



# Notice of Exemption

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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

**Project Title:** BART Parking Pricing Policy

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

**Project Location - Specific:** BART stations throughout the BART system

**Project Location** – Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo

**Project Location** – Cities: Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Castro Valley, Dublin, Pleasanton, Hayward, Union City, Fremont, Richmond, El Cerrito, Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Pittsburg, Antioch, Daly City, San Francisco, South San Francisco, Colma, San Bruno, Millbrae

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

BART’s existing parking policy, adopted in 2013, allows prices for parking in BART station lots to vary based on demand within an allowed range for each parking type. BART has adopted a new parking policy that updates the allowed price ranges for BART’s parking types and provides a means for inflation adjustment over time, so prices stay aligned with operating cost increases. Parking rates are set by parking product, by station, within an allowed range based on demand. The new range is presented below.

Parking Type	Definition	Allowed Range* (in 2023)**	
		Floor	Ceiling <sup>1</sup>
Daily Fee	Purchase daily on a first come, first served basis	\$3/day	\$6.30/day
Single/Multi-day	Purchase in advance, one or more days at a time	\$4/day	\$11/day
Monthly	Purchase on a monthly basis	\$84/month	\$220/month

\*Rates do not include taxes which may be assessed by local governments.

\*\*The floor and ceiling may be updated periodically for inflation along with fares, not to exceed \$8.00/day, \$11/day, and \$220/month for Daily Fee, Single/Multi-day, and Monthly parking, respectively.

The new policy provides for a variety of factors to be considered when setting rates, including parking occupancy and inflation, among other factors. The proposal also expands the hours during which parking fees are charged to include afternoons and weekends under certain conditions.

BART is updating its parking policy because the parking price floor and ceiling are out of sync with prevailing parking prices in the Bay Area and among peer transit agencies. The existing policy does not

<sup>1</sup> There is no ceiling on parking prices at the West Oakland Station.

allow charging for parking on weekends or in the afternoons. The revised policy will allow BART to vary the price by time of day and day of week to provide flexibility to pricing to make the best use of parking resources.

The updated policy will help provide funds for parking-related activities, such as policing, facility maintenance, parking management, and revenue collection. The new parking policy will support BART's financial stability and defray the costs of these activities.

**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:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

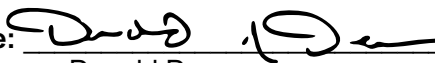
The parking fee increase does not involve the expansion of the current BART system. The project involves modified parking rates for the purpose of meeting operating and maintenance costs necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the agency finds are for the purpose of (a) meeting operating expenses, (b) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials, (c) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, or (d) obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

**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:** 6/15/2023 **Title:** Mgr. of Environmental Review  
Donald Dean

- 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 2112.1, Public Resources Code.