

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04

ADOPTION OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA), FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PLAN

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2014, the City Council approved Resolution No. 14-85 entitled "Approving the Support of a Regional Grant Application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP)"; and

WHEREAS, the City submitted a grant application for *Active Transportation and Safe Routes to School Plan* where it proposes to prepare a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan that incorporates bicycle, pedestrian, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) considerations, and Safe Routes to School analysis and planning; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2017, the City received notification from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) that its application was being recommended for award through the Sustainability Planning Grant (SPG) Program. Such recommendation was subject to the approval of the SCAG Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2017, the SCAG Regional Council approved staff recommendations for the SPG Program award; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-70 accepting the 2017 Active Transportation Grant Award; and

WHEREAS, an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the project prior to receiving allocation of the awarded grant funds need to be conducted, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the project has been determined to be categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Sec. 15002 (k)(1) – General Concepts and CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15061 – Review for Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the project includes basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, as the project is strictly for information gathering purposes for possible future action which the agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded as set forth under CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15306 – Information Collection; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Exemption (NOE) needs to be filed citing the specific exemption to the project as identified; and

WHEREAS, the NOE needs to be filed with the Office of Planning and Research and the County Clerk/Recorder of the County of Los Angeles for a 30-day public inspection period pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15062.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE AND DETERMINE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts a resolution for the Notice of Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the *Active Transportation and Safe Routes to Schools Plan*.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the filing of the Notice of Exemption with the Office of Planning and Research and the County Clerk/Recorder of the County of Los Angeles for a 30-day inspection period pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15062.

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to execute the resolution for and on behalf of the City of Commerce.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2018.

Oralia Y. Rebollo
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk