

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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 County of: Los Angeles
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From: (Public Agency): Los Angeles County Metropolitan
Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles
CA 90012
Contact: Tom Kefalas (213) 418-3370

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Project Title: North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

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Project Location - Specific: Various streets within the City of Los Angeles, San
Fernando Valley (See Figures 1 and 2 attached)

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The North San Fernando Valley (NSFV) BRT Network Improvements is a Measure M project, with a projected opening date between FY2023 and FY2025. Currently \$180 million in Measure M funds is allocated for this project. The proposed NSFV BRT Network Improvements would enhance existing bus service and increase transit system connectivity in the San Fernando Valley (SFV) by implementing peak period bus lanes in segments of Roscoe Boulevard where parking is already restricted and would be built within existing public right-of-way (ROW), increasing weekday daytime service frequency from 15 to 10 minutes for the Roscoe and Nordhoff corridors (bus lines 152 and 166 respectively), installing transit signal priority on 7 SFV corridors, implementing All-Door Boarding across SFV, adding bus bulbs at key, high usage bus stops at up to 82 locations across SFV on corridors such as Lankershim Boulevard, Nordhoff Street, and Reseda Boulevard where bus lanes are not being considered, to reduce bus stop delay, adding bus shelters at approximately 400 high-ridership stops on multiple corridors, enhancing five key bus stops with features such as higher capacity shelters, and static and real time information, at major boarding locations such as CSUN Transit Center, Reseda/Roscoe, Nordhoff/Lindley, Roscoe/Van Nuys, and Nordhoff/Van Nuys, and accelerating implementation of new electric buses on multiple SFV corridors through funding of new buses and charging infrastructure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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: PRC Section 21080.19

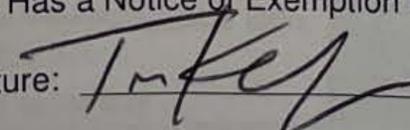
Reasons why project is exempt:

PRC Section 21080.25(b) exempts from CEQA: (1) Transit lanes (i.e., street design that delineates space within the roadbed as exclusive to transit use); (2) Transit prioritization projects, including signal coordination, timing and phasing modifications, and installation of dedicated transit lanes; (3) Improving wayfinding for transit riders within the public ROW; (4) Designating and converting general-purpose lanes to bus-only lanes during peak congestion hours; (5) Instituting or increasing new BRT, bus, or light rail service on existing public ROWs, including the construction of stations; (7) Constructing or maintaining infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emissions transit buses (subject to the requirements of subsection (b)6))

Lead Agency Contact Person: Tom Kefalas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 418-3370

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: 10/10/22 Title: Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant