

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County of San Francisco

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**From:** (Public Agency):

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority

1455 Market Street #22

San Francisco, CA 94103

**Project Title:** Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway Project

**Project Applicant:** The San Francisco County Transportation Authority

**Project Location - Specific:**

The project is located entirely on Yerba Buena Island, along Hillcrest and Treasure Island Road, between the western terminus of the existing Bay Bridge East Span Bicycle and Pedestrian Path and the Macalla Road/Treasure Island Road intersection.

**Project Location - City:** San Francisco

**Project Location - County:** San Francisco

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

The project proposes an approximately 1-mile Class I multi-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians from the intersection of Treasure Island Road at Macalla Road, travelling along Treasure Island and Hillcrest Roads connecting with the western terminus of the existing Bay Bridge East Span Bicycle and Pedestrian Path (please refer to Figure 1 for a depiction of the project site).

The purpose of the Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway Project (proposed project) is to: (1) Improve safety and connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians and provide convenient access for residents and visitors between Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island; (2) Prioritize multimodal mobility and network connectivity in the area through a Class I multi-use path for people walking and riding bikes; and (3) Support the ongoing and planned growth on both Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island.

The proposed project is part of the Islands Redevelopment Project, which will introduce a substantial number of residences and visitors to the Islands, increasing the need for active transportation facilities. Project implementation would provide residents and visitors of the Islands expanded bicycle and pedestrian facility connectivity, including to the existing Class I multi-use path along the eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to West Oakland, and the Treasure Island Ferry Terminal which provides service to Downtown San Francisco.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The San Francisco County Transportation Authority

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** The San Francisco County 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: California Public Resources Code (PRC) § 21080.25(b)(1)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Statutory exemptions are projects specifically excluded from CEQA consideration as defined by the State Legislature as delineated in PRC § 21080 et seq. Senate Bill 922, approved by the State on September 30, 2022, includes several amendments to PRC § 21080.20 and PRC § 21080.25 relating to environmental quality. The project qualifies for exemption described in PRC § 21080.25, as explained below.

- a) PRC § 21080.25(b) – The project will implement a new pedestrian and bicycle facility with the purpose of improving safety, access, and mobility for residents and visitors utilizing active transportation modes on the Islands. The project will involve the implementation of a Class I multi-use path along existing roads, and construction and implementation of the project would be located entirely within existing public rights-of-way.
- b) PRC § 21080.25(c)(1) – The San Francisco County Transportation Authority is carrying out the project, and is the CEQA lead agency for the project.
- c) PRC § 21080.25(c)(2) – The project will not involve the modification of any existing highways, and will not induce single-occupancy vehicle trips. It is anticipated that implementation of the project would reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips since it will encourage non-motorized transportation modes.
- d) PRC§ 21080.25(c)(3) – The project will be located entirely within existing public rights-of-way for Hillcrest and Treasure Island Roads, and would therefore not result in the demolition of buildings, including affordable housing units.
- e) PRC§ 21080.25(d) – Project construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$80 million; project costs would not exceed \$100 million and the project is therefore exempt from the requirements of PRC§ 21080.25(d).
- f) PRC§ 21080.25(e) – Project construction costs are anticipated to exceed \$50 million, and the project must therefore comply with public meeting requirements described under PRC § 21080.25(D)(i), § 21080.25(D) (iii), and § 21080.25(D)(iv).
  - a. PRC§ 21080.25(D)(i) - The lead agency will hold three noticed public meetings in the project area to hear and respond to public comments, which include the following:
    - i. The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Community Advisory Committee Meeting, held by SFCTA on April 28, 2021;
    - ii. The SFCTA Board public meeting held on May 25, 2021; and
    - iii. The SFCTA Community Advisory Committee Meeting public meeting held on February 22, 2023.
  - b. PRC§ 21080.25(D)(iii) – The lead agency will conduct two noticed public meetings annually during construction for the public to provide comments.
  - c. PRC§ 21080.25(D)(iv) – The public meetings described above were and will continue to be in the form of either public community planning meetings held in the project area, or in the form of regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body of the SFCTA.


**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Mike Tan

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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:  Date: 03.07.23 Title: Executive Director

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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Project Site Map

