



Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: **(Lead Agency)**
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
2150 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94612

County Clerk
Counties of: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara

Project Title: Accessible Fare Gates and Next Generation Fare Gates

Project Applicant: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)

Project Location - Specific: 50 BART stations throughout the BART System

Project Location – Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara
Project Location – Cities: Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Dublin, Pleasanton, Hayward, Union City, Fremont, Milpitas, San Jose, Richmond, El Cerrito, Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Pittsburg, Antioch, San Francisco, Daly City, Colma, South San Francisco, San Bruno, and Millbrae

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

In order to modernize BART’s existing fare gates to provide more reliable systems and combat fare evasion, BART will be replacing all the fare gates at its stations and providing new fare gates at station elevators that currently do not have fare gates. Currently there are 715 fare gates systemwide. Design and implementation of the new faregates will be completed through the Next Generation Fare Gate Project. The new fare gates will be taller and more resistant to fare evasion. Fare gates will be placed in approximately the same location within the station concourse as the current gates. No other station modifications will be required. In parallel, Accessible Fare Gates are being installed at stations with elevators along with an enclosure to prevent fare evasion.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Same

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: 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the renovation and upgrade of existing facilities. No expansion of current space or current use is proposed. All construction would be within the station. None of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, which would prohibit the use of a categorical exemption, apply to the project.


Lead Agency

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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:** 5/2/2023 **Title:** Mgr. of Environmental Review
Donald Dean

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 2112.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF CEQA EXEMPTION

Project Name: Accessible Fare Gates and Next Generation Fare Gates
Project Address: Multiple
BART Project No.: 47CJ012 Next Generation Fare Gates (NGFG)
47CJ014 Accessible Fare Gates (AFG)
Project Sponsor: BART Strategic Engineering, M&E
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BART Legal Review: Mary Wilke

Date of CE Determination: June 3, 2021

This CE will be filed internally

This CE will be filed with the County Clerk

Project Location

The fare gate project will take place at all 50 BART stations (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties).

Project Description

In an effort to modernize BART's existing fare gates to provide more reliable systems and combat fare evasion, BART will be replacing all the fare gates at its stations and providing new fare gates at station elevators that currently do not have fare gates. Currently there are 715 fare gates systemwide.

Design and implementation of the new faregates will be completed through the Next Generation Fare Gate project (NGFG). The new fare gates will be taller and more resistant to fare evasion. The exact design of the new fare gates will be subject to which vendor is selected for the project through a Request for Proposal process, so the exact details of the new fare gates are not currently known. Fare gates will be placed in approximately the same location within the station concourse as the current gates. No other station modifications will be required.

In parallel, Accessible Fare Gates (AFG) are being installed at stations with elevators along with a constructed enclosure to prevent fare evasion. The assembly of the fare gates will take place off-site in a warehouse or similar facility and be brought to the station for installation, where the old fare gate will be removed and the new fare gate installed.

The effort to replace and upgrade fare gates at the 50 BART stations will be phased over a number of years. Depending on the vendor selection process, fare gate replacement could begin in mid-2024. The duration of fare gate replacement will depend on the available work force and funding. Early estimates suggest that fare gates could be replaced at approximately 100 per year.

Supplemental Description Attachments

Attachment 1: Photo of Fare Gate and Enclosure at Elevator to Street

Determination

An exemption from environmental review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA has been considered and approved:

- Ministerial Exemption
- Categorical Exemption: 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities
- Emergency Exemption
- Other

The project in its current form is determined to be exempt from environmental review. The project would be exempt because it meets the criteria of CEQA Guidelines Section 15301-Existing Facilities-a Class 1 exemption.

15301. Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

More specifically, the project meets the requirements of CEQA Section 15301(a).

15301(a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

The project consists of the renovation and upgrade of existing facilities. No expansion of current space or current use is proposed. All construction would be interior construction. None of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, which would prohibit the use of a categorical exemption, apply to the project.

Hannah Lindelof

By Hannah Lindelof
Environmental Review Officer

June 3, 2021

Date

Attachment 1

Photo of Fare Gate and Enclosure at Elevator to Street

