guidelines for CEQA Review to remove redundant and outdated information and to incorporate local Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) methodology and significant thresholds. These thresholds will be utilized to evaluate significance of potential transportation impacts for projects that require evaluation and consideration under CEQA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Benicia

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Planning Division

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. *Section 15308 (Class 8 – Actions for Protection of Environment)*
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions.

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 8 exemptions apply to projects that include actions taken by regulatory agencies that assure protection of the environment when the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Amending the Local Guidelines for CEQA Review to remove redundant/outdated information and establishing locally appropriate transportation significance thresholds using VMT methodology is a procedural advancement that will assure protection of the environment.

Lead Agency

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Signature: 

Date: 9/7/22 **Title:** Senior Planner

☒ **Signed by Lead Agency**

☐ **Signed by Applicant**

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Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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