

Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project

CEQA Statutory Exemption

**JPB TOPS Committee
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Staff Recommendation

Authorize Executive Director or designee to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project.

Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project

- The Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project is in the City of Mountain View, Santa Clara County, California.
- The project involves eliminating an existing at-grade crossing road by lowering Rengstorff Avenue and creating a grade-separated crossing. A new pedestrian overcrossing will be constructed across Rengstorff Avenue to maintain east-west pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.



Statutory Exemption from CEQA

- Section 21080.13 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) provides a statutory exemption for any railroad grade separation project that eliminates an existing grade crossing.
- Terms of the statutory exemption are that the local agency files a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse and with the respective county clerk.
- No further review under CEQA is required.

Action and Next Steps

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Next Steps:

- File Notice of Exemption with the Santa Clara County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

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