

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk  
 County of: Monterey  
 168 West Alisal, 1st Floor  
 Salinas, CA 93901

**From:** (Public Agency): Monterey-Salinas Transit District  
19 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite 200  
Monterey, CA 93940

(Address)

Project Title: SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project

Project Applicant: Monterey-Salinas Transit District

Project Location - Specific:

Streets and rail corridor from Marina to Sand City, Monterey County

Project Location - City: Marina, Sand City, Seaside Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

6 mile long busway  
See attached description and location map

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Monterey-Salinas Transit District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Monterey-Salinas Transit District

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code: Division 13, Section 21080.25

Reasons why project is exempt:

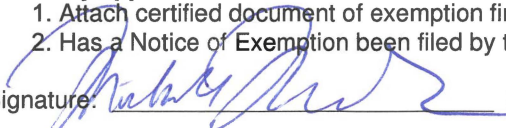
The SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit project includes elements contained in Section 21080.25 (b) (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), and (8)

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michelle Overmeyer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-264-5877

**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:  Date: 7-12-2021 Title: Director of Planning & Innovation

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

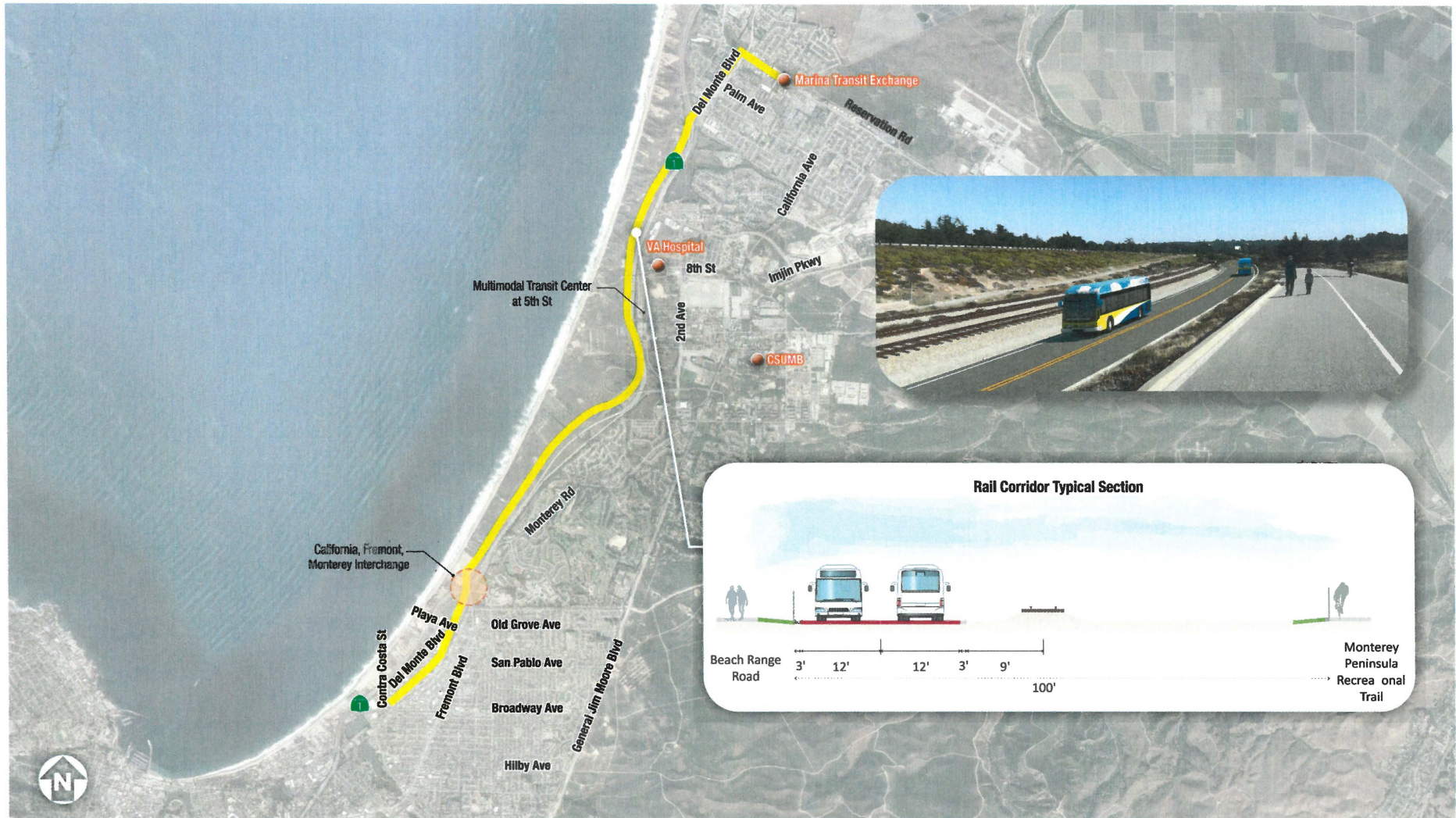
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

**SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project  
Monterey-Salinas Transit District**

**Project Location:**

The project is a 6-mile express busway between the cities of Marina and Sand City. The busway route uses public roadways at the north and south ends but is located primarily within the TAMC-owned railroad corridor between Marina and Sand City. The busway includes dedicated express busway lanes, platforms, a new station at 5th Street on the former Fort Ord, and related infrastructure. The project will relieve congestion and support more frequent public transit services for people traveling within the corridor and beyond.



Source: Kimley Horn, 2020

**Figure 3-2: General Project Location**  
 MST SURF! Bus and Bus Rapid Transit Project