

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: North County Transit District (NCTD)
810 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92054

County Clerk San Diego
County of

(Address)

Project Title: Convention Center Platform Project

Project Applicant: North County Transit District (NCTD)

Project Location - Specific:

The Convention Center Platform Project is located in the downtown area of the City of San Diego, California. The Project extends along existing, railroad right-of-way east of Harbor Drive from W. Broadway south to First Street.

Project Location - City: San Diego

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project includes a new station platform, new siding track, and signal improvements at 4 existing at-grade crossings. The Project would extend existing COASTER passenger rail service 1 mile south of the Santa Fe Depot to a new station platform and provide direct connectivity to the San Diego Convention Center, Petco Park, and Gaslamp District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: NCTD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: NCTD

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: 15275(a)

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The Project would extend existing COASTER passenger rail service on existing rail lines already in use.

Lead Agency Area
Contact Person: Scott Shroyer Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-967-2849

If filed by the applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/1/2021 Title: Senior Rail Engineer

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code