

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of: Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

From: (Public Agency): Coachella Valley Assoc. of Gov.
73710 Fred Waring Dr # 200
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(Address)

Project Title: Coachella Valley Arts and Music Line Project

Project Applicant: Coachella Valley Association of Governments

Project Location - Specific:

The Project site spans across the cities of La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella, and the County of Riverside with its route primarily along Avenue 48 and Dillon Road and various spur connections to schools and other recreation facilities.

Project Location - City: La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, Unincorp. Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Coachella Valley Arts and Music Line Project (Project or AML) entails the construction of bicycle facilities (Class I through Class IV) and sidewalk improvements along existing high-stress corridors and nine (9) schools to provide added safety for pedestrians and bicyclists in the Coachella Valley. The Project site spans across the cities of La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella, and the County of Riverside with its route primarily along Avenue 48 and Dillon Road and various spur connections to schools and other recreation facilities as shown in the Project Location Map. The Project includes several safety features including bicycle signals with fully protected bicycle movements, raised and/or recessed bike/pedestrian crossings, and bicycle signal indicators to alert cyclists that they have been detected by the traffic signal. Portions of the AML would include music, solar power light elements, and colored concrete. AML will also provide multiple connections to the Empire Polo Grounds in Indio where the Coachella and Stagecoach music festivals are held and to the CV Link, a 40-plus mile regional multi-use pathway that spans the Coachella Valley.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Coachella Valley Association of Governments, 73710 Fred Waring Dr # 200, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Coachella Valley Association of Governments, 73710 Fred Waring Dr # 200, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Contact: Eric Cowle (760) 346-1127

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. State type and section number: Class 1 – Section 15301(c) Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number

Reasons why project is exempt:

The installation of bicycle facilities and sidewalk improvements qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption for Existing Facilities pursuant to Article 19 of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, which states, "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." Specifically, the Project is applicable to the example given in 15301(c): "Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes)" The safety improvements involve new and expanded bicycle facilities and pedestrian crossings, but do not create additional automobile lanes. No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Eric Cowle

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 346-1127

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? . Yes No

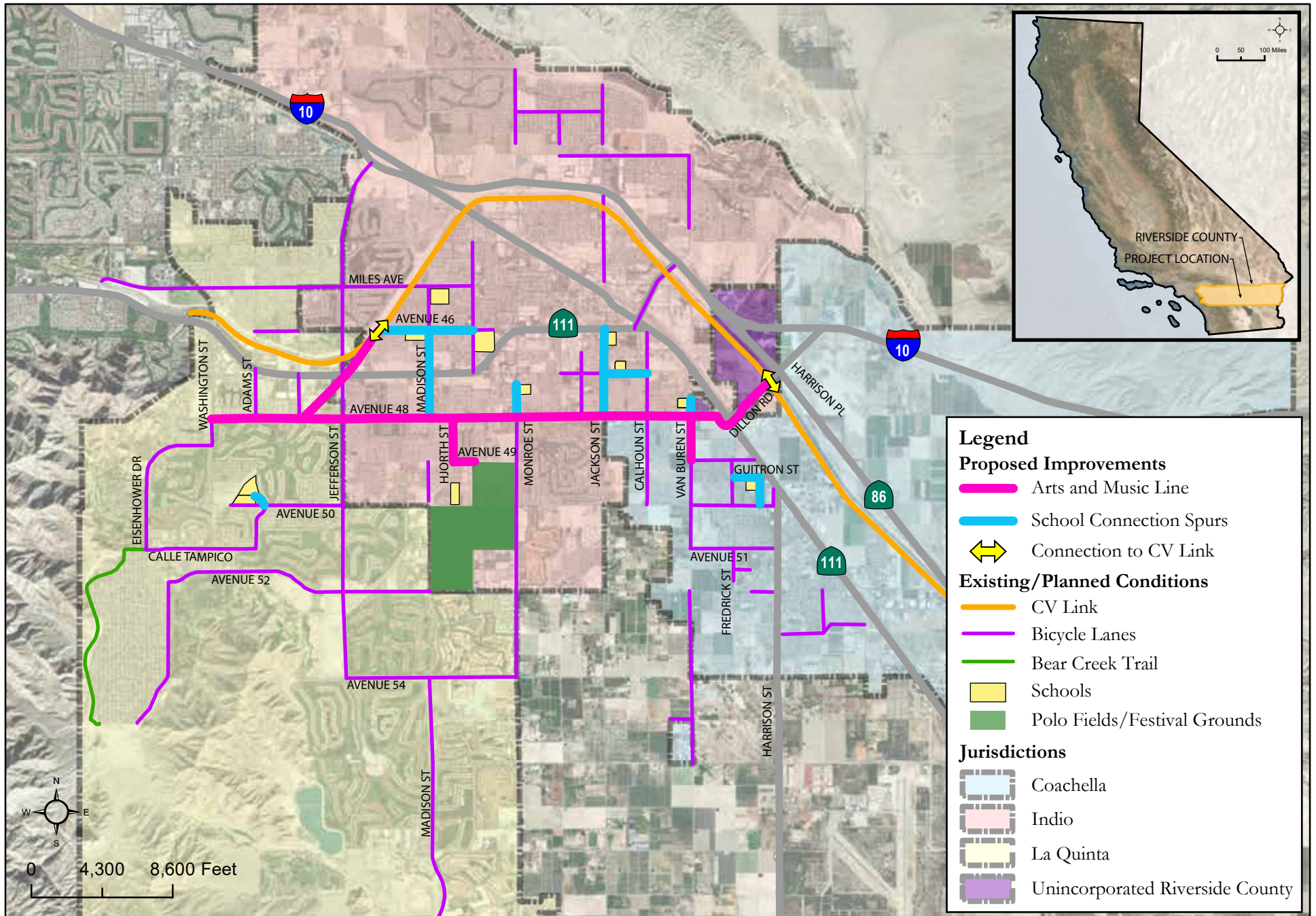
Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 04 FEB 21 Title: TRANS. PROG. MGR.

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



Legend

Proposed Improvements

- Arts and Music Line
- School Connection Spurs
- Connection to CV Link

Existing/Planned Conditions

- CV Link
- Bicycle Lanes
- Bear Creek Trail
- Schools
- Polo Fields/Festival Grounds

Jurisdictions

- Coachella
- Indio
- La Quinta
- Unincorporated Riverside County



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Project Location Map