

**Campus Planning**

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**Notice of Exemption**

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**  
The Trustees of The California State University  
401 Golden Shore  
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**County of:** Monterey  
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**Project Title:** Monterey County Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan

**Project Applicant:** Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)

**Project Location - Specific:** Wayfinding signage will be installed within various jurisdictions and unincorporated areas within Monterey County, as identified in the Monterey County Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan. Exhibit A identifies the locations within CSUMB that will have signs.

**Project Location – City:** Marina, Seaside and Unincorporated Monterey County

**Project Location County:** Monterey

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

TAMC's Monterey County Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan provides standard design guidelines for uniform wayfinding signage throughout Monterey County. The Plan identifies regional bicycle and pedestrian routes, sign locations and provides standard design guidelines for uniform wayfinding signage throughout Monterey County. Wayfinding signs will be placed within existing streets and public right-of-way throughout the jurisdictions and unincorporated areas of Monterey County, including within California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB). Within CSUMB specifically, 15 new signs will be installed within developed and previously disturbed areas around campus.

The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan includes implementation strategies. Implementation includes a Memorandum of Understanding between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the jurisdictions in Monterey County, such as CSUMB, to manufacture and install the wayfinding signage in the locations identified in the Plan.

The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan will encourage bicycling and walking, improve access to regional destinations and improve regional connections between

communities in Monterey County. The beneficiaries of the project include the jurisdictions and unincorporated areas of Monterey County, including CSUMB.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The Trustees of The California State University

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Transportation Agency for Monterey County

**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**. Class 1 Section 15301(c), (f), and (g), Class 4 Section 15302(f)
- ☐ **Statutory Exemptions**. State code number:
- ☒ **Common Sense Exemption** (Sec. 15063(b)(3))

**Reasons why the project is exempt:**

The proposed installation of bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding signage within Monterey County—including 15 new signs on the CSUMB campus—is exempt from CEQA because it involves minor alterations to existing facilities and placement of small structures within previously developed and disturbed areas, with no potential for significant environmental impacts.

- Section 15301(c), (f), and (g): The project consists of installing small wayfinding signs within existing roadways, pathways, and public rights-of-way. This qualifies as a minor alteration of existing facilities because:
  - Signs are placed within developed and previously disturbed areas.
  - No new ground disturbance beyond shallow post-installation is required.
  - The project does not expand the capacity or footprint of any facility.
  - The improvements are consistent with §15301(c) (minor alteration of existing streets and pedestrian facilities) and §15301(f) and (g), which cover minor additions or modifications to existing utilities and public service features..
- Section 15302(f): Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. Some sign installations replace existing directional or informational signs.
- Under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), Review for Exemption (14 CCR Sec. 15061(b)(3)), activities are exempt from, and otherwise not subject to, CEQA under the "common sense" exemption where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; would not result in damage to scenic resources within a Scenic Highway; is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Sec. 65962.5 of the Government Code; is not a



historic structure and would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource; and would not result in cumulative impacts. Furthermore, none of the exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Matthew McCluney, CSUMB Director of Campus Planning and Development

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**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:** 

☐ Signed by Lead Agency                      ☐ Signed by Applicant

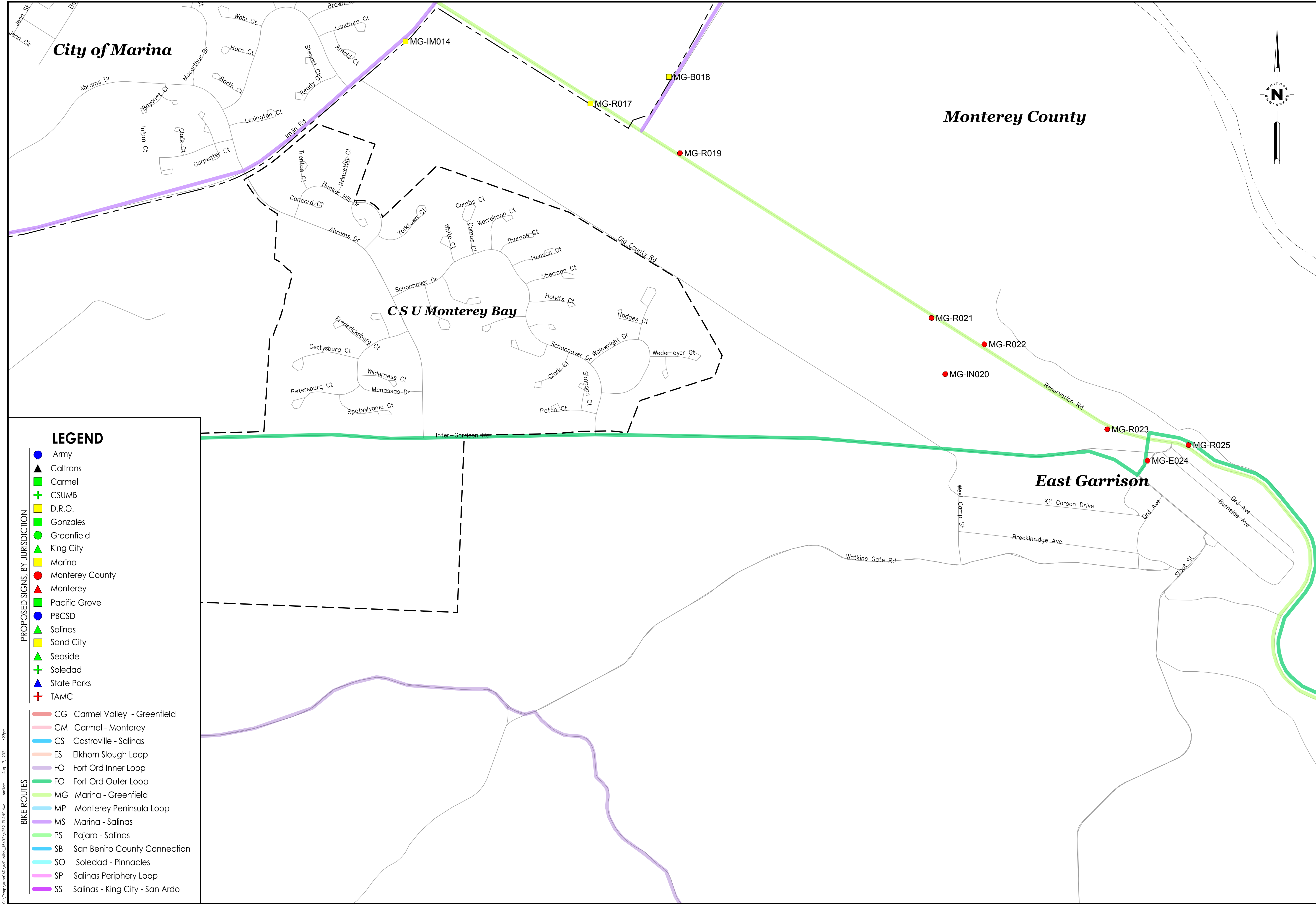
Authority cited: Public Resources Code Section 21083 and 21110, Public Resources code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

**Exhibit A**  
**Project Locations**









PROPOSED SIGNS, BY JURISDICTION

● Army

▲ Caltrans

■ Carmel

✚ CSUMB

■ D.R.O.

■ Gonzales

● Greenfield

▲ King City

■ Marina

● Monterey County

▲ Monterey

■ Pacific Grove

● PBCSD

▲ Salinas

■ Sand City

▲ Seaside

✚ Soledad

▲ State Parks

✚ TAMC

BIKE ROUTES

— CG Carmel Valley - Greenfield

— CM Carmel - Monterey

— CS Castroville - Salinas

— ES Elkhorn Slough Loop

— FO Fort Ord Inner Loop

— FO Fort Ord Outer Loop

— MG Marina - Greenfield

— MP Monterey Peninsula Loop

— MS Marina - Salinas

— PS Pajaro - Salinas

— SB San Benito County Connection

— SO Soledad - Pinnacles

— SP Salinas Periphery Loop

— SS Salinas - King City - San Ardo

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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY  
REGIONAL WAYFINDING PROGRAM SIGNS  
SIGN LOCATION PLAN

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